



Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous

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Business Meeting Minutes

February 16th, 2014

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence by the Chair at 8:03 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 8:05 am and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday

Trusted Servants Present: Co-Chair, Treasurer, Co-treasurer, Regional Delegate, and Alternate Regional Delegate. There is no secretary at this time. (Note: The Chair was in attendance during a second roll call at 8:52 am.)

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

Subcommittee Chairs: Activities, Archivist, Campout, Convention, Hospitals & Institutions, Literature, P.O. Box, Restructuring Adhoc, Fellowship Development and Soul to Soul. There is no Public Information 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. There were none. RCM vote was taken and the minutes were approved as read.

B. Area Reports:

Central Kansas Area:

Hello from Central Kansas Area NA,

Recovery continues in the Central Kansas Area with meetings in Great Bend, Larned, and Hays. We continue to struggle adding new members to our service structure, however we keep plugging along. We made some changes @ our last CKASC to better utilize our active members and move toward purpose and project driven service. CKASC will now rotate between groups, alphabetically, for the next six months beginning at 4 pm and running straight through. There will no longer be separate sub-committee meetings at this time. Our next regularly scheduled ASC is March 15th @ 4 pm in Hays, KS at 410 Oak Street in the basement. We'd love to have you join us.

Congratulations to Dusty as he was voted in as our new Area Chair and I was re-elected another term as RCM.

Members of CKASC reached out to the Osborne meeting and offered support to members starting a meeting in Stockton. The Osborne Fellowship for Recovery Group meets Mon. and Tues. 7pm @ 724 Main; Thurs. 7 pm @ 214 N 2nd; Sat. 7 pm @ 724 Main. Contact: Ervin 785-346-6761. The Stockton Second Chance Group will meet at 602 Main in the basement of the Christian Church, Fri. @ 7 pm beginning Feb. 21st. Contact: Kara 785-425-8119 We look forward to supporting and encouraging these groups as they grow.

We continue to meet our Hospitals and Institutions commitments. We continue needing more volunteers for both the men and women meetings. If interested in supporting any of these meetings let me know and I'll put you in touch with Jeff B. our H&I Chair.

We have a \$150 donation from CKASC and \$150 donation from Great Bend Living by Faith NA. CKASC votes unanimously "Yes" on the motion concerning CBDM.

In loving service,
Cheryl C, CKA RCM

Fellowship for Freedom Area:

Hello Family,

Recovery is happening in Fellowship For Freedom Area. Meetings are happening everyday of the week with 2 to 3 each day. Area info line has new number 785-200-3446. Web Site is FFFarea.com and has information about area policy, meetings and events happening in FFF Area. On February 22, 2014 will be having a CAR workshop at 10 am Forrest Park, Topeka with a Sweetharts Dance at 5 pm. We had our Annual Area inventory in January with a lot of input from members with issues for the area to work on to increase unity and better communication and trust throughout the Area. We have a \$100 donation.

We have a new Outreach Project in the planning stages. It's a version of Addicts on Asphalt where members go to groups throughout the Area and compile miles from their home group to other meetings in the Area, with a prize given each month, to better increase unity and members having a home group.

In Loving Service,
Jeff R.
FFF RCM

Just For Today Area:

No report

Miracle Area:

Dear Regional Family,

Greetings from the Miracle Area. Things have been going better for our Area, service positions have been filled, and our Subcommittees have been meeting during our time slots before the main body meets on Sunday. Activities are on track thanks to Christine T. stepping up since last quarter. The After Thanksgiving function on November 30th in Lawrence was well supported, including a phone-line training workshop, as well as the Pie in Your Pie Hole function, and a Bowling Night last month, and Super Bowl Chili Cook Off watching the game on two big screens and sampling multiple chili entries. Our next function is a MARCNA Fundraiser/Dance with a CAR Workshop and Potluck meal on March 15, 2014, at FUMC, 946 Vermont St. in Lawrence, starting at 1pm.

