

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (4/28/2019)

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

Open Positions	Suggested Clean Time
Alt Secretary	1 year
RCM	3 years
Activities	1 year
Archives	5 years

Motion Maker: Policy and Procedures **Seconded by:** Desire

Motion: To elect Lucy O as an interim officer AKA archivist. She is acting as if until the position is fulfilled.

Intent: So that Lucy O may hold an executive position to fit the guidelines at a regional level to be able to go to Region and carry our vote as the WTASC.

Title/Sub/Group	Name	1/27/2019	2/24/2019	3/24/2019	4/28/2019
Administrative					
Chairperson	Drew R.	X	X	X	X
Vice Chairperson	Sara S.	X	X	OPEN	X
Secretary	Sarah M.	X	X	OPEN	OPEN
Alternate Secretary	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Treasurer	Tonia L.	X	O	X	X
Alternate Treasurer	Leigh Ann F.	X	X	X	OPEN
Regional Committee Member	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Alternate Regional Committee Member	Leigh Ann F.	X	X	X	X
Subcommittees					
Activities	OPEN	X	X	O	OPEN
Archives	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Hospitals and Institutions	Susan V.	X	X	X	X
Literature	Laurie R.	X	O	X	X
NA in May	Geoff B.	OPEN	OPEN	X	X
Newsletter	Juan S.	X	X	X	X
Outreach	Sam T.	X	X	X	X
Policy and Procedures	Taylor D.	X	X	X	X
Public Relations	Bill S.	X	X	X	X
Voting Groups					
Clarity (was Farfromusen)	Corey B.	X	X	X	X
Clean Steam	Chris R.	X	X	X	X
Cordova Hope	Paul B.	O	X	X	O
Desire	Tonia L.	X	X	X	X
Doin' This Thing	Brad B.	X	X	X	O
Get Honest or Die	Andrew M.	X	X	X	X
G.I.F.T.	Frank S.	X	X	O	X
Harmony	Thomas B.	X	X	O	X
High On Life	David T.	X	X	X	X
Hope Dealers	Michael M.	X	X	X	X
Hopenminded	Tony C	O	X	X	CLOSED
Lunch Bunch	Corey P.	X	X	X	X
Keep It green	Brooks S	X	X	X	X
One is too many	Susan V.	X	X	X	X
Plan B	Brandy C	X	O	X	O
Primary Purpose	Dennis B	X	X	X	X
Saturday Night Alive	Glen H.	X	X	O	X
Simplicity is the Key	Geoff B.	X	X	X	X
Something Different	Bill S.	X	X	X	X
Spiritual Awakenings	Sara S.	O	X	X	O
Step Write In	Vince H.	X	O	X	X
Thursday Nighters	Sam	X	X	X	X
Unity Group	Lamar G.	O	X	X	O
We Are Entirely Ready	Mancill W.	X	X	O	X
Welcome Home	Ryan B.	X	X	X	O
You + Me = We	Karen W.	X	O	X	X
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings					
Clean A.I.R.	Allison L	O	O	O	O
Good Orderly Direction	Ben D.	O	X	O	X
No Matter What	Drew R.	O	O	O	O

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **Chair** – No report
- **Vice Chair** – No report
- **Secretary** – No report
- **RCM** - OPEN
- **RCM Alt** – No report
- **Treasurer-**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities – OPEN

Archives – OPEN

H & I – H&I has several openings. Beginning in June, Grace House needs a female for the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. MMHI needs someone to go and chair a meeting each Tuesday or Wednesday. The women's prison is in dire need of addicts to go and share their experience, strength and hope. 3 months to sit in, 6 months to share, 9 months to carry your own panel.

Literature – no report

NA in May – Well family the big weekend is next week. As of yesterday we had 39 pre-registrations. Looking forward to a fun filled weekend of recovery and fellowship!

Newsletter – no report

Outreach – No report

Policy and Procedure – No report

Public Relations – We did an NA table at St. John's, a town hall opiate meeting, last Friday which went well. On May 4th at Overton Park, we will have a booth for the drug court 5k. After much communication with MATA advertising, the best possible way to get our message across could be to do MATA transit shelters, where people catch the bus. To do 2 locations, it would be \$750 for 4 weeks minimum. I personally believe any outreach like this could get suffering addicts to our meetings, so I would like to get this motion voted on. I can, however, reach out and see what else might be better and more reasonable. The Memphis Area Prevention Coalition is offering as a whole, or individuals, to receive Narcan training, and each person would get a Narcan kit.

