

**Mid-America Service Committee of NA
PO Box 8732
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August 14, 2005**



The meeting was opened at 9:04am by Allen B.

The 12 Traditions were read by Dewayne K.

The 12 Concepts were read by Tom M.

Area's represented by RCM's today: Central, FFF, JFT, Western, Miracle, Wichita Metro, Primary Purpose, and Unity

Minutes: May '05 read and accepted (as amended). See Secretary Report.

Attendance: This is located at the end of the minutes.

Area Reports

Central Kansas Area:

Hello from the CKA

There's a lot going on in CKA. Lyons group is having their 5th annual PI function on Saturday Sept. 24 with the traditional sloppy joes and a speaker. Larned 6th annual rib feed is Saturday Sept 17th. Plans are underway for the CKA share-a-thon on Nov. 5th in Russell, Ks. More will be revealed. Check your email and the web for more info on this event. The 16th annual Chili Bowl is Dec 3rd in Russell at the 4-H building.

We have has some meeting changes. The Vision of Hope and Keep Coming Back groups have merged in unity to form Keep It Simple NA group with meetings at 106 Walnut on Sunday at 7pm as well as Monday and Thursday at 7:30 pm. We have a new group in Ellis, Ks; Simply Serene NA, with meetings on Thursday at 8pm at 107 W. 9th.

We have a ew information line number; 620-653-2264.

In Service,
Jeff R.

Just For Today Area

Hello Family,

Recovery is thriving in Just for Today Area. Our Groups are really excited about being involved in "Capture the Banner, so hopefully we'll get some Outreach going on all over our Area!

We just had our Area campout "Mirror of Miracles" at Big Hill Lake, Cherryvale, Kansas and it was a big success, awesome recovery weekend.

H&I is awesome in our Area. The Girard treatment center is still going strong. We also have meetings going into the Oswego boot camp (men and women's). We have more groups getting involved with H&I. We have some county jails already set up and going and we have other jails that want us to start NA meetings?

Our Area has a new website and we are really excited about this!

We are having a "Unity Day" celebration on September 4th in Chanute, Kansas.

We have a new group started in Neodesha, Kansas. They are still struggling and in the beginning stages, but we are happy to have them and do our duty to support them.

I have brought our Regional donation today! Thanks for letting me be of service!

Love and Hugs,
Flo H., RCM

Miracle Area

Hello Miracles;

Recovery continues to unify the miracle area. Meetings rooms continue to push their limits with more and more addicts.

Our area is moving forward with plans for the Unconventional Convention to be held at the Community Building downtown Lawrence Halloween weekend. This is a new location and a new flyer is out. Please share this information.

Our area campout is still at Slough Creek Group Camp on Perry Lake Sept 16, 17, and 18. (cool weather) and a limited number of shirts are available now. We will hold a tie-dye workshop at the campout for anyone who cares to get involved. We would love to host your weekend of fun and fellowship. This is a free function with primitive camping only.

This convention is hosting one function before the Unconventional Convention on Oct 1 at the Boys and Girls Club at 1520 Haskell Street, Lawrence, Ks. This is one more chance to experience the fellowship and excitement of Narcotics Anonymous.

Our H&I committee is looking into an additional meeting at the Douglas County jail, hopefully in the minimum pod to further carry our message.

Although PI is currently not very cohesive as a sub committee,

John S. is in contact with the University of Kansas Housing Dept. and we will be making a PI presentation as soon as it can be scheduled. If you are interested in this please contact myself, Pete E or John S. we just printed new schedules.

Literature deliveries from world for the last couple of months has thrown a wrench into local literature supplies as world has about 50% of their staff organizing materials to go to Hawaii. Hopefully our orders will catch up with demand soon.

A couple of new people in service from the Miracle Area are Larry K, Baldwin City, RCM Alt, Pete E, Eudora, Ks, RCM.

In Grateful Service,
Pete E.

PS: We will be mailing our regional donation

Unity Area

Hello Family,

Recovery is alive and well in Unity Area. Unfortunately the group called Brothers and Sisters of NA did not take hold and folded. The Abilene group seems to be establishing a foothold and going strong. The Phoenix group conducted a group inventory and the main topic was how to get the meeting back to being more recovery based. Many ideas were discussed and some have been implemented and changes are slowly happening. Thanks to John S and Tim & Debby for coming and helping to facilitate the meeting.

We have created a new service position of Phone Line Coordinator to have someone responsible for the upkeep of the automated info line for the area.

Omega/Crossroads Group recently had their first annual campout. I was not in attendance but have been told a good time was had by all and they are looking forward to next year.

Our area groups have started to have group banners made for the, Capture the Banner game among our groups. Everyone seems to be excited to get started.

We will be having a Unity Area fundraiser dance on Saturday Sept 24, @ 7:00 pm @ the Friendship Center – 7 Comanche Ave, Salina.

In Service
Big Mike

Western Area

Hello Family,

It's great to be here again. As you know our Area has been suffering these past few months. We still have hope. At our recent small Area campout a neighboring Group came to the meeting and told us they are ready to get involved again.

