**West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minute (06/27/2021)**

**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. **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.- no report

**Vice Chair**- David- no report

**Secretary**- Motion to accept May minutes

**Treasurer –** Motion to accept May report-Hi everyone,

I apologize for not being there today, especially so early into my term. Today is my niece's first birthday party. Therefore, I will be attending the fiesta with my kids and the rest of my family. Leigh Ann has been gracious enough to help out with Kathryn G. to ensure all runs smoothly.

With having no access to the bank account just yet, I went back to the bank statement I was able to get April 26 and reconciled the possible balance we have today. I am unable to confirm which of the last 5 checks written have cleared the bank so we need to definitely account for those checks which amount to $671.77. A breakdown is included of these unconfirmed checks on the treasurer spreadsheet to be included in the minutes. If all goes well, Kathryn and I should be added to the bank account by the next area in order to provide more concise information.

As for the available balance as of June 26, I believe we should have $12,557.69 available not including the outstanding checks of $671.77 which then totals 11,885.92. For the available balance, I took the balance from the April statement I received being $13,208.17. I took out the April and May lit orders($1442.22) along with the May and June Freedom voice payments(16.90). I then added the May deposit($555.05) along with the May and June paypal transfers($253.59). Again, a breakdown is on the spreadsheet.

With these calculations, this comes out to $12,557.69. Again, this does not include the last 5 checks written and anything that may hit the account automatically in May or June. Towards the end of Area, Kathryn and Leigh Ann should be able to provide more details on where we stand. However, since we were unable to confirm what is actually in the bank, I strongly suggest we hold onto any cash available if there is until we can provide a more definite and  accurate balance. The literature order for this month is $601.89 and will be paid next week along with rent and anything else turned in for today's Area.

ILS,

Jonathan M.

**RCM**- Lucy -RCM Report to Area for June

**OPEN POSITIONS**

Open positions at region are Vice-Chair, Secretary, Alt Sec, Alt Treasurer, Outreach Chair.

Of course the biggest need is Secretary, although we also need someone to be learning the positions of Chair and Treasurer.  Anyone willing to step up, please let me know and I’ll get you the duties and qualifications for the position.

**UPDATED PR & P&P GUIDELINES**

The RCMs will be voting on updated regional PR (Public Relations) and Policy and Procedure guidelines at the next meeting.  If anyone would like to see copies to offer any feedback, please let me know and I’ll email them to you.  The next hybrid regional meeting is August 1 in Murfreesboro

**CO-OP, PROXY VOTING, AND REPRESENTATION**

At the last regional meeting the Mountain Area RCM came with East Tennessee Ridges of Recovery’s votes.  Our guidelines don’t allow for this. Although I thought we voted to allow this, I’m not seeing a vote in the minutes.  ETROR was counted as being represented in the minutes.  Their votes for old business were accepted, but the MANA RCM didn’t vote ‘twice’ for both areas in new business.  We talked about it in open forum a bit.  The MANA RCM said both areas are hurting for trusted servants.  I feel like if we are going to allow this, then we need to change our guidelines.  Although I’m not in favor of it.  The region makes it easy to participate.  1) You can join remotely.    And 2) if you don’t have an RCM or alt, a member of the admin/exec committee of the area can represent your area.  I’m sure we will discuss this again so if you all have any thoughts strongly one way or the other, please let me know.

**FROM THE REGIONAL DELEGATE**

The regional delegate reported on the last conference participant web meeting. On a positive note. Fellowship contributions are steadily rising. A long-term goal that at least 70% of the funds World Services spends to deliver services will come from contributions. Under ordinary circumstances, our expense for services is approximately $5.5million and 70% of that is approximately $3,885,000 per year. Contributions were just under one million dollars in the last fiscal year, which is a little more than a quarter or 25%of the total for the goal the World Board has set. If 10,000 members contributed $10 per month and another 10,000 contributed $20 per month, we would almost reach our goal.

**MULTI-ZONAL SERVICE SYMPOSIUM, AUGUST 27-29, 2021, SAN ANTONIO TX.**

The Multi-Zonal Service Symposium is made up of the Southern Zonal Forum (of which our region and area are a part of), the Plains States Zonal Forum and Midwest Zonal Forum. The first event was held in 2014 in St. Louis, followed by Milwaukee in 2016, and Omaha in 2018. Last year's event in San Antonio was postponed due to COVID and is rescheduled for August 27-29! This is a great event for service enthusiasts that offers an opportunity for the exchange of experience, strength, and hope between members involved in NA service. For more information and to register, visit <https://mzssna.org/>. Explore the website. The "About" page shows a map and list of member regions.  The "Archives" page is full of workshop files, including audio, of past symposiums. And, don't forget to register while you're there and make your hotel reservation!  Also, you can reach out to Lucy O (901-497-0691) for more information about this event.

