



Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous
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Business Meeting Minutes
November 18th, 2012

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence by the Chair at 8:15 am. The 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts were read.

Housekeeping: The Chair called for all requests for funds and motions to be turned in.

Roll Call: We took our first roll call at 8:23 am and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday

Trusted Servants Present: Chair, Co-Chair, Alt. Reg. Delegate, and Secretary. There is no Treasurer or Co-Treasurer at this time.

Area R.C.M.'s: Central KS Area, Fellowship For Freedom, Just For Today, Miracle Area, Primary Purpose, Unity Area, Western Area, Wichita Metro. OZ Area was absent.

Subcommittee Chairs: Activities, Archivist, Campout, Convention, Hospitals & Institutions, Literature, P.O. Box, Restructuring Adhoc, Steering, and Soul to Soul. There is no Outreach Chair.

A. Approval of Minutes:

The secretary read the minutes from August 2012 RSC – a motion was to accept the minutes as amended. – passed.

Amendments:

- Debit Card Motion – was already taken back to groups/areas, secretary will fix this.

B. Area Reports:

Central Kansas Area:

Hello from Central Kansas Area,

We want to begin by wishing everyone Happy Holidays. Central Kansas Area will be holding their Annual Christmas Dreams Celebration in conjunction with our Area Business meeting. Join us on Dec 8th at the First Christian Church Basement (on the corner of 8th and Topeka)in Larned. See the flyer. This is a family oriented function. In keeping with that tradition Aaron, Sarah, and Shealynn will be sharing their experience, strength, and hope. A jolly visitor in a red suit is expected to visit the children and adults alike.

Like other area's, CKA struggles to fill service positions. We are therefore, researching alternative ways to meet the needs of our groups and addicts in our area. We are grateful to Daniel C, and Darrell P who visited our ASC this month and provided with us a workshop on Consensus Based Decision Making as well as, spirited discussion on alternative ways to better utilize our human resources.

Our H&I commitments continue at the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility, Ellsworth Correctional Facility, and Barton County Jail Men's and Women's. Larned Just For Today NA continues to provide H&I @ Sunrise twice monthly.

Members come together to ensure PI racks are stocked, while others travel within our area supporting other groups. We have a donation of \$150.

In loving service,

Cheryl C & Sally R

Fellowship For Freedom Area:

Hello Family,

We have 15 active groups with area at this time and 1 group that are not able to participate due to lack of support. All groups are doing well at this time but there are a few that need support. They are MOA on Monday and Thursday in Manhattan, North Topeka Underground and With Healing comes Hope.

Activities has been struggling the last quarter. The chair had to be removed from office for failure to perform their duties and the area RCM had to step in to be acting chair. They did however put together and have Friday Night Fright Night and it was a huge success. They were even able to make a donation to area as a result. There is still no chair or co-chair so the RCM is continuing to facilitate meetings. There is an even planned for December 22nd called Dashing Through the Steps. We will be having an ask it panel on the steps with a dance to follow.

H&I is still going strong carrying the message to those in treatment and jail. There are 16 meetings a week with 25 active members on the committee.

We still have literature in stock and are trying to liquidate.

The new Outreach chair is trying to get acclimated to his position. He is trying to get others involved with him to go to meetings. He has gone to a couple and is making sure that he is doing the best he can to get new groups and struggling groups the help they need.

PI is still plugging along. The racks are being filled, there are new racks in facilities and the chair is reaching out to the community the best he can. The phone line is still with out old carrier and we are still working on trying to get a new system put in place. Our new and improved website hasn't made it to the web yet, but we are hoping soon.

Our administrative body has openings for co-chair, asst secretary and Alt RCM. As for me, I was voted in last month as the new RCM. I am looking forward to serving in this capacity. We are doing okay financially staying just above prudent reserve. We have made a \$50.00 donation to the region this quarter, plus brought a \$50.00 donation for the region from one of our groups.

We are also going to be doing an annual inventory in January.

In Loving Service,
Michelle

Just For Today Area:

Dear Family,

Holiday Greetings from Just for Today Area. Recovery is still happening in our part of the state! We are really excited about having a new group in Yates Center, Kansas, come and join our area! That rocks! We are getting them a starter kit and several of our committee members offered their ES&H to the ones that came to represent Crossroads NA. This group meets at Harvest Time Church at the corner of Prairie and Rutledge in Yates Center, KS Tues and Friday at 6pm. I'm sure they would love your support. And speaking of Outreach we don't have a Outreach chair or co-chair at this time but we do have Hopeful Harvey our Outreach guru who we are working on getting him to all our groups!

Our area made the hard decision to discontinue our phone line due to problems with updating the content. But our website is updated and working great. Please take a few minutes and check it out at jftareana.net!!

Pioneer group will be having a New Year's Eve celebration. More will be revealed... They are having a specialty raffle for a leather bound JFT meditation book \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. Free birds in Independence are having their annual Bring in the New Year on January 12th in Independence, KS @ the 4H Building, doors open @4 pm. We're having a crock-pot cook off @ 5pm, \$3 per addict, \$5 per couple, speaker @ 6-6:30pm, pie in the face auction, raffle, 50/50 and reg auction dance to follow.

Our PI Subcommittee is in the planning stage of getting a flyer drive done in the towns in our area.

Til next time, thanks for letting me serve.

Love and Hugs
Flo H
RCM JFT Area

Miracle Area:

Hello from the Miracle Area!

We now have 8 groups participating in our Area. Hope in the Jungle has ceased to meet. Our sub-committees are functioning but looking for service workers to help with the decision making and day to day function. We have open positions in Archives, Outreach, Secretary and Alt. RCM.

