

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (11/19/23)

Area Positions Terms and Election Dates

Title/Sub/Group		Name	Phone Number	Email	09/27/23	10/22/23	11/19/23
Chairperson		Suzanne C		suzannechambliss@gmail.com	X	X	X
Vice Chairperson		Gill			X	X	X
Secretary		Penny K	745-1020	pennybrucker@gmail.com	X	X	X
Alternate Secretary		OPEN			X	O	OPEN
Treasurer		Kathryn L.	644-8751	kathryngarland1@gmail.com	X	X	X
Alternate Treasurer		Chris R.			X	X	X
Regional Committee Member		Rick A	857-7076	clickforit22663@yahoo.com	X	X	X
Regional Committee Member Alternate		Tammy S		abr4u@gmail.com	X	X	X
Subcommittees							
Activities		OPEN			VAC	VAC	VAC
Archives		OPEN			VAC	VAC	VAC
Hospitals and Institutions		Ricky V.		scoobydoo.rv@gmail.com	X	X	O
Literature		Ashley			X	X	X
NA in May		Juan S.		juan2c1@gmail.com	X	X	O
Newsletter		Adeel			VAC	X	X
Outreach		OPEN			X	X	O
Policy and Procedures		Lucy O.			X	X	X
Public Relations		OPEN			X	OPEN	OPEN
Voting Groups							
Clean A.I.R.		Leigh Ann	628-6145	leighann1957@gmail.com	X	X	X
High On Life		David T.	505-9076	heavyt2k12@gmail.com	X	X	X
Hope Dealers		Laura	618-7940	lssummers70@gmail.com	X	X	X
HopeNWorks		Chris R		Jc_russotto@msn.com	X	O	O
Keep It Green		Jared	828-4926	jarhead2936@gmail.com	X	X	X

Lunch Bunch		Doug/Paula	530-9046	Jacquezpaula@gmail.com	X	X	X
Positive Awareness		Dave M.	848-3283	dave.mcdowell1966@gmail.com	X	X	O
Primary Purpose		Cortez J.			X	X	X
Something Different		Amanda H.	288-9987	amanda.kremers@yahoo.com	X	X	X
Thursday Nighters		Kathryn G.	644-8751	kathryngarland1@gmail.com	X	X	X
Unity Group		Darin	315-7181	darinmadison53@gmail.com	X	X	X
You + Me = We		Tammy		abr4u@gmail.com	X	X	X
Cordova Hope		Rex R		rexragland827@gmail.com	O	X	X
No Matter What		Drew R		dru2tru@gmail.com	X	O	X
Welcome Home		Justin/Joelle		jcubb@gmail.com	X	O	O
Spiritual Awakenings		Josh W.			X	X	X
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings							
Harmony		Roy. C	403-2350	roy.cauthern@gmail.com	O	O	O
Clarity		David		davidbell121@outlook.com	O	O	X
Desire		Dave			O	O	O
New Beginnings					O	O	O
GHOD					O	O	O
Back II Basics		Cassandra	786-2926	cassiemorris939@gmail.com	O	O	O
Daily Reprieve					O	O	O
GIFT		Mindy		minbutter@gmail.com	O	O	O

Opened 2:00 with Serenity Prayer.

Service Prayer: Mark

12 Traditions: Paula

12 Concepts:

Purpose of ASC: Lori

Quorum established

Prior months minutes approved. 15/17 approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair

In attendance, no report. ILS Suzanne C.

Secretary

In attendance no report. ILS Penny K.

Treasurer:

We had a beginning balance of \$7692.87 we have an ending balance in the book fund of \$ 4543.93 and our literature order from last month that will be paid of \$1071.23 that number is a lot higher than expected because step working guides were back ordered for several month plus I'm pretty sure we were overcharged for shipping so once I call them Monday they may adjust that total. We have in literature sales \$642.16 we had a \$486.06 area donations and \$120.41 in PayPal donations. We have a tentative lit order for this month \$ 957.89. Since step working guides are back ordered and may not arrive by next area, we need to make sure in hold back \$60 in available cash for those books. We have available cash of \$986.66 so we do have enough money to hold that back and send money to region for once (up to \$433) and the na in may committee subsidy still has \$68.02. We are sending \$400 to region.

ILS,

Kathryn

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities

OPEN

RCM

Verbal report given. See attachments for November RCM report as well as VRC guidelines. ILS, Rick

Archive Committee –

OPEN

Literature-

Hello Family, The literature order for this month was \$1, 148.38. The step-working guides are unavailable to order from the region again, but I do still have % available for ordering. ILS, Ashley D.

