

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (12/15/2019)

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

Open Positions	Suggested Clean Time/Requirements
Treasurer	3 year clean time with previous service experience preferable as GSR.
Outreach	1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.

The following terms for ASC officers expire in March: ASC Chair, ASC Vice-chair, ASC Alternate Treasurer

The following terms for subcommittee chair(s) expire in March: Activities, Literature, Newsletter

Motions needing home group votes:

RCM motion to vote on- PLEASE READ RCM report for more information below.

Title/Sub/Group	Name	12/15/2019	
Administrative			
Chairperson	Drew R.	X	
Vice Chairperson	Sara S.	X	
Secretary	Sarah M.	O	
Alternate Secretary	Taylor O	X	
Treasurer	OPEN	OPEN	
Alternate Treasurer	Leigh Ann F.	X	
Regional Committee Member	Lucy O.	X	
Alternate Regional Committee Member	OPEN	OPEN	

Subcommittees			
Activities	Destin B	O	
Archives	Terry B.	O	
Hospitals and Institutions	Sam T.	X	
Literature	Bronson R.	X	
NA in May	Jonathan M	O	
Newsletter	Juan S.	X	
Outreach	OPEN	OPEN	
Policy and Procedures	Glen H.	X	
Public Relations	Bill S.	O	
Voting Groups			
Clean Steam	Chris R.	X	
Cordova Hope	Robyn W.	X	
Desire	Lauren M.	X	
G.I.F.T.	Dawn L.	X	
GHOD	Jonathan M	O	
Harmony	David A.	X	
High On Life	David T.	X	
Hope Dealers	Laura S.	X	
Lunch Bunch	Willie T.	X	
Keep It green	Brooks S	O	
No Matter What	Scott J.	O	
One is too many	Susan V.	O	
Primary Purpose	Janice M.	X	
Saturday Night Alive	Glen H.	X	
Simplicity is the Key	Geoff B.	X	
Something Different	Jackie M.	X	
Spiritual Awakenings	Kate G.	X	
Step Write In	Vince H.	X	
Thursday Nighters	Tony C.	X	
Unity Group	Lamar G.	O	
We Are Entirely Ready	Mancill W.	X	
Welcome Home	Amie B.	X	
You + Me = We	Karen W.	X	
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings			
Clean A.I.R.		O	
Clarity (was Farfromusen)		O	
Good Orderly Direction		O	
Plan B		O	
Doin' This Thing		O	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair- No report

Vice Chair- No report

Secretary- Absent

Alt secretary- No report

RCM- Please read at homegroup business meetings. Call with any questions (901-497-0691)

1) Motion to vote on:

Motion by Stephen Z from Knoxville Area Second: Mike B. from GNA

Motion reads as follows: **To change the guidelines in Article VII Section 3 letter A2 from “RD & RD Alt. shall be elected in odd years.” To “RD & RD Alt shall be nominated in February and elected in May of odd years.”**

Intent: To provide ample time for the delegate team to prepare for the CAR/CAT & WSC

The Motion deferred to Policy and Procedures in August, which saw no problems with how the motion was worded, etc.

Pro: If they were elected in May, it would help due to needing 6 months to a year to review information and get comfortable with the information.

Con: The region will be nominating or voting on someone at every meeting.

2) **A Motion has been made to raise the seed money for VRC from 6000 to 20,000.** For years, the VRC has relied on fundraisers from the areas to help the VRC do all the things they need to do before the convention... order merchandise, reserving/paying the hotel, and so much more. Raising the seed money will eliminate the need for the fundraisers. Last time VRC was in Memphis, we never got money from 2 of the fundraisers and right before the convention the bank account was almost depleted when it came time to pay the hotel. This motion has gone back to the regional policy and procedure for review.... So be looking for it or a similar one after the next regional meeting. This motion is FYI and not to be voted on at this time.

3) **The VRC Guideline Revision** ad hoc meets again January 20 at 8 pm by zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/197050344>

4) **The regional H&I** committee meets January 26 at 5 pm by zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/687554818>.

5) **The Regional PR** committee meets January 7 at 7:30 pm by zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/687554818/>

RCM Report Continued...