Area Chair/Alt – Bob K. and Michael S. continue to “ride herd” over us and keep us in line with Area Policy and picking up the slack when necessary.

RCM – I was elected as our new RCM. We need to find an alt. in the near future to help with our duties.

Outreach – This committee continues to lack a chair, leadership and is basically in a holding pattern until we decide to either disband or re-activate it.

Literature – Jack S. continues to manage our literature stockpile. We have started to work toward a \$5000 total value balance to enable our literature stockpile to order to have enough Basic Texts, Living Clean, It Works, How and Why and other texts on hand to make available to our member groups. This will also allow us to order more than \$500 per order from NAWS in order to take advantage of reduced shipping rates and pass the savings to our membership groups. Our Ad Hoc literature solutions committee made

recommendations that our area adopted to increase the Clean time requirement from 3 years to 5 years for the position. We also voted to require the Literature chairperson to have an insurance rider that covers the value of the stockpile. It is our hope that these changes will make the literature stockpile more viable and a better service for our members.

PI – Dan S. has completed his term as our chair and has produced a new version of our meeting list and update the PI distribution list for local service organizations. We are in the process of recording Public Service Announcements with our local radio station KLWN/KLZR

We are in the process of scheduling PI presentations at Lawrence High School and Douglas County Jail staff. We have scheduled a Pizza and Pop Flyer Drive for 1pm today in Lawrence. We are having speakers share at PTS treatment about NA on Wednesdays. We will elect a new PI Chair in December.

H&I – Jeff L. continues to field meetings at the Douglas County Jail and First Step Treatment Center. We have canceled some of the men’s jail meeting for lack of male volunteers. We are working on finding male volunteers to help us out.

Activities – Angie R. is our new Activities Chair. Our Campout was a success, fun was had although the turnout was light. The “Sponsorship Banquet” was a great success. New Way celebrated their annual “Fandango event” and the NSFG of Baldwin celebrated their annual “Shindig”. RIP celebrated it’s 16th anniversary on October 27th with about 60 people at a pot luck.

We are having an “After Thanksgiving Dinner” on Sat. Nov. 24th. We are working on Bowling in December, Texas Hold’em in January and a MARSCNA fundraiser St. Patrick’s Dance on March 16th.

We are donating \$250 to the RSC this quarter.

Overall, we are still facing some challenges with unfilled sub-committee and service worker positions but are looking for and discussing solutions and we feel positive about our efforts to improve our services to our groups and the “addict that is still suffering” in our communities. Come see us in Lawrence, Baldwin City, Perry, Leavenworth and Eudora.

In Service,

Nate F.

Primary Purpose Area:

Newton HOW Turkey feed was a huge success, a lot of food, fun and fellowship. McPherson Flying Free Blue Ball Ball is on December 15th at the corner of Marlin & Ash which is 122 E Marlin in McPherson. Show up early and help they need it. Lyons Night Flyers is struggling they could use all our support. Our next PPA meeting is in Lyons December 9th @ 2:00pm for inquiring minds. GOL NA meeting hall will be open all day on November 22nd and we will be having a turkey pot luck eat at noon, and also having a candle light meeting on 24th of December at midnight better show up early if you want a seat and our New Year’s eve dance will be at the Home Builders shelter in Carey Park. PPA also donated \$500.00 to the region.

In Loving Service,
Fred F

OZ Area:

Hello NA Family,

Oz Area is still struggling with attendance and willingness. However, there is more interest shown in service positions. We are donating \$50.00 to region. We have started a project to help our area groups develop pull-tab fliers and newcomer welcome packets. We continue to extend a hand of help to the Norton Group, but no response has been received from that group. We are still in process of developing a policy. Colby New Hope is having a Christmas Party on December 2, 2012 and we can use support. I have submitted the flier to the regional website.

In loving service,

Chris B. RCM

Unity Area Report:

Hello Region(al) Family:

At our Area meeting last weekend in Clay Center, KS, we had representation by 5 of the 8 groups.

The Area was able to fill several of the vacant service positions with new members and other members renewing their commitment to the positions they currently held.

I have been receiving interim minutes from the Convention subcommittee; however, have received nothing from the Campout or Public Information subcommittee interim meetings as per policy. I would request that the Regional Chairperson request that all subcommittees send interim/minutes to the RCMs per the Regional policy. By receiving this information and reports, I am able to take it back to the Area meetings informing them of plans of the various committees.

It is with a sad heart that I have to announce that one of our groups has elected to withdraw from the Area. The group will be missed on many levels.

We do have a donation for Region this quarter, of \$50.00.

In Grateful Service

Jon J.

Wichita Metro Area Report:

Hello everyone,

I don't have a whole lot of report on from WMA. If I miss anything I'm sure I'll hear about it from Tom.

H&I – We still do not have a chair person and this last ASC came to a tough decision to suspend the Women's Recovery Center meeting as there is no willingness to commit to this particular meeting. There is a lack of woman in our area willing/able to take and commit to WRC. We've been having "issues" with this particular H&I meeting for some time. Recently a long time member stepped up to "observe" the current meeting format and provide some suggestions, however, her observations brought about the suggestion to suspend until some H&I training could be provided. Things like, the Lords prayer being used to close, no

literature being available at the meeting and terms like “sobriety” being used regularly were some things pointed out and the concern was expressed that a “clear and concise” message of Narcotics Anonymous was not being carried.

The PI presentation at Wellington High School has been put on hold and PI chair isn’t sure if or when that may happen now. MWBR. Many concerns have been expressed repeatedly regarding lack of representation from PI at RSC seemingly, to no avail.

Literature has voted to increase all lit orders 15% to reflect the 6% increase from wolf and to help stockpile as lit hasn’t added the 6% implemented and seemed to be losing money and falling short on stock.