We have changed our meetings back to monthly instead of quarterly in hopes of more participation. Our next meeting in Sept. 11, at 3:00pm @ 810 Greenwood in Dodge City. Hopefully then we may be able to plan a fundraiser and get flyers out.

The Dodge City Round Up committee sent flyers for this year's round up. They have some great speakers lined up. Hope to see you all there. Oct., 7, 8, and 9th.

Unfortunately I must report that our area didn't have much success with "The Rock" as our meetings have been poorly attended and so spread out. Again I have high hopes that this is all about the change.

We are in the process of updating our area 800 phone line. More will be revealed. Keep checking our website for updated info.

Loving Service,
Marvetta R.

Wichita Metro Area

Hello Family,

Things are doing well in Wichita.

We have a lot of activities coming up over the next couple of months. Starting with our 3rd annual campout at Harvey County East Lake on August 26th, 27th and 28th. There will be a campfire meeting to kick things off on Friday @ 9am, workshops during the day. Dinner at 6:00 pm, speaker at 8pm. (more will be revealed) and a karaoke to follow. Sunday's breakfast is BYOB (bring your own breakfast), with a speaker to follow at 10:00 am. If I missed something, there are flyers on the table. Our Just for Today group will be having our 3rd annual fun-d-raiser on Sept 17th. Main meat provided. Just bring a side dish, lawn chair, auction items and your body. There will be moonwalk and dunk tank for the kids- big and small. There will be plenty of fun and fellowship for all to have. There is a flyer printed on the table with directions. The Unity Group of Wichita will be having it 14th Annual Street Dance Sept 10th @ 930 W. Douglas. Check our website for more information. Which leads into my saying that I'm proud to announce that our Area Website is now up and running. The address is www.wmana.org.

After the day is done and all is said and done, that we will continue to remember the purpose.

In Loving Service,
Kerry B, RCM WMA

Primary Purpose

Recovery is happening in the Primary Purpose area. We now have almost all of our service positions filled but I do have faith that they will be filled. I am extremely happy to say that the group, Gift of Life in our area has volunteered to host the World Unity Day speaker Aug 4th @ 1:00pm at their campout Labor Day weekend at the East Side of Lake Afton, west of Wichita.

As of the time of writing this report I have no way of printing the flyer for this event and I am truly sorry for this, but I can forward it to those who want it if you give me an email address. I am also happy to be able to present this region a check for \$700.00 from our area. I am sad to say that this is the last RSC meeting that I will be attending as RCM as my term will be p in Oct. and I just want to congratulate my replacement in advance. Last but not least the Archivist Guidelines was accepted by our area.

In Loving Service,
John N, RCM

Fellowship For Freedom

Hello NA Family,

FFF is alive and doing well. We only have one open position, Alternate RCM. If it's a sign the area is doing something right, United Survivors have rejoined the area. On a personal note, I think the area is on its way to becoming more accountable. Now, if the Area can improve on carrying the NA message of recovery, an addict at the end of the road might find a new way of life. We are going to try and do this at our annual campout on Aug 26th, 27th & 28th at Banner Creek Reservoir, shelter #4. Speakers will be on Fri & Sat night along with campfire meetings and lost of games and fellowship. There will be a pig roast Sat afternoon. Side dishes & donations are appreciated. There are flyers on the table.

A mix up in communication has caused the area to abstain on the archivist guidelines vote.

I did mention in my report, that it would be beneficial for subcommittee chairs to attend the regional subcommittee meetings at the RSC. The Area discussed adding it to the list of duties in the area policies. Even though it's not a regional policy.

In Loving Service,
Russ P.

End of Area Reports. Beginning subcommittee reports.

Activities

Hi all,

We open the meeting. There was 3 area report gave and a lot of good stuff going on in the region and there in flyer on the table for your taking.

I got a report on the GSR Assembly. We are asking all the RCM's to take back to their area , What would you like to see next year GSR Assembly.

Rod D. will give Soul to Soul report last in this committee.

From the committee we have nominated Rod D. for Chair and Shelly W. for co-chair.

Soul to Soul Chair Pete E. was nominated by the committee for position.

Fun part of the report.

Outgoing		Incoming	
DJ	200.00	Door	155.00
Dillons	16.52	Fast cash	24.00
Dillons	53.61	Pop	30.00
Dillons	15.23	Lunch	<u>114.00</u>
Dillons	20.92		323.00
WalMart	60.99		
WalMart	46.78		
Fast Cash	<u>24.00</u>		
	414.05		

I would like to thank all of you for the last 2 years of service. I have got a lot out of it and you will be in my heart. Thank you all.

Love and Service
David R.

Turn in money at end of day 11-21-04 \$125.36.

Soul to Soul Report:

Hello fellow Miracles,

Our Spiritual retreat at Camp Chippawa, Ottawa, KS Sept 23-25 is almost upon us. Preparations are moving forward smoothly with menu items and funding taken care of.

Our pre registration deadline is close of business today and your \$40 covers all food and lodging costs.

We currently have \$1,163 in the bank with another \$370 to deposit as of today. This brings our available fund balance to \$1533.00

I would love to see you there and look forward to doing so.

