

**Mid-America Service Committee of NA**  
**PO Box 8732**  
**Wichita, Kansas 67202-8732**  
**May 16, 2004**



Allen B. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by a moment of silence to remember Shelley W. and then the Serenity Prayer. Scott K. read the 12 Traditions and Dusty C. read the 12 Concepts. Introductions were made all around followed by roll call.

**Area's represented by RCM's today:** Central KS, Fellowship for Freedom, Just for Today, Miracle, Primary Purpose, Unity, Western, Wichita Metro.

**Subcommittees present today:** Activities, Campout, Convention, H&I, Literature, Outreach, P.O. Box, Steering

**Officers present today:** RD, Alt. RD, Treasurer, Secretary, Regional Co-chair, Regional Chair

**Minutes:** read and accepted.

**Attendance:** This is located at the end of the minutes. Again, I have done the best I can to transcribe the data accurately. KB

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### *Area Reports*

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#### **Central Kansas Area:**

Hello from Central Kansas Area,

We held a campout fundraiser on May 8<sup>th</sup>, raising \$390. It was a huge success & THANKS to all who participated. Special "Thanks" to Debby S. for sharing her story with us. We will be hosting a free campout on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> at Lucas Group Park @ Wilson Lake. Flyers are on the table.

Hoisington "Keep Coming Back" N.A. Group will be hosting their Annual Day in the Park on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Bi-Centennial Park in Hoisington. Flyers are on the table.

CKA will be having an Hospitals & Institutions appreciation/fundraiser on June 27<sup>th</sup> @ Schnack Park in Larned.

Larned "Just For Today" N.A. group will be hosting their Annual Rib Bar-B-Que on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. More will be revealed.

The motion Regionals sent back to the groups passed. The budget motion passed.

We are in the process of doing an inventory in our Area. We have a \$100 donation to the Region.

In Service, Dusty C.

#### **Fellowship For Freedom Area**

The Fellowship For Freedom Area is alive and well. With our Higher Power's guidance and strength, we are carrying the message to addicts.

We have 36 meetings weekly in the "Greater" Fellowship For Freedom Area; 25 in Topeka, 4 in Manhattan, 4 in Seneca, 2 in Sabetha and 1 in Perry (There are also 19 H&I meetings!) 22 groups total hold these meetings. Not all of these groups are part of the Area but all are doing their part to help the addict who still suffers and are listed on our meeting lists.

We meet the last Sunday of each month, at 27<sup>th</sup> & Western, room #3, at 4:00 pm (H&I, Outreach, and PI meet from 1 – 3) (Convention meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, at 2726 NE Taylor, at 4:00 pm) Note: This month the ASC is meeting on 5/23.

Our website is <http://www.fffarea.com>. Our mailing address is PO Box 761, Topeka, KS 66601. Our phone line number is (785) 232-LOVE.

Grateful to serve, Norman A., FFFA RCM

#### **Just For Today Area**

Greeting Everyone,

It's a great day to be clean. Please make welcome our area H&I chair, Misty K. and newly elected Alt. RCM, Flo H. I'm so grateful to have more willingness from our area member to be here at Region.

Our MARCNA XXI fundraiser on March 6<sup>th</sup> was a success when it came to having fun and raising money. Unfortunately we did not have as good a turn out for our Area inventory. AS a matter of fact we did not hold the inventory at all. I do want to express my thanks to Debbie and John for suiting up and showing up for us.

Many events, mostly fundraisers and campouts, are in the works. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> a fundraiser will be held in Emporia for a 3 group joined effort campout. Then Recovery Fest, at Elk City Lake, will be hosted by the Freebirds Group from Independence on June 4, 5, & 6. July

9, 10, & 11 at John Redmond Reservoir in New Strawn the Do or Die Group from Cottonwood Falls, New Hope & Pioneer Groups from Emporia will host a free campout. The Just For Today Area campout will be held Aug. 7 & 8 at Big Hill Lake. Flyers will be out soon!

Today we have a \$100.00 donation for Region. Short and sweet report this quarter.

Grateful to serve,  
Carla Davis  
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## **Miracle Area**

Dear Regional Family,

The Miracle Area is doing well and plans are moving along for our "Unconventional Convention," sometime in the fall of 2005. T-Shirts are available for fundraising and support. We recently sent our Revised Policies back to the Groups for their approval.

We now have 9 groups and some groups have changed location, times, and formats.

Upcoming events:

May 23rd our Area Inventory will be at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, 5<sup>th</sup> and Maine, in Lawrence from 1-5pm.

May 29<sup>th</sup> the "Unconventional Convention" Fundraiser will be at Broken Arrow Park, 30<sup>th</sup> and Louisiana, in Lawrence from 12noon-dark, with 3 speakers, food, raffle, and pie throwing.

June 12<sup>th</sup> an "Ice Cream Social" will be held at a park in Desoto, Kansas, 3-5pm, speaker at 3:30pm will be John S.

July 18<sup>th</sup> a "Day at The Beach" will be at Clinton Lake at the swimming area near Bloomington (near Lawrence), 12noon-7pm, food at 2:30pm, speaker at 3pm.

Sometime in September, the Miracle Area Campout will be at Pomona Lake Campground, exact date and details TBA.

The Area voted on the Motion and the Optimal Budget, there was concern from members on the Budget and the vote was very close, but passed.

We also voted Pete E. in as our Alternate R.C.M.; I will be stepping down as R.C.M. after this weekend, but thanks for letting me serve. It's been a learning experience. We are donating \$120.00 to the Region.

Note: A lot of effort went into having our Area Inventory, 2 outside facilitators our Alt. R.D. and the Just For Today Area Chair will be there. We sent off for sample questions from NAWS and from other areas and groups as well. Anyone who is interested in seeing how an Area Inventory works is urged to attend.

Yours in service,  
Scott K.

## **Unity Area**

We had elections this month, and filled several positions. We have a new RCM and Alternate RCM, though neither could be here today. Rick Z. is our RCM, Jim W. is our Alternate RCM, Mike T. is Outreach Chair and Literature Co-chair, and I am the Area Chair.

Our Area seems to be struggling with conflicts and we are therefore unable to attract new people to our service body, and effectively carry the message to the still-suffering addicts. Hopefully, with the spiritual principles of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts we can get on track.

We voted yes on the Convention motion and no on the budget, and are donating \$80.09 to Region.

We are also having a free function on June 12, 2004 at the Carver Center in Salina. There will be phone line and sponsorship workshops with a speaker and dance following. We hope to see you there.

In Service,  
Jeanie M.

## **Western Area**

Hello family,

Western Area is doing okay. The number of people showing up and getting involved has increased. We are having our Area's campout fundraiser on June 19<sup>th</sup> in Garden City. That will be at the park next to the zoo.

Grateful to serve, Abi F.  
PS Our new address is PO Box 1165, Dodge City KS 67801

## **Wichita Metro Area**

All is well in the W.M.A. or should I say it's just as our higher power wants it. We have new meetings on our meeting list and I've brought some for those who want them.

We are planning a campout on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hope to see you all there. It will be at the Harvey county east park. I have brought flyers they are on the table. One of the new groups are having a dance and fundraiser for their group. It will be on June 19<sup>th</sup> in El Dorado Ks. The groups name is the group and I have flyers on the table for it as well.

Our area is trying to work on its current guidelines. There was a whole three people at the last meeting. There wasn't much shock when

this was reported at area. We can only pray for more involvement.

I want to thank Brent K. for his service as R.C.M. over the last year. I feel privileged to be of service in this fellowship and would like to thank the groups of my area for allowing me to be the W.M.A. R.C.M. for the next year. Our new alt R.C.M. is Chris W. he unfortunately was told he had to report to work at 2:00 today so he can't be here.

MUCH LOVE TO ALL  
DeWayne Kitchen  
R.C.M. Wichita Metro Area

**Primary Purpose**

Hello family.....