Activities – COR (Celebration of Recovery) has been set for Jan 12, 2013. No flyer was available at last ASC. MWBR.

JFT group is planning a NYE party, no flyer available yet. Unity group will be open all day both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Doors will open at 9am, Thanksgiving dinner will be served at 2pm with music and games available throughout the day.

There really isn’t much going on in WMA as of late. Participation has dropped and willingness to serve is hard to come by, leaving open position of co-chair, treasurer, co-treasurer, H&I and Literature.

WMA sent a donation of \$130.00.

ILS,
Tracy C
RCM WMA

Western Area Report:

Hello NA Family,

Our area still struggles! Meeting attendance is down, donations are down and willingness to do service is down! Down, down, down! Still such a vast area that it is hard to coordinate all aspects of service. The last ASC was in Guymon, OK on Sunday the 11th. 1 person from Dodge was the only one able to go and there are 2 groups represented in Dodge. I still have not gotten a area report in any fashion, so I don’t know what was talked about at the area meeting. We need to work on our communications to be effective trusted servants. We need to do better in our Public Information efforts. Also, we need to increase our willingness to carry the message to Hospitals and Institutions. We need to reach out to struggling groups to increase attendance. There is a solution to every problem!

In Grateful Service,
Alan F

We took a break from 9:03am – 9:16am.

C. Subcommittee Reports

Activities:

Hello Family,

Last night was amazing and i feel it was a shot of energy, hope, and gratitude that RSC needed. I have much gratitude for all the help that was given with food donations, clean-up, and the area's for supporting with their attendance. Thank you Tom for being our DJ and for donating your service, there was much more participation then in Regions past.

The financials are as follows:

Item raffle	91.00
Money raffle	+66.00
Auction	+91.00
Total	=517.00
Budgeted start-up minus actual spent	150.00-60.08=+89.92
7 th Tradition	+105.00
Coffee and food donation	+69.00
Total money turned in	=780.92

Total money made after start-up cost is 691.00.

I have a request for funds for Feb. RSC. Rent to Rodeway Inn and \$50.00 start-up cost.

In February we will do a Fellowship Development, CBDM workshop followed by an open jam where we will invite all of our fellow musicians to be able to play together. It will be acoustic unless there is a band willing to host. Please contact Sara B. if you are interested in hosting(620-757-8366). We are also asking that you continue to bring addicts from your areas and encourage people to come. We also will be having snack/finger foods all day and into the evening. We want to continue with the high energy and participation felt this RSC and I will be making a flyer to send out with the above information. Please also remember to bring auction and raffle items.

I would also like to thank Soul to Soul for their contribution of food items and we will be using those items in February.

Also noted. I will no longer be listing the activities in the region in my report because the RCM's often do this and we have a regional website. Please make sure you are getting your events sent to the webmaster. We will cont. with the desk calender so you can see at region upcoming events in the hope we do not overlap to many things on the same weekend.

Thank you again for all your hard work this RSC!!

In Loving Service,

Sara B.

clean24.7mama@yahoo.com

Regional Activities Chair

Archivist:

Hello family,

I apologize for having to leave early today but work duties call. This past quarter has been one of research, still filling in blanks from our history. Yesterday I received a large tub containing archives from Miracle Area, which I will copy or scan items of interest throughout the next three months and return to them. Thanks Nate F. for trusting them with me. I also received a nine month round key tag dating to the mid 80's from Daniel C. Thank you for that, it will be on display at MARCNA along with the other archives.

Once again I am sending out a request for access to minutes, flyers, or anything else that helps define the history of the Mid-America region, NA in Kansas, or group histories dating through the 1970s and '80s. The '90s and beyond are well documented, but information from 1990-1993 could use some further input in some areas. If you are willing to donate boxes of NA stuff lying around collecting dust that would be great, if you treasure the boxes of stuff you have but are willing to allow me to scan or copy and then return it, that too would be great.

Please add me to your area email list. I have folders created for each area and will archive your minutes in them. That also goes for region's committees and sub-committees, I will archive your minutes as well. Please send them to timandeb@cox.net

I have tried to send the updated (version 2) Mid-America Region history to be posted on the web page but something is preventing it from reaching Bob. I'll keep on trying, certain email addresses, like gmail for one, have been kicking attachments back when I send them. That is what happens when computers pretend to "think".

That's all I have for this quarter,

Hugs,

Tim S.

Campout:

Hello Family,

Campout attempted to do as much as they could yesterday. Unfortunately Aaron and Sara B resigned their positions due to personal reasons.

We asked if there was any willingness for the open positions and there wasn't any. So as of right now the only position that is filled is co-chair.

It is extremely critical to have committee to conduct business. We decided on a pre-campout t-shirt design and Wayne S has stepped up to be accountable for those. We discussed making a pre-campout flyer, but there is still discussion relocating the campout as there are only 4 electrical plug ins at the presently reserved location. Sorry this is so scattered as I'm not feeling well.

ILS,

Aaron B.

Convention Report:

Hello family; we have lost some committee members last month our merchandise chair resigned due to church obligations and our secretary had to quit due to obtaining a 2nd job. Lynn P. volunteered to fill both of these positions, qualified herself and was voted in at our meeting in October.

We are a little behind on our time-line but I have great faith that this committee will pull together and pull off another wonderful convention.

A member volunteered to tie-dye "the joy is in the journey" shirts for use at the auction at convention- Thank you Sara B.

We were approached by another member to run a loop of WSC at the convention, we will check into prices on the rental of the audio/visual equipment but at this time it looks like \$100.00 to do this.

We have finalized our votes for pre-registration shirts and mugs, pre-registration packet items and also merchandise for the merchandise room. None of this has been ordered yet but we have some awesome visions of everything turning out well. And Lynn will bring back locked in prices next month.

Our registrations have been mailed out and Carla brought extra- I would like to encourage everyone to pre-register and get the word out to others to pre-register. IF you are pre-registered this year you will be getting something special vs an on-site registration.

It was brought to my attention that a member of our committee had missed two consecutive meetings and we asked what their intentions were for moving forward, after some discussion we decided to put this member on probation for the next quarter with the decision that if another meeting is missed the position will be forfeited and posted.

We are ordering our programs from a different vendor this year due to the massive mess-up last year. It will cost approximately 50.00 more than using Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

Our ending balance in treasury to date is \$6360.63

In loving service;

Shelley D. Wright

Convention chair

Fellowship Development:

Hello Family,

How exciting!! Fellowship Development met yesterday and had a very large crowd in attendance. We held the meeting using Consensus Based Decision Making. We explained the process for CBDM and had a great understanding of how this process works. We brought purpose, goals and objectives for this committee. We formulated a proposal on how to educate the region on Fellowship Development, CBDM and purpose and project driven. The Restructuring Adhoc committee will be the accountable committee for the education of the fellowship. The proposal reads as follows.

To come up with a presentation for February RSC (in lieu of speaker meeting) in regards to Fellowship Development, CBDM, and purpose and project driven. To give this information to each RCM and help facilitate further workshops in each area as requested.

This will be a great tool for our fellowship moving forward. We also discussed new meetings throughout our Region.

- Second Chance at a New Way of Life – Sterling, Ks.
- With Healing Comes Hope – Meriden, Ks.
- Crossroads – Yates Center, Ks.
- Southside Serenity – Wichita, Ks.

Activities used part of the meeting as well to discuss this RSC and next.

I am very pleased with how well the committee flowed and the outcome is there. I see so much potential and possibility in this committee and look forward to the next RSC.

In Loving Service,

Daniel C. and Tim K. – Co-Facilitators

Hospitals & Institutions:

Hello Regional Family,

Had another productive meeting in the H&I subcommittee in my opinion. Had 9 members present with 6 areas represented. Most areas are struggling with H&I commitments right now, some more than others.

I received a letter from Regional PO Box from an inmate at Norton Correctional Facility. He was requesting a JFT book. We as a committee decided to send 3 to the chaplain's office at Norton and contact Lansing, Stockton and Hutch Correctional Unity to see if next cycle maybe we could send some their way.

We also as a committee discussed over the next few cycles having some workshop/H&I training/fund raising functions in different areas around our region to try and spark some interest and also train some of the newer members on how H&I should work. Similar to the one we did at Larned Rib feed. First of which we are going to start with Miracle area and other eastern Kansas members. Also we are contacting Kansas facilities to investigate the possibility of getting unity day phone line access to hopefully some facilities. More will be revealed. Dusty C is helping with the gathering of info on this endeavor and contacting world and facilities to try to help in coordinating this. Thanks Dusty.

Jon J from Unity Area brought up an idea of a regional H&I t-shirt with a list of facilities we currently support/attend printed on the back to make other members more aware of where we go. Was decided to concentrate monies more toward training/work shopping at this time. 7th tradition basket brought in \$12.00. Will give that to treasurer to be escrowed.

H&I has 2 requests for funds from our escrow account this quarter. A check for \$200.00 to spend (with receipts returned) for travel expense and refreshments to provide a workshop/training/fundraiser to Miracle and other eastern Kansas areas.

Also a check for \$35.00 from escrow account to purchase 3 Just for Today books and a \$5.00 if it fits it ships flat rate box from the post office to ship books to Norton Correctional Facility. Its 1:20am I am tapping out for the day 1 of our November Regional weekend with much gratitude for all I experienced today. Thanks for allowing me to serve the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous!!

In Loving Service,

Tom M
H&I Chair

Literature:

Hello Regional Family,

We had about 25 members attending literature this time. Many things have changed this region. The Literature committee has been blessed with much willingness and is now a full committee at this time. Robert C from Junction City is our new MAN editor, Kathy F from Wichita our MAN co-editor, and Kim C for Hutchinson our new Secretary.

We are really excited about getting the Mid America Newsletters back on track and your help is needed. We need articles for our new team and look forward to your experience, strength and hope. You can send your articles to newsletter@marscna.net. I have also brought a flyer for the RCM's to take back to all their groups about writers being needed.

We also had Daniel C share with us about the upcoming Traditions literature that will bring the works here shortly. This is an exciting time when we as a fellowship can be part of such a wonderful thing. Hopefully we will be able to get some workshops going once this project gets going. You can find out more about this project at the NA.org website.

At this time I would like to return the \$50.00 check that was requested for postage as we will not need it anymore.

Grateful to Serve,
John W
Literature Chair

NAWS Contact:

Position Open – No report.

Outreach Report:

No Outreach Report.

P.O. Box:

Hello Family,

Along with much “junk mail” this past quarter, we received registrations for 2 conventions. NCCNA35 March 28-31, 2013 in Santa Clara, CA. MARLCNA Feb 8-10, 2013 in Lancaster, PA.

Current Hole in the Wall and NA News were received and are available on the table.

2 certificates for Insurance on insurance invoice received and disbursed as well as the bill for the summer newsletter and meeting schedules.

ILS,
Tracy C.

Public Information:

The committee spent time focused on the development of the Regional phone line. OMG –with the huge help and work of a couple of dedicated members we were able to look at a couple of companies that have options to fit our needs. We are planning to use a company called phone.com. This company is currently being used by several regions.

In late January or early February we are planning an interm meeting in Lawrence, KS. At this meeting our goal is to develop our template for the structure of how the phone line will work. We will be working w/ a representative of the company to help us with the structure.

The best news about all of this – we should have our “free test” month up and running by Feb RSC. The cost? Very reasonable. An example is \$1,000 minutes & toll free numbers, multiple tiers, full capability to make updates immediately – at a cost of \$34.88 a month.

As a committee we could see a dream starting to formulate into reality. This is a huge step. A lot of responsibility and we ask for your input, questions and support during this time. Be patient, have faith and BELIEVE –this can and will happen.

Thank you everyone,

In Loving Service,
Debby S
PI Chair

Restructuring Adhoc:

Hello Family,

The Restructuring Committee has been hard at work. We have developed some guidelines for CBDM. We have used this to conduct business in the Fellowship Development Committee as well as in our meeting yesterday. This process seems to work very well. The information was well received and feedback was that it worked better than what we are accustomed to. The proposal process evolves well and the use of color cards gives a clear understanding of how we reach consensus. It is still a work in progress in regards to implementation. There is the need for understanding and working towards a common understanding and what works best for the process. It is exciting to see addicts find a renewal of energy that comes from this new way of thinking.

Restructuring is bringing a motion to the floor that has to deal with Steering Committee. It was brought to our committee from CKA to take examine the current structure in regards to that committee.

We are going to be working on the workshop over the next quarter for the February RSC. This workshop will cover CBDM, Fellowship Development, and Purpose and Project driven. We are also going to start work on looking at Public Relations and finding the resources that fit our Region. We have lost some of our original appointed members on this committee. We had some willingness out of Committee to help work on this project. We have a few people that attend our committee regularly and we have some interested members. I hope that they continue to come and we can possibly get some input from some of the areas that have not had representation in this committee. The next meeting will be at the Blue Ball Ball in McPherson, on Dec. 15th at 11 am. Anyone is welcome to attend.

ILS,

Daniel C. – Restructuring Ad-hoc Chair

Steering:

Steering met for a short time yesterday. Daniel C submitted the only convention bid for 2015 so I will present that to the floor during New Business. Several questions that did come up that we felt needs addressed is:

1. Does our insurance cover accidents due to pets.
2. Do we need to inform areas/groups that our insurance does not cover pets and pet related accidents? And they could be held responsible for those.

Another issue that was brought to our attention is that all subcommittees are to get their minutes and interim minutes to areas/RCM's. This motion passed 2/15/04, so we need to begin doing that.

Oh there were 5 people in attendance with no willingness to take a position.

ILS,

Aaron B.

Soul to Soul:

First of all I would like to thank the Soul to Soul committee for all the hard work. We had 40 addicts in attendance and 17 of them were newcomers. Suzanne S was our Friday campfire speaker and Tony W shared his story on Saturday night. Camp Chippewah had remodeled there cabins and the facilities were really nice.

I have learned a lot over the last 2 years being Soul to Soul chair, and I would like to thank you all for your support and faith. So in the spirit of rotation, it is time for me to step aside and introduce our nomination from committee – Flo H from Independence. We were also able to fill all the committee positions. Chair – Flo H, Co-chair – Rosalie C, Treasurer – Rich A, Secretary – Victor H, Catering chair – Eric S, Catering co-chair – Kaylin S.

The them for 2013 is “Our Despair turns to Hope”. Basic text page 95.

We also reserved Camp Chippewah for 2013. The committee has also planned a fundraiser for Jan 26, 2013 in Yates Center, KS, fliers are on the table. We are also looking for a group to host a 2nd fundraiser in July. You can contact Flo H at flo_hancock@yahoo.com or call her at 620-550-1130. Thank you for letting me serve the Mid America Region.

In Loving Service,
Tim P
Soul to Soul Chair.

Hello Family,

Well I made a slight error and forgot to bring Soul to Soul’s donation to region. Please give our Soul to Soul chair an address and I will mail it or just bring it to the next region. Anyways our current figures look like this. At the end of this years Soul to Soul the balance in checking was \$2,567.34. I then paid camp bill of \$925.00 this left the balance at \$1,642.34. The donation to region is \$642.34, this would bring us to give prudent reserve of \$1,000.00. I then paid a \$150.00 deposit for next years camp deposit which would then bring the balance down to \$850.00. Sorry again for leaving all of the treasurer stuff at home.

In Loving Service,
Rich A
Treasurer

D. Officers Reports:
Regional Delegate Report:

Position Open – No Report.

Alt. Delegate Report:

Grateful to be a part of instead of a part from. I have been reading and going over information daily. The discussion boards on the NA website have been very active. These are for Conference Participants and the discussions cover several topics. There is also continued conversation on other groups as well. There has been a new group on a social networking site that is dedicated to the Traditions Book Project. If you are interested in being invited to this group, let me know and I can have you added. Also a survey is out on na.org for the traditions book project. Please go out and give your feedback and share this information with everyone. Also this can be done in a workshop and I am available to do that.

The service system proposals are being field tested. There have been some communities selected as a "core group." These communities have formed GSUs and LSUs and work closely with NAWS to implement the

proposals. There is also discussion on reunification of some of the areas. I believe some of these talks have been going for some time.

We had our Zonal meeting in September. Some very good workshops and an excellent speaker. We also elected new officers for the Zone. There was discussion on a stock pile of literature that was intended to go to reservations in South Dakota. At one point it was understood that this literature was all gone and then resurfaced. It was decided to divide this literature up by regions. We have a box of this literature. The Nebraska RD did share about P3 and that most of their books have gone out to Kansas this year, at 81 total books. The next is Nebraska at 25. WOW! That being said the P3 committee is willing to go anywhere and do a fundraiser. If there are groups or areas willing to do this, let me know. There was also some discussion of doing a Midwest Learning Day. This would be similar to a Conference, or learning convention. Zonal members are reaching out to other Zones to discuss the possibility and collaboration on this project.

The next Zonal meeting will be in Glencoe, Oklahoma. It will be in collaboration with the Oklahoma Region General Service Assembly. The dates are Feb. 8-10, 2013. Cost is \$40 per person which includes meals and lodging. I am requesting funds for \$200 for fuel and registration. This would be enough for 2 people to attend. If we elect another Delegate this would cover that person. If we do not elect and do not choose to send anyone else this could be subtracted from the total. I have set this amount based off the fluctuation of fuel prices.

The next event with World Participation will be the 5th Florida Symposium on Addiction. This will be March 21-24 in Tampa, Fl. Rooms are \$119/00 per night. Flights are running a little more than \$600.00 roundtrip. This would cost over \$1000.00 to attend. After missing WSLD in Denver, I need some guidance from the RSC floor. I think it will be beneficial, to our Region, to attend an event that has the workshops and has world participation prior to the CAR coming out next year. I am unsure of any other events that will be held in this time frame. MARLCNA is held in February the same time as the Zonal Meeting.

ILS,

Daniel C. – Alt. Delegate

Secretary Report:

No Report

Treasurer Report:

Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous

Treasurer Report – August 19, 2012 RSC

	Beginning Balance			\$ 12,632.85
<u>Income:</u>	Donations & reimbursements	\$ 3,129.53		
	Rec. Gov-campout	440.00		

	Donation	<u>100.00</u>		
	Total Income			<u>3,669.53</u>
	Sub-total			\$ 16,302.38
Expenses:				
6/19/12 #1276	Mid America Region Campout		\$ 140.00	
7/04/12 cc	Rec. Gov. – Lucas Park – Campout		450.00	
7/04/12 cc	Rec. Gov. – Clinton Lake - Campout		400.00	
8/19/12 #1277	Alliance Agency		1,416.00	
8/19/12 #1278	Rodeway Inn – Regional Assemby		354.60	
8/19/12 #1279	Sara Burd – startup Regional Assembly		100.00	
8/19/12 #1280	Rodeway Inn – Nov. RSC		354.60	
8/19/12 #1281	Sara Burd – Nov. startup		150.00	
8/19/12 #1282	Amber Carris – secty expenses		25.00	
8/19/12 #1283	Chris Bencken–H&I escrow–OZ literature		125.00	
8/19/12 #1284	John Wood – Literature mailings		50.00	
8/19/12 #1285	Debby Stewart – PI escrow		150.00	
8/19/12 #1286	Recovery Cove – Ad hoc rent		<u>60.00</u>	
	Total Expenses			<u>\$ 3,775.20</u>
	Bank Balance			\$12,527.18

	Less: Prudent Reserve			<u>8,857.00</u>
	Sub-total			\$ 3,670.18
	Less: Escrows			
	H & I		\$ 844.86	
	Literature		214.30	
	Outreach		96.40	
	P I		830.31	
	Rent		354.60	
	Insurance (due Nov. 12)		1,408.25	
	Storage (due Feb. 13)		624.15	
	P. O. Box (due Feb. 13)		43.50	
	Web Page (due Sept. 13)		118.75	
	RDA (due Feb. 14)		<u>750.00</u>	
	Total Escrows			<u>\$ 5,285.12</u>
	Spendable Balance			\$(1,614.94)

Co-Treasurer Report:

Position Open – No Report

Chair Report:

No Report

Co- Chair Report:

No Report

E. Old Business:

○ **Elections:**

- **Treasurer:** Steve was nominated – he qualified himself – he answered questions – he left the room – a vote was taken – he was voted in. Thank you Steve!!
- **Co-Treasurer:** No willingness or nominations – take back to your areas.
- **4 Steering Members:** No willingness or nominations out of committee – take back to your areas.
- **NAWS Contact:** Qualifications were read – no willingness or nominations – take back to your areas.
- **Outreach Chair:** No willingness or nominations – take back to your areas.
- **Regional Delegate:** Daniel C showed willingness only if his term did not end in May 2013. He wanted to be able to fulfill the commitment until May 2015, which would be a 2 ½ year term. The regional floor agreed we would be willing to do this. He qualified himself – he left the room – a vote was taken – he was voted in. Thank you Daniel!!
- **Soul to Soul Chair:** Flo H was nominated out of committee – she qualified herself – she left the room – a vote was taken – she was voted in. Thank you Flo!!

We took a break from 10:40 am – 11:06 am.

- **Restructuring Steering:** There is a motion being brought today to address this.
- **Audit:** The audit did not happen this quarter. Our chair had to step down. We will add our new treasurer and Michelle and Shelly are on the committee currently. The chair appointed Michelle L to chair the committee and she accepted.
- **Contract with Hotel:** We have not yet received a contract. The activities chair will make sure this gets taken care of.
- **Projector Screen:** The projector has been turned in to the Alternate Delegate, but the projector screen got left at the old Regional Delegates house in Kansas. The Alternate Delegate has the contact information for the person living in the house. He will contact him to get the screen and will be kept at his house due to dust conditions. The Steering committee is working on coming up with a sign-in sheet to keep track of who has the projector and screen.
- **Prudent Reserve:** A sheet was passed out with a suggestion of what our prudent reserve should be based on our expenses until May 2013. It was discussed at the previous RSC to keep it as is until we got a more accurate balance. Our current prudent reserve is \$8857.10; we would be increasing to \$9013.00. It would be increased \$156.00. It was mentioned we may want to cut back to a 6 month reserve instead of a year. It was mentioned in policy it says it is to be set in May for the following year. There was concern that there are things in prudent reserve not due until May 2014. It was explained by the chair why it is set up this way. A motion was made (motion 111812-01) from Miracle RCM and seconded. Motion is: Establish \$4506.50 as the Regional Prudent Reserve. Intent: To establish a prudent reserve for the region to operate. It was discussed that since we meet quarterly we should keep it at a year. It was also mentioned since we've already had 2 quarters we should cut it in half until it is revisited in May 2013. A question was asked how low we have dipped into prudent reserve. A call to question was made – passed. A vote was taken – 5-1-1 – motion passed.

- **Extra Copies of Policy:** This did not get done this quarter. The chair will talk to the person in charge of this to get done this quarter.

F. New Business:

- **Convention 2015 Bid:** A bid was brought for Ramada Inn – Salina KS for 2015 Convention. There was question about the prices of coffee – she has agreed to 20% off, but it is not in the bid yet. Everything is the same as the 2014 bid. Copies were made for those who requested them. It was suggested to table this until February RSC because not all the information is available. It was suggested to keep in mind this bid does have an expiration date, and it has the potential to change. A motion was made by the Miracle RCM and seconded (Motion 111812-02) Table the consideration of convention bids until Feb RSC. Intent: Get more info on bid presented for Salina i.e. coffee price. A vote was taken – 7-0-0 – Motion passed.
- **Restructuring Ad hoc New Members:** This committee has had a couple of members resign. At the committee meeting yesterday there were several interested members to be on this committee. John W had willingness to be appointed on the committee and Jeff R has willingness to participate but did not want to be appointed to the committee.
- **Motion 111812-03:**
From: Restructuring Adhoc Committee
Motion: To disband Steering Committee
Intent: To better use our human resources.
Discussion: The Restructuring Adhoc chair explained why this motion was brought. It was mentioned at this time Steering is not working on any projects. It was also shared the Regional floor has the ability to assign ad hoc committees to work on projects that the Steering committee has been doing. The committee has not been represented by members from the whole region in a long time. They are struggling to find members currently. It was mentioned an ad hoc committee allows members to be appointed based on their experience and knowledge. Currently the Steering members are assigned tasks that they may not be educated on. There was a call to question – 5-2-0 passed – it was then ruled out of order and discussion was continued. A question was brought up about who would be fulfilling duties that the Steering committee currently does, such as the convention bids. A member shared if this were to get passed an ad hoc committee could be formed to created those guidelines. It was mentioned currently the Convention bids are given to the Steering Committee but it gets discussed and voted on at the regional floor – so that duty could be given to the regional floor. A vote was taken to take this back to areas. 7-0-0 – passed.
- **Request for funds:** It was suggested since the prudent reserve was voted on and passed today that it goes in effect now instead of at the end of business. It was shared that since this was Old business it should take effect now and should have to wait until the end of old business. In policy it states all business takes effect at the end of business. A motion was made from Miracle Area RCM and seconded by the H&I Chair. Motion 111812-04: Suspend Close of Business and utilized the newly established prudent reserve during the November RSC. Intent: Conduct business. Discussion: This is suspending policy one time only. A vote was taken 6-1-0 – motion passes. New balance is \$2735.56.
 - **Insurance:** \$1416.00
 - **Secretary Expenses:** \$20.00
 - **Activities (Rent):** \$354.60
 - **Activities (Start up):** \$50.00
 - **Zonal:** \$200.00
 - **Literature Printing (MAN):** \$250.00
 - We got 2 bills from Hutch Correctional Facility – we got 2 invoices with 2 different amounts. It was suggested to pay the larger bill. It was shared that maybe the old bill was added to the

new bill on the latest invoice. It was suggested to contact the facility and give the vote of confidence to the person in charge of the money to contact them and see how much we owe. Motion 111812-05: From CKA – Verify the amount owed to HCF Print Shop, pay that amount going into prudent reserve if necessary. Intent: Be financially responsible. A vote was taken 7-0-0 – motion passed.

- Escrow Request of Funds:
 - H&I - \$15.00 – JFT and shipping to Norton
 - H&I - \$200.00 – Travel expenses to H&I Event

All expenses were passed.

- **Zonal Literature:** Was donated from Zonal – the literature was originally intended for reservations in South Dakota several years ago, it has recently resurfaced because they didn't want the literature, it was brought to the Zonal in September and they decided to give each region a box of the literature. It was suggested to give the book that has been signed by members of the Zone to Archives. No objections. It was also suggested we give the JFT books to H&I to send to correctional facilities and give the rest of the literature to Activities to donate to auctions during regional weekends. There were no objections. JFT books were given to the H&I Chair and the rest of the literature was given to Activities Chair.

We took a lunch break from 12:50pm – 2:15pm

- **Campout:** The Campout Chair and another member of the committee stepped down due to personal reasons. There is an interim meeting either January 19th or February 2nd, 2013 in Lawrence. Currently there is a committee of 1. There are members willing to help with but no willingness to step into any positions. If members don't step up there could possibly be no campout. A member shared we shouldn't assume there won't be a campout just yet, we still have 6 months left. Fundraising shirts have been ordered. It was also suggested that we do a one day event, such as a picnic instead of a 4 day event. The Soul to Soul chair shared he has been in this situation before and it still came together successfully. It was mentioned we should not have campout and convention in the same time slot during the regional weekend so that members interested in campout and convention could attend both meetings. It was then shared the guidelines don't say we have to have a big fancy campout, we are just supposed to have an event. A member shared if its supposed to happen it will be our higher power's will. A member shared there has been no support, and we need to have a single point of accountability. It was suggested we wait until after the interim meeting to see how that meeting goes and change what time the campout committee meets in February so campout and convention doesn't meet at the same time. It was proposed to move Campout subcommittee in February and May to meet opposite Steering. It was mentioned we should appoint an Adhoc committee for campout – there was concern that we don't have any volunteers that are willing to be on an ad hoc committee for campout. The co-chair of campout request that he not be the single point of accountability and that we all pull together to get it done. There were concerns that we don't have a contract yet. It was shared many times the contract isn't signed until a couple months or less before the campout. We will know this week when the interim meeting will be held. In February campout will meet opposite Steering. It was mentioned to have the chair contact the old campout treasurer to see if she is willing to help with the treasurer information – it was shared she has already agreed to this.
- **Alt Delegate Concerns:** He wants to know if this region wants him to participate in anything with world participation. He needs guidance on what the region wants him to do. It was mentioned since our region is struggling financially it is not financially responsible to send our delegate to Florida. It was suggested to see if other delegates from our Zone is attending any of these events and would be

willing to come to our region and put on workshops. It was also mentioned a lot could be done by Skype and internet. It was suggested to take this back to groups and areas. It was also suggested we have a fundraiser to send our delegate to an event with world participation. It was shared we are putting him in a bind because he needs to have this information to inform this region, especially when the CAR comes.

- **Bank Account Changes:** Janet Wood, Aaron Burd, Steve Goldak and Daniel Crotinger need to be the new signers for the bank account.
- **Outreach Shirts:** We still have Outreach shirts for sale – they can be contracted out if members are willing.
- **Internet Issue:** We haven't been able to get on the internet during the RSC weekend. It was suggested we talk to them again. It was shared it is supposed to be fixed by Feb. RSC.
- **Policy:** There is supposed to be a motion log, but it is not on the website attached to the policy. It was suggested to add the motion log to the website. The Steering Chair will take care of this.
- **PO Box:** It was mentioned we should keep in mind our PO Box is in Wichita and we only have a few members from Wichita that come to RSC weekend, maybe we should consider changing where our PO Box is located.

We closed the meeting at 3:36pm with a moment of silence and prayer.

Take back to areas/groups:

- ***Open Positions:*** Co-treasurer, Alt Delegate, NAWS Contact, Outreach Chair, Steering (4) Members, Campout Chair, PO Box Chair, All Campout positions are open.
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MID-AMERICA REGIONAL CAMPOUT

Interim Committee Meeting 946 Vermont, Lawrence
4pm FEBRUARY 2nd, 2013

The longest running Free Campout in NA **needs your help to happen in 2013!**

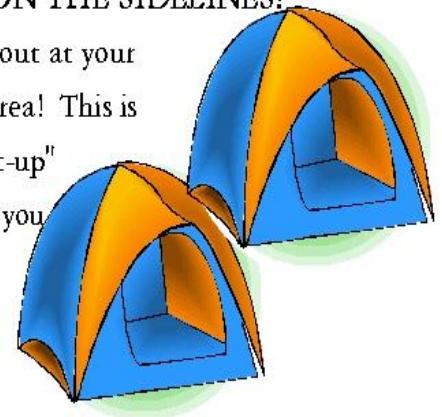
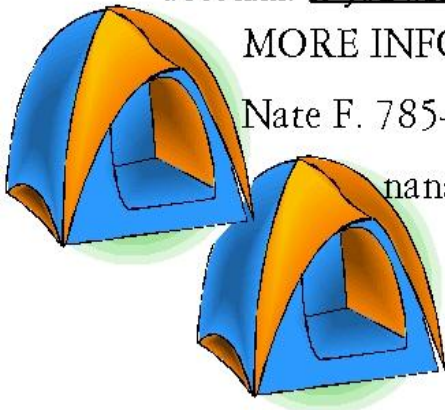
We need volunteers/Campout Committee members to make the campout happen. We have the money, reserved location at Lake Clinton, dates July 3-7. What we don't have is a functioning Campout Committee. We will have our committee meeting in conjunction with the Regional H&I training that starts at Noon with a Pot-luck. **If you want a Regional Campout, DO NOT SIT ON THE SIDELINES!**

MORE INFO:

Nate F. 785-766-7850

nanate1@yahoo.com

Please get the word out at your Home Group and Area! This is "Put-up or Shut-up" moment. See you there.



GroundHog Day Regional/Area H&I

Mid-America Region Volunteer Training/Fundraiser/Pot luck

February 2nd, 2013 12Noon-4pm

946 Vermont, Lawrence, KS - FUMC Brady Room

No Charge, bring your Groups/Areas or Regional Volunteers or potential volunteers

Regional
Campout
Interim
Meeting
at 4PM



Regional Phone line
breakout session to
create our Regional
Toll Free Info Line!
Come be a part of
NA History!
5:30-7:30 PM

Training for: H&I volunteers Mock H&I meetings, best practices workshop, Dont's and Do's. Questions and Answers.

Regional/Area Group H&I training. **Bring a dish**

-Raffle/Auction Fundraiser, best dish prize, best dessert prize.

Call Nate F. 785-766-7850 for more info /help



**MID AMERICA
REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
2013 FEBRUARY QUARTERLY MEETING**

**At the Rodeway Inn
1846 North 9th, Salina, Kansas 67401**

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, February 16

9:00 am-11:00am

**Back Room
Main Room**

**Public Information
Fellowship Development**

11:00am - 1:00 pm

**Main Room
Back Room**

**Ad Hoc Restructuring
Campout**

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Back Room
Main Room**

**Literature
Hospital & Institutions**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Back Room
Main Room**

**Steering
Convention**

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Main Room

Fellowship Development

8:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Main Room

Jam Session... Auction & Raffle

NA AUCTION / RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, February 17

General business, motions, request for funds.

MEETING STARTS AT 8:00 a.m. and finishes when done.