Thanks, In Service, Pete E.

P.S. Anyone wanting to pre register may contact Shelley W. or Pete E. now

Campout Report:

Hello NA Family,

The committee is happy to report the 2005 campout was a successful recovery event. The financial ending balance, after all expenses, is \$2,040.04. There was no decision made at the meeting to turn any funds back over to the Region. The committee discussed formulating a set of policies / guidelines for the Campout Committee.

The 2006 campout will be at Pomona Lake, Wolfe Creek Group camp site. The dates will be from Friday, June 30th through Monday, July 3rd. The theme will be "Living in Recovery is Believing in Recovery". Please bring any artwork for the theme to the next RCS in November.

The committee has nominated Scott Kr. for the Campout Chair. This is being turned over to the Region for a vote. All positions for the committee are currently filled.

This is all I have for now. Thank you for the opportunity for service on this committee. I am grateful and I have learned a lot.

Russ P.

Convention Report:

Hello, NA family,

I am please to let know that our MARCNA XXIII committee has been fully seated. Here is a listing of our committee members:

Pat B.	Chair
Janet W.	Co-Chair and Registration Chair
Wendee K.	Treasurer
Karen W.	Secretary
Mike T.	Merchandise and Fundraising Chair
Dave D.	Fundraising Co-Chair
Jake D.	Hotels and Hospitality Chair
Jon M.	Arts and Graphics Chair
Heather B.	Arts and Graphic Co-Chair
Scott K.	Entertainment Chair
Rick M.	Entertainment Co-Chair
Travis L.	Programming Chair

We completed our menu items for the banquet and brunch; these will be finalized at our next meeting on September 18, 2005 in Hays, KS. We will be meeting with the General Manager and the Banquet Manager @ 11:00am to review the contract with the hotel, and will have our regular meeting @ 1:00pm. Please feel free to attend.

We plan to have the formal flyers available at the November 2005 RSC, and there are informational flyers on the table in the back. As there are a very limited number of smoking rooms available, please make your reservations early to ensure one is secured.

We are right on task according to our Convention time-line. Over the next few months we will be getting merchandising information, speakers and workshop information to you. If you have any suggestions or ideas for workshops and/or speakers, please let me know and I will pass the information on the appropriate chair for that activity.

Attached is the treasurer's report for June and July. There was no activity on this account in August 2005.

In Service,

Pat B.

Chair

MARCNA XXIII

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H&I

Hello Regional Family,

All is going well on the H&I front. We have had several Area learning days for H&I around our region and still more to come. For instance at the Wichita Metro Area campout Aug 26, 27 & 28 a panel presentation is set for Saturday morning the 27th at 10am, at Harvey Co. East Lake. Also at the Gift of Life campout on Sat Sept 3rd at 8pm at Lake Afton. There will also be an H&I workshop at the Plains State Zonal Forum in Lincoln, Nebraska Sept 30-Oct 2nd. Also a learning day in Hutchinson Sat January 14th. As a subcommittee we have also set a goal for November RSC, for areas to come back in Nov. with a list of facilities they are taking the H&I panels to and the number of times per month they are going to each facility. This will give us an idea on what's being done and how much and where more can be done.

We also want dates for more learning days. *Also, since we have elected to be a self supporting subcommittee we passed the basket and are turning over to the treasurer \$74.00 today to be escrowed for use later on to further our H&I efforts. More will be revealed how we will spend this money. Remember the Service Assembly Oct. 15th & 16th here in McPherson and also Zonal (CAR workshop) Jan 7th here in McPherson. Hope to cya there. Also Becky B had surgery Friday, keep her in her prayers.

In Loving Service,
Tom M H&I Chair

Literature

Hello Family,

All is well on the literature front. As far as I know the groups needs are being met. The next issue of the MAN will be ready this fall. Tim S. is still needing material for the fall issue. We are requesting \$417.95 for the next printing.

We have returned \$29.22 from the previous printing. The MAN archive CD's are still available for \$5.00. The deadline for the new stories for the Basic Text is soon approaching, so submit your stories. The next chapters of the Public Relations Handbook will soon be out for review.

We have elected a new Co-Chair, Dave D and have elected a secretary Flo H. My thanks to both. There is some new material out. You can check these out at the NAWS website. This is my last report for Regional Literature.

Thank you for letting me serve,
Big Mike

M.A.N.

Hello Lit Wits,

Despite more printer problems, the summer issue was produced and distributed. A final, honest attempt to use Sharpe Printing in Wichita fell through after several e-mail and phone visits. At one point, the newsletter was in Sharpe's hands with me waiting on a time to go pick them up. Instead, I received word that they weren't doing the printing but playing middle man for another print shop that decided to raise the price. Sharpe Printing offered to have me work directly with this other printer and forfeit his commission but the other printer stated that his price would double working with me directly with me. Once again, I adjusted the quantity and had them printed at Office Max in Salina.