We are alive and kicking in the P.P.A. Meetings are going on and the message is getting out there. At our last ASC we finally have policies for our area. Only a year in the making – not bad for a group of hard heads! We are still looking at doing an area inventory and seeing what we need to work on to get more people involved with area service and how good are we really carrying the message.

We voted yes on the regional budget and look forward to seeing a real budget happen someday for the region.

Some up and coming functions for our area are:

May 22 in Hutchinson G.O.L. 15 yr. group Birthday Party 6pm in Cary Park

May 28-June 1 the Newton H.O.W. pre-campout Harvey County West Park

June 4-5 G.O.L. 15 Annual campout Harvey County West Park

In service to you and my H.P.,  
John Newport, Alt. RCM

PS There will also be an open-mic Memorial Service on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> for family and friends of Shelley W. This will be at the Newton H.O.W. Pre-Campout campout at Harvey County West Park.

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**End of Area Reports. Beginning subcommittee reports.**

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**Activities**

Hi my brothers and sisters,

We got a lot going on! We will not be having a Unity day this year. On even years there will be no Unity day and on odd years there will be one.

G.S.R. Assembly will be in Oct. 16-17 at the Red Coach Inn. We will be asking for input from you. G.S.R.'s what would you like to see on the agenda.

For Soul to Soul, I will let Rod D. give the report for it beings he is the new Chair for it. Soul to Soul made \$462 last night from auction and raffle. Thank you Rod, then I will give you the run down of last night.

Incoming	Outgoing
\$201.00 – door	\$ 55.00 – fast cash
\$110.00 – Fast cash	\$ 59.44 – Dillons
\$ 17.06 – pop	\$125.00 – DJ
\$30.00 – Donated back	

Next time RSC fundraiser will be going to Activities. We will need raffle and auction items next time.

Love, Dave R.

**Campout Report:**

Dear regional family,

Russ could not be here today and asked me to give his report.

Plans for the Regional Campout are almost complete. We had to elect a new Programming Chair at the last minute, but thanks to someone stepping up we have things under control. Please ask everyone who wants to come to bring raffle and auction items, and the Park will be open Wednesday at 2pm. The DJ will be Ed from Hutchinson, and all but one of the speaker slots are filled. Merchandise will be on sale at the Campout and there should be plenty of food. Thanks to everyone who helped on the fundraisers, and Merchandise sales. We will need a key for the storage shed for storing supplies, up to the time of the event.

Thanks to the Central Kansas Area for raising \$390.00.

Thanks for letting me serve.  
Russ

## Convention Report:

Greetings and salutations to all attending the May Regional Service Conference of the Mid-America Region, Narcotics Anonymous! Many things have happened since my last regional report, so I hope I can touch on the highlights.

The minutes of the sub-committee have been getting mailed to the RCM's per the motion and vote on the last regional floor, and I hope everybody has been receiving them.

We had the convention, and things seemed to go pretty smoothly! We had over 600 present, and 411 registered, which was wonderful! Unfortunately, we did not fill the 200 room block, so we had to pay for the shortage out of our fund, which cost us quite a bit! A complete accounting from the treasurer will accompany this report, and will become part of the permanent file!

We were successful at having a convention, and making a profit! The info I have available to me as of Saturday is as follows.

John S and I paid the final bill at the hotel! This amount \$17,810.60 was paid out of the Convention account! We also paid the band \$800, and Paid \$1198 for the laser etched mugs!

The committee decided at the last meeting to send \$500 with Debby to the WSC to purchase items for the MARCNA XXII fundraisers! Of this amount, only \$394 was spent, and the remaining \$106 was turned back in to the bank!

There were some financial shortcomings as of yesterday, \$272.40 for a speakers wife's plane ticket, and also some funds that aren't in the bank yet, but I can report that we showed a profit of \$ 3346.84. Allowing for the \$394 for the fundraising merchandise leaves a balance of \$ 2,952.84 which I am presenting a check to the treasurer today!

This amount perhaps is lower than expected, but I think it is important to also understand this committee also made up for a financial shortcoming from the previous convention!

I want to thank all the trusted servants of the committee for all the dedication and work! Janet W, our secretary, who stepped into that position with very little notice, has done a stupendous job at writing and sending out accurate minutes in a timely manner, Debby S, our treasurer, who sorted out messes that only addicts could create, deserves some kind of medal! Tim S, for organizing the registration and all the mailings, and his pet computer! Brent K for driving hundreds and hundreds of miles, and raising thousands of dollars for our convention! Dave R for organizing and purchasing merchandise, and arranging for all the vendors for the merchandise room, plus everything else, Jack S for all the work on the design and banner for MARCNA XXI, John S for the hotel arrangements, and the hospitality room— wow, Pat B for arranging for all the speakers, and the convention program And Jeannie M who was there thru it all, now just stop crying! oh oh and Olivia V, and Dori D for all the assistance!

We still haven't received any payment from the jeweler, and there is one un-fulfilled merchandise contract, so these funds are also forthcoming, I hope!

We held elections yesterday, and the committee is endorsing Jeannie M as the MARCNA XXII chairperson, if she will just stop crying, Also Pat B - Co-Chair, Kirk B - Registration, Tim S - Secretary, Wendy - Treasurer, Janet - Hotels and hospitality and Mike - Merchandising. All other positions will be elected at the MARCNA XXII interim meeting which will be held on 20 June 2004 at 139 N. Santa Fe, Salina Ks. USA @ 1ish o'clock

In LUVIN SERVICE  
your un-trusted servant  
Greg K

M.A.R.C.N.A. XXI  
Registration Report  
7-20-2003

Hello everyone,

I have the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the Registration flyer ready, which doesn't have all the correct information but does show the layout. As we get the design and pricing, I can very easily make the changes needed. The layout I chose has two direct benefits; the first is when they cut the actual form to be mailed in, on the opposite side is their mailing address in case I can't read their writing, the other is, when folded for mailing, the only visibility is hotel and postal information. That gives us a more "anonymous" look. Each one of you should have a copy of this, hang on to it 'cause it does have the P.O. Box for this Convention, which I secured for one year at a cost of \$39.00.

I have also created "Free Registration" certificates for fundraising efforts. So far I have five, and will create more as needed. I decided to make each one a different background so scanning or photocopying won't come into play. Actually I was just having too much fun with what I have accessible to me.

Last, but not least, there's a good possibility we may have to re-create a database for mailing. At the least we will have to up-date what we have access to, which I have talked to Lee and he is getting that to me next week. Olivia and Dori will play a big part in this effort, I hope.

That's all I have for this month.

Gratefully Serving,  
Tim Stewart

**Complete financial report (the whole convention year) found on the following 7 pages.**

**M.A.R.C.N.A. XXI TREASURER'S LOG**

**Beginning Balance Jun-03 \$1,500.00**

**Deposit**

06-16-03 \$417.00

(merchandise sales--Brent Kidd--\$150.00;  
merchandise sales--Unity NA Dance--\$317.00  
less \$50.00 money order for World Conv.Alt Store)

06-16-03 \$61.82

Unity Group---donation from dance

**SUB-TOTAL \$478.82**

**Expense**

06-10-03 (\$48.80)

deluxe checks for checking account

**SUB-TOTAL (\$48.80)**

**ENDING BALANCE --- JUNE 2003 \$1,930.02**

**BEGINNING BALANCE JULY 2003 \$1,930.02**

**EXPENSES**

07-20-03 CK#1001 Tim S. (\$39.00)

post office box & key deposit

07-20-03 ck#1002 Debby S. (\$11.76)

treasurer supplies

07-20-03 ck#1003 S.O.S. (\$10.00)

rent for June meeting

07-20-03 ck#1004 Debbie S. (\$18.27)

secretary exp for June minutes

07-20-03 ck#1005 Day by Day (\$10.00)

rent for July meeting

07-31-03 ck#1006 Debbie S. (\$35.00)

secretary exp for July minutes

**SUB-TOTAL (\$124.03)**

**ENDING BALANCE---JULY 2003 \$1,805.99**

**BEGINNING BALANCE-----AUGUST 2003** **\$1,805.99**

**EXPENSES**

08-16-03 ck#1007 Debbie S. (\$2.26)  
balance on July sec exp minutes  
08-16-03 ck#1008 Debbie S. (\$50.00)  
secretary seed money  
08-16-03 ck#1009 Brent K. (\$54.00)  
literature--2 20th Anniv Basic Texts  
08-30-03 ck#1010 MARSCNA (\$417.00)  
payment on XX merch. Sales

