

## West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (12/18/22)

### *Area Positions Terms and Election Dates*

Title/Sub/Group	Name	10/23/22	11/20/22	12/18/22
<b>Administrative</b>				
Chairperson	Marcus M	X	X	X
Vice Chairperson	Suzanne C	X	X	X
Secretary	Penny K	X	X	X
Alternate Secretary	OPEN	O	O	O
Treasurer	Kathryn L.	X	X	X
Alternate Treasurer	OPEN	O	O	O
Regional Committee Member	Rick A	x	X	X
Regional Committee Member Alternate	Tammy S	x	X	X
<b>Subcommittees</b>				
Activities	David T	X	X	X
Archives	Mark VB	X	X	X
Hospitals and Institutions	Andrew	X	X	X
Literature	Ricky V	X	X	X
NA in May	Juan S.	O	O	O
Newsletter	OPEN	O	O	O
Outreach	OPEN	O	O	O
Policy and Procedures	OPEN	X	O	O
Public Relations	George	o	X	x
<b>Voting Groups</b>				
Clarity	Colleen	X	X	X
Clean A.I.R.	Leigh Ann	X	X	X
G.I.F.T.	Pamela R/ Mindy B	X	X	X
High On Life	David T.	X	X	X
Hope Dealers	Tracey K	X	X	X
HopeNWorks	Chris R	x	O	X
Keep It Green	Jared	x	O	O
Lunch Bunch	Doug/Paula	X	X	X
Positive Awareness	Dayna R	X	X	X
Primary Purpose	George P	X	X	X
Simplicity is the Key	Geoff B.	X	O	O
Something Different	Amanda H.	X	X	X
Thursday Nighters	Kathryn G.	X	X	X
Unity Group	Darren	X	X	X

Welcome Home	Justin/Annie	X	X	O
You + Me = We	Tammy	X	X	X
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings				
Harmony	Roy. C	O	X	O
Desire		O	O	O
Cordova Hope	.	X	O	X
No Matter What		O	O	O
New Beginnings		O	O	O
GHOD		O	O	O
Spiritual Awakenings	Sarah S	O	O	O

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

#### **Chair**

In attendance. . No report. ILS Marcus

#### **Vice Chair**

In attendance no report ILS Suzanne C.

#### **Secretary**

In attendance no report. ILS Penny K.

#### **Treasure**

We had a beginning balance of \$7681.31. We have in literature sales \$276.25 which and we had a \$353.10 in area donations and \$52.43 in PayPal donations. We have a tentative lit order for this month \$1163.60 which includes the 2 cases of SPADs Ricky mentioned. Two checks from last month that haven't cleared total \$108.19. If they haven't cleared the next area I will resend them. With the expectation of a larger lit order due to back orders having available cash of -\$302.16 Please talk to your home groups about willingness for the alternate treasurer, it's an open position now and the treasurer position will be open in march and we will need time to train the new treasurer. We still need to get with the chair and vice chair to get their names on the bank account.

ILS,  
Kathryn

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Activities**

Greetings from Activities. On December 10th we had our skating even and had approximately 13 people. Coming up is our NYE party happening where Welcome Home meets. We will start at 8:30 that night so come out and ring on the new year with food, fun, fellowship, fireworks, and more. You are welcome to BYOF(Bring Your Own Fireworks).

ILS

David T.

### **RCM**

See attached report from Rick.

### **Archivist**

No report.

### **Ad Hoc Archive Content Committee –**

No report.

### **Literature-**

COVERED BY ASHLEY AND GIL

Good afternoon. Groups please order some service pamphlets for your groups, they are very informative. Last category on the lit form. Literature committee is working on getting a final proof for the speciality merchandise laminates. Region was depleted of SPAD books but have 600 coming in a week and a half. We will be sufficiently supplied next month, Recent influx of interest in the special white book and it may be making a comeback in a month or two. We still have 5 in stock. Will keep you posted. I will definitely have the group approved lamination sheets by next area and hopefully will have the unlaminated readings laminated to sell individually to groups for \$1.00 a piece for groups in need of one reading instead of spending \$7.00 to buy all seven. Shout out to our Literature Subcommittee( Ashley and Gil) for stepping up this month and helping me out, Our Literature order was \$936.02. Please go over what groups have back orders for SPAD.

ILS, Ricky

There were no question for Literature.

