



Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous

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Business Meeting Minutes

May 18th, 2014

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. All Attendees introduced themselves.

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

Roll Call: We took our first roll call at 8:05 am and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday

Trusted Servants Present: Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Regional Delegate, and Alternate Regional Delegate. There is no secretary at this time. Ed B. volunteered act as Secretary for this RSC Meeting.

Area R.C.M.'s: Central Kansas Area, Fellowship for Freedom, Just for Today Area, Miracle Area, Primary Purpose Area, Western Area, Wichita Metro. Area

Subcommittee Chairs: Activities, Archivist, Campout, Convention, Literature, NAWs Contact, P.O. Box, Soul to Soul, Restructuring Adhoc, Fellowship Development, Public Relations and Phone Line Coordinator. There is no Public Information, Hospitals & Institutions, or Outreach Chair.

A. Approval of Minutes:

The co-chair read the minutes from the November RSC Meeting. The chair asked if there were any amendments to be made. Amendments were suggested to add the Description, intent and Financial Impact to all Motions, and to correct the name of the Convention. Minutes were returned to the Acting Secretary for correction.

B. Area Reports:

Central Kansas Area:

Hello from Central Kansas Area NA,

Good morning family,

Recovery continues in Central Kansas Area NA, with meetings in Great Bend, Hays, Larned, Osborne, and Stockton. WooHoo! Osborne has chosen to remain a standalone group and declined joining the area but meetings continue happening and CKA members continue supporting them. Stockton's meetings are going strong and have 5-6 members attending on a regular basis and they are pumped up!! We are excited to announce a new meeting beginning tomorrow in Wakeeney. Meeting time is Mondays 6 pm at the 4H building on the fairgrounds. Our outreach co-chair and Hays GSR has been in touch, offering guidance in helping them get established and will be attending tomorrow in support. I will be passing on to them, phone contacts for OZ area. Not that we don't want them but want to let them know there is another option out there.

Our area continues to focus our service efforts on Hospitals and Institutions, Public Information, and Outreach. With that in mind, I'd like to invite you all to the Central Kansas Area NA Family Reunion – June 14 th from 2pm – 10pm at Frontier Park North – South Main - Hays Ks. . Jeff B from Great Bend will be sharing his experience, strength, and hope with us. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided – you bring your favorite picnic side dish! Raffle and Auction items are appreciated as we raise funds to support our continued effort to carry the message of Narcotics Anonymous. Bring your lawn chair, your sponsor\response\friends and join us for a day of fun and fellowship. Flyers are available.

We filled two service positions this month, with Darla S voted in as RCM II and Amanda R voted in as secretary.

CKA votes on both Regional Motions were three groups “yes” and one group “abstained”. The abstention was due to Stockton not feeling they “knew enough to vote and are still brand new and learning”.

The Great Bend group wants to give a shout out to Joe from Nebraska. At MARCNA Convention he graciously donated the Y2K banner to the Great Bend group. We are in the process of having it repaired and are honored to accept his generous gift.

Due to lack of funds, we do not have a donation at this time.

In loving service, CherylC CKA RCM

Fellowship for Freedom Area:

No report

Just For Today Area:

Dear Family;

A lot of cool stuff is and will be happening in the JFT Area. And, as follows:

A) Yates Center celebrated 2 years as a group on the 13th of may, and was visited by some of our members.

B) Also, our Outreach went to Sedan to help celebrate their 1st annual meeting celebration of 1 year on the 16th of May. Also visiting were members of the Yates Center group. Cake and ice cream were good!

C) M.O.M. Campout will be at Big Hill in Cherryvale this year, September 12th and 13th.

D) Oswego Men's Facility H&I applicants will go to El Dorado Correctional Facility to be approved.

E) M.O.M. Fundraiser held 22nd of March was a success.

F) Sad to report closing of meetings in Neodesha, however, Coffeyville will be visiting JFT Area to ask to be seated at ASC.

G) Regional Donation this month is \$150.00.

H) Pioneer Group Campout in Emporia fundraiser to be held 14th of June.

I) 16th Annual Recovery Fest, June 6, 7, and 8; come eat and be merry!

In loving service, Keith M., JFT Area RCM

Miracle Area:

Hello, Regional Family!