**SUB-TOTAL** **(\$523.26)**

**DEPOSIT**

08-17-03 \$679.50  
merchandise sales Brent K. \$40.00  
MARSCNA Acivities RSC \$20.00  
MARSCNA Acivities regist. \$68.00  
merchandise sales Debby S. \$90.00  
merchandise sales Stephanie T. (contract) \$249.00  
merchandise sales Debby S. (contract) \$98.00  
merchandise sales April D. (contract) \$114.50

**SUB-TOTAL** **\$679.50**

**ENDING BALANCE----AUG 2003** **\$1,962.23**

**BEGINNING BALANCE-----SEPT 2003** **\$1,962.23**

**EXPENSES**

09-21-03 ck#1011 Debbie S. (\$11.91)  
sect'y expenses Aug minutes  
09-21-03 ck#1012 MARSCNA (\$591.50)  
merchandise sales  
09-21-03 ck#1013 MARSCNA (\$8.00)  
Activities pre-registration overpay  
09-21-03 ck#1014 Day by Day (\$10.00)  
Sept 2003 rent  
09-21-03 ck#1015 Tim S. (\$400.00)  
printing and mailing of flyers

**SUB-TOTAL** **(\$1,021.41)**

**DEPOSIT**

09-29-03 \$205.00  
(merchandise sales--Brent K. \$77.00  
fundraiser--Brent K. \$128.00)

**SUB-TOTAL** **\$205.00**

**ENDING BALANCE----SEPT. 2003** **\$1,145.82**

**BEGINNING BALANCE----OCT. 2003** **\$1,145.82**

**EXPENSES**

10-19-03	ck#1016	Day by Day	(\$10.00)
		rent Oct meeting	
	ck#1017	High Plains Graphics	(\$800.00)
		long sleeve T's & sweatshirts	
	ck#1018	High Plains Graphics	(\$264.00)
		144 coffee cups	
	ck#1019	Jeanie Magee	(\$50.00)
		secretary expense	

**SUB-TOTAL** **(\$1,124.00)**

**DEPOSIT**

10-20-03			<b>\$565.54</b>
		(NE How Group donation	\$25.00
		Day by Day donation	\$25.00
		Pre-registrations	\$432.00
		Tim S. return funds print flyer	\$51.38
		Debbie S. return secty funds	\$31.96

**\*\*\*\*ERROR DEPOSIT**

10-20-03			<b>\$599.50</b>
	(ck#1012	MARSCNA--merch. Sales	\$591.50
	ck#1013	MARSCNAøverpay regist	\$8.00

**ENDING BALANCE----OCT. 2003** **\$1,166.00**

**\*\*\*\*ERROR DEPOSIT these two checks had gotten mixed in with the regular deposit in error. The bank deposited to the account. New checks will be issued to MARSCNA to replace them.**

**BEGINNING BALANCE----NOV. 2003** **\$1,166.00**

**EXPENSES:**

11-15-03	ck#1020	MARSCNA--replace ck#1012	(\$591.50)
	ck#1021	MARSCNA--replace ck#1013	(\$8.00)
	ck#1022	MARSCNA--pay off balance dbt	(\$141.91)
	ck#1023	High Plns Grap--144 cups	(\$420.00)
	ck#1024	Janet Wood--secty exp	(\$50.00)
11-25-03	ck#1025	High Plns Grap--shirts/sweat	(\$299.00)

**SUB-TOTAL** **(\$1,510.41)**

**DEPOSIT:**

11-16-03	(Brent Kidd--merchandise sales	\$57.00
	Brent Kidd--raffle	\$61.00
	Brent Kidd--merchandise sales	\$35.00
	Brent Kidd--donation for convention	\$20.00
	Brent Kidd--merchandise sales	\$160.00
	Brent Kidd--JFT Fundraiser	\$375.00
	Tim Stewart--pre-registrations	\$460.00
	Brent Kidd--Merchandise sales	\$30.00
	Brent Kidd--raffle & merchandise sales	\$70.00
	Brent Kidd--item raffle	\$119.00
	Brent Kidd--merchandise sales	\$140.00
	Dave Rose--merchandise sales	\$540.00
	John Sumners--auction	\$317.00
	John Sumners--item raffle	\$225.00 )

**SUB-TOTAL** **\$2,609.00**

12-01-03	(Lawrence Torrez--contract complete	\$120.00
	Brent Kidd--merchandise sales	\$280.00 )

**SUB-TOTAL** **\$400.00**

**OTHER INCOME:**

11-16-03	VOID	ck#1019	\$50.00
	VOID	ck#1018	\$264.00

**SUB-TOTAL** **\$314.00**

**ENDING BALANCE--NOV. 2003** **\$2,978.59**

**BEGINNING BALANCE--DEC. 2003** **\$2,978.59**

**EXPENSES:**

12-21-03	ck#1026	Kris Koerner--DJ expense	(\$350.00)
	ck#1027	Day by Day--Dec meeting rent	(\$10.00)
	ck#1028	Pat Brown--airline tickets spkrs	(\$1,000.00)

**SUB-TOTAL** **(\$1,360.00)**

**DEPOSIT:**

01-06-04	(Dave Rose--merchandise sales	\$220.00
	Brent Kidd--book raffle	\$47.00
	Brent Kidd--merchandise sales	\$61.53
	Dave Rose--merchandise sales	\$170.00
	Brent Kidd--merchandise sales	\$307.00
	Tim Stewart--pre-registrations	\$604.00

**SUB-TOTAL** **\$1,409.53**

**ENDING BALANCE--DEC. 2003** **\$3,028.12**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE--JAN 2003</b>		<b>\$3,028.12</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
01/18/04 ck#1029 Janet Wood--secty expense	(\$41.05)	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$41.05)</b>
<b>DEPOSIT:</b>		
01-22-04 (Tim Stewart--pre-registrations	\$440.00	
Brent Kidd--merchandise sales	\$473.50	
WMA--fundraiser)	\$661.76	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1575.26*</b>
02/12/04 (Dave Rose--merchandise sales	\$225.00	
Brent Kidd--merchandise sales	\$65.00	
Brent Kidd--merchandise sales	\$267.00	
Brent Kidd--merchandise sales	\$137.73	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$694.73*</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE--JAN 2003</b>		<b>\$5,257.06</b>

**\*the amounts shown in the sub-totals are different that actual deposit. A quarter was missed in the Jan 22 deposit, and put into the Feb 12 deposit.**

**BEGINNING BALANCE FEB 2004 (ABOVE S/B 2004, NOT 2003) \$5,257.06**

**EXPENSES:**

02/14/04	ck#1030	High Plains Grap. regis. Pens	(\$151.00)
	ck#1031	High Plains Grap. Black t's	(\$556.00)
	ck#1032	High Plains Grap. Rainbow t's	(\$556.00)
	ck#1033	Full Moon Sign--banner	(\$292.33)

**SUB-TOTAL (\$1,555.33)**

**DEPOSIT (S):**

2/20/2004	Tim Stewart-pre-registrations	\$1,170.00
	(various sources of income)	\$2,613.50
	Dave Rose--shirt sales \$90.00	
	Centrak KS Area chili bowl \$600.00	
	Brent Kidd--merc sales \$60.00	
	Brent Kidd--NE How dona. \$50.00	
	Pat Brown--ret on airline tickets \$198.50	
	Tim Stewart--pre-registrations \$1,575.00	
	Brent Kidd--merch sales \$40.00	
3/1/2004	Tim Stewart-pre-registrations	\$840.00
3/3/2004	Tim Stewart-pre-registrations	\$680.00
3/3/2004	Tim Stewart-pre-registrations	\$455.00
3/1/2004	Charles P. Lucas-pay off merch.	\$18.00
03/08/04	(various sources of income)	\$1,554.25
	Brent Kidd--Emporia Fund Rs.\$443.00	
	Brent Kidd--merc sales Lawr. \$102.00	
	Brent Kidd--merc sales Empor \$62.00	
	Brent Kidd--purchase 20th Ed. (\$27.00)	
	Just for Today fundraiser \$795.00	
	Brent Kidd--merc sales JFT \$179.25	
03/08/04	Tim Stewart-pre-registrations	\$780.00