Our Literature Subcommittee has been keeping the groups well stocked and John S. has placed several orders since last quarter, although prices are going up this year. Public Information Chair, Kelly C. has been busy with the phone-line, meeting lists and pull-tab flyers and her co-chair Kim P. That subcommittee is working to update a list of places to place meeting lists. Hospitals and Institutions has been continuing to take meetings into the Douglas County Jail at least twice a month, on the men's side and once a month on the women's side and Jeffry L. has been trying to get new volunteers cleared and trained, and to get some women back into The First Step House at Lake View in Lawrence. He has also made a flyer to post at the groups to encourage volunteers.

The New Way Group is continuing to meet, although they have decided to be dropped from quorum due to a trusted servant's health concerns and lack of home group members. However, a new group has formed in Tonganoxie, called The In Between Group. They meet on Thursdays at 8pm at Tonganoxie Friends Church,

404 Shawnee St., Tonganoxie, KS. They came to our ASC in December and again last month, so total groups are now back to eight. Brothers and Sisters Group has started a new meeting on Wednesday's at 7am, in room 102 at FUMC, 946 Vermont St. in Lawrence. The midnight meeting at Lotta Soul in Lawrence has been deleted. Financially, our Treasurer, Jody J. has kept our books, but donations were down since last quarter and we dipped into Prudent Reserve last month, partly due to making a deposit for the Campground at Bloomington West for our campout September 5-7, and this month again, but we are making progress. We are proud to be represented this weekend by nine Miracles and at least two Subcommittees. Our vote on CBDM was no. We are donating \$150 to the RSC. This will be my last Region as RCM, but I'll continue to stay involved.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Scott K. R.C.M.

Primary Purpose Area

Hello family,

PPA has not met since last region. We still have talked with several members who want to meet on Mar. 9th at 1pm at SOS in McPherson, Kansas to have an "Area Members Brainstorming Potluck followed by review of the CAR. We will be giving away a MARCNA registration as a door prize drawing for those in attendance. Although I have been a little discouraged I know we have passionate committed members in PPA as evidence by very successful home group events and fellowship among area members. Flying Free, McPherson had their BBB and it was super successful and Flying Free has a 200.00 donation to region. Gift of Life, Hutchinson had their Ball Room Blitz this past Friday and it was well attended by members from the area and some surrounding areas. I do not know what upcoming events are except that Newton H.O.W. usually has their annual Campout at Harvey county West on Memorial Day weekend. Also as a side note Flying Free has shut the doors on their Tuesday 5:30 meeting. More will be revealed as we continue to work on our area issues.

In Loving Service,

Sara B.- Alt RCM, Primary Purpose Area

*Note: Primary Purpose Area RCM noted that Area has had no meeting for two months and requested to be removed from quorum. A member mentioned that this RCM should still vote for her Area, but she didn't know how to vote since there had been no group conscience. There were 6 of 9 voting members present, and it was noted that quorum was met.

OZ Area:

Not present. No report.

Unity Area Report:

Not present. No report.

Wichita Metro Area Report:

Hello family, 02/16/14

This will be my last report as WMA RCM as my term will be up next month.

WMA, as of late, has been working to get more workshops done in cooperation with the RD team. In January (I believe) the RD came and did a workshop for the GSR's. I was unable to attend but it's my understanding that it went very well. We again in February had the RD Team come to do a CAR workshop and currently have one scheduled for the end of March. I believe the CAR went well however, wasn't

attended as well as one would hope. (IMHO) Thank you RD Team for working with us and sharing your experience and knowledge.

H&I – H&I continues to carry the message to those who can't come to us. New members continue to be qualified. We are scheduled to have a training day on February 18th and have formed an ad hoc committee to help with training on carrying a consistent NA message.

PI – Our PI chair has been working to get training set up with our previous chair (as he has all the knowledge and material) and attended his first RSC yesterday!

Activities – Celebration of Recovery was January 11th and seemed to have been a success. We also hosted a CAR workshop and are in the process of setting up more workshops for H&I, CBDM, meeting leader training/building a better home group. As of right now, our activities chair position is open and WMA does not have any other activities on the calendar or in the planning. Unity group had a fundraiser for MARCNA and donated \$800 directly to the convention.

Our literature pricing has recently been adjusted to reflect a matching of actual cost from NAWS and an inventory and valuation has been completed. Our ASC chair has that information as he is also acting as Lit chair. This position remains open at this time.

WMA treasure position has recently come open and our books have been going under an audit. While it seemed to be a bit a "chore" our Alt Chair is covering this position and has done an excellent job of balancing our books with what he had to work with. WMA donated \$60 directly to MARCNA in December. Since we had an ending balance of \$91.36 WMA voted to forgo a donation to Region this quarter.

JFT group reports very low attendance. They do not want to close their doors but without support this may be a reality,

There were many Christmas and New Year's Eve events around the area through the holidays and the roaming rock has been transferred to NE HOW group.

With the exception of JFT group, all other groups report that their doors are open and the message is still being carried in the WMA. However, NE HOW group has not reported or attended the last 2 ASC's.

Living Clean group will be having their 1 year anniversary celebration in April. There's no flyer available at this time. MWBR.

At the last ASC many concerns were discussed regarding groups supporting each other as opposed to seemingly working against each other. The desire to bring unity back to the WMA recovery community and carrying the message to everyone was expressed, however, those present didn't seem to have a solid solution regarding this issue. Concerns were expressed and discussed regarding WMA lack of participation at area level.

WMA is bringing one motion to the regional floor.

Motion #1 to change regional policy to read:

That an abstention is a NON vote at regional service body.

.WMA voted NO on the CKA motion #11171305 regarding using CBDM in new business at the next RSC..

I believe that about covers it.

ILS

Tracy C

RCM WMA

Western Area Report:

We are still hanging on in the Western Area but had a weak area meeting last Sunday due to weather and a change of meeting locations. However, we do have an upcoming area activity that we are excited about. On March 8th, we will have a BBQ contest, speaker meeting, and area meeting in Guymon, OK at Sunset Lake. Garden City now has two groups. The Hope group has moved to the Presbyterian Church on East Texas. We sadly lost our Area Treasurer and longtime service worker Sarah D. who moved to Topeka to go to school. Our loss is FFF Areas gain. Please send a dedicated service worker to our area in return.

I distributed CAR's to what groups I could and hope to participate in the group conscious process.
Tony K.

C. Subcommittee Reports

Activities:

Nothing to report.

Archivist:

Hello family,

It was requested last quarter if I could pass out hard copies of the history when updated; as a result I have 20 copies printed and available. I am requesting \$41.06 for a total of 380 pages, or 19 pages per copy printed front and back stapled and punched.

This past quarter has been challenging as so many members that helped form this region have left us. I thank the members, both here and in the mail, that have given me funeral programs for our archives, which will add to the display at MARCNA. For me this has been a reality check that I need to keep setting up interviews and preserve their part in our history.

With warmer weather arriving, it's about time to haul boxes to storage and get the documents placed in filing cabinets. No audio or original banners will be stored there; they need better protection and can stay in our basement as long as I carry this position.

July 7th, 2014 will mark our 35th anniversary as a region, and I wish we could celebrate it somehow, t-shirts, tokens something to acknowledge this mark in our history.

Currently I am only receiving Miracle areas minutes in my email, it is strictly up to you if you want me added to your mailing list, I am willing to place them in folders I have already created for each ASC. If you come across minutes or flyers from the 70s or early 80s I would be willing to scan and return to you. The 90s are pretty well documented with the exception of maybe 1993, and anything later is in digital form already somewhere.

Gratefully serving NA,

Tim S. Note: Copies of History are \$2.00 each.