The message of recovery is being carried in the Miracle Area of Narcotics Anonymous. There are nine groups in the Miracle Area, all represented at the Area Service Committee. The New Way group resigned from the ASC for a period of two months, but is now active again at that level, with a GRS and an active home group membership. The Area has a new group, named “In Between”, located in Tonganoxie, Kansas. In Between has a meeting on Thursday night, listed on the Miracle Area meeting schedule. The group is planning an additional meeting, more will be revealed regarding this. For early risers living in or visiting the Miracle Area, there is a 7:00AM meeting hosted by Brothers and Sisters. Again, see the meeting schedule. All groups report steady attendance, ranging from 5-6 to 40 or more. Donations from groups to the ASC have been good, allowing the Committee to better carry the message. The Fellowship is well served with recovery-related Activities, many thanks to Activities Chair Christine T. In March, the Area sponsored a CAR/CAT Workshop to inform members about the World Service Conference’s business and the

membership's role in that business. Attendance was very good for the Workshop and the dinner and dance which followed. In April, the Activities Sub-Committee sponsored a "Bingo Night". This was well attended, and a good time was had by all. May's activity was "A Day In The Park", held on the 11th. An added treat at this event was the hosting by the Activities Sub-Committee of the Area Service Committee meeting! Due to Mothers' Day falling on ASC Sunday, the ASC decided to hold the Committee meeting in conjunction with the "Day In The Park" function. In this way, many members were able to see the ASC in operation. The Miracle Area has asked the Activities Sub-Committee to try to sponsor at least one activity each month. Upcoming over the next few months are: "A Beach Party", the 4th Annual Sponsorship Banquet, the Miracle Area Campout, themed "The Spirit Of Service" and the Fandango, among others. Flyers will be posted, and all are welcome. The Miracle Area Public Information Sub-Committee has done a masterful job keeping out Area meeting list updated, printed and distributed to groups. Coordination is ably done by Sub-Committee Chair Kelly C., and Co-Chair Kim P. Public Information is making its way slowly into more agencies and establishments in the Area. A new updated facilities list has been made, listing facilities in geographical order to allow pull-tab flyers and meeting lists to be distributed in a more fuel-saving and time-saving way. Several pull-tab flyers and meeting lists have been placed and more will be passed out in an upcoming flyer drive. Thank you to the amazing volunteers from Leavenworth for covering that area! There will be a Public Information service workshop held on June 7th at the First United Methodist Church West Campus, in Lawrence, Kansas. This will be a "Learning Days" workshop beginning at 2:00, followed by a potluck dinner and a movie night. All are welcome, and people in other areas are encouraged to attend. Please bring a side dish or dessert. A flyer is available. Carrying the message to Hospitals and Institutions is being done by the H&I Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee has been asking all the groups to announce after each meeting the opportunity to be of service in this vital work. H&I meetings are being carried weekly into the Men's facility at the Douglas County jail, and bi-weekly into the Women's facility. A cooperative effort between addicts in the Leavenworth area and addicts in the Kansas City area is allowing an H&I meeting in the Lansing Correctional Facility, and is also making it possible to plan a meeting in the Leavenworth Federal Correctional Facility. This is exciting news, and more will be revealed. Several women in the area have stepped up to volunteer to take a meeting into the First Step at Lakeview treatment facility in Lawrence, renewing an H&I presence that has been too long absent. As always, more is needed, and we are grateful for the willingness that allows this work to be done. The Area has a good stock of Literature, and sales of Literature have been good. Sub-Committee Chair John S. has done a great job getting and keeping orders flowing and filled for groups. He has volunteered to continue to serve as Chair though his term has ended. We have a few open service positions at the Area level, though willingness to take training for Literature Sub-Committee Chair has been forthcoming. The Area Service Committee wishes to express our gratitude to the Regional Service Committee for getting an insurance policy in place to protect the Literature stock as well as the meetings and activities. The Miracle Area is donating \$250 to the Regional Service Committee this quarter. Thank you for allowing me to serve the Fellowship, Ed B., Miracle Area RCM

Primary Purpose Area

Hello NA Family,

I am excited to report Primary Purpose Area has had good area participation and members with willingness to fill several service positions the past three months. Congrats to Becky B. our new Area Chair, Bruce B. our new Treasure, and to Amy S. our new Secretary. I was also elected as RCM and Sara B. remains our alternate RCM. PPA also has a new traveling meeting called Study and Meditation Group which alternates meeting locations in Hesston and Newton on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Contacts for this meeting are Mike G. at 720-545-5740, Ray P. at 316-772-7609 or Susan G. at 785-221-4836. PPA will now meet quarterly the month after region with project driven AD-HOC committees as needed. PPA has a project underway to print area meeting lists and a project to revise our policy to meet the new changes. We will be supporting our group functions. The HOW Group N.A. of Newton will host their 32nd Annual Precampout

Campout on May 23 through 26 at Harvey County West Park. Congratulations to Gift Of Life NA in Hutchinson for celebrating 25 years of carrying the message and having a good turnout at their function on May 10th. Night Fliers NA Group of Lyons had a good turnout at their function on March 10. PPA is voting yes to motions #021614-04 and #021614-03.

In loving service, Chris B. RCM

OZ Area:

Not present. No report.

Unity Area Report:

No report.