**SUB-TOTAL \$8,110.75**

**ENDING BALANCE--FEB 2004 \$11,812.48**

**BEGINNING BALANCE--MARCH 2004 \$11,812.48**

**EXPENSES:**

03/21/04	ck#1034	High Plains Grap.-rainbow t's	(\$72.00)
	ck#1035	Artsy Puzzle--puzzles	(\$570.00)
	ck#1036	Janet Wood-secty exp	(\$49.83)
	ck#1037	Lowen Sign--car tags	(\$206.07)
	ck#1038	John Sumners--hosp. Room	(\$500.00)
	ck#1039	Tim Stewart--regist. Supplies	(\$300.00)
	ck#1040	Amy Schauvliege-ref. Regist.	(\$70.00)
	ck#1041	Tim Stewart--walkie talkies	(\$150.00)
	ck#1042	Sunflowerbank--startup cash	(\$500.00)
	ck#1043	High Plains Grap.-pens & aprons	(\$85.00)
	ck#1044	Curtis Nelson--print programs	(\$276.38)

**SUB-TOTAL (\$2,779.28)**

**DEPOSIT (S):**

03/23/04	Dave Rose--FFF fundraiser & merc sales	\$573.21
	Brent Kidd--merch sales	\$140.00
	Jon McNeely--payoff contract sales	\$85.00
	Tim Stewart--pre-registrations	\$553.00
4/7/2004	Miracle Area fundraiser	\$362.50
	Tim Stewart--pre-registrations	\$301.00

**SUB-TOTAL \$2,014.71**

**ENDING BALANCE PRIOR TO CONVENTION: \$11,047.91**

**BEGINNING BALANCE APRIL 2004-----CONVENTION ACTIVITIES** **\$11,047.91**

**EXPENSES:**

04/09/04	ck#1045	Curtis Nelson--add'l programs	(\$69.10)
	ck#1046	WRSO--readings and booklets	(\$35.78)
	ck#1047	Ten Day Wish--Sat nite band	(\$800.00)
	ck#1048	Kathy Harrison--speaker exp.	(\$99.44)
04/11/04	ck#1049	Tuck's Advertising--reg. mugs	(\$1,198.00)
	ck#1050	Scott Kraus--refund regis	(\$40.00)
	ck#1051	Hyatt Regency--conv.exp.	(\$17,860.10)
	ck#1052	Debby Stewart--2005 merch.	(\$500.00)

**SUB-TOTAL** **(\$20,602.42)**

**DEPOSIT (S):**

04/09/04	(various sources of income)	\$5,820.00
	Dave Rose--Fri. Merch. Sales	\$453.00
	Tim S & Dori D--registrations	\$2,850.00
	Olivia Vaughn--Fri item raffle	\$315.00
	Brent Kidd--Fri money raffle	\$80.00
	Mark Roberts--Fri money raff	\$20.00
	Chris Hall--Fri, dance door	\$110.00
	Dave Rose--Fri nite merch	\$487.00
	Olivia Vaughn-Fri nite regis	\$1,025.00
	Friday nite auction	\$680.00
	John Sumners--hosp room	(\$200.00)
04/10/04	(various sources of income)	\$6,582.35
	Mae Hewitt--regis refund	(\$20.00)
	Dave Rose--merch sales Sat	\$1074.00
	Tim Stewart--Sat regist.	\$864.00
	Tim Stewart--banquet	\$25.00
	Brent Kidd--Sat money raffle	\$129.00
	Olivia Vaughn--Sat item raffle	\$382.10
	Dori Douglas--Sat dance door	\$281.00
	Dave Rose--Sat merch sales	\$496.67
	Tim Stewart--registrations	\$80.00
04/11/04	Dave Rose--basic stuff for you	\$440.00
	Dave Rose--merch sales Sat	\$22.00
	John Sumners-hosp room	\$17.70
	Dave Rose--tape to tape	\$150.00
	ck#1047--cashed for band	\$800.00
	Sat nite auction	\$1,840.88

**SUB-TOTAL** **\$12,402.35**

**ENDING BALANCE APRIL 2004** **\$2,847.84**

**BEGINNING BALANCE MAY 2004** **\$2,847.84**

**EXPENSES:**

05/15/04	ck#1053	Brent Kidd--misc. exp	(\$25.00)
	ck#1054	Russell Disney--Brunch refund	(\$26.00)

**SUB-TOTAL** **(\$51.00)**

**DEPOSIT:**

05/17/04	(various items)	\$156.00
	Donation for newcomers	\$50.00
	Debby S--cash ret'd/merch purch--	\$106.00

**SUB-TOTAL** **\$156.00**

**ENDING BALANCE MAY 2004** **\$2,952.84**

## **H&I**

We had a good meeting today. Tom M. has shown willingness for the co-chair position but was unable to attend today due to work but will be here next region. We had a nomination from Kathy for Ed B. to be our secretary. Congrats Ed. Thank you Jeannie M. for doing our secretarial responsibility for this month's region.

I have talked to Harvey Co. Sheriff and will be meeting with him on Wed., May 19, 2004 to hopefully pursue the presentation to the Sheriff Association.

Again letter mailed to Governor with no response as of yet.

We also received letter from Dept. of Army Inmate at Leavenworth. Allen B. volunteered to send info to him. We will also verify info prior to sending.

We also had much discussion on our Public image and how we present ourselves at presentations, meetings and in the public, our dress, appearance, hygiene..... Really good meeting.

In loving service, Becky B.

## **Literature**

Hello family,

5 of 8 areas were present. Much discussion went into pulling Area resources together for literature orders. Any means of larger orders and greater discounts in return means more literature to the member.

Our co-chair, Jim W., couldn't be present this weekend so I agreed to fulfill the position one more quarter. There was no other willingness for Chair and that election was tabled. The election for Newsletter Editor was held and I qualified and was elected for the two year term.

After much discussion and brainstorming, the Literature Committee is starting a new project. We are copying, scanning, and eventually formatting to PDF the Mid-America Newsletter archives. Jan. 1983 through Aug./Sept. 1986 has been turned over to Kirk to start this very lengthy process. Our hope is to produce these archives on CD to be sold for Literature purposes.

In newsletter business, I was issued a check last RSC for \$350.00 to produce issue #1 for 2004. I had 950 copies printed, folded, stapled, and mailed to my address for a total of \$346.27, or \$.36 ½ per issue. Another cost of mailing packets to A.S.C.'s entailed \$21.36, totaling \$376.63. I am requesting that amount from our annual \$1400.00 budget. \$350.00 will be for the printing and mailing of issue #2, June 2004. Distribution of issue #1 was done differently due to the convention. We inserted copies in all registration packets, and made them available on tables throughout the weekend. A stack went to the World Service Conference through our Alt. Delegate, and packets of 20 copies went to all areas. Two of the packets were returned to me, please check the information on the Regional web site for Area contact addresses.

The March issue had Literature as the "Focus On Regional Sub-Committees", I need a Sub-Committee for issue #2. The respective Chair will be responsible for writing and submitting it to me by the deadline, which is May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004, or two weeks from Sat. of the RSC. Please send all information to timandeb@cox.net or 365 W. Lindsborg St. Lindsborg, KS. 67456. I also need your stories, poems, artwork, and other words of wisdom. This is still "YOUR" newsletter.