Discussion:

July 7 marks 35 years of Mid-America Region

an addict; Members should include transfer of selected items to Archivist in their estate planning;

Archivist can help with this

an addict; How much are copies of History? Archivist; \$2.00 each, request for funds is turned in

Campout:

Hello NA Family,

I want to thank all who participate in yesterday's Regional Campout Meeting. We got some great input and suggestions. I think we are well on our way to a successful and enjoyable campout this year. We are right in line with our timeline and are moving smoothly. As per campout time line I need to announce the next years campout chair will be voted into position at May RSC. All other positions voted in at the August RSC. It's probably a good idea to start researching possible sites for next year's campout.

In Loving Service,

Wes M.

Discussion:

Chair; Committee has pre-campout t-shirts available, some are on contract, others are available for contracting. What's not sold will be at alternative store at MARCNA
an addict; Members need to bring camp site requests for next year's campout to next RSC
an addict; Committee has researched all sites they know about, and Bloomington West, Clinton Lake is best value
an addict; Dates for campout 2014 are July 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th
an addict; We need to secure a site for 2015 before this July 4th
an addict; We discussed in Fellowship Development forming an ad-hoc committee to research camp site locations
an addict; If you have a site in mind for next year's campout, be at the interim meeting to be held at the FFFArea Easter function in Topeka, mid-April, date to be determined
an addict; Soul to Soul wants a fundraising booth at Campout, should come to interim meeting

Note: There are pre-campout t-shirts available. Unsold merchandise will be at the Alternative Store at MARCNA. Fellowship Development has discussed forming an ad-hoc committee to research camp site locations. A member stated that we need to have a site secured for 2015 before the 2014 campout.

Convention Report:

The registrations came in big this past week. Let your members know that they can still register online for \$20.00 and order a lunch for \$13.00 until March 15th. Our committee wants to thank Unity Group from Wichita for their donation of \$800.00. Also, Phoenix and Clean & Crazy groups in Salina hosted a fundraiser that was a huge success and Phoenix Group donated a case of Living Clean books for the newcomers at convention. Miracle Area is hosting a convention fundraiser tied to their CAR workshop on March 25th. Come join us in being part of your region and learn how our regional delegates represent us. We have posted a schedule of the speakers and workshops on our website. Please let your members know that we still need volunteers for the hospitality room. If your area/group wants to host a certain mealtime it would be greatly appreciated. Groups have done this in the past and it really helps not only the convention out but it's a great place to meet new and old friends. I am happy to say that we have completely caught up on our timeline. We are bringing out of committee Tom M. as next year's convention chair. Our next meeting is March 16th at 1:00 at Recovery Cove located at 139 N. Santa Fe in Salina.

Gratefully, Janet W.

Convention Chair

Discussion:

Chair; Interim meeting, March 16th, 1:00, Recovery Cove, Salina
an addict; Is Convention still behind in fundraising?
Chair; Yes

Hospitals & Institutions:

Missing Report

Public Information:

No Report. Public Information Chair is open.

Literature:

Missing Report

NAWS Contact:

I don't have much to report this quarter. I can only assume all ASCs are making changes at their level from current meeting lists, if not I am more than willing to help. Upon elections on this floor I'll get those changes submitted or redirected for whatever positions we create or change. All is calm in Mid-America land.

Gratefully serving NA,
Tim S.

Outreach Report:

No report. Outreach Chair is open.

P.O. Box:

Hello Family,

This quarter we received:

1. A few copies of Certificate of Insurance for the following events:
 - a. Soul to Soul – I emailed this to Flo and also gave her a copy today.
 - b. MARCNA Fundraiser – for March 15th, 2014 in Lawrence – gave to Scott.
 - c. Super bowl Party in Lawrence – gave to Scott
2. Pre-registration for a couple of conventions
 - a. NCCNA (Northern California Convention of NA) – in Sacramento, CA – April 17th-20th, 2014
 - b. San Diego Imperial Counties Regional Convention – San Diego, CA – April 18th-20th, 2014
 - c. ARCNA (Arizona Regional Convention of NA) – Scottsdale, Arizona.
 - d. NUACNA – Northern Utah Area Convention of NA – March 14th-16th, 2014
3. A Hole in the Wall Newsletter – I gave this to the literature chair.
4. A Letter from an inmate from Salem, Oregon – addressed to the newsletter – he has written some stories in his letter – I gave this to the literature chair.
5. JFT Area donation – I mailed this to our treasurer.
6. OZ Area Donation received yesterday – I gave this to our treasurer today.
7. PO Box Bill – I have turned in a request for funds for this and turned this into the treasurer.

I have laid out all the fliers out on the table for everyone to see.

This was a crazy quarter and I just realized I forgot to mail back the old Wichita mail box keys, so I will work on this today and get it mailed Monday. Oops! I promise I will really take care of this. I put a reminder in my phone, to do this, so now I won't forget J

Love ya all!

ILS,

Amber C

P.O. Chair

Discussion:

Chair; Please get requests for insurance coverage for activities to P.O.Box in advance
an addict; Certificate of insurance comes instantly as .pdf; hard copy is for records only

Public Relations:

Hello Regional Family,

I will begin by announcing that Tim K has reluctantly had to step down from both his H&I Chair position and the Public Relationship Facilitator pro-tem position. I have a formal resignation that I would like to read at this time and will include in this report.

“I am sorry to report I have decided to resign my H & I chair and the Public Relations facilitator pro-tem positions. I unexpectedly had the opportunity at a new job that fits very well with my field of study in college. I will be working as a peer mentor in the substance abuse program at Hutchinson Correctional Facility; so, I am staying on theme, but, unfortunately the work load in combination with my school work makes these service positions untenable. The long and the short of it is I need weekends to study. What you all are doing here is a wonderful and exciting development for the region and I regret not being to be part of it (for now). Please put this resignation in the minutes so it is read on the RSC floor and communicated to all concerned. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. -Tim K”

In response to Tim’s resignation the committee would like to offer Kim C and Sally R as co-facilitators for the PR committee during this trial.

In addition to those nominations other election held during Saturday’s PRC and work group meetings included; Nate F as Phone Line Coordinator with Tracy C and Keith H as co-coordinators and Sally R as coordinator of the PR presentation to professionals workgroup. There were questions about whether these work group positions need to be voted on or at least affirmed on this floor. Your input on this is appreciated. Here is a breakdown of what happen in the workgroups:

Discussion:

Phone Line Sub-Committee member; Phone Line Guidelines were crafted by Sub- Committee, as we have none in Policy

Phone Line Sub-Committee member; Intent of Sub-Committee is to have Phone Line up and available for public use by end of 3rd Quarter

an addict; H&I Chair, P.I. Chair positions are open

an addict; What is the purpose of the money the Sub-Committee collected? Chair; To buy a clipboard; remaining money was turned over to P.I. Escrow

Chair; Sub-Committee needs a list of Phone Line Positions created

Phone Line Coordinator; Nate F.

Phone Line Co-Coordinator; Tracy C.

Phone Line Co-Coordinator; Keith H.

Phone Line Sub-Committee member; Phone Line Coordinator positions are not “single point of accountability”, that is still Public Relations Coordinator.

Chair; Submit Guidelines at May RSC for vote at November RSC

an addict; There is a new meeting in Pratt, we need to check for N.A. Tradition Compliance. Sunday, Tuesday, 8:00 pm, 332 N. Oak

an addict; What happens if the Ad Hoc Restructuring Committee has too much to discuss at May RSC?

Ad Hoc Restructuring Committee Chair; We meet weekly by internet for input and discussion. If there is too much input, we may have to extend for one cycle. Intent is to find a way to work together to get work done – in the past we have hamstrung ourselves with policy

Communications

Learning Days - Several CAR workshops coming up – Topeka next weekend, Miracle Area March 15th – Phoenix Group – March 8th – no other learning days that we are aware of.

Crime Prevention Initiative – Jeff has tried contacting her – and has not gotten a response – still will try to pursue this.

Meeting Lists – We looked over the meeting list and decided we should add nearby cities on the meeting lists rather than counties – Mark is going to help with this.

New Meeting s- Stockton just started a new meeting - CKA is working on Outreach with this group currently Pratt meeting – have not gotten information that there is an actual NA meeting list there that we are aware of Norton Meeting – I talked to Kody and he said he was not sure when their meetings were and we should contact Valley Hope – I will contact them.

PSA's – There was concern about the phone line not being live yet, so we should maybe hold off on putting out PSA's . It was decided to load some PSA's on a jump drive and bring them to next RSC so we can decide which PSA's we will move forward with. We also talked about possibly doing some audio and newspaper PSA's – more will be revealed next RSC on this.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Amber C

Communications Workgroup Coordinator

Hospitals & Institutions

There was a lot of good input on H&I efforts in our region. Some of the info we are working on is doing learning days in all areas in region. The JFT area is still working on having one after they have their orientations. There are T-shirt sale happening now as well as the alternative store at the convention. They are working to inform chaplains within DOC of the P3 project as well as other services.

The Burlington Group has an H&I fundraiser coming up to raise funds for distribution of literature into DOC, county jails, treatment centers, and boot camps.

They are turning in \$305 from sale of shirts and still have some shirts available.

Grateful to serve,

Dusty C.

Phone Line

8 people present: Steve G., Keith M., Keith H., Tracy C. Christine T., Ed B., Kayla, Wes, Nate F.

Introductions – 3 people present at last workgroup meeting, new people indicated that they are willing to get involved.

History of workgroup and phone line – Nate F.

Discussion of what needs to happen now:

- *bring phone line into PR use status

- *establish temp policy until formal policy can be formulated and adopted by RSC.

- *elect co-facilitators (2) with the intent of having multiple people trained, able and available to update the phone line and mentor them so that they will be able to step into the Coordinator position as/if necessary.

- *Phone line Workgroup Temporary Guidelines crafted and voted.

- *Tracy C. and Keith H. elected Co-coordinators

- *Ed B. elected Secretary

- *Will look at other Regional phone line policies

Phone line Workgroup Temporary Guidelines 2-15-2014

The Phone line Workgroup agrees to operate under these established temporary guidelines until permanent guidelines are established.

Purpose – the Phone Line Workgroup exists to establish, create policy and maintain the Mid-America Regional Phone line.

Membership – the workgroup will consist of an elected Secretary (1yr. suggested Clean- time), Coordinator (Three years suggested Clean time), Co-Coordinator and second Co-Coordinator (2 years suggested Clean time) at a minimum. All terms of office will be 1 year in length.

Work/Meet – the Phone line workgroup will meet in person at the Saturday RSC allotted time, as designated by the Phone line Coordinator and/ or by email, phone or other electronic means designated by the Phone line Coordinator. Workgroup work will be done at the above times, but will not be limited to those times exclusively.

Phone line Updates – The responsibility of updating the Phone line with correct and timely information rests with the Phone line Workgroup Coordinator. The Co-coordinators will assist in this undertaking or be delegated update responsibility by the Coordinator.

Update Timeframe- The phone line will be updated at least once per calendar month with information gleaned from the Regional Website meeting lists, emails from the Regional Web Coordinator and/or emails from the Regional Meeting List Coordinator. (Once the Phone line is deemed operational and ready for Public Relations use.)

PR Presentation to Professionals Work Group

John S III chose to step down as the coordinator for this workgroup due to work and other life commitments. Sally R. stepped up and was affirmed by the committee to be new coordinator.

There were 8 addicts in attendance at the meeting and we accomplished a lot.