Wichita Metro Area Report:

Hello, My Brothers and Sisters;

We have a lot going on in Wichita. There are two new meetings. One is in Eureka, meeting at 7:00PM on Tuesday at 309 N. Oak Street in Memorial Hall across from the Police Station. The other is in Wichita, meeting at 8:00PM on Tuesday at the No Matter What Club, 2021 S. hillside.

We have 6 new H&I meetings giving us a grand total of 11 H&I meetings in the W.M. Area. We have two new Trusted Servants at Area, Tracy C. is our Secretary and I, Dave R. am the RCM. We have \$80.00 to donate MARCNA.

In Loving Service, Dave R., RCM W.M. Area

Western Area Report:

Greetings from out West. We are hanging in there in the Western Area, but are struggling to have much in the way of full formal Area meetings, much less full active committees. Our barbeque in Guymon was a success with great food, a great speaker and substantial attendance despite it snowing that morning in much of our area, however few wanted to stick around for a formal meeting afterward. I did distribute Cars to all groups, but I think my home group was the only one that actually responded to the delegates.

We did have an Area meeting last Sunday in Dodge City, but again attendance was hampered by mother's Day and graduations. I am filling in as Treasurer and we need a Secretary. We thought about doing a campout but did not feel we could pull one off at this time. We are planning a potlatch with our next Area meeting in Garden City on August 10th. It will be the Hope Group's 3rd Anniversary, and they have moved to the Presbyterian Church, 1719 Texas Street. Garden City has a great park with a zoo. I visited the HOW Group in Cimmaron and they have a stable group with long term clean time. I still hope to get to Liberal before our next Area, and I know our Chair, Scott has dropped in there. We are still having trouble getting meetings updated on the Regional Meeting List, but this has been addressed.

On the other hand, much is happening in Dodge City. Gratitude Group is hosting Birthday Night the last Saturday of this month, Against All Odds is having a speaker night on June 7th and both groups are cooperating with a combined meeting list. Planning is underway for the Dodge City Roundup with a "There's No Place Like Home" theme We plan a pool party on June 21st and hope to see some of you there. Progress, Not Perfection.

Tony K., Western Area RCM

C. Subcommittee Reports

Activities:

No report.

Archivist:

Hello family,

I had a blast displaying archives again at MARCNA. It was nice to split a room with the tapers, we both had ample space and could watch each other’s stuff if one of us needed to leave for a bit. I have been acquiring small display cases for the store that work out great to keep items guarded but visible.

I can’t say that I’ve received anything this past quarter other than the mini banner for MARCNA XXXI and a few emailed area and group minutes, which gets added to the archive folder. The folder now stands at 20 GB and I would like to request purchasing a minimum 32 GB flash drive for backup. We need some safe way to keep our files and make them accessible for other RSC members and my successor.

Prior to MARCNA I hauled several boxes to the storage unit and organize the file cabinets...somewhat. As always banners and media stay in my basement. After the release of the history that I passed out last quarter, it was brought to my attention that how I worded who hosted a regional campout in the mid 80s made it seem incorrect. So I altered some wording and resent it to this person. I will send the altered version to our webservant so it can be uploaded. It didn’t change any facts that I get from minutes and reports, but opened up who participated along with the host. As always, I am requesting minutes, flyers, and hand written scribbles from the 1970s and 80s. Beyond that is pretty well covered, unless you have pdf files you wish to share of group and area minutes. I’m always willing to copy digital files to the region archives.

Gratefully serving NA, Tim S.

Campout:

Hello, N.A. Family;

I’d like to apologize for my absence at the committee meetings. I did not realize it was at 5PM instead of 9AM. I was asked to get with the Committee members and go over things that were on the agenda. We are right on our time frame for a successful and fun campout. We’ve elected Nate F. as Campout Chair for next year. We’ve also set the site for next year. Due to cost and accessibility we’ve decided Clinton Lake is our best bet.

In Loving Service, Wes M.

Discussion:

An addict: Why was the price for the t-shirts higher?

Nate F: The blank t-shirts were higher than we were quoted due to being tie-dyed and camo.

Chris H.: We need to discuss the waiver of liability.

Chair: We will discuss in New Business.

Convention Report:

Outgoing Chair

I am happy to report that the convention was a huge success. The only complaint was that there was no meat at the luncheon. Technically, that wasn’t a true statement because there was chicken in the soup. We sold a total of 200 lunch tickets and were told it is the best “tradition” change they have seen in many years. We recommend doing the same thing next year. It gave people the opportunity to spend time with each other and a feeling of more inclusion. One other complaint was weak coffee. Several of us from the committee sat with the sales department and voiced several complaints so that has been taken care of. The speakers were awesome and the midnight meeting was hugely attended; we recommend continuing that meeting as well. Here is the breakdown for registration:

Pre-registered	186
Registered at the convention	243
Total people registered	429
Re-registered lunches	121
Lunches sold at convention	79

Total lunches sold	200
Total lunch tickets turned in	175
Newcomer donations	\$245
Total clean time at convention	3,622 yrs.

