

WEST TENNESSEE AREA

SERVICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 25, 2007

**NEXT MEETING OF THE WTASC
MARCH 25, 2007**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Jason E.	Chair		X
Eric O.	Vice Chair		X
Debbie S.	Secretary		X
Steve B.	Treasurer		X
	Alt. Treasurer		
Dave L.	RCM		X
Lucy O	RCM Alt		X

SUBCOMMITTEES

Adam	Chair	Activities	X
Brooks S.	Chair	H & I	X
Connie G	Chair	Literature	X
	Chair	NA in May	
Trinity P	Chair	Newsletter	X
Adam S.	Chair	Outreach	X
Trey B	Chair	PI	

VOTING GROUPS

Kevin	GSR	Clean A.I.R. Memphis	X
Paul L	GSR	Cordova Hope	X
Jayni D.	GSR	Desire	X
Colby L.	GSR	Dopeless Hope Fiends	
Ross N	GSR	Farfromusen	X
Tammy M.	GSR	Lunch Bunch	X
Mark K.	GSR	Miracles Happen	X
Glen H	GSR	Nothing to Fear	X
Franklin L.	GSR	Positive Image	X
Freddie D.	GSR	Primary Purpose	X
Ashley S.	GSR	The Attic	X
George P.	GSR	Solutions	X
Jeremy Y.	GSR	Keep It Green	X
Jonathan W.	GSR	Unity	
Brian J.	GSR	Harmony	X
Kendo L	GSR	Get Honest or Die	X

NON-VOTING GROUPS

Brent C.	GSR	Never Alone	
Sammie S.	GSR	Survivors-Lexington	
Robert S.	GSR	Wounded Healers	
Jane R.	GSR	Trinity New Beginnings	
Ruth H.	GSR	Out of the Darkness	
Donald	ALT GSR	New Beginnings II	

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

EXECUTIVE AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR and NA in May

All is well. Same with NA in May. Next event is the Chili Cook-Off on March 18th at 4:00pm at Trinity Unity Methodist, where Keep It Green meets.

VICE-CHAIR

This month I attended the NA in May, Outreach, and H&I subcommittee meetings. Those meetings are running smoothly and the members are excited to be part of those subcommittees! However, participation by the NA body as a whole is still low. I would ask that members of the WTASC discuss with their spouses and homegroup members the importance of service at the subcommittee level. These subcommittees have been formed at the recommendation of the groups in this area and an expectation of group support is warranted!

SECRETARY

First, I apologize for not having the order form and report forms today. Also, to anyone that didn't get their minutes on time. I will get the info I need today before leaving the ASC. I need a reimbursement for \$7.80 for a book of stamps. Please put your reports in the box on the chairperson's desk.

ILS,
Debbie S.

TREASURER

Starting Balance: \$835.00
Ending Balance: \$ 2075.21

RCM – Passed it to the RCM Alt.

RCM ALT.

Please see reports attached.

ACTIVITIES

Activities is going well. **The next subcommittee meeting is Saturday March 3, 2007 at 7pm** to discuss what will be happening in March. My term is up and it's been a great year and I hope to serve for another one.

In loving service,

Adam

H&I – Oral report

LITERATURE

Greetings from the Literature Chair. We had a literature order of \$688.75 with a discount of \$37.45. I totally dropped the ball on attending the Basic Text Input and Review meeting. I am going thru some personal issues and totally forgot about it. I do apologize to the area. Kevin may have more to report. Not much else to report. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Committed to recovery
Connie G.

NEWSLETTER

This is the last area before the newsletter comes out. Please get the birthdays to me this week if you would like them to be included. As usual, send to newsletterna@yahoo.com or hand them to me or Connie G. at a meeting. Birthdays needed are for April – June. Any other events or submissions may also be turned in this way.

ILS,
Trinity P.