GROUP REPORTS

Clean Steam - Hello Family. All is well at Clean Steam. We had an average of 6 members this month.

Clarity – Hello family, all is well with Clarity attendance varies between 20-40 with an average of 2 newcomers per meeting. We would appreciate support with attendance from the fellowship.

Cordova Hope-

Desire – We are still open and under candlelight. We average about 45-50 in attendance, many with less than 6-9 months. 2-3 newcomers weekly with many rehab centers.

Doin this Thing-

Get Honest or Die – All is well at ghod. Average attendance of 15 addicts.

GIFT – Average attendance- 4; 1 newcomer; All is well at gift.

Good Orderly Direction – Average attendance is 40 with no newcomers.

Harmony

High On Life – Greetings from HOL. We continue to meet on Monday and come from our lit for our topics. This month we had 63 addicts comes through the doors. Also we have no birthdays this month.

We are still moving but have yet to find a place. Our last meeting at Grimes will probably be May 27th. As soon as we know you'll know

Hope Dealers – Hello family; Hope Dealers is doing well. We have 1 new home group member and one NA member considering. We average about 10-12 members at each meeting with double that when a treatment center visits.

Keep it Green – Keep It Green is open every Friday night. Attendance has dropped a little, change of seasons I guess. We have 3-4 newcomers each week. It seems that some group members have stopped going to meetings. Our business meetings only have 3 or 4 people at times. It's not like the meeting is in danger of closing. I have seen this happen at KIG over the years.

Lunch Bunch– A big RIGHT ON goes out to Corey P. who served as GSR for the group for a period that exceeded the requirement. He has moved on from the commitment. I was formerly the alternate and am now the GSR. Home group member, Corey W., has volunteered to step up as the alternate.

The Lunch Bunch continues to offer a warm and welcoming atmosphere to all who show up, particularly, newcomers and visitors. We are pleased to announce that a couple or three recovery programs also make us their lunchtime recovery destination. We are very, very, very proud to report that the Spring Fling Speaker Jam turned out to be a hugely tremendous and fabulous success. There was lots of food, lots of fun and lots of recovery. Each of the speakers did a great job of carrying an NA message. There were addicts who attended from across the far-flung West Tennessee Area Narcotics Anonymous community. Treatment programs were welcomed and we gave away Basic Texts to five of our newest members. The MESSAGE WAS CARRIED!!! We'd like to thank all the GSR's who helped to pass the word. We will definitely be doing this again at some point during the course of the year. The event was also a financial success and as soon as we take care of all of our expenditures and disbursements we will be turning all of the remaining monies over to NA In May.

One is Too Many – One is too many is doing well. Nothing new to report.

Plan B-

Primary Purpose – Hello family, all is well at Primary Purpose. Attendance is steady at 10-15 people. Nothing new to report other than we are participating in the NA in May cookoff. We hope to see you all there. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Saturday Night Alive – Saturday night Alive has hit a recent slump in attendance in comparison to what it used to be. We would appreciate any support we could get.

Simplicity is the Key – Hello family, all is well with Simplicity. We still meet every Tuesday and are doing our best to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

Something Different – Hello, we are averaging at least 35 people per meeting. Nothing has changed and our meetings are going great.

Spiritual Awakenings-

Step Write In- Still having low attendance, nothing to report.

Thursday Nighters – All is well with many meetings filled with newcomers and addicts from drug court.

Unity – Alive and kicking, averaging one treatment center a Tuesday.

We are Entirely Ready – All is well at WAER. The message is strong. We average 15-20 per meeting. We had 11 visitors last night. We have 3 newcomers.

Welcome Home –

You+me=we- Good afternoon family, all is well at You+Me=We. Our attendance was 137 last month. We meet daily at 8 am in the Cooper Young area with a different home group member chairing daily. Our format is open discussion daily and literature study on Tuesdays. We are drug court approved. Please join us and share your experience strength and hope.

Upcoming Birthdays

May 1- Sherry W 26 years, Desire

May 7- Leigh Ann F

May 8- Christine J, 32 years; Russell S, 1 year- Desire

May 12- Tony W., 2 years, Lunch Bunch

May 14- Jeremy M, 9 years, Clarity

May 17- Sandra A, 17 years; Susan S, 1 year

May 26- Cortez J, 23 years

May 27- Carty M, 3 years

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

- Tayler O opened the discussion to request additional volunteers to assist with setup at the next 2 area meetings, and 2 NA members volunteered their time.
- Glenn H made an announcement that in June he will be changing meeting schedules for the summer so he asks to let him know of changes that need to be made.
- Lucy made a suggestion to use screen and projector that are now available in the new area location to provide presentation, workshops, etc. She provided examples such as literature reviews and powerpoints provided by world service.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion Maker: Mandy R, Treasurer **Seconded By:** Simplicity is the Key

Motion: To nominate Bronson R. as literature chair.