There was merchandise left over and that has all been turned over to the new committee. MARCNA XXXI is turning over a check in the amount of \$4,532.76 today. That is what is above the \$5,000.00 which is turned over to the new committee as their startup monies. Someone told me once that the true success of a convention is if that newcomer comes back to the next year's convention still clean and not the dollar amount that was brought in. Our main focus was on the newcomers this year and I feel we accomplished our goal. Thank you again for participating and attending Mid America Region convention. We hope you enjoyed it.

Gratefully, Janet W., Convention Chair

Discussion:

Janet W.: I have Convention's key to the storage facility.

Chair: Give to Tom M.

Incoming Chair

Hello regional family:

All is moving forward on convention sub-committee. We filled all positions on the 2015 convention committee yesterday in sub committee mtg except for the merchandise chair position. Thanks to all who stepped up!! Thank all of you here at region for allowing me to chair the convention this next yr in Wichita. It will be held at the Doubletree Airport Hilton in Wichita Ks. April 10,11,and 12, 2015. Our next convention sub committee mtg will be held the Saturday before Father's Day in Wichita at 1pm., either at the hotel or at a mtg hall in Wichita. I will speak with hotel tomorrow to find out if ok to meet there and will get the word out asap... thanks again for the confidence in me. I will try to not let you all down!!!! We voted to NOT make tank tops for a summer line as we have lots of tank tops left from last convention and several items left for fundraising...also I would like to ask campout committee for permission for fundraising chair on convention committee to be allowed sell merchandise on Sunday at campout.

Much love, Tom M.

ps..please be thinking of a theme and artwork for the convention and submit it...

Discussion:

Tom M.: Saturday before Father's Day, interim meeting 1:00 location to be determined

An addict: Is there anything from the Convention for Archives?

Chair: Tom, please get a Convention mug for archives

Tom M.: Flyer will be made to request artwork submissions, to be out in June

Hospitals & Institutions:

Open position, no report

Public Information:

Open position, no report

Literature:

In Fellowship Development

NAWS Contact:

Hello family,

I have nothing to report for this last quarter. After today's elections, I will make any necessary adjustments to the region's listing. I do want to send a current meeting list around and have you mark any corrections

you detect or know about. I will compare it to NAWS list to see if any changes are needed, and if I don't have sufficient information I'll contact the RCM.
Gratefully serving NA, Tim S.

Outreach Report:

Open position, no report

P.O. Box:

Hello Family,

It has been an emotional couple of weeks and I want to first thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers from everyone, it has been much appreciated. We have definitely felt the love.

I am going to do my best to remember everything we received this quarter. I checked the PO Box Friday and have been checking it at least once a week.

We lost several items I had received in our fire...so I don't really have much to report. I paid for the PO Box for the next year...and I had a receipt, however it was lost in our fire.

We received at least one CAR vote that I passed on to Daniel. I believe we received an invoice for the last meeting list or MAN – I can't remember what the invoice was for, I had emailed Steve the invoice, but I never had a chance to mail that to him.

We also received NAWS News and a letter back to an inmate that we tried to send, but it came back because it didn't have an inmate number on the address, I talked to Flo and she said he did not send us one, so we were going to compare letters; however it was lost in the fire also.

I did give Steve an invoice for the insurance and an invoice for the storage unit that we received last week. That is all I can remember that we received.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Amber C. PO Box Chair

Public Relations:

Hello regional family.

We had a successful PR meeting as well as several productive work group meetings yesterday.

Communications: Amber C. is the coordinator of this workgroup. There were problems with getting the meeting list printed at the HCF where we have been getting them done. That facility is only doing work for organizations that have non-profit designation through the IRS. We do not have that at this time. Amber sent out emails and was able to get the meeting lists printed at a competitive rate of .21 cents each. During the actual workgroup, corrections were made to the meeting list. There was much discussion about what to do from here on out about getting the meeting lists printed. A member is going to check with the company that printed them this time and see if he can work out a cheaper price. The group also worked on a script for audio PSAs that can be used by the areas. The governor's conference is coming up in KC on June 24-27 and if anyone is interested in helping with the booth on the 25th, please contact Daniel or Amber.

H&I: Dusty stepped down as co-chair but still facilitated the workgroup meeting today. T-shirts were sold at the alternative store and funds were turned over to the treasurer. Left over T-shirts were contracted out to members to sell and then return the funds or shirts to the next workgroup meeting. Sally R. is the single point of accountability for those shirts and money due to their being no chair or co-chair. Some ideas were discussed about getting literature into the county jails but we will start small by getting white books in to jails. There was discussion about the P3 project and the number of Basic Texts being sent to Kansas Inmates. There was a motion out of the PR committee to send \$400 from the H&I escrow to support P3

Phone Line: Nate is the coordinator for this workgroup. There were concerns about the inaccuracies to the regional meeting list which is being used to develop the phone line info. Most of the workgroup time was spent making corrections to the meeting list to ensure correct information is on the phone line. The phone line will be ready to go live on Friday May 23, 2014. The number is 855-732-HOPE (4673). The coordinator

will put out a flier announcing the phone line. The business cards being used for PR presentations that currently only has the marsna.net web address will be updated to include the number.