Hospitals & Institutions:

Hello family, all is well with H&I. We had 12 members present and we reviewed the Do's and Don'ts of H&I. We reviewed Ad Hoc committees recommendations and discussed any changes. Do these need to be presented to the area and taken back to the groups? Our open positions are Vice Chair and Secretary. Report given for Ricky by Chris R.

NA in May

We are still looking for an artist to design this year's logo. We have the next fundraiser on December 2nd, 2023 at Spiritual Awakenings from 6- 8:30pm. The cost is \$7 no addict turned away. Please come out and support the NA in May fundraiser, food, fun, competition, and fellowship.

** any concerns about outside donations and breaking NA traditions is unwarranted. A vendor we bought from for NA in May simply offered us a better rate this year.

ILS, Juan S

Outreach:

OPEN

Public Relations:

OPEN

Policies and Procedures:

We will put the updated area guidelines on the website which were updated last month with the motions that had passed since we last had a policy chair.

Regarding the Archives Subcommittee guidelines, there was a question about them being voted on by groups. So I will make a motion for them to go back to groups since there were comments about this.

There is no mention in our guidelines about voting for subcommittee guidelines by the groups. I propose changing under MOTIONS, VOTING PROCEDURES, AND OPERATIONS: E.3.

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voting members majority vote is necessary for policy change, amendments to policy, or forming new

policy (add: for area and subcommittees).” And E5 “Any motion that affects policy (add: for area and

subcommittees) will automatically go back to the groups for a vote.” Intent to clarify area guidelines

regarding subcommittee guidelines.

I’d like to make a suggestion for when there is a question of GSRs being present but not voting yes, no,

or abstention, that we can call for a roll call vote, which is mentioned in our guidelines. They say “Roll

call votes can be called at any time.” And if there are GSRs that choose not to vote, we record the

number in the minutes as “Present, not voting” in order to make the numbers of ‘votes’ equal to the

number of GSRs present.

In loving service

Lucy

****ADHOC FOR H&I SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT****

Given by Chris R for Carl H

We have had 3 meetings and have identified several problems and worked on solutions. I feel that it is going well and look forward to submitting our findings to the area.

ILS, Carl H.

Newsletter:

Hello,

Thank you for including me. The newsletter email address is...

Memphisareanewsletter@gmail.com

Please ask everyone to use this email to be part of the committee and to submit articles and/or artwork.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion 1:

Maker: H&I

Seconded by: Unity

Motion: Getting groups to adopt/ sponsor a facility.

Intent: none listed

****No intent listed motion not voted on****

Motion 2

Maker: Thursday Nighters

Seconded By: Primary Purpose

Motion: To create an AD HOC committee to review H&I guidelines.

Intent: To clarify H&I standards and practices.

Motion out of order because Area Chair can appoint a chair for an AD HOC committee it doesn't need to be voted on

****Motion revised****

Motion 3

Maker: Thursday Nighters

Seconded By: Primary Purpose

Motion: For H&I Subcommittee to no longer give away full books at H&I meetings. H & I only distribute pamphlets, white booklets, and meeting schedules to attendees.

Intent: Clarification

****Motion tabled for further discussion****

GROUP REPORTS -

Clarity

All is well, we are still 3 nights a week with open Discussion Format. We average 5-20 people in attendance. We could always use addicts with years of recovery to share their experience, strength, and hope. We have a Lit Order of \$160.38 and a donation of \$200 for a total of \$360.38.

Clean Air

Hello Family,

Our hybrid meeting is going well. We continue to have treatment centers that are attending pretty

regularly. WE have 1 birthday in December, Keith P with 38 years.

We have a lit order of \$26.00 and no donation to Area.

ILS,

Leigh Ann F

Cordova Hope:

Everything is going well. We are averaging 15 people with 3 to 6 a meeting. We have no Literature order and a Donation of \$25 for a total of \$25. ILS, Mark K.

Get Honest or Die

Not in attendance

GIFT

Not in attendance.

Harmony

Not in attendance

High On Life

Greetings from HOL. We meet every Monday and Thursday at 8:30pm and are a topic meeting and can always use support. There will be two celebrations Ben E 17 yrs and Candi H 2 yrs, date/s are yet to be decided. Stay tuned as more will be revealed. As of today I am stepping down as GSR so today will be my last official day at area. Don't worry the one, the only, Eric N will be stepping up. Thank you for allowing me to serve as GSR for High on Life as well as Dopeless Hope Fiends and Solutions.

ILS

David T

Hope Dealers

Hello family. All is going well at Hope Dealers. We have an average meeting attendance of 6- 15 addicts including newcomers. We have a literature order of 11 dollars and an area donation of 25 dollars totalling 36 dollars. On November 27th our very own Marcus M. Will be celebrating 17 years! In loving service, Marcus.

Lunch Bunch

..Greetings from the lunch bunch. We continue to carry the message of hope 7 days a week.. This month we had 5 newcomers and 4 new homegroup members. Attendance varies from 6 to 22 addicts. This month's celebrations are:12/23 Patrick B 3 years.. 12/08 Parker M 15 years. 12/18 Toni M 5 years. 12/26 Delvin A 2 years. 12/12 Nathaniel 1 year. 12/24 Cory T 2 years... ILS Paula J

No Matter What

Hello All is good at no matter what. Since our attendance has dropped we decided to remove our noon meetings and the women's meetings on Monday @ 7pm. We still have meetings on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday @ 7pm located at 209 Park Drive West Memphis AR 72301.

ILS, Amanda J

Literature order \$27.72 and a donation of \$32.28 for a total of \$60.00.

HopeNworks

Hello Family,

All is well at Hope N Works. We've had an average meeting attendance of 16 addicts.

We do not have a literature order & are making an Area donation of \$40.

ILS

Tracey K.

662-510-9793

Positive Awareness

Not in attendance.

Primary Purpose

Greetings Family from Primary Purpose the oldest meeting in Memphis TN. We average 10 addicts every Sunday. We actually try to get our members involved in Area. We are so old that the candles cost more than the birthday cake. On 12/17/23 we have Alex W. with 6yrs and Penny K. with 10yrs clean. We have a Lit order of \$23.36 and a donation of \$17.28 for a total of \$43.64.

ILS, Cortez J.

Spiritual Awakenings

Meetings have been doing well. We average about 10 people per meeting. We have 2 newcomers. We continue to carry a strong message. We have Paul B celebrating 14 years this Friday. We have no Lit Order or Donation.

ILS, Josh W.

Something Different

Hey family all is well at Something Different, We currently are a Topic Discussion meeting and average attendance has been 8-10 people. No issues to report, no upcoming birthdays. The church is typically closed on Holidays and Dec 25 and new years day 1/1 are both on Mondays so I will confirm this week if the facility will be closed and so we can get the word out asap if we will be closed or not No literature and we have 57 in area donation but I was advised if I send via PayPal it will go towards next month acct. so I will wait and bring with me to the area. iLS

Amanda H

Thursday Nighters

All is well at Thursday niters,

Carol S will be celebrating 20years Dec 14

ILS,

Kathryn

Keep it Green

Keep It Green is averaging 10 attendees per meeting still going strong. Come on by Friday at 7pm. We have no Lit Order and we have a area donation of \$30. ILS, Jared

Unity

We are doing well, we are averaging 25 to 30 addicts every Tuesday. We still have a rotating format. Baby love comes every Tuesday and Lakeside also comes out every Tuesday. We have 3 members celebrating 2 years. I only have the first names of the following people celebrating Leo, Darius, Dora whom are all celebrating in December. We have a Lit Order of \$82.44 and a donation of \$7.56 for a total of \$90.00. ILS, Darin M.

You+me=we

Meeting are only on Sundays now. We have Rick A with 13 years on 11/26/23. No Lit Order or Area Donation. ILS, Tammy S.

Welcome Home

Not in attendance.

Back II Basics

Not in Attendance.

OPEN FORUM

We still do have quorum.

THE OPEN POSITIONS ARE AS LISTED CURRENTLY:

ARCHIVES

ACTIVITIES

OUTREACH

PUBLIC RELATIONS

*Paula J. I am stepping down from Alt. Secretary. I found out after last month I am not qualified for this position and I cannot continue doing this with a false sense of pride. Will continue my previous area commitments.

****Questions for NA in May are as follows:**

Lucy:

We would like a request for a detailed report for St. Columba even due to this newsletter.

St. Columba's perspective on the event is this:

"The feature event of the night was the auction when St. Columba Treasurer, Ben Avant, auctioned off wonderful gifts and experiences to the 175 people in attendance. It was announced that the proceeds would go towards St. Columba partnered with Narcotics Anonymous of West Tennessee to make rates accessible and all sorts of activities available to families of their memberships in May 2024.