In order to give more direction to the newsletter production, we are submitting a motion stating that "the newsletter will be published quarterly", to be added to our guidelines.

Finally, Wichita Metro Area is hosting an event to benefit their literature stockpile on July 17<sup>th</sup> 2004, at O.J. Watson Park in Wichita. Check with the Regional Committee Member for Wichita Metro to get more info.

Gratefully Serving N.A.,  
Tim Stewart  
Literature Chair

## **Outreach**

### **PI**

We had a good meeting today. We had much discussion on meeting lists, how to get them out and web concerns and wallet cards. More will be revealed.

Motion 1

Create position for contact to be NAWS contact person coming from the region. We would use the guidelines from world. We will need to create policy to go into the Mid-America policy and the individual will need to comply with NAWS web contact requirements.

Intent – to insure better communication and accountability pertaining to our group and area meeting. This will also need to go back to groups with this

Please take back to groups. PI Subcommittee needs a Chair.

We had a nomination out of committee for co-chair. Congratulations Misty K.

Letter to Governor has been sent certified mail. We have received the receipt but not had a response as of yet. Will continue to pursue this.

In loving service, Becky B.

### **PO Box**

We had a lot of fliers come in from all over; a lot of stuff from world, checks from groups; lots of requests for speakers. If you are all interested in speaking somewhere, send them a tape. Fliers are on the table.

John

## Steering

Dear family,

I have sad news. We'll be losing 3 members of our committee. Too Tall has resigned because he is moving, so his position is open. Sarah is not re-upping for her next year, so her position will be open in August. Kirk's position will be open in Nov., as he has done full 4 years of service with us. Thank you Kirk! We wish to re-nominate me, Jeff and Brian again this year for the committee. We do have a motion for the budget. We also need bids for the 2006 convention.

Our next interim committee will be at Wilson Lake July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 at the cook's tent.

John

Motion from Steering:

That rent, insurance, storage unit, and PO Box be priorities that are paid for first from available funds. All other requests for funds are to be submitted prior to the commencement of the RSC meeting on Sunday. Distribution of funds remaining after rent, insurance, storage unit, and PO Box are paid, and prudent reserve set aside, shall be decided by the RCMs before the closing of that day's business. Campout, Convention and Soul to Soul will become free-standing committees after a one-time startup donation is made to said committees, pursuant to Page 96 of A Guide to Local Services, 2002 Version, which states "...once the region establishes an initial 'seed fund' for its convention subcommittee, regional committee money and convention subcommittee money be held and accounted for separately. Regional conventions are then made self-supporting from their own income, charging only enough in registration fees to cover the costs of putting on the convention. Because the efforts that result in the generation of convention profits are contributed by NA members in the spirit of our Seventh Tradition, it is not inappropriate to deposit minimal excess proceeds in RSC operating funds."

Intent: To develop a realistic Mid-America Regional Service Committee budget, with accountability for operating funds and the distribution thereof resting with the groups and areas.

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## End of Subcommittee Reports. Beginning Officer reports.

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### Secretary

Hello Family,

The following is a financial breakdown of the cost of the minutes for the February RSC.

#### *November 03*

	<b>Units</b>	<b>Cost/Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost/Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Minutes sent via. mail	21	\$0.60	\$12.60	
Printing	30	\$1.00	\$30.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$42.60</b>	
Started With	\$75.00			
February minutes	\$42.60			
Turned in to RSC	\$32.40			

In Loving Service,  
KB

### Regional Delegate

5-16-04

Balance of Funds Remaining  
\$2385.81

Dear Family,

Since Feb. we have been on the road a lot! With Conference Agenda Report workshops and Area or Group inventories it has been busy and very rewarding. We did a number of Area C.A.R. workshops and had a regional conscience to take to W.S.C. 2004.

The Group and Area inventories didn't take place because this PROCESS seemed to be new or a process for gathering information, organization etc. was not in place. This shows a lack of communication by trusted servants with inventory experiences and or the "Lack of Interest" by all concerned. I would recommend we have a set of sample inventories given to all Areas and some guidelines concerning the process – The Guide to Local Service does not get into specifics about the process.

Now for the fun stuff; Going to California. Three thousand eight hundred eighty one miles, 12 recovery meetings, 75 or more hours of scheduled sessions in 7 days plus pre-conference activities and 35 mocha latte's with 40 – 60 hat changes. This experience was very gratifying and, and, and, tiring at the same time.

Contained in the packets I passed out are copies of several items: The first draft of the business sessions (they do reflect the final outcome of voting, in old and new business). The straw polls in the pre business sessions and the pre-business session discussions made for a more manageable business session (old and new). The discussion & straw poll really helped everyone to have a voice. The contents of this hand out tell us that:

1. We will have a Sponsorship book and
  2. We will have a New Sponsorship I.P.
  3. Some minor changes to Just For Today meditation book, thanks to the New Sponsorship literature
  4. A Basic Text 6<sup>th</sup> Edition
  5. A World Board up to 18 members
  6. And the elimination of specific language pertaining to standing committees on the World Board in A Guide to World Services
- All other C.A.R. motions failed to pass.

In new business 20 motions were passed for the new conference cycle projects. This included the budget (page 10 of the packet).

These projects are prioritized (thanks to straw polls & discussion in formal or round table sessions (list on page 11 in packet).

The nomination and election was again a hot topic and created a lot, yes, a lot of discussion in and out of the sessions. Several new business motions were introduced and later not adopted – the main reason for those motions not to be adopted was the assurance the World Board & HRP would address this issue in upcoming meetings and have a recommendation for change to the Process in the C.A.R. 2006 or at the conference (2006) itself. It was recommended not to adopt (by us) motions containing specific language that actually hampered progress regarding this flawed system for nominations and elections. More will be revealed –

The elections did not happen and on Page 12 are the results. The later pages in the “Record of Decisions” pertain to H.R.P. and World Board straw polls in gaining consensus on several topics.

Four items are very much intertwined

- The Budget
- Strategic Plan
- Project List
- Record of Decisions

All of these items were conceived at past conferences or surveys and input gathered at WSO.

There were 2 regional report summaries provided in packet. The first show what regions felt they were doing correct, and the other showed some of the challenges regions have. This comes from the new standardized regional report form. Comparatively speaking Mid America Region is doing well.

Going back to the Project list: The Projects ( as budgeted items) are prioritized and that list is on page 11. The input from past conferences, World service meetings, world wide workshops, C.A.R. workshops and input directly to NAWS gave the conference direction in the placement on that list. The highest of the High is the Basic Text. The input for this will be requested soon - So Start Writing! Guidelines (recommended) should also be available soon. Some of the projects come from a previous project: The Round Table Discussion Project

- 1) The Leadership I.P. & development
- 2) NAWS communication & publication
- 3) Public relations strategy
- 4) The service related projects
- 5) Self support
- 6) Targeted literature
- 7) Literature distribution & convention workshop
- 8) Others are also related to our public image

“What Message Are We Carrying” was a theme that came as a result of the round table project and the above items are all related to our “public image”.

The key result areas of the strategic plan are focused in part to eliminate the negative side and enhance the positive sides pertaining to our image as a fellowship.

The entire conference had more of a consensus base process and was well received and very well presented.

We met as a Zone and decided not to decide about the US Delegate Assembly at that time. I made a motion in new business about the U.S.D.A. motion our region posed but thanks to the straw poll in pre-new business I withdrew the motion. However we did receive the feeling that a multi-region or multi-zonal meeting would have support. Not sure what to say concerning this except that a definite decision will be made at our next zonal in S. Dakota in October 2004.