Web: This workgroup did not meet today as the facilitator was graduating with her Master's Degree, congratulations Michelle. There were concerns brought up that the regional meeting list on the website is from November and needs to be updated.

PR to Professionals: Sally is co-facilitator of this workgroup. The workgroup discussed having meetings using a conference call and online meeting software to get more work done in between RSCs. The surveys were completed at the convention and we are about 1/3 of the way done with tabulating the information. We discussed having a handout that includes the statistics from the survey with a regional business card stapled to it for presentations as a take away item for attendees. We began working on a list of resources around the region who have expertise in different disciplines (medical, justice, religious, MH, treatment, etc) The ideal would be to have a comprehensive list that would allow a PR committee from any area to find a resource close to them to assist with preparing or putting on a presentation to any type of group. The workgroup's "to do" list for this quarter: formulate the demographics page, edit the PPT, work on resource list (get permission to include those members), work on invitation letter, print business cards.

We continue to hear positive feedback about doing business in this manner and the work continues to get done. The August RSC is the final meeting that is approved to do the trial unless a motion comes up to extend it beyond that time. Work groups in August should be mindful and try to develop a contingency plan in case the trial ceases, how do we continue getting this work done?

In loving service, Sally R., PR co-facilitator

Discussion:

The 'phone line will go LIVE Friday, May 23rd!! (855) 732-4673

An addict: Is the Phone Line subcommittee going to stay under P.R.? They are on the roll as an Officer

Chair: Will discuss in New Business

Restructuring Ad-hoc:

Missing Report

Discussion:

An addict: When do we vote on adopting the new structure?

Daniel C.: When new policy comes out; if we vote in new policy, we're voting in new structure

Soul To Soul:

Dear N.A. Family;

Soul to Soul met on April 27th at 1:00PM in Emporia, Ks. There were 4 in attendance. We made decisions on merchandise and artwork. We chose the bags and neck coolers. We got 4 submissions of artwork.

Soul to Soul met on May 18th here at Regional. There were three in attendance. We approved money to be used to purchase the merchandise. We set goals and due dates for fundraisers, artwork and merchandise.

We selected one piece of artwork. We set the next sub-committee meeting to be in Emporia on June 13th at 8:00PM. This meeting will be to see the merchandise and decide where to place the artwork on it.

Our treasurer report shows we have received 6 registrations. We have agreed to do a fundraiser with Living Clean Group following their Workshop on August 9th, 2014. We will be raffling off a free registration. We will also give Campout a free registration to give away.

In Loving Service, Rosalie C., Soul to Soul Chair

Discussion:

If members want events such as Soul To Soul to be held in other locations, please bring location information to Sub-Committee meeting

Fellowship Development:

We had good attendance and participation with a lot getting done in our workgroups

Newsletter:

Kathy F. resigned as editor and Flo H. was elected as new M.A.N. editor with Sara B. assisting the cutoff for submissions for next issue is end of May 2014

Orientation:

The Newcomer Orientation Packet is done and will be available to all that would like at RSC weekend. We will make copies as needed

Events:

The next RSC we will be having a BBQ lunch on Saturday with the Traditions Book Project Workgroup putting on workshop that evening. Please bring your favorite side dish.

We are planning a Project Primary Purpose Fundraiser on Oct. 18th 2014 in Salina or McPherson KS. More to be revealed look for flyer on web page or at your home group

Traditions Book Project:

We discussed how we could proactively get people involved and compile feedback for the traditions Some ideas we came up with are contacting areas and groups with activities listed on the regional website and ask permission for either a small block of time for a mini workshop or to simple be able to ask those in attendance randomly for feedback like the roaming reporter /investigator at MARCNA. Tracy will contact areas with activities in June, Keith will take July and Rich is contacting September's activities.. We plan to ask campout committee if we can have a block of time for a workshop at campout as well as having a tradition question on their scavenger hunt. We also plan to have an "informal" workshop at the next region after dinner. I believe Rich is going to check with Pioneer group in Emporia to get a workshop at his group. We also discussed seeing if Soul to Soul would be a viable event/function for a min workshop. We'd like to challenge the RCMs to have their area participate in a "who can get the most responses within a week" type of thing. You can also send submissions to regional website at: traditionsbookproject@marscna.net

In Service Jeff R.