6) **Presentation Board/\$\$ for a projector:** There was a regional PR presentation at VRC. We were discussing the value of giving presentations using a powerpoint slide show along with the awesome new Presentation board. Some individual members contributed towards the purchase of the projector: I have \$40. I'll be glad to hold on to it until a projector has been selected and the remaining funds are available for it.

7) **CAR/CAT workshop:** Every two years all groups around the world have the opportunity to participate in the decision making process for Narcotics Anonymous... new literature, policies, and more. We get the information in 2 publications: the CAR and the CAT. The Conference Agenda Reports (CAR) is available for download. We need to schedule a workshop for some time in February after the release of the Conference Approval Track (CAT). I have requested a copy for each group that I'll get at the Feb. Regional meeting and distribute at the CAR/CAT workshop. In the meantime, you can download a copy and read it at: <https://tinyurl.com/2020CAR>). One of the things included the CAR is a lit survey. You can fill out the survey online as well: <https://tinyurl.com/2020LitSurvey>.

Ideally, the workshop is for GSRs in the area and anyone else interested. The GSRs will then take the material back to their groups and gather the conscience of your group on the items to be voted on. You can turn in paper copies of the tally sheet or enter your results online.

Conference Agenda Report (CAR): A publication that consists of business and issues that will be considered during the biennial WSC meeting. The CAR is released a minimum of 150 days prior to the opening of the Conference, with translated versions released a minimum of 120 days prior. The CAR, in all the languages in which it is published, is available at no charge on the Web at www.na.org/conference.

Conference Approval Track (CAT): A term used to describe items sent to Conference participants 90 days prior to the World Service Conference. Included are the WSC seating report, the draft budget, the NAWS Strategic Plan and proposed project plans for the upcoming Conference cycle, material being presented for consideration under the service material approval process, and any regional ideas submitted for Conference consideration.

8) **Results of motions we voted on.** Vince B from Chattanooga is the new Volunteer Regional Alternate Delegate. Jim B from Knoxville is the new Volunteer Regional Delegate

9) **VRC 38 Merchandise:** Every VRC the areas get a chance to buy the left over merchandise at a discount. Guess what? I have 100 cell phone stands at 50 cents each!! Also, 1 mug (\$4), 6 registration packs that include a backpack with logo, notepad/pen and magnet (\$2), and a few additional magnets (.50). Let me know if you want any of these items.

RCM Alt- Open position

Treasurer- Open position

Alt Treasurer- See below

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities – Good afternoon family everything is going great with activities we met yesterday and we will be having our event at 4680 Walnut Grove at second Baptist Church on New Year's Eve from 8 P.m. until we are still looking for support from anybody who is willing to get in touch with me 901-661-4292. See you at the event. (Read by Glen H.)

Archives – Open position

H & I – Hello family, all is well with H&I. Sarah T. has stepped down from her Lakeside panel, and we thank her for her service-as per group conscience we voted Tony C. in to take her place. Thanks again to the GSRs for bringing us numbers to give to our panel leaders. Both Grace House panels are still open, ***GSRs please announce at your home groups that we need willing women.*** Also-Lucy O. has fresh volunteer forms for the men and women's prisons for anyone interested. There is a 1 year clean time requirement and an application process with background checks for speaking at the prisons. ***Remember that for our facilities, the clean time requirements are as follows: 90 days to sit in, 6 months to share, and 9 months to carry a panel in a facility.*** Thank you for letting me serve, Sam T.

Literature – No report

NA in May – Hi Family. I am sorry I can't make it today. I was tested for the flu yesterday. Even though I was negative, I was given meds as if I have the flu. I don't want to get anyone else sick so my ass is staying home. You're welcome! Our first subcommittee mtg. Was Dec. 7. We had several people show and most positions were filled. Our theme this year looks to be centered around Courage. We will seek to do a pre-event shirt this year and the main one as well. The main shirt will most likely be sent out to the area for suggestions. The first of two events we plan to have will be a chili cook-off/bake sale like last year. Tentatively, this is scheduled for Sunday, Jan 26 at 1pm located at Trinity United Methodist church. I am waiting for confirmation from the church. Therefore, we held off on flyers. So, keep the cotton out of your ears for announcements, check FB Clean Friends & Family or check the NA website calendar for updates. ***Next subcommittee mtg will be on 1/4/20 at 1pm located at Dunkin Donuts (5150 Poplar Ave)***

Newsletter – The winter newsletter issue is ready. The theme is surviving the holidays clean. The next issue will be March 2020 and the theme will be experience, strength and hope on steps 4 and 5

Outreach – open position

Policy and Procedure – Keeping the policies updated. Nothing else to report. Thanks, Glen H

Public Relations – Hello from PR. We will hold our next meeting on Dec. 21 at 2pm at DD at Poplar and White Station. We will also be putting up flyers. Thank you, Bills S.

VRC 2021 Ad Hoc- We had our first meeting at 4 PM on November 23rd at Trinity United Methodist. Several people showed up and we have two people showing willingness for Chair and maybe Programming. It's not time to vote for anyone as chair just yet but come to our next meeting on **January 18th at 5 PM at Trinity Church where Saturday Night Alive meets** to get involved and help us select a chair and build up interest and involvement.

Volunteer Region Convention guidelines link. <https://natennessee.org/download/vrc-guidelines/#>

Chairperson - Qualifications:

- 5 years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- Minimum of 3 yrs. Active service involvement in NA.
- Prior Area or Regional Convention experience.

Vice Chairperson - Qualifications:

- Four years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- Three years active service involvement in NA.
- Prior Area or Regional Convention experience.

Secretary - Qualifications:

- Minimum of 4 (four) years of continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- Minimum of 3 (three) years active service involvement in NA.
- Prior Area or Regional Convention experience.
- Must have computer experience, ex: word processing for reports and e-mail distribution skills

Alternate Secretary - Qualifications:

- Three (3) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- Two (2) years active service involvement in NA.
- Prior Area or Regional Convention experience.

Treasurer - Qualifications:

- Five (5) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- Four (4) years active service involvement in NA (Two (2) year minimum service as Treasurer of an Area or Regional service committee).
- Prior Area or Regional Convention experience.

Alternate Treasurer - Qualifications:

- Four (4) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- Two (2) years active service involvement in NA. One (1) year minimum service as
- Treasurer of an Area or Regional service committee.
- Prior Area or Regional Convention experience.

Hotel Liaison - Qualifications:

- Four (4) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- Two (2) years active service involvement in NA.
- Prior Area or Regional Convention experience.
- Hotel Industry experience with some type of event management or contract negotiation skills.
- Ability to negotiate contracts and communicate in a professional manner with hotel staff and present themselves to hotel in business attire.

All Subcommittee Chairpersons Qualifications:

- Three (3) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- Minimum two (2) year active service involvement in NA.
- Prior convention experience, being: Recovery on the Ridge, Unity Convention, Surrender Under the Stars, Memphis in May, and Kiss Kampout, or other comparable events.
- Individual committee Qualifications will be listed with the position.
- Must be fully available on-site during Convention or have responsible replacement approved by the Chairperson.

Hospitality – See Guidelines at link at top of this report.

Merchandise - See Guidelines at link at top of this report.

Arts & Graphics - See Guidelines at link at top of this report.

Registration - See Guidelines at link at top of this report.

Entertainment - See Guidelines at link at top of this report.

Fundraising - See Guidelines at link at top of this report.

Convention Information - See Guidelines at link at top of this report.

VRC 2021 Ad Hoc Report Continued...

Program - See Guidelines at link at top of this report.

Technology and Communications Coordinator - See Guidelines at link at top of this report.

ILS, Glen H.

GROUP REPORTS

Clarity – not present

Clean Air- not present

Clean Steam- Hello family, all is well at Clean Steam. We had 20 attend this month. Basic text study. We have 2 1 year anniversaries coming up next month; please come out to support.

Cordova Hope- Hello family, all is well at Cordova Hope. We have had an average of 10-15 in attendance on Tuesday/Thursday meetings and approx. 20-30 on Sunday nights. We have added 2 new homegroup members this month. Ed H. is celebrating 1 yr tonight at 6:30. ILS, Robyn W.

Desire – Hello family, all is well at Desire. We continued to see a big turn out (about 60 to 90). Every week with several newcomers each meeting. We have a lit order of \$64.90 and a donation of \$17.10 with a total of of \$82.00. John M. is celebrating on this Wednesday the 18th with 14 years. ILS, John M.

Doin this Thing- Not present

Get Honest or Die – Hi Family. Again, I am sick and staying home to not get anyone else sick. All is well at GHOD. We are averaging 25-30 people per meeting. No newcomers this month. Penny K will be celebrating 6 yrs on Dec. 30. So, please come help us celebrate. Andrew M is gracious enough to pick up our lit order of \$40.60 and donate \$46.40 from the group. ILS, Jonathan M.

GIFT – All is well. Average attendance 12 per week. No newcomers.

Good Orderly Direction – absent

Harmony- Harmony is good . 2 newcomers.

High On Life – Greetings from HOL. We still meet at 8:30 in the Fireplace room behind Colonial Park United Methodist Church at Park and Estate. We had 43 people come in the door including a visitor and rehab. We could really use some support. We have to clean time celebrations tomorrow night Ben E will celebrate 13 yrs and Jan. 6th Eric N will celebrate 12 yrs. Come help them celebrate. We have no lit order or donation to area. ILS, David T.

Hope Dealers – Seasons Greetings from Hope Dealers. All is well, we have attendance average from h.g. members and treatment programs and some newcomers. Ranging 5-20. Currently collaborating with Clean Steam to have speaker jam in Arlington beginning of 2020. Help support Arlington. We're donating \$10.00 to Activities. No upcoming birthdays. \$29.10 literature order, Total \$39.10. ILS, Laura S.

GROUP REPORTS CONTINUED...

Keep it Green – Keep it Green is here every Friday night. There are from 10-30 people there. You never can tell right? We have a lot of newcomers and people living in halfway houses. Could use some E.S.H from people with clean time.

Lunch Bunch– Good afternoon! We, at the Lunch Bunch continue to do our "Carry the Message" thang. Meetings are still 7 days a week and each meeting is literature based. The Tuesday and Thursday meetings could use more support from experienced members. These two days are when treatment programs and other newer members are more apt to attend. We welcome the support. The Thanksgiving meeting where we served food during and after the meeting was successful. The meeting time was extended by one hour on both Thursday and Friday. We did have some food left over that we donated to the children's educated-oriented program that shares the facility with us. Upcoming Birthdays:

12/22 Jim T., 4 years, 1/2/20 Lamar G., 31 years, 1/18/20 John Z., 2 years, 1/18/20 Kevin F., 12 years

Literature Order: 223.25, Area Donation: 26.75, Total: 250.00

No Matter What- All is well at No Matter What. We have an average of 6 coming to the meeting and 2 newcomers. We have Sean R. celebrating 5 yrs and Michael O. celebrating 1 yr. Details to be revealed at a later date. ILS, Scott J

One is Too Many – not present

Plan B- not present

Primary Purpose – All is well with Primary Purpose. We had a successful sponsorship Day on 12/1. There were over 50 in attendance with several treatment centers as well. Alex W. will be celebrating tonight at 8pm.

Saturday Night Alive –All is well at Saturday Night Alive. Well everything but when we had to call the police on a disruptive attendee. But, I am going to bring that up in Open Forum here to discuss today. Glen H is celebrating 16 years on January 11 at Saturday Night Alive

Simplicity is the Key – Afternoon family, all is well at SITK. We had 200 addicts attend our meeting this past month and 3 newcomers. No birthdays or anniversaries this month. Had \$18.40 L.O. and \$41.60 donation. Total \$60.00.

Something Different – Good afternoon family at Something Different. We are doing great. We average 30-50 ppl a month. We have a literature order of 0 and a donation of \$10. Tracy E. is celebrating 1/20/2020.

GROUP REPORTS CONTINUED...

Spiritual Awakenings- Hello Friends and Family. All is well at SA. We have 2 birthdays coming up. Debbie S. with 28 yrs on 1/3/20 and Tayler O. with 9 yrs on 1/10/20. Come on out and celebrate with us. We are also having a candlelight vigil next Friday 12/20/19 at 7pm to honor Brandon K. who recently passed away.

Step Write In- After a long period of low attendance, step write in has finally developed a new core group of people who seem to come every week and support the meeting. We have at least one newcomer at most meetings. No lit order, \$20 donation to area.