### **Hospitals & Institutions**

Paula J. will take Suzanne C. place as panel leader at Gracehouse. Will T. has gotten us into Serenity Recovery Center and he will be panel leader for the men's Tuesdays @ 7pm. They would also like a women's meeting as well. We are seeking a female panel leader. Looking to do a joint service event with PR and Region, WE NEED SUPPORT.

ILS,

Andrew.

Questions for H&I-

Suzanne C asked for us to go back to homegroups, get a list of people willing to sit on panel, 90 days clean and help us get into facilities. People do not have to actually speak at this point. Lucy O asked do sit ins actually have to come to H&I meetings? Can we do a zoom meeting maybe to uphold our guidelines?

Zoom meetings for H&I subcommittee members could be used.

Cassandra is willing to do MRC when possible please reach out and let her know.

### **NA in May**

The NA in May 23 committee is off and running with lots of willing addict showing up for service.

On Dec 4, the committee decided on St Columba Retreat Center Campground.

There will be three prices for registration depending on choice of lodging or no lodging.

We plan to have the website for registration up in early January 2023.

T-shirts with this years logo are out to the printers and will be available at the first fundraiser and will be \$25

Sponsor/Sponsee pancake breakfast; January 14, 10 am @ Trinity UMC, where 'Keep It Green and Thursday Nighters meets, \$7 dollars per person (No addict turned away)

Next subcommittee meeting is January 8, 3pm @ Lunch Bunch

In loving Service.

Juan S.

### **Newsletter**

Open

### **Outreach**

Open

### **Policy and Procedure**

No report

## **Public Relations**

The public relations subcommittee met on 12/17/22 at 2:00pm at Grace St. Luke. Present were Jerry B, Lucy O, Glen H., and Suzanne C. The discussion was on (Jerry B. or Lucy O will share this information. I made contact with Bill s. For information on the libraries. Lucy O and Glen H are the WebMaster and Alt. Webmaster. Lucy O is still monitoring the help line. Glen H. has printed the meeting schedules for this month and I have received them. They will be distributed to the GSRs, the H&I chair and the PR chair. I restocked the libraries with meeting schedules and IPS. I will also contact Scott G. the region's PR chair to get Public Service announcements started. Next PR Subcommittee meeting will be 1/23/23 at 2:00pm at Grace St. Luke's 1720 Peabody. Please enter through the red door on the Lemaster side of the church.

ILS

George P.

Attached is the meeting discussion.

WTASC Public Relations Sub-Committee meeting December 17, 2021

Attending: Lucy O, Glen H, Jerry, and Suzanne

George P was not able to attend due to family matters.

Lucy recapped the last meeting.

Group Guidelines need to be updated.

Need a Vice-Chair and the need to rotate some of the positions.

Team doing the website,

George sent some information which Lucy Read???

Phoneline, website, meeting schedules come under our guidelines.

Lucy talked about the phone line operation. Someone brought up being disconnected when waiting for the caller to come through. Lucy gave her experience of never being disconnected while waiting. Suzanne Ashley and Ashby want to do it.

Glen said he was transcribing the minutes so everyone will have it.

Lucy read what George had sent her:

George said that the Central, Raleigh and Bartlett libraries have been stocked with meeting schedules. He was contacted contact by Scott G, Chair of the Volunteer ion who wants to donate a basic text each to the Central, Bartlett and Raleigh libraries.

George said Suzanne could take notes today for secretary. Bill S is on the Library Committee.

Secretary discussion: Lucy said she said wished that we do more than library distribution. Some bus signs, PSAs Presentations. Glen mentioned that we need to draft some letters drafted to the places that we can go into for presentations. Probation offices, treatment centers, mental health providers. Lucy mentioned Drug Court. She also said maybe just the treatment centers that we don't go into already.

Glen has a list already of the treatment centers. Glen also said he has a connection that works in the Memphis City Mayors office he can contact for list of contacts he has.

Jerry mentioned bulletin boards at probations office, Glen said bulletin boards at Coffee shops and grocery stores that have them.

Jerry said we need to locate the probation offices and Suzanne mentioned Desoto County. Suzanne lives down the street from Justice Network. She could take some meeting schedules, include the drug courts for West Memphis and Desto County.

Suzanne mention Ben Owens, who just bought REBOS and is heavily involved with Drug Court she can reach out to Ben and see what we can do.