Discussion:

Jeff R.: F.D. Workgroup is planning a fundraiser to benefit Project Primary Purpose, flyer coming soon

D. Officers Reports:

Regional Delegate Report:

First, I would like to thank the Area's for allowing me to serve them in the capacity as RDA. The World Service Conference 2014 was a humbling and exciting event. I learned a lot as well. Since Daniel has covered the Motions in Old Business and the proposals in New Business, I will provide anecdotal information and my impressions of the event.

I am returning \$120.05 unspent from the allocated funds for travel and the extra luggage for the WSC World Market. I recommend that the daily "Per Diem" rate for the RDA match the rate allowed the RD which is currently \$55 per day for meals. The price of meals for the 10 days cost \$200 above what I was allotted, so an increase of \$5 per day won't fix that, but it will bring it to parity with the RD per diem.

The World Market was a success! Daniel and I spent two Saturday evenings selling and trading T-shirts and other left over Mid-America merchandise and brought home \$190 in cash and many T-Shirts and other merchandise items from NA in other Countries and Regions. H&I, Soul To Soul, Campout and Activities all seemed very pleased with what we sold or traded for them. I hope that we can plan to do this again in 2016. I would also like to say that 10 days is a long time to be away from home and my business, but believe it was time necessary in Service. My overall impressions of the WSC are as follows:

Alternate Delegates serve a real and needed purpose at the WSC. Had I not been in attendance at this 2014 event, I would feel very unprepared to represent the Mid-America Region in the 2016 WSC. In addition to a huge learning curve of how business is conducted, who is who, where things are etc..., the RD would have a near impossible task of remaining on the floor without the opportunity for a break, or someone to discuss items with or ask questions of. Our days started officially at 9am and some of our evenings went past midnight officially, but unofficially we didn't hit bed until after 2a.m. most evenings. I would not want to do it without an alternate as a team member to help out.

Speaking on the floor was more intimidating than I thought it would be. Time is so precious in the formal setting and there is pressure to make your point quickly, and in front of more than 200 people who seemed to get less patient the longer the discussion lasted. World Board members were there to either rebut or affirm what was said. I am at ease in most speaking situations but found myself a little nervous in the couple times I rose and spoke.

The Hollywood walk of fame is seedy and depressing. Daniel and I had a few hours on Friday to check out Hollywood, and I was not impressed. We saw several Spidermen in costume, some looked like their mothers had sewn them.

One of the highlights for me was seeing the Spanish speaking Delegates erupt in cheers when they were given copies of "Living Clean" in Spanish for the first time.

Some disappointment in the way time was managed at the entire event. In my opinion, we wasted at least two days in unproductive discussion and the rules for the floor were constantly changed to accommodate dwindling time. Another disappointment was in the cooperate feel the "break-out sessions" had and how answers and questions were posed in such a way as to lead to an already planned outcome, ie. Zonal representation or Continental representation at the WSC in the future. It felt as though we were in a "Focus Group" to test which ideas would have favor or play with the RD's and the fellowship. I have asked to participate in one of the two Cyber discussion groups that will be set up in this next cycle. Maybe these groups will have more freedom to discuss issues concerning communication among RD's and the future of the WSC.

The best part the the WSC experience for me was meeting Addicts that I have only known online in social media. Spending time talking in person was valuable to me. I also spent quality time with some World Board members in conversation over meals and cigars. Getting to attend local meetings in the community was also a great plus to this time spent in Las Angeles. Meetings are different than they are in our Mid-West, but yet, are still NA meetings and It was great to attend them when I could get away. Thanks to Mark B. from Nebraska and others who gave Daniel and me rides when they could.

Representing our Region was an honor, privilege, learning experience and humbling all in one. Daniel and I are looking for ways to increase Group and Area participation in this next WSC 2016 Cycle. This cycle we had 22 or 78 groups in our Region participate in the C.A.R./C.A.T. tally. While that is a good participation rate compared to other Regions that were at the WSC, it is (in my opinion) far too low. We thought we worked hard to get the information out to our fellowship by having workshops in several locations and having a tally sheet with clear understandable instructions. Daniel and I have discussed some ideas like having the Tally online and doing workshops at each ASC, but we need your help to make this happen.

Please talk to us with your suggestions for increased Group and Area participation in the WSC 2016 cycle. In Service, Nate F., RDA Mid-America

Discussion:

Nate F.: Some Observations; We need to raise the Per Diem spending allowance for the R.D.A.; The Alternative Store was a great success; The CAR/CAT Tally participation at our region was very poor, only 21 of 78 groups returned responses. We need ideas to increase the participation level

Alt. Delegate Report:

No report

Secretary Report:

Open Position, no report

Treasurer Report:

Attached with e-mail

Co-Treasurer Report:

No report

Chair Report:

No report

Co- Chair Report:

No report

Break 12:30

Reconvene 1:49

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Roll Call (on roll call sheet)

Trusted Servants Present: Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Regional Delegate, and Alternate Regional Delegate. There is no secretary at this time.