Now for the guts of it all, I was issued a check for \$400.00 for 1000 copies plus shipping. The adjusted amount to stay within budget was 925 copies but then I had the printing done during an anniversary sale and received another \$15.00 off the total bill. Here's the breakdown:

925 copies plus 7.05%	\$340.42
6 tear resistant envelopes	\$2.57
Postage	\$27.79
Total	\$370.78 (or 40 cents per copy)

Two areas' newsletters were hand delivered as always and I did save back a small stack to place on the table. To balance out this quarter I have a check in the amount of \$29.22 to turn back in.

I will be soliciting a bid from Jerry D in Salina for possible future printings but for the Fall 2005 issue I am requesting \$417.95 which will cover postage, tear resistant bags, and 1000-6 sheet newsletters, printed, folded and stapled at Office Max. If I am able to get a bid other than this one before print time I will take advantage of it and hopefully save us some money.

The fall issue is not near as finished as previous issues at this time. Submissions are down, so I sent an invitation out via e-mail which did bring two stories in. This won't delay production, but you may be reading a lot of rambles, so please submit something this weekend!

On a final note, I received word towards the end of May that Keith B (Co-editor) was moving out of state. Since I found out before production of the summer issue it was mentioned on the front page. I don't see a need to replace that position unless we expand the amount of issues per year; there just wasn't enough work for two with 3 months between each issue. I still fantasize about having a writing staff though, maybe someday.

Gratefully Serving,
Tim S.

PI

Hello Family,

We had a very productive subcommittee meeting with 5 of 8 Areas represented. There is much activity and interest in Public Information around the Region.

Members around the Region have participated in several professional conferences during the last quarter including presentations to the Kansas Jailers Association and the SRS drug conference in Wichita. Rod D. attended the Zonal Forum in South Dakota where there has been a large focus on PI and gearing up for the Governor's Conference on Gambling and Other Addictions in Kansas City next week, the 24th, 25th, and 26th. He also brought this committee a list of ideas to improve our PI efforts.

Members of this Region are putting together a polished "team" to participate in learning days, panel discussions, professional conferences and to otherwise assist interested parties in doing the same. It was discussed that each Area eventually have their own "team" to participate in activities in around the region and to assist each other in carrying the message.

There was much discussion on the website. Kirk B. reports he has received flyers from all over the world with a request that they be posted on the site. It was decided to not post these flyers as each region has their own websites and they will probably be posted there (go look)!

There was a request from WMA to post their website address on the Regional website. At this time we have decided not to post any links other than the ones already on the site due to previous problems with links not promoting recovery.

Kirk will get with some other members familiar with website procedures to produce a set of website guidelines. (Just a suggestion: If you would like your Area website address available make sure it is on you Area meeting schedule that is posted on the regional website)

Please remember to keep your Area schedules updated on the website as this is where our Regional meeting schedule is updated from.

The website is simple but functional. This will make it easier to maintain in the future. There is a regional calendar available to post function flyers on. (please only flyers from the Mid-America Region.

I have spent a lot of time examining and changing the Regional schedule on the world website. This has caused me a considerable amount of grief over the last few months. It was discussed that as each group sends a group registration it is posted to the site. Each area (theoretically) has appointed a web contact and this person should register with the WSO and make changes to their meeting schedules and contact information; as there is a great deal of misinformation on the site. If an area is unable to make these changes, please contact me so we can make arrangements. I will be contacting the tech support at the WSO to delete the two areas in our region that no longer exist. The WSO is attempting to streamline the process by which changes can be made. It was determined that it is not possible or practical for me, as Web Contact, to attempt to make all these changes myself. It would require much more information than I have for each group. I would strongly suggest (beg) each area to make these changes.

Again please continue to keep your meeting schedules updated on our regional website: www.marscna.net

In Loving Service,
Misty K.

PO Box

I have checked the box regularly. We got a lot of junk mail, also a lot of flyers. I had to go in the day time to pickup once cause of the amount of junk. I must apologize to the convention committee. I received a letter that should have been forwarded to them about recovery merchandise that they can buy. I failed to do that. I am truly sorry for not doing my duties.

YOURS IN SERVICE
DeWayne K. P.O. BOX CHAIR

Steering

Here we go

At the last RSC steering recommended that the 2007 convention be held in Salina on March 30 – April 1st at Holiday Inn. This recommendation was not voted on and needs to be. We have a nomination for committee member Jon Mc. And still have one position open for committee member. We would like to have bids or suggestions for convention 2008 so we can begin the process. Now for the task given this committee by the RSC, we have a motion for the "Funds Management of the Region" and would like this motion to be discussed and voted on in old business.

In Service,
Jeff R

SEE NEXT PAGES FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET GUIDELINE:

Motion: The document “Funds Management for the Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous” be adopted by the Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous as a tool for the management and disbursement of funds.

Intent: To clarify our policy and give us a mechanism for the management of our funds.

Financial Impact: This should give us a better handle on our finances, allowing us to better manage our funds. It shouldn't cost the Region any money, and may help prevent the frivolous expenditure of funds.

Policy Impact:

Article XI: Section F (*M.A.R.S.C.N.A. shall make funds available to assist the Regional Delegate and the Alternate Regional Delegate with designated expenses incurred due to attendance at the World Service Conference each year.*) **will be replaced with the proposed document.**

Article XI: Section H (Budgeting) (*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"*) **will be replaced with the proposed document.**

Article XI: Section I (*Prudent reserve shall be set by the RSC as deems necessary at the May RSC for the following year.*) **will be replaced with the proposed document.**

Article XI: Section J (*Regional subcommittees submit their previous years actual expenses to be added to their budget proposal.*) **will be deleted.**

There may be other impacts to our current policy. We will have to make changes to it as we go and learn to live with this policy.

Funds Management for the Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous

- 1.) Rent, insurance, storage unit, PO Box, and the web page are priorities that are to be paid for first from available funds.

These shall be paid in the order listed. 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, PO Box and the web page are paid, and prudent reserve set aside, shall be decided by the RCMs before the closing of that day's business.
- 2.) The fiscal year shall be defined as from the end of business in May through the end of business the following May.
- 3.) Prudent reserve shall be defined as "enough funds to cover rent, insurance, storage unit PO Box and web page for one year". These funds shall be set up in an escrow account by the treasurer and are not available for use except in the event of a shortfall when paying these bills. If funds are withdrawn from the prudent reserve, they will be replaced at the earliest possible time.
- 4.) Monies shall be escrowed quarterly for the Alt. Regional Delegate to attend the World Service Conference. The amount needed for the next World Service Conference shall be determined at close of the previous Conference using figures from the previous conference and adding 10% to it. This amount shall be divided by eight thus arriving at the amount escrowed quarterly.
- 5.) It is recommended that escrow accounts be set up in May for any projects or expenses that the Regional Committee Members feel are necessary. These might include, but are not limited to, monies for the printing of meeting lists, printing of the newsletter and secretary expenses.
- 6.) 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."

- 7.) All subcommittees are accountable to the Region and by extension to the Groups. Campout, Convention and Soul to Soul will submit complete financial records each quarter at the Regional Service Committee meeting. Their books are subject to audit by the Region at any time and should be available upon request.
- 8.) All other subcommittees shall give a complete accounting of their financial activities for the preceding quarter at each Regional Service Committee Meeting. This shall include a complete summary of monies received and spent plus all receipts for goods and/or services purchased. If no financial activity occurred in any given quarter, the subcommittee shall report that at the Regional Service Committee Meeting.
- 9.) There may be times when subcommittees other than Campout, Convention, and Soul to Soul wish to put on special events. In this event they may have fundraisers. Monies raised from these events shall be turned over to the treasurer at the close of the event (or as soon as possible thereafter) and the treasurer shall set up a temporary escrow account. The money shall then be available to the subcommittee upon request.
- 10.) If a subcommittee needs funds they don't have, they may petition the Region for those funds. The RCM's may grant the request in the form of "seed money", a "request for funds", or deny the request altogether. If "seed money" is granted, that money shall be repaid to the Region at the earliest possible time. This is not necessarily when the project is finished, but rather as soon as the funds are available. A "request for funds" is a "grant" to the subcommittee and needn't be paid back at any time.
- 11.) The treasurer shall include in his quarterly report all of the monies that the RSC has including but not limited to the escrow accounts. He shall have this information available at the beginning of the RSC on Sunday. His/her books shall be subject to an audit upon request.
- 12.) The RCMs have ultimate control of the check book. If they feel that there is a pressing need for monies from any or all of the escrowed accounts, they may with a 2/3 vote of the seated Areas remove funds from those accounts for this need. This should not be done lightly, frivolously or without due consideration.

Outreach

Hello Family,

Places we have been, Ottawa, Chanute, Parsons, McPherson, Junction City, Cherryvale (JFT Area campout), Osawatomie State Hospital, Cottonwood Falls, Lawrence, Council Grove, Salina, Clay Center, Abilene, and the Regional Campout. Dave R. and myself have been getting around and we both expressed we need to get to Western KS. more.

We raised \$517.40 for the Outreach Fundraiser in Emporia. We would like to request the money be put into a separate account for outreach projects. We will have maps printed to go inside the regional meeting list and we will buy a couple of starter kits for new Groups in the Region.

We would like to request seeing the "Addicts on Asphalt" rocks at each Regional meeting so we can display them with the Saturday night speaker. We have "Addicts on Asphalt", "Steal the Banner" and a new Outreach Contest going on in Outreach.

I would like to make a plea to Wichita and Primary Purpose Areas to make a position for outreach. I cannot emphasize how important this is. We would love to have an outreach Area report from each Area if they cannot make it to the Regional meeting.

Just for Today-we are promoting unity in this Area. We are excited about "Capture the Banner" and we have A.O.A. rock going around.

Unity-Our Area has started the "Capture the Banner" game among our Groups. Our rock is currently at Omega/Crossroads. Meetings are doing well with some just hanging on.

Central Kansas-The CKA is doing well. The rock has been to every Group. The two new Groups one (in) Ellis (Simply Serene) and Lyons (Night Flyers). We (outreach) went to Hoisington, Lyons and Ellinwood.

Thank you to Karen W. from Central Kansas Area for filling in as secretary for outreach subcommittee meeting and Sally for her experience.

In Loving Service,
Scott W.
Outreach Chair

PS we are talking about an A.O.A. outreach bus trip – San Antonio, TX World Convention 2007.....more will be revealed

End of Subcommittee Reports. Beginning Officer reports.

Regional Delegate

Hello NA Family:

WHEW———thank HP that summer is coming to a close. And thank you to everyone that voted to move our RSC's to this facility! It is great to be in temperature controlled environment.

PUBLIC RELATIONS HANDBOOK: the review and input deadline for the first 4 chapters has past, Aug 1, 2005. Now we will be receiving the next 5 chapters for review and input by Sept 1, 2005:

Media Criminal Justice Treatment Healthcare Phonelines

This will have the same time-line of 90 days to review and input—which will cut-off around Dec 1, 2005. Please participate in this project, the Public Relations workgroup is encouraging everyone to be a part of the process.

BASIC TEXT PROJECT: personal stories from the fellowship are needed! Please visit this site: <http://www.na.org/conference/bt> for tips on writing and topics that may help you formulate your story. Remember, the writing does not need to be lengthy—share your experience. A copyright release form will need to be signed (at the website). The deadlines for submitting is December 2005. Then we will go thru the review and input process from Sept 2006 thru March 2007. In Sept 2007 we will have draft ready for approval. If need to, contact Travis at WSO with any questions you may have.

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH: September is designated as National Recovery Month. I had received a packet of information that I have turned over to PI. There are going to be several events in cities throughout the country. There is a website www.recoverymonth.gov that can be accessed for more information. Even if we do not participate this year, it could be a goal to shoot for next month. This is another chance for NA to share with people what our program is about.

REGION INSURANCE: Boy has that been a ride! I have been in close contact with a person concerning the quote for insurance. Much correspondence, more information, much correspondence, more information (I am glad this is my profession—or else a person would've been totally confused). Anyway, we were getting down to the wire. I did get the check from Greg for the existing policy renewal. I did send that to the agent as we STILL had not received the quote from the other company. Then I called her on Wed, Aug 17———she asked why I had not listed all of the activities that are shown on the website. She was looking at activities from the different areas and groups—I explained to her that the ones listed on the application, IN DETAIL, were the only activities that the Region is responsible for and the only ones that our insurance covers! Anyway———per her, we are paying a VERY REASONABLE PRICE for the coverage we have in place. So, we are **not** changing insurance companies. Their premium would range from \$1000 to \$3000 annually.

WORLD UNITY DAY: Thank you to Gift of Life group in Hutchinson for co-sponsoring this event with the Region. This campout should be a lot of fun—with the highlight of World Unity Day on Sunday! What a way to celebrate the unite of NA all around the world. This is always a powerful event and it is an honor to be a part of it.

PLAINS STATES ZONAL FORUM: Rod will discuss in greater detail, but I do need to share that this was another very educational event! So awesome. Public Information was the topic of the meeting—we brainstormed and came up with some awesome ideas to reach the public. We have another Zonal scheduled for October in Nebraska, and the CAR Workshop scheduled for January here in McPherson. Structure is happening with the Zonal and is forming into a work-horse structure! I have corresponded to the WSO so that we can have a World Board Member be a participant at the CAR Workshop in January. Rod and I will complete this and return it to them ASAP. Please mark this date on your calendar: Jan 7 & 8, 2006 here at the Red Coach/Perkins facility. By attending this workshop you will be able to go thru the Conference Agenda Report and ask questions and get thorough answers—it has always been proven to be a very informative meeting! By the way, the CAR should be available after November 23, 2005.

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE: This will be held April 23-29, 2006 at Woodland Hills, CA. FYI——my expenses will be covered by WSO, that is they reimburse me after the conference closes. I will need to request funds to carry me thru, and I will reimburse the region on my return. We will need to look at the expenses that Rod will need to request, since the Region is responsible for his. More to be revealed in November.

HUMAN RESOURCE PANEL: There are positions that are open and the HRP is now taking names until October 31, 2005. The open positions include: WSC Cofacilitator, Human Resource Panel Member and World Board Member. Please see attached for complete information.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Regional Delegate Alt.

Howdy from RD 2

There has been a lot of stuff going on since last regional—— campout, campout and more campouts. Even got to go to Zonal in Iowa to work on PI stuff (more will be revealed), and work with other recovering addicts at the Zonal.

Saturday we talked about the difference between the ASC and RSC Public Information responsibilities. That being mainly Region to set up state contacts, provide area's with experience, strength and hope, do larger PI efforts (such as this following week in Kansas City). The Areas would set up H&I meetings, educate facilities, parole officers, and professionals locally, PSA's with TV, radio, and other media, work with other area to get phone lines up and running.