#### ***Update on Translations***

- 38 New Items
- 65 Active Projects in 41 languages
- 322 Total items have been translated

### ***Update on Technology***

1. Bulletin Board utilization increasing
2. 380,000 unique visitors to NA.org from 5/19/03 to 5/19/04
3. Convention registration
4. Data Bases – better or more user friendly at NA.org There are 990 Areas and 107 Regions. This equals 1097 potential web contacts.  
Currently only 80 contacts “doing something” = 7%
5. Standardized format for Regional reports and a summary of accomplishments and areas needed for improvement.
6. New Regional Seating – Venezuela / Chile
7. Business Plan – 2003 thru 2007
  - a. Business objectives for WSO
  - b. Shipping & handling
  - c. Financial Policies for WSO
8. Issue Discussion Topics (2004-2006)
  - a. Our Public Image
  - b. Infrastructure
    1. Challenges – communication (all types)
    2. Leadership
    3. Money
    4. Lack of understanding
    5. Resistance to change
    6. Lack of Human resources
    7. Geographical difficulties
    8. Personalities vs. Principles
    9. Apathy
    10. Organizational problems

The Project list was change to reflect the desire to move the World Wide Workshop from the lower tier to the High end of the Middle tier – done by the straw poll

Another item that was not formally covered except by the rejection of a few motions pertaining to “Resolution A” and the World Service reorganization was that: “We can conduct business with the current system and letting that system evolve is the way we will proceed.”

I’m not sure what else to report except the extreme gratitude I have for all that showed an interest in the process and showed up, cast votes at CAR workshops and gave Debby and me input and concerns you had.

I also need to mention that Thanks to this body, my sponsor, and home group and of course my Higher Power. I gained enough courage to make contact with family members I had not had a relationship with for almost 40 years. Thank you all for this Gift. I would also like to express my appreciation for allowing me to serve.

Your Servant,  
John S. III

### **Regional Delegate Alt.**

Hello Family:

Boy—I am still reeling from the trip to the World Service Conference in sunny California. I was truly overwhelmed with the multitude of valuable information that I gained while I was there—both on a spiritual level and on a service level. I feel very fortunate to have experienced this, and totally understand the importance of attending. And believe me when I say that this is for those that truly “love” service work that one can go and absorb what all goes on! Rest assured, we have been blessed with a great group of persons that have been a part of the World Board, HRP (Human Resource Panel) and the World Service office personnel. They surely have it “goin’ on”.

It was nice to have our first unofficial session designated as a getting to know your World Board or Human Resource Panel persons—question and answer type session. I was pleased to realize that I have personally met at least half of the World Board members at Zonal meetings where we have had world participation. I knew I was “at home” and I was not nearly as fearful of the week ahead.

There were two types of “business” settings. The more casual, warm fuzzy setting was call in the “rounds”. That was where we were broken off into small groups of approximately 8 people—mixed up so that you were not sitting with familiar people. This was to help us get a broader aspect of the immensity of the Narcotics Anonymous worldwide fellowship. This also gave you a sense of language barriers and the difficulties that arise when communicating.

The other type of setting was called the “risers”. This was the old and new business setting and the more structured business type setting. The set up made it easy to see everyone and all things going on while business was being conducted.

One of the first sessions of business that was long and drawn out was the nominations & elections session. This took forever. The HRP (human resource panel) did a thorough job of going over the process and answered many, many questions. It was stressed over and over—please complete and submit your World Pool Information Form so that your name is in the pool. This is very beneficial to possibly be chosen to help out with projects. These can also be a great help to your resume if you want to get involved with the World Board or the HRP. The election nominations we were looking for were to fulfill the up to 18 positions for the World Board (we were at 14, losing 6 persons that were rotating off and one of those 6 was in the running to be elected back on) . On the

HRP, 2 were rotating off the panel of 4. Many delegates discussed the flawed system of this election process—especially since we only had a few days to read thru the packed with the resumes of many candidates. The profiles were totally a gut feeling about the information we had to chose from to determine if the candidate was “right” for the job.

Thursday was when the voting took place. Here are the results of who was elected and the \* indicates that we voted for that person:

Co-Facilitators: Mark Hersh \*  
                          Ubaldo Roberto Jiminez  
World Board: Craig Robertson \*  
                          Mary Banner  
                          Michael Cox  
                          Mukum Harzenski-Deutsch\*  
                          Piet De Boer \*  
                          Ron Blake \*  
                          Ron Miller \*  
HRP: Dylan Jenkinson  
                          Mindy Atkins \*  
                          Sergio Rojas

Now, there was something that occurred with the HRP voting that was different. 2 persons tied for the second open position. Then that led to a lengthy discussion of what to do about the tie. We had 3 choices:

- 1) pull a name out of the hat;
- 2) run-off election,
- 3) have a 5 member HRP in lieu of 4.

Hours was spend on deciding what to do with this. Very close voting decided to go with the 5 member HRP. I voted against that option as I believe that there is more expense involved with the 5 members and the fellowship as a whole needed to be a “part” of that decision.

Some other “highlights” of this eventful week was the way in which business was conducted. It was stressed over and over the importance of our Public Image. Narcotics Anonymous is not at a point in its life that we are reaching out more and more to other areas and we need to portray a positive image to the public. We should be very careful in our mannerisms—at all times. We are the reflection of NA. How we conduct ourselves at meetings, at the grocery store, in restaurants, at work, school, even at play—wherever we are, we are a reflection of this program. Watching the way business was conducted at the WSC was a prime example of being professional, mindful of our thoughts, selective of our words and taking control of our responses to not “react” to tense situations—instead do as the program teaches us. Act rather than react.

During other sessions we discussed other topics such as : leadership identification and development, public relations strategy, leadership qualities in NA, retaining “old-timers” in service work, etc. Many items discussed with a variety of answers. Most of the answers were the same. And it is so awesome to see that NA has the same issues in the United States as is in England, Central America, Italy, France, Japan. We are all alike. The language barriers are and will always be the #1 problem that we will have until we can get all languages translated. I did learn early on that facial expression and gestures with hands and touch can convey a lot of words to someone that cannot speak or understand very little English.

We also made history this conference! We did pass the motion to print a new 6th Edition basic text, a sponsorship book will be printed, our medallions will take on a new look (use of numbers in lieu of roman numerals and some other changes to the back, see attached), add “We do recover” reading to set of reading cards, and for the 3rd step prayer, add “many of us have said” to the beginning. On the medallions the printing will begin soon for the 18mo to 12 year medallions as the printings on these now are getting hard to read and more of these are in demand. We should see later years being printed after the supplies diminish, around a year or so.

Questions were brought up about the employee theft situation. Please note that the insurance company has paid the claim for all but \$4,000 (the deductible). Now that company is no longer insuring NAWS and they have had to seek other insurance. The new company is higher premiums with higher deductibles. This has also made the office look at the checks and balances within the office on the handling of funds. Some of the delegates wondered if the person would be prosecuted. And Anthony (Executive Director) stated that we could not due to the fact that a claim had been filed and insurance had paid on this claim. We may be able to prosecute on the \$4,000———more to be revealed.

We were informed that the NAWS website had received approx 380,000 hits and of that only 80,000 were repeat inquiries. This is pretty impressive—more enhancements and changes will be on the way to the website. Be sure to e-mail the office with any questions or suggestions. They try to respond within 24 hours. Also in the works is a toll free number for WSO. Right now, Anthony is getting ready to present to the board the information he has gathered. The major obstacle is that the toll free number is difficult for the other countries to use (except Canada). They will keep us posted on this.

The Board did go thru the long term goals, key result areas, objectives, approaches, project plans and priorities. These items are so noted in your packet. The conference was totally focused on “what the fellowship wants”. We were asked many questions, given chances to vote (straw votes) on items of importance. These items were what they have heard from “us”. Documentation is made continually. No request is left unheard———unless you were #25 (pun intended for the New York Regional Delegate-HA\_HA). I did get the sense that we are heard. They do listen. The World Board has a tough job———but they are doing thing in a very methodical way and it shows!

When we were given the time to share reports from the different Zonal's from all over the world, it was very apparent (again), how this fellowship works and how we strive to overcome the obstacles. The greatest situation at hand that is very crucial is Cuba. It was so noted and a request has been voiced that no one from the U.S. send and NA literature or try to make contact with anyone in Cuba. We have some members that may be facing prosecution due to literature that had been sent to them, only to have it confiscated at the airport by the Cuban government. Castro can accept that there might be an alcohol problem in his country—but not a DRUG problem. This request was very strongly suggested by everyone on the world level. We do not want to see any of our members be at risk or harm.