Area R.C.M.'s: Central Kansas Area, Fellowship for Freedom, Just for Today Miracle Area, Primary Purpose Area Unity Area Western Area, Wichita Metro. Area

Subcommittee Chairs: Activities, Archivist, Convention, Literature, P.O. Box, Restructuring Adhoc, Fellowship Development and Soul to Soul. There is no H&I or P.I. Chair at this time.

E. Old Business:

Elections;

Secretary;

no willingness

no nominations

Public Information;

no willingness

no nominations

Outreach;

Keith M. expressed willingness

Keith qualified self

Vote: Keith M. elected Outreach Chair

H&I Chair;

no willingness

no nominations

RSC Chair;

Aaron B. expressed willingness

Aaron qualified self

Vote: Aaron B. elected RSC Chair

RSC Co-Chair

no willingness

no nominations

P.O. Box Chair;

Amber C. expressed willingness
Amber qualified self
Vote: Amber C. elected P.O. Box Chair

NAWS Contact;
Tim S. expressed willingness
Tim qualified self
Vote: Tim S. elected NAWS Contact

Literature Chair;
no willingness
no nominations

Campout Chair;
Nate F. nominated from Sub-Committee
Nate qualified self
Vote: Nate F. elected Campout Chair

Activities Chair;
Sara B. expressed willingness
Sara qualified self
Vote: Sara B. elected Activities Chair

Open Positions:
Secretary
P.R. Facilitator
RSC Co-Chair
H&I Chair
Literature Chair

Motions;

Motion 021614-03: From P.R. Facilitator; second, W.K. Area
Motion: Add to policy page 12 under Archivist add #2 "Update Regional Policy quarterly to reflect changes and e-mail current updated Policy for publication to Regional web site. Move Items #2 and #3 to #3 and #4.

Vote:

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

PP – Y

Unity - A

Western – Y

WMA – A

Motion passes

Motion 021614-04: From R.D. Alternate

Motion: (To add to Regional web site policy); All Regional Sub-Committees, Officers and Ad-Hoc Workgroups have e-mail mailboxes on the Regional web site as requested.

Vote:

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

PP – Y

Unity - A

Western – Y

WMA – Y

Motion passes

Discussion;

Activities Ad-Hoc Committee report on Plan “B” for RSC location;

Sara B: As we discussed last RSC there is no place else which is affordable and has what we need.

Sara B: It appears that this place is being fixed up.

To facilitate Policy Update, Chair will e-mail Policy as approved to the Archivist to update the web site policy.

Financial Old Business

Treasurer has a past invoice for printing of M.A.N. which needs to be addressed. This is the invoice for printing the M.A.N. which we voted at February RSC to destroy.

Chair: To clarify this issue, when RCMs voted to approve reprinting the M.A.N., they were also voting to approve payment of the invoice for printing costs.

F. New Business:

Discussion of printing needs for Region.

- 1) Meeting Lists
- 2) M.A.N.
- 3) Convention Program
- 4) Assorted printing needs

P.R. Workgroup will check with Copy Center of Topeka to see what kind of pricing they can offer. Also need approval to print M.A.N. This will need a Request for Funds. Need members to be on the lookout for printers who can help us.

Need request for funds not to exceed \$160.00 for M.A.N. printing, request for funds not to exceed \$160.00 for meeting lists

An addict: Last issue of M.A.N. was 1100 copies for \$141.00

An addict: For 6 pages; 8 pages will be over \$160.00

An addict: Should be not to exceed \$250.00

An addict: Only have \$238.76 in Literature escrow

An addict: M.A.N. and meeting lists are paid from General Fund

Will revisit this later this RSC

Discussion of Traditions Book Project

Sally R: We need to find ways to get people involved

Suggestions; “Challenge” RCMs; “Invade” group and area functions, asking questions; we have announced availability of workshops, but have gotten no responses; Will RCMs take a list of questions to their ASC meetings?

Western: Will you do a workshop at the Dodge City Roundup October 4th?

Sally R: Yes

An addict: Does the Sub-Committee have a list of questions?

Sally R: We will get RCMs the list

An addict: What is the time frame?

Sally R: By the end of October for Traditions One through Six, then by the end of April for Traditions Seven through Twelve. There are Power Point Presentations online, and we are also considering a “roving reporter” approach.

Discussion of Insurance:

1) Policy:

Debby S: Insurance policy is up in August, rates will go up. Quote for policy is \$5055.00. To get a firm price, we need a list of covered items, the number of members in the region, the number of places covered inventory is stored and the locations. We need this information in case we need to submit a claim. All we need is the dollar amount – the area or group is responsible for having a complete inventory.

2) Waiver:

Insurance agent says we need a waiver, signed by participants in activities. If we want to approach this with a “Play At Your Own Risk” disclaimer, it’s up to us

An addict; The signed waiver violates our tradition of anonymity

An addict: If waiver must be signed by everyone, will this leave those who don’t sign thinking they’re uninsured?