ISSUE 1— PI IS NOT JUST THE PHONE LINE

1. What else is your committee doing and what is working
2. Most of the Regions are just getting restarted in doing mainstream PI
3. List's for the addict to call and meeting schedules
4. Presentation's to non-addicts
5. Funding addicts to go to workshops and/or other PI efforts
6. Phone
 - a. Informational style
 - b. Operator assisted
 - c. 12 step help phones (cell phones) there was much discussion about the miss use of cell phones and the lack of control over humans, we need to make sure the members who are answering the phones are qualified trusted servants.
 - d. Answering service
 - e. Bi-lingual phone line
- Flier days
 - How about Spanish or other appropriate language
 - Gather as much information as you can
 - Where they where posted
 - Did you have to talk to anyone to post it?
 - Have your own supplies to hang them
 - Pull tags with information on them (phone number or address of meeting)
 - Make sure the information put on fliers are correct
- Radio PSA's
 - Get information from world
 - Never go alone
- TV PSA's
 - Get PSA's from world but you will have to convert from beta to data the TV can use
 - Flip TV ads be sure and put phone number or address on them
 - Bus bench ads (BEWARE THEY WORK meeting attendance and phone call may increases)
 - Doing presentation to non-addicts such as drugs court, conference's
 - Learning Days to train addict to do PI work (funding the addicts who can't get there so they learn)

ISSUE 2 – IT IN PI

- Power Point presentation
 - Iowa rocks they have a power point presentation that they are suppose to be sending us so we can maybe use the same format to do one for us (this is I believe would be a great tool for this region)
- Website and the Traditions
 - Watch that you do not violate traditions
 - Who the website belongs to and how it is maintained example was a member's place of employment and that it went badly which left a bad taste in the employer mouth. Servicing should be done by two or more so that everyone is protected. Sites that have pop-up ads can dilute the message and cause an implied affiliation. They need to be updated often and links checked for accuracy a lot.

Try and keep it simple (make it easy to get around)

ISSUE 3 – RURAL PI

- Metro or more pupated area need to get more involved makes an investment in rural settings
- Do things slowly one effort at a time (because of help)
- Train members in PI if you have a workshop and one member gets involved it is a success
- Mailer's with NA a resource in the community flier along with meeting lists
- Make sure you follow thru ever time you say you going to do something
- If you can't follow thru make contact with (who ever) and tell them you can't follow thru at this time or not at all.

ISSUE 4—SPEAKING TO NON-ADDICTS

- Make sure correct information is given to the hospitals, treatment centers, and jails
- Give clear message of NA
- Do research on who you talking to, ask questions first so you will not talk down to your audience, or talk way over their head

On Sunday we discussed that all elected officers for the Zonal would be for a 2 year term with elections being in the odd years 2005, 2007 and so on. The Kansas City PI presentation the 24th, 25th, and 26th will be divided up between 5 NA communities Iowa Region, Nebraska region, Mid-America region, Mo-Kan Area, and Show me region. Our part of the money (conference space, some supplies) came to \$77.50 Debbie and I paid that out of the \$400 the region sent with us. I also spent \$55.23 for 300 meeting schedules for the PI effort. I spent that out of my pocket and if this body would give it back to me good. If you all think I over stepped my boundary and do not want to give it back that okay also. I feel it is money well spent. We (Mid-America) will also supply the Region's IP display to use in the booth

Archivist Report:

Dear Family,

Thanks to this fellowship and a loving Higher Power my life was blessed by visits from our daughter and son in law and 3 very energetic granddaughters for a month. After they left our son, also in the military, arrived for a 3 ½ week R&R. As the family co-director for entertainment my time to pursue Region bits of history was limited. I did however make contact with Glenn S. who will donate a "suitcase full of stuff" soon. I had hoped for his attendance here this weekend but I'll contact him this week to make arrangements to pick up "stuff" before next RSC. I will also be in contact with Brent of Wichita and Tony K. of Doge and of course Bernalee of T-town.

I've had several cellular conversations with Anita and Warren J. of Wichita and Thanks to Dwayne K., who laid the foundation, I spent a few hours with Anita on Friday last and she gave me a box of minutes and P.I. and H&I items for our archives. I didn't have a chance to view most of the items but I think they're a collection of Region minutes include 1984 – 1996 with the exception of '92. Besides getting those folders full of Regional documents she provided us with Conference Agenda Reports and WSC material. From this addicts' point of view the most valuable item she gave us Friday afternoon was the love she asked me to pass on to the RSC and all her old friends here. I'll be in contact with her and Warren in the next few months and plan on visiting them again before the next RSC for more "stuff" and conversation. I wish I would have had a tape recorder and maybe I will for the next visit. I plan to be organizing the file categories before the next RSC and I'll present an outline for our "catalog" and all its parts at that time.

In Service, John S.

P.S. Received the Mid America Newsletter archives this morning and for the most part it is already in chronological order. (Thanks Tim)

MAN Archive Report August 20th, 2005

Hey Family,

Unfortunately sales haven't been very good the past quarter. I didn't push them very well and make them available. For that reason, I have created contracts to get these out there to you; the sales staff. I hope to have an empty (or close to) case by the end of this meeting.

From my report last Literature meeting, 12 more have sold, most of which went to Rod. This brings the total to 53 sold and 1 donated (OK Zonal). With the contact system, we may be able to provide one by next quarter. Here is the record of all sales;

1	TS (donated to MARCNA)	\$5.00	15	@ Zonal	75.00
1	Donated to Zonal	-0-	22	MARCNA	110.00
1	April ASC	5.00		Seed \$ reimbursement	(55.00)
7	May RSC	35.00	4	June Zonal	20.00
1	Roman Nose Retreat	5.00	Total		\$210.00

Gratefully Serving,
Tim S.

Insert Treasurers Report before this page.

Secretaries Report for the Aug 05 minutes:

Greeting All - The items that needed amended in the May '05 Minutes were: (a) under "Old Business" in the housekeeping section of paying bills: Carla D. received \$300 not one hundred dollars for the printing of meeting lists. (b) and under the "Elections" portion; Tom M. (not N.) was elected to H&I, and for Archivist Kirk B. nominated John S. (not the other way around).

I need to apologize to all for not getting this set of minutes out in a timely manner. Life happens. In the future I will make a better effort at getting the minutes completed within the first two weeks after Regionals. Whip me with a wet noodle.

P.S. - WCNA 31 and Hawaii rocked!

Expenses for this quarter:

Printing	\$	Beginning Balance	\$
Postage	\$_____	Ending Balance	\$_____
Total	\$	Returned to Region	\$

Old Business

There was much discussion about the process of coming to agree on a place to hold this Regions annual convention. It was voted on and passed that MARSCNA XXIII for the year 2007 will be held in Salina, KS. It is requested that bids be brought back to this committee for a place to hold our convention in 2008. The gathering and submitting of bids can be done by any addict wanting to serve.

Elections:

Literature Chair: no one for this position now, take back to groups

Campout Chair: It can out of committee and Russ nominated John Mc., qualified, elected
(Russ turned over his storage bin key to John.)

PO Box Chair: Kerry B. volunteered, qualified, had requirements of position read, elected

Steering: still need one member to fill this committee, take back to groups

Without much discussion it was determined that the "Guidelines for Archivist" be voted on, they passed unanimously.

It was brought to the floors attention that a previous promissary note has been in default for the past six months. Per policy we are to send the individual a letter with a copy of the note by certified mail requesting payment in full. The individual in question has been contacted and has no money and is aware that he is in arrears. After review we decided to get his new address and a letter will be sent to him, per policy, by our treasurer.

Recommendation for funding our region came from Steering committee. A lot of time and energy has been spent on this endeavor. An offer was made by the Steering chair to send Steering Committee members to the individual areas to explain the proposal. Kirk B. read and explained the lengthy recommendations. I will not even attempt to try to convey the crux of his discourse. The document or tool *Funds Management for the Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous*(included in these minutes after the Steering report) will need to be voted on by groups and their vote brought back to November RSC. There was discussion on when this recommendation should go into effect. We took a vote and the recommendation will be sent back to groups for approval or no approval.

Motion: To allow the convention subcommittee to keep \$5000 for operating capitol, 2nd, passed.

Funds are needed to renew our webpage web space. Kirk B. would like to check into another server. The RSC committee decided to give Kirk a vote of confidence and \$150.00 to take care of our web space. Kirk stated he would put the charge on his credit card for the Region web site.

New Business

Motion: Wichita Metro Area requests weblink to be placed on the Mid-America Region website to link to www.wmana.org
(there are no codes, banners, or pop ups)

Maker: Wichita Metro Area - PI

Intent: The job of the Region is to support Areas' endeavors in all possible ways.

Financial Impact: Zero

Disposition: put to a vote with the RCM's and was a tie. Alan broke the tie with a "yes" vote. Motion carries.

Discussion: possible problems with setting precedence on allowing links on our web page.

Food for thought: Is it time for this Region to get a credit card for such things as web space and reserving camp sites, etc.?

Motion: request of funds to attend Zonal Meeting in Lincoln, NE. Sept 30 - Oct 2, 2005

Maker: Regional Delegate Debby S.

Intent: to attend Zonal Meeting

Financial Impact: \$400

Motion to close at 5:10pm - 2nd - Passed

**MIDAMERICA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
REGIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING'S**

***Saturday Nov 19, 2005
Red Coach Inn – 2211 E. Kansas
McPherson, KS***

9:00AM-11:00AM

Regency I – Steering
Regency III – Outreach

11:00AM-1:00PM

Regency I – H & I
Regency III – Literature

1:00 PM- 2:00PM

LUNCH

2:00PM-4:00PM

Regency I – Convention
Regency III – Campout

4:00PM-6:00PM

Regency I – Public Information
Regency III – Activities & Soul to Soul

7:00PM-8:00PM

Regency III – Speaker Meeting

8:00PM-11:00PM

DJ Dance – Auction – Raffle
CONVENTION FUNDRAISER
\$3.00 person – no addict turned away
NA AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday Nov 20, 2005

8:00AM-9:00AM

MOTIONS AND FUND REQUEST'S DUE AT THIS TIME

***RSC CHAIR/CO-CHAIR, SECRETARY & TREASURER
RCM, ALT- RCM, SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CO-CHAIR
PLEASE ATTEND IN ORDER TO TALK ABOUT
MOTIONS AND SPENDING OF MONEY***

***General Business Meeting
9:00AM-5:30 OR DONE***