During the meeting we viewed the PPT presentation from the Omaha presentation, discussed the similarities and differences with the Omaha and SD presentations, and discussed using the basic bones of that presentation and then personalizing the stats for our region. In order to gather those stat and info a group of addicts will be interviewing members at the convention by asking 5 simple questions; Gender, Age, Employment Status, Amount of time continuously clean, and the top influence to attend their first NA meeting. We talked about short and long term goals as a workgroup and have aspirations to present at some point to the annual meeting of CC Directors or other such group. For this time we are going to focus on developing our presentation in a way that it would be appropriate to a standalone learning day presenting to professionals or presenting to them at a location where they are already planning to be, an annual meeting of their group.

By May all members present today will review and make comments on the changes necessary to the PowerPoint, the coordinator will prepare a link for a weekly conference call / online meeting link so we can work more often than quarterly and make it easier and more attractive to others who might want to get involved. Another goal is also have a database ready to tabulate the information into usable numbers.

By August we would like to have the presentation completed (PPT & Notes) and to do our first presentation by January 2015.

We will reach out to NAWS for professional packets to hand out during the presentation and began investigating possible locations and costs to do a presentation. We also would like to have business cards made with the marscna.net web address and the regional phone line number (when ready to go live)

We have developed a list of addicts around the region who have PR experience or similar experience who might be asked to get involved in this project.

If you have recommendations of members who might enjoy being a part of this work group or an asset to this type of work, please encourage them to contact the work group coordinator who's number and email will be available on the sign in sheet.

Grateful to serve,
Sally R.

Web

We had 3 in attendance today. Daniel is continuing to help in the efforts of updating the web since Michelle is currently having issues updating the webpage. Michelle is currently looking for software that we could work in that is more user friendly and less technological for the future of our web servants. Once we have something in place and ready to go, we will go live we will let you know and publish it. It will be difficult to switch however though because our domain and webpage are paid through September 2015. More will be revealed...

Thank you for letting me serve,
Michelle

Further discussion during wrap up session

The wrap up session was focused and without problems. It was one of the most productive RSC Saturday's I have attended in a very long time and I applaud the participation, cooperation, and overall good will that is being shown.

Open Positions: H&I Chair, PI Chair

I have turned in \$35 that was collected when the hat was passed at the PR presentation workgroup. I don't know if these funds should go into the PI escrow or if a separate escrow should be developed for this project. I have also put in a request for funds in the amount of \$17.98 to pay for clip boards we have ordered.

I invite other members to include any information I may have forgotten or left out.

Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to express my gratitude through service,
Sally R.

Work Group Coordinators:
Communications: Amber C
H&I: Dusty C
Phone line: Nate C
PR to professionals: Sally R
Web: Michelle C

Restructuring Ad-hoc:

Hello Family,

Ad-hoc Restructuring continues to meet almost weekly and continues to do work and research. We have done lots of work on guidelines and depending on the outcome today from CBDM will decide what we propose to region for restructuring and guidelines. It is my hope that we have guidelines to send back to groups for review and input and begin the approval process. I would like to see input received back to the committee prior to the August RSC so changes can be made and a conscience of the Region can be collected at November RSC.

ILS,

Daniel C. – Ad-hoc Restructuring Chair

Soul to Soul:

Fellowship Development:

Hello Family,

FDC had good participation with members getting involved with the various work groups with a rundown following.

ORIENTATION: presented draft for orientation packet and took input from member will take input and have document to be approved at next RSC.

NEWSLETTER: Kathy editor was unable to attend due to recent surgery. The newsletter for winter is here. There is a few format mix ups that were addressed. It was decided to do a spring issue with Amber C and Sara B working on next issue need to get stories and submission in by March 1st. We will be having roving reporters at MARCNA asking members about their experience and submit articles for upcoming newsletters on amount each area need so we have idea on how many to print with 500 going to MARCNA.