Narcotics Anonymous has taken on new looks. Hence, the encouragement to be very aware of our public image. We are venturing into other countries—being invited to come to share how this program works. China is one of those countries that did not have any meetings. They invited us, we came, we showed them how this program is set up and described to the best of our abilities how it has worked for us. Please realize that they have addicts that have a relapse percentage rate of 100%—everyone that got clean has relapsed. The heroine addiction in this country has to be the largest obstacle to overcome. Narcotics Anonymous does have a presence there and thru a treatment center, meetings are being held. Time will give us the answers—as we all know, it has worked in other countries, so it can work here.

Another obstacle in other countries is the high rate of HIV positive addicts. Some places are at 80% or higher. This poses many problems with the NA program and how they can continue to keep their addicts clean. We did hear that there is a definite need to have more literature on health issues in NA and the medications.

As a wrap-up to this report, I do want to say that all business is good business. I did learn from this that even though we were there to conduct and get a lot of business done, I did experience so many “real life” situations. This is where the conference touched me on a spiritual level. The people met, the situations encountered, even the thought of our lives at risk due to terrorist threats—it all made me realize the importance of Narcotics Anonymous. We are all addicts with a common bond—to reach the still suffering addict and to carry the NA message in everyway we can.

Thank you for letting me participate. I do have money to return to the region—\$135.88. I learned from the best. I have mentors in recovery that have gone before me. My husband Tim was a large part of this journey—he showed me the compassion that one feels for the Conference. I saw him go thru so many emotions when he would return from his trips. Thank you to Tim—you helped me understand that NA is my passion also.

My other mentor is John Stanley. He has proven to me that his passion for this fellowship runs deep. I was allowed to learn and to seek out answers from others—I was never shut down for my opinions. I watched as other delegates and alternates bickered and had power struggles between them—we worked as a team and had our regions interest at heart. Thank you for allowing me the freedoms of choice.

Gratefully Serving,  
Debby Stewart  
Regional Delegate Alternat

Following Debby's report she was asked what impact the embezzlement had on the Fellowship's insurance rates. Debby reported that as a result, the Fellowship's old insurance carrier dropped us as clients. We did find a new carrier, and our rates were considerably higher. If the Fellowship can go the next ten years without another incident, those rates will drop.

Another question asked was the amount of the embezzlement. We were told that \$295,000 plus had been stolen.

**Treasurers Report: Next page**

# Regional Treasurer's Report

May 16, 2004 - As of close of business

## **Beginning Balance**

\$3,513.06

## **Donation Income**

Central Kansas Area	Chk# 1505	\$100.00
N.E. How Group	Chk# 914	\$50.00
Miracle Area	Chk# 1641	\$120.00
V.A.S.C. N.A.	Chk# 1301	\$80.09
Just For Today Area	Chk# 1083	\$100.00
Fellowship For Freedom Area	Chk# 1021	\$250.00
W.M.A.S.C.	Chk# 1007	\$80.00
New Way	Chk# 2111 & 2118	\$65.00
Sub-total		<u>\$845.09</u>

## **Other Income**

General - Deb Stewart (refund from trip, Chk# 9033)	\$85.88
General - Deb Stewart (refund from trip, Traveler Check)	\$50.00
MARCNA XX - Merchandise Paid by John S. (Chk# 0000)	\$150.00
Soul to Soul - Kristi Divine (Repayment of return Chk)	\$80.00
Soul to Soul - Kristi Divine (Void Chk #1683)	\$200.00
Activities - Elizabeth Raven (Chk# 3030)	\$15.00
Activities - (Cash)	\$225.76
MARCNA XXI - Convention Sub-Committee (Chk#1055)	\$2,952.84
Memorial Income - Anita Jackson (for PI Account)	\$100.00
Soul to Soul - Rod Davis	\$45.00
Soul to Soul - Tim Jordan	\$30.00
Soul to Soul - Gerald Owen	\$20.00
Soul to Soul - John Summers	\$26.00
Soul to Soul - Elizabeth Raven	\$9.00
Soul to Soul - Sara Connor	\$37.00
Sub-total	<u>\$4,026.48</u>

## **TOTAL INCOME**

\$4,871.57

## **Expenses**

Check #1687 You Store It (General - Storage)	\$55.00
Check #1688 McPherson 4H (Activities - August RSC)	\$230.00
Check #1689 Tim Stewart (Literature - Man)	\$367.63
Check #1690 John G. Stanley III (General - Archives Box)	\$25.00
Check #1691 David Rose (Activities - August RSC)	\$100.00
Check #1692 Kirk Brown (General - Secretary Exp.)	\$100.00
Check #1693 Betty Park (Soul to Soul - Fundraiser checks)	\$167.00
Check #1694 Betty Park (Soul to Soul - Seed money)	\$400.00
Check #1695 MARCNA XXII (General - Seed Money)	\$1,106.00
Sub-total	<u>\$2,550.63</u>

## **EXPENSE TOTAL**

\$2,550.63

## **ENDING BALANCE**

**\$5,834.00**



**Motion 3:** That there be no voluntary additional or non-contractual tipping by the Mid America Region.

**Maker:** Unity Area

**Intent:** Tipping is not spending funds responsibly.

**Discussion:** This motion arose because the convention subcommittee in the past has tipped some hotel employees for exceptional service. Some members of the RSC stated that as “responsible, productive members of society” tipping is appropriate. These members pointed out that the “greater society” is expected to do this and felt that we should also.

**Disposition:** **This goes back to groups to be voted on.**

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**Motion 4:** That no funds be allocated to the Mid America Newsletter.

**Maker:** Unity Area

**Intent:** In view of the current budget crises it is unreasonable to allot funds for the M.A.N. when it can be put on the internet at no cost. If we can't afford meeting lists, we can't afford the M.A.N.

**Discussion:** One member of the RSC pointed out that the decision to not print the meeting list was made in large part because of the inaccuracies in the printed version. We do have the money to print the meeting list (\$3,613.06 in the bank at the close of the last RSC) but the committee felt that having the list on the web with the ability to update as often as needed will give addicts better (more likely correct) information.

**Disposition:** **This goes back to groups to be voted on.**

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**Motion 5:** That rent, insurance, storage unit, and PO Box be priorities that are paid for first from available funds. All other requests for funds are to be submitted prior to the commencement of the RSC meeting on Sunday. Distribution of funds remaining after rent, insurance, storage unit, and PO Box are paid, and prudent reserve set aside, shall be decided by the RCMs before the closing of that day's business. Campout, Convention and Soul to Soul will become free-standing committees after a one-time startup donation is made to said committees, pursuant to Page 96 of A Guide to Local Services, 2002 Version, which states “...once the region establishes an initial ‘seed fund’ for its convention subcommittee, regional committee money and convention subcommittee money be held and accounted for separately. Regional conventions are then made self-supporting from their own income, charging only enough in registration fees to cover the costs of putting on the convention. Because the efforts that result in the generation of convention profits are contributed by NA members in the spirit of our Seventh Tradition, it is not inappropriate to deposit minimal excess proceeds in RSC operating funds.”

**Maker:** Steering subcommittee

**Intent:** To develop a realistic Mid America Regional Service Committee budget, with accountability for operating funds and the distribution thereof resting with the groups and areas.

**Discussion:** This motion generated much discussion. Many on the RSC floor felt that this motion was a good start for a new budget process, but felt that there were shortfalls in it. The chair of the steering subcommittee didn't feel that he could accept amendments without the subcommittee in its entirety present so no amendments were made. Some of the concerns raised were as follows:

- Change prior to the commencement of the RSC to “during”. Add website to the priorities.
- Do we want to add the RD and Alternate RD to priorities. Escrow can be incorporated into this. Startup can be escrowed.
- Something that allows subcommittees to be allowed to raise that money for projects when there isn't money. Can money be earmarked.
- Vehicle for independent fundraising by subcommittees. Subcommittee fundraisers.