OUTREACH

Outreach supported the 1st NA meeting at the ALANO house last week. There were several addicts from Outreach present. Thanks to all that attended as I could not be there. March 1st we are meeting at 6pm at Starbucks Wolfchase and going to Clean Air Jackson to support that meeting. Outreach will start having their subcommittee meetings the **last Tuesday of every month before area at Farfromusen at 7pm**. We will start to plan a work- shop on chairing meetings (end of March). Money?

CONSENSUS AD-HOCK SUBCOM

We are still moving along well. I want to thank the core that's been forming on helping with this project. Jeremy Y., Jason E., and the man behind the curtain Brooks S.

Here are this month's accomplishments-

1. We have a packet of new materials collected for adhoc members and any one else interested.
 - Contains:
 - Quote from How and Why
 - Steve Rush email (Fellowship Services)
 - NA World Service Work Group Values
 - Pages 2-3 Colorado Regional Guidelines
 - Pages 13-14 Colorado Regional Assembly GSR Orientation Packet
 - Page 11 of Area Planning Tool
 - Sample Inventory Area Planning tool Appendix
 - Sample Model of Consensus
2. Decided to adopt Area planning at meeting and went thru step one which generated the above. Thanks to everyone who contacted people and have helped in the discussion.
3. Our next meeting will be to review this information, develop the issues and set our goals for these issues. All are welcome to attend. **(Tuesday March 13th at 6:00 at the First Congregational Church 1000 S. Cooper.)**

Talk about the process:

- We have a brand new handbook "Guide to the Public Relations"
- Chapter 2 and 3
- Area Planning tool
- FTP Sit mentioned in Steve Rush's
- Colorado Documents GSR orientation (one thing keeps coming out of our discussions)
- Ad hoc on Area Planning to go along with this process. Use are inventory and look at guidelines, elections, policy and roll out CBDM

Keith N.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Approx 12 people showed up. The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing proposing of core services such as phone-line and meeting schedules. The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the PR manual. The general feeling in the room was one of excitement and we anticipate more attendance and support at our next meeting. As the Jackson, TN, meetings are part of a new area, we have decided to remove their meetings from our schedule. **Next PI committee meeting is March 1st at 730 at First Congo where Nothing to Fear meets.**

GROUP REPORTS:

CLEAN A.I.R. MEMPHIS:

Meetings are going well. Attendance is strong. We have 3 birthdays in March. **Shannon T. and Michelle C. celebrate 3 years each on March 10th and Terry B. celebrates 25 years on March 17th.** We have an area donation of \$400.00.
ILS,
Kevin C.

CORDOVA HOPE:

Everything going well at Hope. I am the new GSR and Carol D is the new alternate GSR. We had 233 addicts and 13 newcomers. We will donate \$100.00
Paul L.

DESIRE:

Desire is growing nicely with approx. 35 attending weekly. We are planning to play Putt-Put after the meeting on March 14th. No one is celebrating a birthday in March. We are fine with literature and key tags. \$75.00 will be donated to the Area this month>
In loving service,
Jayni D.

DOPELESS HOPE FIENDS:

Not represented

FARFROMUSEN:

Greetings family. Homegroup Farfromusen is doing well. Group attendance is averaging anywhere between 20 and 40. Meetings are going strong. Still preparing for NA in May. Just for today. Literature order: \$38.60. Donation to WTASC: \$20.40
In loving service,
Ross N.

GET HONEST OR DIE:

Need support, two home meetings totally following NA Guide lines. We do all the readings and we have a closed meeting with 6 to 10 addicts. 1 to 2 newcomers.
Birthdays none. **Recovery Fest IV on April 7, 2007**
Kendo L.

HARMONY:

We are averaging 10 addicts on Monday nights and 15 on Thursday. We had 7 newcomers this month.

In loving service,
Brian J.

KEEP IT GREEN:

Things continue to be on the up and up. Attendance is in the 25 – 30 range. We have one anniversary in March: Susan S / 17 yrs on March 16th. Be there!

ILS,
Jeremy Y.

LUNCH BUNCH:

The meeting takes place daily at the Galloway Methodist Church. Meeting attendance is good ranging from 20 to 50 or more. Many newcomers have come in during the past month, and the group composition is trending toward less overall cleantime. The recovery message remains strong and newcomers are made welcome. No significant difficulties have arisen within the meeting and relationships with the church staff are good. 7th Tradition support remains good, and \$326.31 is brought to area this month. Wayne D.

MIRACLES HAPPEN:

Everything is going well. Attendance 40 to 50. **Neal 22 ears March 5th**.
Mark K.

NEW BEGINNINGS II:

Greetings from Horn Lake! We are still striving for a positive NA message. New Beginnings II and the Olive Branch mtg are requesting assistance from all appropriate sub-committees as we are in need of outside support. We're getting ready to do another mail-out to treatment ctrs., etc. But the need for bodies in the chairs with some recovery is greatly needed. Our primary purpose is to be there for the sick and suffering addicts, that no one need die from the horrors of addiction without knowing there is a better way to live. Our group has completed its probationary period. Literature order \$84.30

In loving service,
Paula W.

NOTHING TO FEAR:

Strong meeting attendance and a clear message of recovery. We continue to attract newcomers and a diverse group of addicts. **Heather M celebrates 1 year April 12th.** We continue to send our extra funds directly to the World. No literature order this month.
Glen H.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS:

Not Present

POSITIVE IMAGE:

No problems. Understanding the experiences of other addicts is growth in spiritual principles. Newcomers is about 50 a month. Regular members 6-7. No birthdays this month – no events. Closed meeting has been discussed for the group. Still considering a further discussion. Will let you know next Area.
With loving care,
Positive Image

PRIMARY PURPOSE:

1. We voted for Tony H to be alternate treasurer. 2. We need 1 medallion a one year for Lisa and 1 three year medallion for Freddie D. Area donation \$53.00. 2 Step Guide work books. We have had good attendance and one new member. **Birthdays: Lisa C 1 year 2-25 and Freddie D 3 years 3-25.**
In loving service,
Freddie D

SOLUTIONS:

Solutions – closed. Meetings are going fine. We still meet at 6PM every Sun Night at ST Michael's catholic church on Summer Ave. We still use the passages from Basic text and the It works How and Why as sources of our topics. We have had four out of town addicts and five addicts from nearby halfway houses and about four newcomers this month come to the meeting. We average 12 to 20 addicts per meeting. We are meeting financial obligations and are following traditions. **George P. will celebrate 10 years at Solutions March 4th at 6PM, regular meeting format.**
Literature order \$51.60 and WTACS donation: \$2.40.
George P

SOUTHERN SERENITY:

Southern Serenity is a women's meeting that meets every Monday at 630PM. Going great. Has 2 home group members.

THE ATTIC:

The Attic has been going well averaging about 40 addicts per meeting. We are celebrating a birthday this **Tuesday 2-27-07, Chris with one year.**

ILS,

Ashley S.

Before going to Open Forum it was voiced by an addict over the Outreach committee going to Jackson, TN to a meeting that is not even in our Area when there is a meeting in our own area that just died.

OPEN FORUM:

Open Forum topics:

Topics for GSR assembly on June 9th am slot from 1100 – 1215 130 - 430

Meeting schedule code on Closed Meeting

GSR Assembly on the 9th

GSRs responsibility, use the day to do Area inventory, Keith elaborated on the inventory for the area, assuming we have model for consensus that would be a good topic, prejudice, area planning tool (Keith suggested putting an adhoc committee on to this idea), How to drum up support for service or meetings, inventory at the assembly or the consensus based decision making

The Final Three topics:

Area planning tool

GSRs responsibility

Apathy in service

Adhoc is finding place and all needs

Changing meeting code on the meeting schedule:

Open, anyone may attend but only addicts or people with addiction people

Guide to local service has info on this, shouldn't be telling a group what they can do, read what was said from guide to local service, bulletin from WSO on open and closed meetings states that each group has its own autonomy, should someone need something changed bring it up to the PI committee, hopefully will address that at the chairing workshop outreach is putting on.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trey for PI – passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections:

Chair:

Adam nominated Eric O for chair

Eric O expressed willingness and qualified.