ILS

Lucy

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities-** Eric N- Potluck Picnic July 17th at Marquette Park at 5pm. please check Clean Friends and Family for further information.

**Archives** –The archives were relocated next to the TV as requested. Now they've become real picky about what they're watching. Somehow they've heard that they may be going to another home which has made them anxious so they have requested a walk-through to make sure it meets their standards prior to making a decision.

Terry B

**Literature –** Carl H.- The last literature order was $601.89. There are currently no back orders for the 2nd time since taking over this position. Please remember that any medallions over 25yrs, needs to be ordered 2 months in advance. ILS, Carl H.

**H&I-**  Meeting opened at 6pm. There was a moment of silence followed by our readings in the format. Six were in attendance. Lucy O gave a report on the Grace House Meeting which happens on Monday evening on zoom. Please show some willingness. She is reaching outside of our area to find speakers. Lucy O also had information regarding Shelby County DOC. They will be getting us the training schedule for in person H&I meetings to resume. Men and women are needed to carry the NA message of recovery into this facility. We have a Men’s Panel Leader. We have no women set up to take care of this meeting for the women. Please join us at H&I and help. Members of H&I are reaching out to treatment facilities to see if they are ready to have us come back for H&I meeting. If you have any treatment center or jail please come to H&I and let us know. There was a new member attending this meeting and we spent 12 minutes going over the do’s and don’ts. H&I needs a secretary and Vice chair. Consider being of service with this important committee. July 15th is the third Thursday of the month. We will meet at 6pm. using the same zoom ID 852 7199 0249 PW 2021.

Thank you, Jerry B 317-339-7157 Wtaschi2021@gmail.com

**NA in May** – open

**Newsletter** – Cari B.- The June 2021 edition of the Newsletter was uploaded to the website. We have not had any new subscribers. The July Newsletter is still in progress and will be published to the website on July 1st. We are always seeking articles and artwork. If you would like to submit content for the newsletter, email me at carinabck@gmail.com The next committee meeting is July 24th at 2pm The zoom ID is 92901017093 and the PW is Nanews. The theme for the August newsletter is Service. I will need a list of all service positions that will be open at trhe end of August along with the requirements for each position. If you have participated in an Area Service position before I would love to receive an article about why you chose to serve. ILS, Cari B.

**Outreach** – Open position

**Policy and Procedure** – Glen H.-

**Public Relations** – Bill S.- Hello Family, the PR subcommittee continue to work on maintaining our lit.racks at public libraries. We had a NA booth this last Wednesday, at the Memphis Reentry Convention. Many thanks to Ricky and Dana for their service there. Craig, regional PR chair has been working with me to finalize the bus signs will contact Mata. If you have 1 year clean you can be a part of the NA helpline. Please come share your ideas and topics at our next area PR subcommittee meeting. ILS, Bill S.

**VRC CHAIR REPORT -** We have need for Alt Secretary. Please reach out to your home groups and see if anyone is willing. Our next meeting will be on Zoom on July 18th at 2:00pm.

T Shirt sales are going well. We have some available today. Committee members are also bringing them to in person meetings. They are $20 each and going fast.

The Program Committee has finalized the schedule and workshop topics. This is going to be an awesome convention! Please contact Tom B or Tammy J to express willingness to assist with workshops as speaker or chairing. There will also be a need for members to assist with the Marathon Meeting as Chairs.

Marcus M is looking for acts to participate in the Talent Show. Please reach out to him if you want to showcase your talent during the convention.

Save the date November 25-28, 2021. Pre-registration for the convention is only $20! Register now and save $10. You can register and pay online. Visit: 2021.vrcna.org

ILS
Leigh Ann F

**GROUP REPORTS**

* **Clarity**, Chris R- Hello family, all is well at clarity. We continue to meet twice a week carrying the message to addicts with a rotating format of topic discussion, literature study, and speakers. We received three newcomers and two new home group members. Clarity averages 3-15 addicts a meeting and could use support on Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm. I will be celebrating 4 years clean on July 29th. ILS, Chris R. Lit order $90.35, Donation to WTASC $9.65 for a total of $100.
* **Clean Air**- GSR-Kat R.- Greetings family all is well at Clean air. We are officially operating as a hybrid zoom and in-person meeting. Average attendance of 15-20 addicts in total. No events this month, no lit order, and no donation to area. ILS, Kat R
* **Cordova Hope-** N/A
* **Desire** – Paula J.- Desire has been meeting face to face and has been having between 8-20 people. We are currently without any service members, but hopefully that will change soon. On 7/23 Paula J. will celebrate 3 yrs. Lit. order $89.10, Donation to WTASC $244 for a total of $333.10
* **Doin this Thing**- N/A
* **Get Honest or Die** – Thomas B- All is well. Averaging 18-20. GHOD goes back to in-person 7/5/2021. On 7/26 David A will celebrate 7 yrs. And Mandy R. will celebrate 6 yrs. Lit. order $11.80, donation to WTASC $8.20 for a total of $20.00.
* **GIFT** – Pamela R.- Gift is in need of support. We are averaging 4-6 in attendance. I will be celebrating 2 yrs on the 20th. Lit. order $16 donation to WTASC $50 for a total of $66.00
* **Harmony-**  N/A
* **High On Life** – David T.
* **Hope Dealers** – Marcus M.- Greetings family, all is well at Hope Dealers. We meet regularly every Monday in Arlington at 7pm. in-person. We continue to minimally practice precautions. We have an average meeting attendance of 4-9 addicts. We could use some support so if you’re looking for a Monday meeting in the area of Arlington come check us out. No lit.order, no donation. ILS, Marcus
* **Keep it Green-** N/A
* **Lunch Bunch**–Doug M. – Lunch Bunch still meets seven days a week all is well.
* **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 10-12 attendees. We have In Person meetings 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-Paul W.. ( 32 yrs) - 07/18/21 -Hybrid Celebration (Zoom/In Person Celebration) Lit Order- $44.25 Area Donation: $36.38 ILS, Janice M.
* **Spiritual Awakenings-** Hank Y- All is well avg. attendance 25-30. No mask required. I will be celebrating 6 yrs on 7/16. Lit.order $17.40, donation to WTASC $2.60 for a total $20.00.
* **Simplicity is the Key** – GSR- Geoff B.
* **Something Different-**GSR-Amanda K something Different June meeting
Hello family all is well at Something different, the church has lifted the ban on masks, and are loosely recommending if you HAVE NOT been vaccinated to continue wearing. We have had a couple newcomers and average 15-20 people. No literature, no donation to area and no birthdays for July ILS, Amanda K.
* **Thursday Nighters –** Kathryn G- All is well at Thursday Nighters. The church is now allowing us to have 30 people in the meeting space. Masks are still required in the building at all times per the church’s rules. Sam C. will be celebrating 8 years on 7/8. Lit.order $12.20, Donation to WTASC $52.80 for a total $65.00.
* **Unity** – GSR-Homer K. – could you please submit a report each month at area by filling out a form or submitting by email to the area secretary- Thanks, Pamela R.
* **We are Entirely Ready** – N/A
* **Welcome Home**- Ervin M.- Hello family, here at Welcome home we had 8 newcomers last month and average 9 members per meeting. Our meetings are in-person. ILS, Ervin M.
* **You+me=we-** Joanna N.- (Jo) new email joannanichols72@gmail.com.

**Open Forum:**

Terry brought up covid masks mandates required by the meeting spaces (churches). Kat talked about being concerned with losing meeting space because groups are slacking when it comes to complying with the mandates of those who allow us the meeting spaces.

Marcus M. made a request that all groups start annoucing the groups that need support

**OLD BUSINESS**

Eric N was voted in for ACTIVITIES chair 11-0-1

All of last month’s motions were voted on and passed 11-0-1

**MOTION(S):**

Maker- David T- High on Life

Seconded by Chris R. Clarity

To change line 2 part H under responsibilities and qualification of ASC archivist from “suggested minimum of five years of continuous abstinence from all drugs” to minimum of five years 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 4 part H under Responsibilities and qualifications of ASC RCM alternate from “suggested minimum of two years of continuous abstinence from all drugs” to minimum of two years 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 11 part G under Responsibilities and qualifications of ASC RCM from “suggested minimum of three years of continuous abstinence from all drugs” to minimum of three years of continuous abstinence from all drugs.

Policy Change- yes 2-0

Maker- David T. High on Life

Seconded by Chris R. Clarity

To change line 1 part F under Responsibilities and qualifications of ASC alternate treasurer from “suggested minimum of two years of continuous abstinence from all drugs” to minimum of two years 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 5 part E under Responsibilities and qualifications of ASC treasurer from “suggested minimum of three years of continuous abstinence from all drugs” to minimum of three years of continuous abstinence from all drugs.

Intent- to make all ASC positions uniform

Policy Change- yes 2-0

Maker- Thursday Nighters

Seconded by- Hope Dealers

To replace “secretary” with “member of executive committee” in the guidelines as to who will check the P.O. Box. Excluding treasurer.

Intent- to make sure P.O. Box is checked regularly and give flexibility on who can and will check it.

Policy Change- yes- 2-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

Everyone agreed to keep all money in Area account for now.

**Next WTASC meeting is July 25 , 2021**

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