Lucy brought up topic of new Area guideline about the NA in May funds where \$900 goes to Sub-committees and there is nothing in there that says how it is split.

Suzanne mentioned that we put in a motion saying we need it for whatever project we have....Lucy suggested bus signs, billboards. Which we did get bus signs which were paid for by the Region. Jerry asked if we had any info on how many: hits" we got from bus signs. We didn't have a way of knowing that.

Jerry said that if you don't let the home groups and GSRs know what our committee is doing, then et the phone line know in lieu of "just throwin a sign up.", we need to educate the meetings. Lucy and Jerry discussed the last time that bus signs were implemented and how the Area was or wasn't advised of status.

And while speaking about educating Groups what we are doing, we discussed:

Glen is not putting word for word back and forth in the minutes. Committee present would rather just Would rather make bullets instead of the back and forth.

Glen said that George had mentioned officers.

Jerry said should we make a list of these offices????He would be willing to take PR info package for these places if he can get a list,{which Glen said that he will start making.)

Lucy mentioned that we could get a list from the previous of Regional PR Chair who can give list of the places they went and then we can look for a list of our places like them here.

Discussed letter to provide these resources that our committee meetings carry the info to. Glen mentioned the contact in Memphis City government.

Jerry brought up that he and George went to Shelby County Health Department meeting. They have several programs several times a year. Mentioned Health fairs and using tabletop displays

as a place our committee could go to and present. These are important and we should continue going to them.

Discussed needle exchanges as another place we could go to or at least get a meeting schedules to them.

Business cards and Matchbooks with WTASCNA information.

Lucy said that when we do start going back to fairs or associations, we should practice what we are going to say before speaking at the presentation.

Screens and Powerpoint. Lucy said she still has some money from the Region to purchase some of the things we need.

Glen and Jerry are going to start working on the list of places we can contact for dispersing local NA information to.

Discussed the Facebook PR Group we have. Also have a #Groupme account. Lucy added those present to the PR #Groupme. Lucy found that there isn't one active but there is one archived which she will reactivate and will add us all to it.

PR for professionals by the SZO for the Mississippi Region. Maybe we can get a copy of the presentation on Powerpoint or other. Suzanne asked if Region PR could just use Zoom to do it.

Glen said that he would do the PR Minutes tonight and get to George before tomorrow's area meeting.

May pursue a small, combined committee service day with H&I and PR in the future

Suzanne is going to get some information about distributing NA info to Desoto County.

George needs to consider if we need to ask for more meeting schedules for our committee.

We set our next PR Sub-Committee meeting for January 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM at this same Grace Saint Luke's location and room.

Summarize to do list for committee members to start on after this today

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion to accept November's Minutes were approved.

## **GROUP REPORTS -**

### **Clarity**

Hello family all is well at Clarity. We have had an average of 12 addicts in attendance each meeting. We have welcomed 4 newcomers this month. As always we can use support at all 3 meetings to help and welcome and support the newcomer. We had

Graceland Recovery start coming back this month, We have a Lit order of \$15.90 and an area donation of \$34.10 for a total of \$50.00.

ILS, Colleen V.

### **Clean Air**

Our hybrid meeting has 10-15 addicts in attendance every week. Everything is going well. There are no birthday celebrations in January. We have a literature order of \$25 and a donation to area of \$30.

ILS,

Leigh Ann F

### **Cordova Hope**

Nothing to report from Cordova Hope. Attendance is steady 3-6 a meeting with an average of 2 newcomers a month,

We have a \$27.90 Lit order and an area donation of \$142.10 for a \$170.00 total.

ILS, Mark.

### **Desire**

not in attendance

### **Get Honest or Die**

not in attendance

### **GIFT**

Not in attendance

### **Harmony**

Not in attendance.

### **High On Life**

Greetings from HOL. We continue to meet on Monday and Thursday nights at 8:30 and come out of the lit for our topics. We have been averaging six people per meeting and could really use support. We have two clean time celebrations coming up, Ben E. with 16 years tomorrow night and Eric N. 15 years on January 9th. So come out and help them celebrate. We have a lit order of \$6.80 and a donation of \$0.20 to the area for a total of \$7.00.

ILS

David T.

### **Hope Dealers**

Hello Family,

All is well at Hope Dealers we are still meeting at 7pm in Arlington. We had a turnout of 60 ppl for Marcus M's celebration on Nov 28th. Our regular meeting attendance is about 10 addicts. We have no literature order. We are making an area donation of \$10.