These are the highlights of the discussion/opposition to the motion.

**Disposition:** **This goes back to groups to be voted on.**

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**Motion 6:** To increase PI budget by \$1,800.00 for printing of meeting lists and wallet cards.

**Maker:** John S.

**Intent:** Self explanatory

**Discussion:** Minimal

**Disposition:** **This goes back to groups to be voted on.**

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**Motion 7:** All “seed money” given out by the Mid America Region is to be returned to the Mid America Region after function or use.

**Maker:** Unity Area

**Intent:** Example: If a function has a deficit and asks Region for funds to pay bills, that function should repay the amount of the deficit plus the seed money

**Disposition:** **Motion withdrawn by the RCM of Unity Area (Jeanie M.) pending the outcome of the steering subcommittees motion.**

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**Motion 8:** To create a contact to be N.A.W.S. contact person coming from the Region. We would use N.A.W.S. guidelines and the individual would need to comply with these requirements. This is a creation of policy and would need to go into the policy manual.

**Maker:** PI Subcommittee

**Intent:** To insure better communication and accountability pertaining to our Group and Area meetings.

**Discussion:** Bob K. showed us a printed meeting list – the one that is at na.org. This was so out of date that it included the 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition Area. Without this contact person, it is difficult if not impossible to change this information, though Bob will try to get it corrected.

**Disposition:** **This goes to Groups to be voted on.**

**Additional:** The following is the response I got from World in response to a my inquiry about the requirements for a web contact person. It is included not as part of what happened on the RSC floor, but as additional information to be taken to Groups and individuals.

“Hello Kirk, thank you for contacting us. We do not have an official list of requirements for the NAWS Web Contact. We can tell you, however, a few things about it. Two people from each service committee are able to update meeting and trusted servant information with NAWS, one being the Regional Delegate, the other being the NAWS Web Contact, typically selected by the committee. The main requirement to fulfill for the duties is that the person would need to be computer savvy, as there is mostly data entry involved. Once your committee has identified someone for this position you can have him or her contact us at webupdates@na.org. From there we will get them acclimated to the process of updating your region’s information in our database.”

Greg K. brought to the RSC the following information: Dan S. (Lawrence) checked out \$89.00 worth of merchandise to sell for the last convention and has returned neither the merchandise nor the money. Many attempts to reach Dan have been made by John S. III and Debby S., all to no avail. Greg B. will send a certified letter to Dan requesting the funds. Michael S. will stop by Dan’s home on Sunday evening (16 May, 2004) and try to get the money or merchandise in person. If no resolution is reached by these methods in the next thirty (30) days, the RSC will take Dan to court. This is all in accordance with Regional policy.

Dave R. reported that he has talked to **Perkins Family Restaurant** and gotten quotes from them for the GSR Assembly. The following is the quote from Perkins. **Please note: this is nothing to vote on - it is just information that was presented to the RSC floor.**

10/16/ - 10/17/ ~~10/17/18/~~  
Date ~~10/17/18/~~

GSR Assembly  
Booked by \_\_\_\_\_ Time ~~9am-10pm~~ 9am-10pm

## Perkins Family Restaurant

Name of Group: Narcotics Anonymous Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: David Rose Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (316) 281-9266

Est. Count: work (316) 283-7829 GTD Count: \_\_\_\_\_

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<p>MEETING ROOM SET UP # _____</p> <p>MEETING ROOM _____</p> <p><u>2 rooms - 35 each</u></p> <p><u>Reg I &amp; II</u></p> <p>P.A. System _____ Mikes # _____ Flags _____</p> <p><u>no mikes</u></p>	<p>RENTED AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Chalkboard</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Screen</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Flip Chart</td> <td>Size <input type="checkbox"/> Lg <input type="checkbox"/> Sm</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Microphone</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Lectern</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Label</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Table</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Table</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Standing</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Overhead</td> <td>OTHER</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Piano</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><u>possibly Reg 3</u></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Chalkboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Screen	<input type="checkbox"/> Flip Chart	Size <input type="checkbox"/> Lg <input type="checkbox"/> Sm	<input type="checkbox"/> Microphone	<input type="checkbox"/> Lectern	<input type="checkbox"/> Label	<input type="checkbox"/> Table	<input type="checkbox"/> Table	<input type="checkbox"/> Standing	<input type="checkbox"/> Overhead	OTHER		<input type="checkbox"/> Piano
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Coffee Breaks

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Coffee \_\_\_\_\_ Tea hot or cold \_\_\_\_\_ Soft Drinks \_\_\_\_\_ Water \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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<p>MENU - _____</p> <p><u>Reg 1/2 = \$175</u></p> <hr/> <p><u>Reg 1/2/3 = \$225</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">↑ <u>w/dance</u></p>	<p>SET UP</p> <p><u>cof tea</u> } <u>provided</u></p>
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While talking to Perkins, Dave inquired about having the RSC held there on a quarterly basis. He reported that Perkins really wants our business and is willing to work with us to get this business. It will not be available until 2006 as it is booked until then. Dave was given permission to follow up and bring back more information for the next RSC. **Please note: this is nothing to vote on - it is just information that was presented to the RSC floor.**

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Concern was raised about the memorial fund that was set up in Shelley W's name. Some RSC members felt that this might be a violation of our Seventh Tradition. John S. III informed the floor that under state law, monies from a memorial fund are considered to come from the deceased and not the contributor to the fund. Furthermore, if the beneficiary (Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous) declines the contributions, the monies would go to the state by default.

Greg B. was instructed by the RSC to set up an escrow account in the books and put all funds from the memorial fund into it. He said that he will comply.

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**This concludes the minutes for the May 16, 2004 Regional Service Committee Meeting. Once again I have done the best that I can. It is my sincere hope that the minutes are clear and contain all of the pertinent information they should.**

**Another reminder to the Fellowship as a whole. My term of service in this position is finished after the February minutes are completed in 2005. We will need a new secretary for the May 2005 RSC. That's only 3 RSC's from now.**

**All of the information contained in the minutes should go to the Groups for their information. Remember, good communication is essential to the wellbeing of the Fellowship.**

**Thank You,  
Yours In Service,  
Kirk Brown  
Regional secretary**

**Roll Call**

<b>DATE 5/16/2004</b>		
	<b>9AM</b>	<b>1:30PM</b>
<b>AREA RCM'S</b>		
<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>F.F.F.</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>J.F.T.</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>MIRACLE</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>UNITY</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>WESTERN</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>WICHITA MET.</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>PRIMARY PURPOSE</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

<b>SUB COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>CAMPOUT</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>CONVENTION</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>H&amp;I</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>LITERATURE</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>M.A.N.</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>OUTREACH</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>PI</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>PO BOX</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>STEERING</b>		

<b>TRUSTED OFFICERS</b>		
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>CO TREASURER</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>RD</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>RD 2</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>CO CHAIR</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

***The next Regional meeting is on  
Saturday August 14,, 2004***

***9:00AM-11:00AM***

***(UP) H & I***

***(DOWN) LITERATURE***

***11:00AM-1:00PM***

***(UP) CONVENTION***

***(DOWN) CAMPOUT***

***1:00PM-2:00PM***

***LUNCH***

***2:00PM-4:00PM***

***(UP) P I***

***(DOWN) ACTIVITIES***

***4:00PM-6:00PM***

***(UP) STEERING***

***(DOWN) OUTREACH***

***7:00PM-8:00PM***

***SPEAKER MEETING***

***8:00PM-12:00AM***

***D.J.DANCE-AUCTION-RAFFLE***

***\$3.00/PERSON - NO ADDICT TURNED AWAY***

***Sunday August 15, 2004***

***8:30AM-9:00AM***

***RSC CHAIR/CO-CHAIR, SECRETARY & TREASURER***

***RCM, ALT, RCM SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CO-CHAIR***

***MOTIONS & REQUESTS***

***9:00AM - UNTIL DONE REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING***