

# West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (11/19/2017)

## WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

### Open Positions in our Area: Alternate Secretary, Alternate RCM, Public Relations, and Outreach

Title/Sub/Group	Name	9/24/2017	10/22/2017	11/19/2017
<b>Administrative</b>				
Chairperson	Christine J.	X	X	X
Vice Chairperson	James R.	X	O	X
Secretary	Mandy R.	OPEN	X	X
Alternate Secretary	OPEN	X	OPEN	OPEN
Treasurer	Michael H.	X	O	X
Alternate Treasurer	Amanda H.	X	X	X
Regional Committee Member	Amanda H.	X	X	X
Alternate Regional Committee Member	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Subcommittees</b>				
Activities	Tonia L.	X	X	X
Archives	Lucy O.	OPEN	X	X
Hospitals and Institutions	Penny B.	X	X	X
Literature	Laurie R.	X	X	X
NA in May	Amanda H.	OPEN	X	X
Newsletter	David T.	X	X	X
Outreach	OPEN	O	OPEN	OPEN
Policy and Procedures	Taylor D.	OPEN	X	X
Public Relations	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Voting Groups</b>				
Clarity (was Farfromusen)	Corey B.	X	X	X
Clean A.I.R.	Brad D.	X	X	X
Cordova Hope	Paul B.	X	O	X
Desire	Sarah M.	X	X	X
Good Orderly Direction	William S.	O	X	X
High On Life	David T.	X	X	X
Hope Dealers	Taylor D.	X	X	X
Keep It Green	Bill B.	X	X	X
Lunch Bunch	Corey P.	X	X	X
No Matter What	Sam T.	X	O	X
One Is Too Many	Susan V.	X	X	X
Primary Purpose	Thomas R.	X	X	X
Saturday Night Alive	Glen H.	X	X	X
Simplicity is the Key	Kat R.	X	X	X
Something Different	Bill S.	X	X	X
Spiritual Awakenings	Tonia L.	X	X	X
Thursday Nighters	Tracy E.	O	X	X
We Are Entirely Ready	Ben D.	O	X	X
You + Me = We	Karen W.	O	X	X
<b>Non-Voting Groups and Meetings</b>				
Doin' This Thing	Jake S.	X	O	O
Get Honest or Die		O	O	O
G.I.F.T.	Frank S.	O	X	O
Harmony	Tim W.	O	X	O
Hopenminded	Nicole S.	X	O	O
Living Clean	April F.	O	O	O
Starting Somewhere		O	O	O
Step Write In	Vince H.	O	O	X
Unity Group	Lamar G.	O	X	O
Welcome Home	Tommy B.	X	O	O

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Chair** – Hi family! I'm looking forward to chairing today rather than being treasurer. Whew! That's a tough gig. Much thanks to Michael, Amanda, Chris and all the others who have helped us keep track of our finances.

I would like to take a minute to encourage everyone to not only attend VRC, but to encourage others to attend as well. Announce it in meetings if you can, and one on one to those newer members who may not quite understand what is going on. Personally, conventions have always been a big part of my recovery. I love getting to hear the message in a different way... from different people. I've had several "ah-ha" moments listening to speakers and attending workshops. Fellow-shipping, celebrating recovery and having fun is vital to me as well. If I'm not enjoying my recovery, my disease might think up some other options for me. And for our area, it is a chance to pull together and support those who have donated so much of their time and energy to planning this event and give them some backup!

In the next few months, I am going to take on a project and probably ask the help of our area secretary and policy chair. If you haven't noticed, our area guidelines are fragmented in three separate documents. I would like to get them combined into one for simplicity and continuity. Because of this, I am going to ask the subcommittees to review their guidelines. Subcommittee chairs- In December I will bring you each a few copies of your section of the guidelines. Please plan on reviewing them and having any changes that need to be made back to me by the February area. If you want to start working on it before next month, they are on the area website. I would look for anything that is clearly outdated and not in use anymore- in example, a statement that might say you "mail all of the committee members a letter" if what you really do these days is text or call. Keep in mind that although subcommittees do set their own guidelines, they should not conflict with area policies and should follow traditions and concepts. If activities came back with a change that said, "All money raised at functions will go to pay our airfare to Aruba." I think we could all see the conflict. This is simply a housekeeping suggestion. If you feel no changes are warranted it's perfectly fine to say that.

Hope to see you all at the convention this week!

**Vice Chair** – No report

**Treasurer** – See attached

**Secretary** – No report

**RCM** – Nothing new to report except at our last area meeting, I failed to mention that Basic Texts will be going up 7% worldwide effective January 1, 2018. Also, the next regional meeting is next Sunday at 9:30 at the VRC.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities** – Nothing to report. Our next subcommittee meeting will be December 3 at 3 pm where SA meets to finalize our New Year's Eve plans.

**Archives** – No report

**H & I** – All is going well with H&I subcommittee. We currently have all our panels filled. However, we lost another facility as of this month. Compass Youth has decided to bring Smart Recovery in instead of us at the moment. We are looking into new treatments centers to carry the message into after the new year so stay tuned for that. Today, we filled our every other week at Grade House women's with Edith A., our Vice Chair with Susan V. and Secretary position by Sam T. We also orientated one new panel member. Stay tuned also for an H&I learning day to come after the new year.

**Literature** – No report

**NA in May** – We had a great turnout at our first meeting with 9 in attendance. All positions are filled except programming, merchandising and fundraising. We also need a partner for the kitchen. Registration will be \$40 this year and we are working on an "extra" incentive to offer for registering early. We have worked tirelessly over our pre-convention shirts this year and as Arts & Graphis, Tracy E. designed the perfect shirt. We purchased shirts and hoodies at \$7.09 leaving us with a remaining balance of \$4.91. The cost for each shirt is \$15 and hoodies will be \$30. They will go on sale as soon as VRC shirts are sold out. Our next meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup> at Café Eclectic on McLean at 6:00 pm.

**Newsletter** – Greetings. All is well at the Clean Times. The current issue has been sent to the printer and will be ready for next area and with it will be a HUGE announcement that was made bigger in the last week. We are about to start working on the next issue which will consist of Step, Tradition, and Concept 10. If you would like to write on any of those or something else feel free to let me know. Our next committee meeting will be on Dec. 10th at 3pm at Dunkin Donuts at Poplar and White Station. No clean time requirement to have your opinion heard, so come on out and be a part of.

**Policy and Procedure** – No report

**VRC** – We are collecting basic texts and coffee. Please see Michael, Amanda or any other committee members to donate. Please encourage people to attend.

## **GROUP REPORTS**

**Clarity** – All is well at Clarity! We continue to have good attendance averaging 30. We had 12 newcomers as well as treatment centers in attendance. Marcus M. and James W. were our guest speakers this month. Guest speakers for December will be James R. on 12/12 and Sara S. on 12/28.

**Clean A.I.R.** – All is well with Clean A.I.R. Last night, Johnnie D. celebrated 20 years and it was an awesome meeting. Please join us on Saturdays at 8 pm for a strong message of recovery and great fellowship. There are currently no issues to discuss. Average attendance is 25-30 addicts and we have 2-4 newcomers each month.

**Cordova Hope** – All is well at Cordova Hope. We had 188 addicts in attendance in the last month, 14 of which were newcomers.

**Desire** – Desire is doing well and continuing to carry the message to addicts! We consistently have about 70-80 in attendance each week including treatment centers and newcomers. No issues to report.

**Good Orderly Direction** – Good Orderly Direction has an average attendance of 30 addicts. We will celebrate one birthday and no new members.

**High On Life** – Greetings. All is well at High On Life. We continue to come from the literature for our topics. We would like to thank all those that came out to our potluck to help us celebrate our second anniversary. We have added two new homegroup members. We have two birthdays to announce Carol B. will celebrate 3 yrs on Nov. 27th and Ben E. will celebrate 11 yrs on Dec 18th. We have a lit order of \$38.40 and nothing for area for a total of \$38.40.

**Hope Dealers** – All is excellent with Hope Dealers. We have Sarah C. celebrating 1 year tomorrow at Hope Dealers. Come on out!

**Keep it Green** – Things are going well at Keep it Green. Average attendance is around 40 addicts per week and we had 2 newcomers this month. We are donating 6 basic texts to VRC this month.

**Lunch Bunch** – Attendance this month has been 415 recovering addicts with 16 newcomers.

**No Matter What** – Attendance has been lacking at No Matter What but otherwise all is well. We have an average of 6 addicts per meeting with 1 newcomer this month and 1 new home group members, so we could use some support. Also, the format for our Tuesday night meeting has changed from open discussion to step writing.

**One is Too Many** – We had 2 newcomers this month. We continue to have an average attendance of 17 per meeting. We will have a speaker meeting on the last Friday of the month. We have no upcoming birthdays.

**Primary Purpose** – All is well at Primary Purpose. We had an average attendance of 20-30 addicts with 4 newcomers last month. No updates or changes to report.

**Saturday Night Alive** – Great coffee, sanitary coffee pots, a good message of recovery, Little Debbies sometimes, good attendance and fellowship. Come see us!

**Simplicity is the Key** – All is well at Simplicity. We have an average of 30 addicts in attendance at each meeting. Last month, we had 6 newcomers.

**Spiritual Awakenings** – All is well at SA with a regular meeting attendance of 30-50 including at least 1 treatment center a week.

**Step Write In** – Average attendance is 40. I am starting service as GSR with this area.

**Thursday Niters** – All is well at Thursday Niters. We are happy to have our status as a voting group back. We will be open on Thanksgiving next week so come see us. Debbie S. will be celebrating 26 years next month but not sure of the date yet.

**We Are Entirely Ready** – At We Are Entirely Ready, our meetings are every Saturday from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. We average around 20 to 25 addicts per meeting. We have no new members and no birthdays next month.

**You+Me=We** – All is well at You+Me=We. Our attendance for November was 94 including 12 newcomers. We also had several nursing students in attendance. We meet daily @8 am in the Cooper Young area. We will meet Thanksgiving Day. Please come out and join us and share your experience, strength and service.

## **OPEN FORUM TOPICS**

**Question about VRC – there is a no addict turned away policy. There is a \$5 charge for the dance if you are not registered.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion: To nominate Charmaine D. for Regional PR Chair**

Motion passes: 16-0-3

**Motion: To nominate Craig G. for Regional Policy and Procedure Chair**

Motion passes: 16-0-3

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**None**

**Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is 12/17/2017**

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER</b>				
<b>Monies Received</b>				
<b>Source</b>	<b>Literature</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>Tot Rec'ds</b>	<b>Basic Texts</b>
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Clean A.I.R.	\$-	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Clarity	\$32.30	\$30.00	\$62.30	2
Cordova Hope	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Courage to Change	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Desire	\$28.15	\$26.85	\$55.00	
Doin This Thing	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Get Honest or Die	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Gift	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Good Orderly Direction	\$4.77	\$0.23	\$5.00	
Harmony	\$-	\$-	\$-	
High on Life	\$38.40	\$-	\$38.40	3
Hope Dealers	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Hopenminded	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Keep it Green	\$79.92	\$20.08	\$100.00	6
Living Clean	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Lunch Bunch	\$246.75	\$34.00	\$280.75	7
Miracles Happen	\$-	\$-	\$-	
More Will Be Revealed	\$-	\$-	\$-	
New Beginings II	\$-	\$-	\$-	
No Matter What	\$76.95	\$98.05	\$175.00	
Out of The Darkness	\$-	\$-	\$-	
One is Too Many	\$38.95	\$1.05	\$40.00	3
Positive Awareness	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Positive Image	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Primary Purpose	\$5.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	1
Sat Nite Alive	\$8.80	\$46.20	\$55.00	
Simplicity is the Key	\$21.96	\$2.79	\$24.75	2
Somerville Group	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Something Different	\$25.00	\$7.54	\$32.54	5
Spiritual Awakening	\$12.19	\$2.81	\$15.00	
Step Write In	\$58.17	\$13.83	\$72.00	5
The Attic	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Thursday Nighters	\$40.65	\$73.35	\$114.00	
Unity	\$-	\$-	\$-	
We Are Entirely Ready	\$18.75	\$1.25	\$20.00	
Welcome Home	\$3.20	\$6.80	\$10.00	
You+ Me = we	\$56.07	\$-	\$56.07	2
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
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	\$-	\$-	\$-	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Misc	\$-	\$-	\$-	
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>\$795.98</b>	<b>\$454.83</b>	<b>\$1,250.81</b>	<b>36</b>
Donations	\$454.83			
Literature	\$795.98			
NA in May donation	\$-			
Activities	\$-			
Subtotal Received At Area	\$1,250.81			
Prior Balance	\$5,968.63			
	\$-			
Available	\$7,219.44			

Expenses					
Name	Amount	Check Number			
			<b>VOIDED CHECKS</b>		
P.O. Box Rental (1 year)	\$-				
PI - Schedules	\$-				
PI - Petty Cash Operating Fund	\$-				
PI - Travel Expense to VRC	\$-				
Secretary - Expense Reimbursement	\$-		<b>Literature Expense</b>		
Activities	\$-		H&I Literature	\$-	
Storage Rental	\$-		PI Literature	\$-	
Checks	\$-		Group Literature	\$795.98	
Newsletter-Expense Reimbursement	\$25.00	2246	Add Lit	\$-	
Literature- Expense Reimbursement	\$-		rent	\$-	
Treasurer's-Expense Reimbursement	\$-		Starter kit Inst Mtg	\$-	
Policy - Expense Reimbursement	\$-		Sub Total	\$795.98	
RCM - Travel Advance	\$-		One Star Discount	\$-	
VRC 35 Donation	\$-		Total Literature	\$795.98	
Safe Deposit Box	\$-				
PI Phone Line / Freedom Voice	\$8.45				
Literature (Florida Regional Office)	\$943.85	tentative			
VRSC, Inc. (Regional Donation)	\$-				
World Donation	\$-				
Reimbursement Brad H Website hosting	\$-				<b>Basic Text Fund</b>
Area Rent	\$20.00	2247		Beginning Balance	\$3,708.08
Glen H outreach	\$-			BT Count	36
	\$-			Ending Balance	\$3,472.28
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	\$-				
Total Expenses	\$997.30				
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$6,222.14</b>				
<b>Set Asides</b>					
Prudent Reserve	\$635.00				
PI Schedules \$250 qtrly \$83.33 monthly	\$166.67	Paid September 2017			
Newsletter \$25 qtrly \$8.33 monthly	\$25.00	Paid August 2017			
Safe Deposit Box \$150 yr \$12.50 monthly	\$62.50	Paid June 2017			
PO Box Rental \$140 yr \$11.67 monthly	\$70.00	Paid May 2017			
Freedom Voice Phone Line	\$8.45				
Website hosting \$148.24 \$12.36 monthly	\$135.96	Paid Dec 2016			
Activities	\$503.00				
Outreach	\$5.54				
Tentative literature order	\$1,131.78				
NA in May Basic Text Fund	\$3,472.28				
Total Set Asides	\$6,216.18				
Available Cash	\$5.96				
<b>Total Set Asides &amp; Avail Cash</b>	<b>\$6,222.14</b>				