"While everything we do outside of the Episcopal Church we consider outreach," said Thompson, "this was the first time we sought to sponsor a specific organization that uses St. Columba in order to deliver an event better experience. I expect with the over \$12,000 raised, they'll be able to make their event more accessible than ever and I really cherish that our church and donors stood behind us in pursuing this chance to do meaningful outreach.""

*We need to discuss and decide what to do now.

Cortez: We do need to talk to Juan, however we did not know this was going to happen.

Katherine: Everyone's heart is in the right place however we do have to abide by traditions to not stray away from our Primary Purpose.

Marcus: Positions need to be filled. Talk to homegroups and sponsees.

As for the Phone Lists they are a lot of work to put together. They are a great service to the area. And are updated every 6 months. If you would like to be on it in between the updates simply write in there when you see a phone list at a meeting. This is a service not a requirement.

Lori: I appreciate the phone lists a lot. They are very important to the newcomer.

Penny K: I want to bring up the idea of an area workshop. We need help training people in their new positions. We need to know how area correctly runs and what we are doing.

Katherine: I write down things that I do so there can be a paper copy to translate to people that have been in this position or are new such as Secretary, Chair, etc... We need to get together and discuss how this can be done now and in the future. Area has become stressful and I do not look forward to it at all.

LeighAnn: Maybe we will go to Region and ask for help.

Rick: Region has an outreach committee and I will talk to them this weekend.

LeighAnn: people being qualified for positions is a problem. If you don't meet requirements then a mentor needs to assist the new area person. Come to the area with the willingness and ask someone to mentor you.

Lucy: Region gets a budget to do workshops for areas. We need to show up to hear what they have to say. NAWS does topic discussions and workshops for areas to have, we could pick one and do one quarterly via zoom.

Tim: Hybrid meetings for these topics are recommended so they can be recorded and reviewed if necessary.

Lucy: We can get the chair of Region to come inventory our area.

Rick: Will talk to the Region Chair about this.

Marcus: Positions need to be mentored when new people take them over. Jobs train new people. I don't see a difference.

Suzanne: I feel better about this now that we have talked. Chair is really a facilitator and people come to me with issues and questions I am not sure of many of these answers. The people that have the power to vote (our groups) don't know what's going on. Please lets all get involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 1:

Maker: Thursday Nighters

Seconded By: Primary Purpose

Motion: For H&I Subcommittee to no longer give away full books at H&I meetings. H & I only distribute pamphlets, white booklets, and meeting schedules to attendees.

Intent: Clarification

Motion 2:

Maker: Lucy Policies and Procedures

Seconded By: LeighAnn Clean Air

Motion: The Archives Guidelines go back to groups for a vote.

Intent: To approve new Archives Guidelines

Pro: Subcommittee needs to be accountable to the area.

Pro: We are strongest with the group vote.

Con: This slows down the process of getting business done.

Motion 3:

Maker: Lucy Policies and Procedures

Seconded By: Thursday Nighters

Motion: Change motions voting procedures and operations E. 3 12/ 3.5 of present voting members majority vote is necessary for policy change, amendments to the policy or forming a new policy (add: for area and subcommittees) And E. 5 Any motion that affects policy (add for area and subcommittees) will automatically go back to the groups for a vote.

Intent: To Clarify area guidelines regarding subcommittee guidelines.

Pro: Subcommittees accountable to the area so they need to be approved.

Pro: We are the strongest with a group vote as individual members.

Con: Everything does not need to go back to our groups

LeighAnn: Groups can delegate their GSR to vote in the area for them.

****LeighAnn: We need a VRC chair also by February for VRC or we cannot have it here.**

Rick: 2025 if there is no interest we do not have to have it in Memphis.

Take it to your groups and discuss it at business meetings. New guidelines are available, see attachment to minutes.

Marcus: Have we ever missed a rotation and can we partner with Jackson??

LeighAnn: No we have not ever missed a rotation and yes we can partner.

Motion to send \$400 to the Region made by treasurer.

13 yes/ 2 groups have left.

Motion passed.

Closing Treasurer's report....Verbal

Motion to close... yes

****SEE QR CODE BELOW FOR DONATIONS TO AREA****

Next WTASC meeting is December 17th, 2023

In person at Hope Church or on Zoom

Meeting ID: 960 6484 5034

Passcode: 121212



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