Vice Chair: no nominations

Treasurer:

Primary Purpose nominated Tony H

Tony expressed willingness and qualified

Willingness statement:

15 yrs 3 mos clean 10/29/91. Done service on group level, chair, secretary, GSR, treasurer H&I Rep, Vice Chair Brooklyn Area H&I. Employed and willing to serve.

Alt Treasurer: no nominations

Literature Chair:

Clean Air nominated Kevin C

Kevin showed willingness and qualified. Willingness statement:

I, Kevin C, express my willingness to serve as Lit. Chair of the WTASC. I am currently GSR of Clean Air. I have also served as Sec and GSR of Living Free. I have served as Lit Chair before and I am the current Lit Vice Chair. I have served on the Exec.

Committee of VRC23 as Alt Sec. I have 7 yrs clean and a working knowledge of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

ILS, Kevin C

Activities:

Clean Air would like to nominate Adam

Adam showed willingness to do it again, and qualified. Willingness statement:

My name is Adam and I am an addict. My clean date is 5-20-04. I've been Activities chair for a year already and I think it has been an amazing experience. I have an NA sponsor and I work NA steps and I go to NA meetings. I think fellowship is awesome and I just love being a part of it.

Adam K

Newsletter: no nominations

NA in May:

Keep it Green nominated Jason E

Jason showed willingness and qualified Willingness statement:

I have served this Area as Policy chair, Vice chair and Chair. My clean date is 5/6/96. I have a sponsor who has a sponsor and we are all members of Narcotics Anonymous. I have the best working knowledge of the 12 steps and 12 traditions that I have ever had. I am willing and capable of fulfilling my responsibilities as chair of this committee.

ILS, Jason E.

ALL OF THE ABOVE NEW BUSINESS GOES BACK TO GROUPS

Motions:

Made by Outreach, Seconded by RCM

MOTION: \$100.00 is needed by Outreach to have a Chairperson workshop. The funds are needed to pay for packets handed out to attendees.

INTENT: Help the groups institute consistent chairing of meetings, that follows NA traditions PASSED

Motion make by Glen H, Seconded by H&I

MOTION: Increase the number of meeting schedules from 2400 to 3000 per quarter.

This should not cost more than \$45 Qtr.

INTENT: To insure that there are enough meeting schedules for H&I commitments, as well as all the new meetings coming online. PASSED

This is just a nomination from the Area **NOT** to go back to Groups

Andy nominated for Chair for Region

Andy expressed willingness and qualified

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHILI COOK OFF MARCH 18TH @ 4:00PM AT TRINITY UNITY METHODIST,
WHERE KEEP IT GREEN MEETS

OUTREACH IS MEETING AT 6PM @ STARBUCKS WOLFCHASE AND GOING
TO CLEAN AIR JACKSON

ADHOC MEETING FOR CONSENSUS BASED DECISION MAKING WILL BE
MARCH 13TH AT 6PM AT FIRST CONGO 1000 S. COOPER

NEWSLETTER ALWAYS NEEDS ARTICLES AT newsletterna@yahoo.com

ACTIVITIES MEETS AGAIN ON SATURDAY MARCH 3, 2007 AT 7PM

DESIRE GOING TO PUTT-PUTT AFTER THE MEETING ON MARCH 14TH

RECOVERY FEST IV ON APRIL 7, 2007

NEW BEGINNINGS II ASKING FOR SUPPORT FROM ALL APPROPRIATE
SUBCOMMITTEES AS THEY ARE IN NEED OF OUTSIDE SUPPORT

NEXT PI MEETING IS MARCH 1ST AT 730PM AT FIRST CONGO

BIRTHDAYS:

CHRIS 1 YR AT THE ATTIC ON FEB 27

GEORGE P 10 YRS AT SOULUTIONS ON MARCH 4TH

LISA C 1 YR AT PRIMARY PURPOSE ON FEB 25TH

FREDDIE D 3 YRS AT PRIMARY PURPOSE ON MARCH 25TH

HEATHER M 1 YR AT NOTHING TO FEAR ON APRIL 12TH

NEAL 22 YRS AT MIRACLES HAPPEN ON MARCH 5TH

SUSAN S 17 YRS AT KEEP IT GREEN ON MARCH 16TH

SHANNON T AND MICHELLE C BOTH 3 YRS AT CLEAN AIR ON MARCH 10TH

TERRY B 25 YRS AT CLEAN AIR ON MARCH 17TH

RCM alt report
2/25/07

Greetings family,

At the Regional meeting in Nashville, Feb 4, I reported that we would like June 9 for our GSR Assembly. The regional ad hoc GSR assembly subcommittee will put together a flyer for us when we find a place, and the money for it will come from the region. Any suggestions? We can discuss this in open forum or the chair can appoint an ad hoc committee to look into this and find a place and report back at the next area. This will not be just for GSR's. Anyone interested can attend! Need a place for 50-75 people, from about 9-5pm. The GSR assembly held in the eastern part of the state cost \$450 which covered the facility rent and materials, which the region paid for. I'm thinking we can find something here for a lot less.

April 1, VRSC nominations due. Lots of open positions... One is Chair and Andy S from our area is willing. Our area guidelines state "The RCM will report to the GSRs 2 areas before regional nominations requesting nominees for Regional Administrative positions from the groups. One area before regional nominations are due the GSRs will present any nominees (nominees shall be present) to the committee after the RCM report. At that time there will be a vote of confidence taken for each individual nominee separately. This vote of confidence will take a simple majority vote for the RCM to present nominee to Region. Although this wasn't in the VRSC minutes, I believe positions to be filled are Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Alternate, Treasurer and Alternate. Other positions currently open are...the following subcommittee chairs – Activities, H&I, Literature and Policy.

Schedule for upcoming Southern Zonal Forum are: Hattisburg in July, St Louis in October, West Tennessee in July 08.

Dale S, Outreach Chair, requested copies of each area's guidelines. Also discussed were Area Inventories. I was asked when was the last time W TN had one, and I couldn't remember. Do we want one? The region will help with it. 7 out of 10 areas have had one recently. There is a discrepancy between what na.org has for meetings in tennessee and what our meeting schedules say. It was requested that we check na.org and see if we can find out what the problem is. It was suggested that all areas put the other regional area helpline numbers on our meeting schedules. These can be found at natennessee.org. One of the goals of the Outreach committee is to have NA meetings in all the state correctional facilities. Currently we have them in 5 out of 16.

VRC 25 has a website up, VRC25.org and I have some pre-convention fliers here to hand out.

I expressed concern when it was suggested that the region pay \$500 each for websites for areas that don't have websites. My suggestion was that since we have a regional website, we could let the areas who don't have websites utilize the regional site and each have pages on the regional site, at no additional cost.

NAWS released the Annual report. I have a copy if anyone would like to see it. You can order your own by contacting world service. NAWS also has a bulletin board for discussing the Fellowship Issue Discussion topics. Go to na.org, and click on Bulletin board in the drop down list. There's also an area on the naws website where service committees can post their locally developed resource materials to share with others, just click on the "service material" link in the drop down menu. A new bulletin about USA Liability Insurance has been put out by NAWS that might be of interest one day to us here in West Tennessee. I have a copy here, plus you can download it from the NAWS website. The deadline for review and input for the 6th edition basic text is Feb. 28.

The VRSC bank balance as of 2/3/07 was \$7,640.08 VRC 24 turned in a check for 25,504.90. All VRSC subcommittees are requested to turn in budgets at the next meeting.

These are just some highlights from the meeting. Would everyone like a copy of the Regional minutes emailed? I can forward them to Debbie and have her send them to the email distribution list that she sends out our area minutes.

In loving service,
lucy o

