**West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minute (05/23 /2021)**

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

**OPEN POSITIONS w/ CLEAN TIME & REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Alternate Secretary:** Suggested 1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.
2. **NA in May:** 2 year min. Clean time required for this position with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.
3. **Outreach:** 1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.
4. **Activities**: 1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.
5. **Alternate RCM:** two-year minimum clean and two-year commitment—first year as Alternate, and second year as RCM.

***Be sure to read the duties for each position which can be found on the*** [***www.na-wt.org***](http://www.na-wt.org) ***page under Members that has links to the Area Guidelines and Subcommittee Guidelines for each above position.***

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

**Chair**- Terry B.

**Vice Chair**- David A.

**Secretary**- Motion to accept April minutes

**Treasurer -**Hi family,

Acting treasurer or whatever you wish to call me still working with Leigh Ann to figure all this out. On April 26, I made the deposit from last area of $953.50. However, the teller at the bank pointed out that one of the $20 bills was fake. Therefore, I deposited $933.50 into the account. I posted the fake $20 bill on facebook site as a joke. But seriously, no more fake bills. At that time, the balance in the account after the deposit was $13,208.17. Everything looked to be in balance at that time. However, I was unable to obtain another copy of the transaction history report this past week as I am not on this particular NA account. I figured I could charm my way into another report like I did last time but was shot down by the man behind the counter. So, we are unable to verify what all has come out of the account past 4/26 except the literature order of $791.68 as I paid that on 4/27. On 5/17, I spoke to Carl H about the literature order. At that time, he had still not received it. I confirmed last week on Wednesday 5/19 that the invoice from the last invoice was paid and we are all caught up except for the recent order Carl placed the first week of May. They did not have a shipment update on it since they never sent it. The lady was going to print off a shipping label then and make sure it went out that very next day but takes 3-4 business days. I was told there system was not communicating with quickbooks and having to manually enter orders. We were apparently missing according to the lady. So, we may not have the literature order in today but I am sure we have some literature to disperse today and possibly have to play catch up.

ILS,

Jonathan M

**RCM**- **RCM report to Area, May 23, 2021**

I’ll only report on about a 3rd of my RCM report, reporting more in June and July. To see the full minutes, visit <https://natennessee.org/minutes/>.

**News from other Areas**

Greater Nashville Area and Middle TN area merged to form Greater Middle Tn Area

There are a number of in-Person EVENTS around the region that I’m sharing with you all in case you want to get out of town.

* Chattanooga Area event will be the Unity day picnic on June 5, 2021 located at 3020 Kings Pointe road, Chattanooga TN. 37412. It will begin around 11:00am and go till about 4:00pm. There will be food, fellowship, and a speaker. Please bring a dish if you can, if not just come out and join us.
* The Chattanooga Area Speaker Jam will be on 06/19/2021 beginning at 12 noon and continuing until 10:00pm. There will be workshops, speakers, fellowship, food, and a spaghetti cook off. Spaghetti dinners are offered for a $3.00 donation. There is a $10.00 entry fee for spaghetti and a golden meatball award to the winner. Speaker Jam will be at 4201 Ringgold Rd. Chattanooga TN 37412.
* HOT will be having a 4th of July Field Day and Picnic at Old Fort Park Pavillion 3 in Murfreesboro

**Upcoming regional zoom meetings – all are welcome to attend.**

* The next Policy and Procedures meeting will be Sunday, June 6, 4 p.m. Central. Meeting ID: 901 350 5030 Passcode: NATN. Passcode for those who might want to call in: 374794
* The next PR subcommittee will be determined at a later date and information will be sent out at that time
* The In between meeting will be June 13th at 4pm Central. Meeting ID: 901 350 5030, Passcode: 374794
* The next VRC ad-hoc meeting will be on May 29, 2021 at 1pm cst via Zoom. Meeting ID: 860 9679 7587. Passcode: 687803

**Spiritual Principle a Day book**

May 31 is the deadline for review and input material from the Spiritual Principle a Day Book Project, posted at [www.na.org/spad](http://www.na.org/spad). The final batch of review and input drafts will be posted in June, and then work will begin on putting it all together for the next Conference Agenda Report, which will be published in November of this year.