In loving service

Tracey K.

### **Lunch Bunch**

Greetings and happy holidays from the Lunch Bunch. We continue to meet 7 days a week as a literature based meeting. Our attendance ranges from 5 to 16 addicts peer meeting and we have had 13 newcomers since our last report. We need a 34 year medallion for Lamar G. if any other group has one. On 01/02 lamar G, has 34 years, 01/05 Ricky V. has



2 years, 01/15 Cory R. has 1 year, and on 01/18 Kevin F. has 15 years. We have a Lit order of \$86.90 and an area donation of \$33.10 for a total of \$120.00.

ILS, Paula J.

### **No Matter What**

not in attendance

### **HopeNworks**

Hello Family all is well at Hope N Works. We have had an average of 13 addicts in attendance and 3 newcomers this month. We had a literature order of \$24.35 and an area donation of \$50.00 for a total of \$74.35.

ILS, Chris R.

### **Positive Awareness**

Nothing to Report this month,

### **Primary Purpose**

All is well with Primary Purpose. We continue to carry the message to the still suffering addict. Our meeting averages 10-20 attendees. In person meetings start at 7:00pm on Sunday nights at Grace St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 1720 Peabody Ave. Memphis TN 38104. On 12/18 we have Penny. K with 9 years, and on 01/22 we have Lucy O with 36 years clean. We have a Lit order of \$20.60 and an area donation of \$15.64. With a total of \$36.24.

ILS, George P.

### **Spiritual Awakenings**

Not in attendance

### **Simplicity is the Key**

Not in attendance

### **Something Different**

Hey Family all is well at Something Different, we seem to be gaining some momentum and I'm so very grateful, thank you for supporting us. We have had 2 newcomers this month and added 2 new Homegroup members!!!! We have no literature order and \$24 to area ,

thank for allowing me to be of service Amanda H

### **Thursday Nighters**

All is well at Thursday niters, we have had solid meeting attendance at 20-30 people. Both Mrc and grace land recovery have been consistently coming. Also there was an addict who had just graduated from mrc youth who had been in a recent h&l meeting that I spoke at which was really cool and a friendly reminder that h&l is so important to participate in. We had a \$3.40 lit order and a \$8.60 donation in person as well as a \$45 donation we made on PayPal.

ILS,

Kathryn

### **Keep it Green**

Not in attendance

### **Unity**

We are doing well and we average around 15-25 attendees. We have a rotating format. No updates or changes to report. One positive experience is to see newcomers coming

back and investing in their own recovery. Buying literature. 5 newcomers for the month, On 12/27 we have Cassandra M with 18 months clean. We have a Lit order of \$55.40 and an area donation of \$4.60 for a total of \$60.00.

ILS, Darfin M.

**You+me=we**

All is well at You+Me=We. We meet in Midtown Memphis at First Congo Church 7 days a week from 7-8am. We are zoom friendly. We had 153 in attendance and 13 newcomers. On 01/02 we have Lamar G. with 34 years. We have a Lit order of \$16.80 and a area donation of \$23.20 for a total of \$40.00.

ILS, Tammy S.

**Welcome Home**

Not in attendance.

**OPEN FORUM**

Lucy O has VRC shirts and hoodies for sale.

T-shirts are \$10

Hoodies are \$20

Cassandra says: She expresses interest in opening up a new group in the South Memphis area. Accessibility is an issue for newcomers

Marcus says: We need an OUTREACH CHAIR. We need to get up and support our meetings

Amanda says: Something different is in the Bartlett- Raleigh area.

Suzanne says Outreach clean time requirement is 1 year clean.

Cassandra says: I would like to know more about Outreach and what that would look like for her so that she can be affective.

**\*\*Read guidelines at [Na/wt.org/guidelines](http://Na/wt.org/guidelines) for all subcommittee guidelines\*\***

George P says: Marcus can mentor her as he has been Outreach chair before.

Cassandra will get back to us next month.

Open Positions are:

Alternate Secretary

Alternate Treasurer

Policies and Procedures

Newsletter

Outreach

**NEW BUSINESS**

There is no new business this month.

**Next WTASC meeting is January 22nd, 2023**

**In person at Hope Church or on Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 960 6484 5034**

**Passcode: 121212**