Debby S.: Region needs to decide what they’re going to do

An addict: Waiver will not protect us, as injured party can sue anyway. We may be indemnifying the insurance company

An addict: Are the only choices either a signed waiver or no activities?

An addict; A waiver signed by attendees is not a solution for us

An addict: let’s check with WSC and see how they handle this

Chair: Will P.R. Facilitator check with WSC on how they handle this?

Sally R.: Yes

3) Membership Size:

Debby S.: How many members are in the Region?

An addict: This is hard to calculate

An addict: Let’s stick with the numbers we have been using

4) Debby S.: Passing out insurance certificate requests, need one for each activity

We will readdress this issue when we get the quote, then we have to make a decision.

Discussion of Prudent Reserve:

Chair: Prudent Reserve is set each year in May by this body

Rosalie: Motion to set Prudent Reserve at 6 months of operating expenses

Discussion

Call question

Vote to call question:

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y
PP – Y
Unity - Y
Western – Y
WMA – Y

Question is called

Motion 051814-002: From Soul To Soul Chair; second, Archives Chair (*Note, Secretary does not have a copy of this Motion*)

Motion To set Prudent Reserve at 6 months operating expenses

Vote:

Central – N
FFF – N
JFT – Y
Miracle – N
PP – N
Unity - N
Western – N
WMA – N

Motion does not pass

Motion 051814-004; From R.D. Alternate; second, Central Area

Motion: that the Prudent Reserve be set at \$7000.00 (May, 2014 – May, 2015)

Intent: To set the Prudent Reserve at approximately 9 months housekeeping expenses

Financial impact; None given

Vote:

Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – Y
PP – Y
Unity - Y
Western – Y
WMA – Y

Motion passes

Discussion of 32Gb Flash Drive for Archives

Not to exceed \$20.00

Motion: 051814-001: From Archivist; second, Western Area

Motion: To purchase (1) 32 Gb Flash Drive

Intent: To facilitate a secure backup of current and future Mid-America Region Archives electronic files

Financial impact: Not to exceed \$20.00

Vote:

Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – Y
PP – Y
Unity - Y
Western – Y

WMA – Y
Motion passes

Motion: 051814-003: From Events/Activities; second, F.F.F. Area
Motion: To put on a P3 Fundraiser with seed money from regional funds and all profits to be given to P3 Project. Tentative date October 18th in centrally located location.
Intent: To help sustain P3, who sends many Basic Texts to Kansas inmates
Financial impact: Not to exceed \$150.00

Vote:
Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – Y
PP – Y
Unity - Y
Western – Y
WMA – Y
Motion passes

Discussion of Per Diem allowance for R.D. Alternate at W.S.C.
Motion: 051814-005: From R.D.; second, Miracle Area
Motion: To raise Per Diem to \$55.00 for meals. This will affect Policy, VII, C
Intent: To be more in line with actual expense of travel costs in relation to meals
Financial impact: None given

Vote:
Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – Y
PP – Y
Unity - Y
Western – Y
WMA – Y
Motion passes
This will need to be presented to groups for approval.

Requests for Funds:

By: R.D. Team
For: Travel to Zonal Forum
Amount: \$800.00
Vote:
Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – Y
PP – Y
Unity - Y

Western – Y
WMA – Y
Approved

By: Activities
For August RSC Events
Amount: \$100.00

Vote:
Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – Y
PP – Y
Unity - Y
Western – Y
WMA – Y
Approved

By: P.R. Workgroup
For: Donation to P3 Project
Amount: \$400.00 from H&I Escrow

Vote:
Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – Y
PP – Y
Unity - Y
Western – Y
WMA – Y
Approved

By: P.R. Workgroup
For: Printing of Mid-America Region Meeting Lists
Amount: Not to exceed \$160.00

Vote:
Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – Y
PP – Y
Unity - Y
Western – Y
WMA – Y
Approved

By: P.R. Workgroup
For: Printing of Mid-America Newsletter
Amount: Not to exceed \$250.00

Vote:

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

PP – Y

Unity - Y

Western – Y

WMA – Y

Approved

Motion 051814-005*: From Central Area; second, F.F.F. Area (*Note: This motion is listed as “-005”, as is the Per Diem Motion. The Secretary suggests this be amended to “-006”*)

Motion: That no pets be allowed at any Mid-America Region Event except where permitted by the Americans With Disabilities Act. This will affect Policy.

Intent: To clarify MARSCNA policy concerning animals and correct accidental omission from current policy

Financial impact: None given

Vote:

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

PP – Y

Unity - Y

Western – Y

WMA – Y

Motion passes

This will need to be presented to groups for approval.

Motion to close

Second

Vote

Passed unanimously

Closed at 5:21 with Serenity Prayer