**Public Relations**

PR went to the eastern part of the state on May 15 to facilitate a PR Extravaganza and training workshop for ETROR, MANA, and Knoxville Area, and possibly the newly formed Tri-Cities Area!

PR is also participating in the 2021 TN. Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference in Nashville August 24-27 by setting up a booth.

Regional PR reported on the bus sign campaign in the West TN Area. They decided to support the West TN Area’s bus sign campaign by paying for four months of advertising on five buses, including the initial set up costs. PR is under the impression that PR will be given the first month free which would give them five months, however, they know for certain that they will be paying for four months on five buses. PR will be asking the West TN PR Chair, Bill S, to try and quantify the results of this campaign by monitoring the calls received through the helpline while the campaign is going on and comparing the number of calls to the period before the campaign began. Although PR knows that cannot completely tell them how well the campaign goes, they think it will show whether the efforts may be paying off or not. However, for clarity, PR’s purpose is to let the public know that NA exists in the community as a resource for treatment of drug addiction and no amount of phone calls can accurately depict whether the bus sign campaign is effective and will probably not deter them from doing another campaign at another time or in another location. And for all the members who are concerned about the money, the first thing PR did was ask the West TN Area PR Chair to take this request to his Area and see if they were able to fund it first. He did so, and the Area was unable to provide the funding for this opportunity. At that time, the Regional PR Committee agreed to fund it.

**Last but not least…**

We need an RCM alt. RCM is similar to GSR in that RCM is the link between area and region, and GSR is the link between group and area. Please someone consider stepping up.

In loving service,

Lucy O, 901-497-0691

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Archives** –The archives have requested to be moved away from the window and closer to the TV. Some concern has been expressed about the dust, a blanket has been put over the archives to limit dust. Terry Berryhill 901-277-0870

**Literature – NA**

**H&I-**  H&I Monthly Subcommittee Report

Subcommittee met at 6 PM on the third Thursday of May Zoom ID 852 7199 2049 PW 2021

There were 8 in attendance for the meeting.

We open the meeting with a moment of silence and the 12 Tradition.

The 12 Traditions are read, and Why is an H&I Meeting Presentation Needed? From World Guidelines are read.

There was one new member in attendance.

Panel report from Grace House was delivered by the Panel Leader. This is a weekly Zoom Meeting and it is well received by the women.

The Shelby County Jail Women report was given by the temporary Panel Leader. We need a woman to step up and take this position. Email, call or show up at the next subcommittee meeting for details.

The Shelby County Jail Men’s Panel Leader gave his report.

It was suggested I contact other facilities in the area. This contact would be to inform them NA is available to meet with them. If they qualify for a H&I Meeting arrangements can begin.

H&I has an OPEN Position for Vise Chair. If you are willing, please call, email, or attend the next subcommittee meeting.

After 4 meetings on the Guidelines, the additions were discussed. I will get this to Area Secretary. If Area needs to approve these changes, please do.

The next H&I Subcommittee Meeting will be June 17th, 2021 6 PM Zoom 852 7199 0249 PW 2021 The meeting last for one hour. Join us in service carrying the message of NA to addicts locked up and can’t get out to a regular scheduled meeting.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Jerry B

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**NA in May** – open

**Newsletter** – Cari B. The May 2021 edition newsletter was uploaded to the website. We have not had any new subscribers. The June newsletter is still in progress and will be uploaded on June 1st. We are always seeking articles and artwork and still need them for June. If you would like to submit content for the newsletter email me @ [carinabck@gmail.com](mailto:carinabck@gmail.com). The next committee meeting is May 29th @ 2pm. The Zoom id is 92901017093 pw. NAnews. We will meet again on June 26th @ 2pm with the same zoom id and password.

**Outreach** – Open position

**Policy and Procedure** – Helped the Secretary update the minutes from the last Area. Organized Agenda for Area and distributed to those who needed it.

Made sure that the incoming Chair has copies of an updated Attendance Sheet, WTASC Format and Guidelines.

Talked to the former Alt-Secretary Tayler O about the PO Box. She said that she still has the key and is regularly checking it and will always notify us if she gets anything. She volunteered to facilitate a hand off of the key if our committee wanted her to. This would take a letter on our letterhead stating the new key holder.

Posted open positions on the Clean Friends and Family Facebook Group.

**Public Relations** – Bill S. Hello from PR. We did a pr booth at the healing center yesterday and it was successful. Also,there is another event in June we plan on being at. I apologize for my absence. We are working on some na pr business cards and looking into prices for a small tent for outside [events pr](http://events.pr/) could sure use some help and it would be greatly appreciated. Bill S.

**VRC CHAIR REPORT** One position remains open, Alt Secretary. All other Committee positions are filled. Entertainment and Fundraising have been grouped together for the time being. Willingness for a Fundraising Chair can still be received.

The Remembrance for Joseph Proctor was well attended. Over 65 addicts in attendance. Word of our convention was provided, and we received at least 1 speaker submission from it.

I attended the Regional Meeting in person and received the recording equipment from the last Chair. I also requested, and have received $5000 in additional seed money.

Our VRC fundraiser will be T-Shirts. $20 per shirt. See either Glen or myself after the meeting if you would like to purchase one.

ILS  
Leigh Ann F

**GROUP REPORTS**

* **Clarity** – GSR Chris R.- Hello family, all is well at clarity. We have decided to open our Tuesday meetings back up. Also changing the meeting time from 6:20 to 7:30 for both the Tuesday and Thursday meetings. We had 1 new home group member join and have speaker meetings available. Lit. order $17.80, donation $2.20 If you are interested in speaking please let me know. ILS, Chris R.
* **Clean Air**- GSR-Kat R. / Carol S - Hello family, at clean air we are still a zoom only meeting. We are currently waiting on a response from the church regarding resumption of in person meetings. Plan is to become a hybrid meeting if able to do so. One birthday in June Kat R. 8 years on 6-5-21. ILS, Kat R.
* **Cordova Hope-** N/A
* **Desire** – N/A
* **Doin this Thing**- N/A
* **Get Honest or Die** – GSR-Jonathan M.-Hi family,

All is well with GHOD still averaging about 20 addicts per week. We are still continuing to meet in zoom at this moment. We are in discussion of opening up a second GHOD meeting. The possible plan is to have in person one night and another night have a zoom meeting. We should be reconvening tomorrow to discuss and will keep you posted for any changes. No lit order but area donation of $75 via paypal.

ILS,

Jonathan M

* **GIFT** – GSR- Pamela R. Gift is doing ok. We are averaging 6-11 people in attendance. No new home group members or newcomers. ILS, Pamela R. $0 lit. order $0 donations
* **Harmony-**  N/A
* **High On Life** – GSR- David T. David T-Greeting from High on Life. We still meet Monday nights @ 8:30 @ Believing Church on Summer Ave. WE NEED SUPPORT! We had 16 addicts come through the door including 3 newcomers. We have no clean time celebrations this month and a lit order of $10.00 with no donation to area for a total of $10.00.

ILS

David T

* **Hope Dealers** – GSR- Marcus M.-Greetings from Hope Dealers. All is going well! We meet every Monday in person at 7pm. We have an average meeting attendance of 4 to 9 addicts including newcomers. We have no literature order and no donation at this time.

In loving service, Marcus

* **Keep it Green-** N/A
* **Lunch Bunch**– GSR- Doug M. -Hi & Hello from the Lunch Bunch!

Our meetings are literature-based and continue to meet 7-days a week. The scheduled times are Monday-Saturday at noon and at two o’clock on Sundays. Masks are still required. Saturday meetings are 90 minutes with a rotating format. The 4th Saturday of each month are speaker meetings. By group consciousness, we decided that we would no longer limit speakers to our home group members. We will, instead, be extending invitations to members of the NA community-at-large who can carry a clear message of recovery. All of our meetings need support, specifically on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and particularly from experienced members who can provide support to newcomers and clients from treatment programs.

Currently, we have formed a committee to explore and work out details for hosting another speaker jam. The last time we did this, the event was very successful. Stay tuned for more information in future weeks.

Birthdays:

Lunch Bunch Birthday Celebrations:

5/25 Felicia H., 1 year

6/19 Eddie A., 11 years

6/19 Kendu L., 18 years

6/19 Will T., 21 years

Literature Order: $220.39

Area Donation: $19.61

* **No Matter What-** N/A
* **One is Too Many** – Susan V. - N/A
* **Open Arms-** . GSR- Cari B/ Glen H.
* **Primary Purpose** – All is well with Primary Purpose. We continue to carry the message to the still suffering addict. Our meeting averages about 10-15 attendees. We have In person meetings again as well as a simultaneous Zoom Meeting both starting at 7pm on Sunday Night. The Zoom Meeting's passcode is listed on the Area website.

Anniversaries- Cortez J. ( 25 yrs) - 05/23/21 -Hybrid Celebration (Zoom/In Person Celebration) ILS,Janice M.

* **Simplicity is the Key** – GSR- Geoff B. new email [geoffsr743@gmail.com](mailto:geoffsr743@gmail.com).-All is well, family at simplicity is the key. We are still meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. At Trinity church . Please come support out meeting. In loving service Geoff B
* **Something Different-**GSR-**Spiritual Awakenings**-GSR- Hank Y. -Something different report 5/23 Good day family all is well at Something Different. We continue to practice social distancing and I will be in communication with church 5/24 to see what restrictions are still in place, we continue to have 10-20 members in attendance and we have one June bday to report Dave K will be celebrating 13 years 6/21

No literature and no area donation for May

In loving service Amanda H

* **Thursday Nighters –** GSR-Kathryn G. All is well at thursday nighters. We are in person and so far so good. We have had anywhere from 6-14 people in attendance. The church is still requiring masks and 20 people max. If that changes we will change with it. ILS, Kathryn G. $10.60 Lit. order $17.40 donation Total $28.00
* **Unity** – GSR-Homer K.
* **We are Entirely Ready** – N/A
* **Welcome Home**-
* **You+me=we-**  GSR- Joanna N. (Jo) new email [joannanichols72@gmail.com](mailto:joannanichols72@gmail.com).

You+Me=We are doing well. We have meetings via zoom every morning @ 8a.m. We have 8-10 or more attending meetings daily. The Congo churches hoping to open up for vaccinated people. But no concrete date yet! ILS, Jo 5-25 Geannie V. will be celebrating 26 years. 6-29 Karen W. will be celebrating 11 years. $0 lit order $0 donations

**Open Forum:**

Kathryn brought up getting the key to p.o. Box to the right person. Terry suggested checking policy. Lucy read the guideline and we decided that a change to the guidelines had already been made and we would just follow them once they are updated.

Lucy brought up Area needing to have more service related workshops/events to get folks excited about being of service Terry replied that activities position was being filled, so she was sure something would be planned soon.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION(S):**

Maker- David T- High on Life

Seconded by Goeff B. Simplicity is the Key

To nominate Eric N for activities chair. Intent- to fill an open position and bring fun back to NA.

Willingness statement- I'm Eric an addict. I am stating that I am willing to become area activities chairperson. I have 13 years clean, have a sponsor, worked the steps, and have never misappropriated any funds. I have held many positions and completed them all.

\*above motion is sent back to groups\*

Maker- David T- High on Life

Seconded by Chris R. Clarity

To change line 4 part B under responsibilities and qualification of ASC vice chair from “suggested minimum of one year of continuous abstinence from all drugs” to minimum of one year of continuous abstinence from all drugs.

Intent- to make all ASC positions uniform.

Policy Change- yes 2-0

Maker- David T. High on Life

Seconded by Chris R. Clarity

To change line 2 part C under Responsibilities and qualifications of ASC secretary from “suggested minimum of one year of continuous abstinence from all drugs” to minimum of one year of continuous abstinence from all drugs.

Intent- to make all ASC positions uniform

Policy Change- yes 2-0

Maker- David T. High on Life

Seconded by Chris R. Clarity

To change line 6 part A under Responsibilities and qualifications of ASC chair from “suggested minimum of one year of continuous abstinence from all drugs” to minimum of one year of continuous abstinence from all drugs.

Policy Change- yes 2-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

.Leighann suggested that GSR’s go back to groups and see if we can find participants for VRC workshops and speakers.

Send $500 to region passed 10-1-0

**Next WTASC meeting is June 27 , 2021**

**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81222710595**