Thursday Nighters – Hello family all is well at Thursday Nighters. We have gained 1 new homegroup member. We will celebrate Jackie H. 1st yr on 12/19 and Bubba will celebrate 2 yrs on 1/2/20. Special thanks to everyone who came out on Thanksgiving night. We had a great speaker meeting & appreciate everyone's support.

Unity – All is well, nothing has changed. We are still averaging 15 people a meeting and a treatment center once or twice a month. We need support from experienced NA member have a rotating format which are on the 1st Tuesday of the month is question and answers 2nd read and share from the living

clean the third read and share from the basic tet 4th tuesday we have a speaker meeting and if there is a 5th we have an open discussion meeting.

We are Entirely Ready – All is well at WAER. Our message is strong and positive. We average 10 to 15 per meeting. We have 2 newcomers. 1 birthday Mancill W. 5 yrs that was on 12/14/19. No lit. order. \$2.50 area donation. No birthdays for January.

Welcome Home- All is well at Welcome Home. 15-20 people average per meeting, book study on Tuesdays, no newcomers this month. We are making a large literature purchase this month so we can begin rotating between the basic text, living clean and it works on Tuesday book studies.

You+me=we- All is well at You+Me=We. Our attendance was 151 & 3 newcomers over the last month. We meet daily at 8am in the Cooper-Young Area. We will meet on Christmas and New Year's. Join us to share your experience, strength and hope. ILS, Karen W.

Upcoming Birthdays

Cordova Hope

Ed H- 12/13/19, 1 yr

Rachel D- 1/15/20, 2 yrs

John W- 1/17/20, 3 yrs

Sarah T- 1/25/20, 2 yrs

Robyn W- 1/28/20, 2 yrs

Clean Steam

Casey A- 12/28/19, 1 yr

Christina W- 12/28/19, 1 yr

Desire

John M- 12/18/19, 14 yrs

GHOD

Penny K- 12/30/19 6 yrs

Harmony

Chris D- 1/30/20, 6 yrs

Lunch Bunch

Jim T- 12/22/19, 4 yrs

Primary Purpose

Alex W, 12/15/19, 2 yrs

Janice M- 1/26/20, 2 yrs

Lucy O- 2/9/20, 33 yrs

Something Different

Tracy E- 1/20/20, 7 yrs

Spiritual Awakenings

Debbie S- 1/3/20, 28 yrs

Taylor O- 1/10/20, 9 yrs

Thursday Nighters

Jackie H- 12/19/19, 1 yr

Bubba- 1/2/20, 2 yrs

Mike S- 12/16/19, 8 yrs

You+Me=We

Lamar G-1/2/20, 31

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

- 1.) Lucy O. brought up having a CAR/CAT workshop on Saturday sometime in February. Possible dates either 2/8/2020 or the 2/22/2020. Venue possibly at Hope Church or Great St. Lukes. Lucy O. will make a flyer for the CAR/CAT learning day as we have secured date and location for the workshop. Be sure to talk with your homegroup members about this. There will be a poll for picking a date on Clean Friends & Family.
- 2.) Glen H. brought up disruptive meeting etiquette. He had to call the police and have a disgruntled attendee removed from Thursday Nighters. Just wanted us to be aware that it could happen to your homegroup. "The welfare of the groups are more important than one person who is there if they are a danger to others or themselves."

OLD BUSINESS

Motion Maker: High on Life **Seconded by:** Something Different

Motion: To raise the amount of allowed subsidized literature from seven to ten pieces of literature.

Intent: To make it easier for newcomers to afford our literature.

No- 0 Yes- 16 Abstain- 2

Motion Maker: Cordova Hope **Seconded by:** Something Different

Motion: To nominate Bill S. to become RCM alternate at the West TN area.

Intent: To become the RSM alt, to learn more at Region, be more helpful and to be more involved in service as a trusted servant of NA.

Willingness statement: Hello family, my clean date is December 6, 2016. I was GSW at Something Different for 2 years. I am in the second term as Public Relations chairperson. I have never misappropriated any NA funds.

Motion tabled due to Bill S. being absent at 12/15/19. Votes from Dec 2019 will be carried to 1/26/2020 area.

NEW BUSINESS

Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is January 26, 2020