Intent: To fill an open position.

Willingness statement: My name is Bronson R. My clean date is April 16, 2018. I am expressing willingness to fill the open position of literature chair. I have never misappropriated NA funds.

VOTE: Yes- 18 No-0 Abstain-1

Motion Maker: Hope Dealers **Seconded by:** Desire

Motion: To elect Sarah M. as Area secretary

Intent: To fulfill a vacant position.

Willingness statement: I am expressing willingness to serve as area secretary. My clean date is 4-23-16. I have a sponsor and work steps with my sponsor. She also works steps with her sponsor. I have held previous positions of GSR and H&I panel leader. I have had to step down early from a previous position as GSR due to school responsibilities 5 years ago. I have never misappropriated any NA funds.

VOTE: **Yes-18** **No-0** **Abstain-1**

Motion Maker: Simplicity is the Key **Seconded by:** Spiritual Awakenings

Motion: To nominate Leigh Ann F. for Alt. Treasurer

Intent: To fulfill a vacant position

Willingness statement: I am expressing willingness for Alt Treasurer of the West TN Area of Narcotics Anonymous. I have held several service positions. Alt RCM, Activities Treasurer, NA in May Treasurer, Alt Treasurer for VRC and GSR. I was nominated as Treasurer for the past VRC but ended up taking the Chair position when it was vacated. I also do H&I. I did not fulfill a GSR position when I left a meeting 2 months before it folded. I have never misappropriated NA funds. I have a Sponsor and work steps. I have an Accounting Degree and do yearly budgeting and monthly forecasting as the Director for the company where I work.

VOTE: **Yes-18** **No-0** **Abstain-1**

Motion Maker: Thursday Nighters; **Seconded by:** GHOD

Motion: To nominate Juan S for Newsletter Chair

Intent: To fill an open position.

Willingness statement: I have been in service to "Clean Times" for the last 3 years. I have never misappropriated NA funds. I have been this area's Activities Chair. My clean date is 7/8/96.

VOTE: **Yes- 18** **No-0** **Abstain-1**

Motion Maker: Policy and Procedures **Seconded by:** Spiritual Awakenings

Motion: Since area is now held at Hope Church, we would like to change our monthly rent from \$20.00 to \$30.00. This would change section motions, voting procedures and operations in the WTASC guidelines, section A subline 1, Letter C. "The Facility will be given \$30.00 replacing \$20.00 per month as payment for the ASC meeting space."

Intent: To fulfill new rent requirements.

VOTE: **Yes- 18** **No-0** **Abstain- 1**

NEW BUSINESS

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Hello,

We are writing with exciting news. The review draft of the *Mental Health in Recovery* informational pamphlet (IP) is posted on the NAWS website! www.na.org/mhmi. This IP is intended to support members in recovery who face mental health challenges.

Project Background:

This project stemmed from both a regional motion and the literature survey in the *Conference Agenda Report*. WSC 2016 approved a motion: "That the NA World Board develop a project

plan which includes a budget and timeline to create an information pamphlet specifically about mental illness and recovery for consideration at the 2018 World Service Conference.” The Conference supported this motion (93-17-1), and the mental health pamphlet received a high priority ranking in the WSC literature survey. WSC 2018 approved a plan for the project, and the World Board formed a workgroup to develop the IP.

Draft Information

Prior to the formation of the project workgroup, we had received 792 pieces of input from members in 26 countries. We are pleased to be able to reflect much of what we heard in this draft. The pamphlet draft has topic headings to assist members who have specific concerns. Some important points are restated in the pamphlet to emphasize their significance. Because this IP is intended to reflect and support the experience of our members, we have included quotes from individual members and NA recovery literature.

Review and Input Questions

This pamphlet is primarily intended to help members in recovery who face mental health challenges. We have included a list of questions about the draft in the cover memo. Focusing your input on these questions will help us to make the draft more useful and beneficial to members. Thank you very much for your help in creating NA literature.

We will accept your input in whatever form it is offered. However, we prefer you to fill out the online form if possible: www.na.org/mhmi. Input will be received until May 15, 2019.

Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is 5/26/2019