EVENTS: Spent time looking for a “plan B”. Most places to expensive will continue research if we show-up and building is down we can meet at Recovery Cove for a plan B No theme for May RSC. Keith will be Sat. speaker.

New work group was formed Tradition Book Project to work on workshops for input to project. Work group nominations for world workgroup are due by April 1, 2014.

Meetings opening/closing:

- Stockton: Second chance 602 Main St. Christian Church basement Friday @ 7pm starting Feb. 21, 2014
- Osborne: Fellowship For Recovery 724 Main, Monday, Tuesday and Saturday at 7 pm and at 214 N 2nd Saturday at 7 pm
- Tonganoxie: Thursday at 8 pm
- Neodesha: 816 Iowa Tuesday and Saturday at 6 pm

D. Officers Reports:

Regional Delegate Report:

Hello Family,

I would like to start off with sharing my deepest sympathy to members of our regions who have lost dear friends, sponsors, and brothers in recovery. I too am saddened by our losses. We have had several members of the early beginnings of our Region move on to freedom and ease. Grateful that I was given an opportunity to share brief moments of my recovery with most of these great examples of NA and Service. These members leave behind legacies in our rooms without many members ever having to know their names. What a very busy 3 months! The Conference Agenda Report was released. The Conference Approval Track is also out. Although the CAR does not have as much in it as we thought, some of the things we anticipated are in there. The RD team has created a CAR/CAT tally sheet and it is posted on the website. Although there are only 6 motions in the CAR and 4 Regional Proposals (as modified by the WB) the RD team would like our regions guidance on over 30 topics. We have presented at 1 CAR workshop in Wichita. We have 3 more scheduled currently and flyers for each are on the regional website. There will be one in Topeka, Salina, and Lawrence. There are still talks of some places discussing putting on a workshop and we still have plenty of time available. The World Board and NAWS have also created videos that you can watch at home or with your home group or area. These videos can be found at www.na.org/conference. All tally sheets need to be received by the RD team no later than April 11th. You can call, email, or mail us the copy of your tally sheet. We would like to collect as much information as possible from groups and areas. Tell us what you think, so we can represent you the best.

The WB hosted a webinar for questions about the CAR at the end of the January WB meeting. They answered questions that regional delegates had about items in the CAR. There will also be another Webinar in March for Conference Participants. There has been a lot of discussion around the Regional Proposals and how they were handled and put into the CAR. The WB stated in NAWS News “we missed the mark and apologize for that.” It appears they will also be recommending that we return to Regional Motions instead of Proposals.

It appears that WCNA 35 in Philadelphia made over \$200k. Also WCNA 36 will be in Rio De Janeiro in June of 2015. There will also be a “payment plan option” for this event. I am unsure of any of the details on this topic so look for more information later.

Tradition Book Project update: The Tradition Book project is still accepting input and there are several ways for doing workshops on www.na.org. They are also accepting nominations for the workgroup through April 1st. This can also be accessed on the Traditions Book Project page.

The Regional report deadline was extended to March 1st. I have been working on this and will work with Nate to complete and submit. I do need to know our budget for 2013. As well I need to know how many H&I weekly commitments we have in the Region. Currently we have 78 groups with 265 meetings weekly. The World Service Conference is April 27th through May 3rd. I have already submitted my travel request and will be leaving April 24th and returning May 4th. Nate will be putting in his request for funds to use his budgeted amount for travel to the Conference. We will also be using the group page via social networking to give updates and show what is going on around us at WSC 2014. If you want added or have a friend to add just let me know.

We attended the PSZF CAR workshop with WB participation in South Dakota. It was a very long drive. The CAR workshop was well attended and there was a great amount of discussion. The WB members showed the videos and answered questions.

At the PSZF meeting we discussed the Midwest Consortium and we will be there again this June and are going to try and give a presentation as well. We also discussed the Zonal video and report for WSC. We discussed the Regional Public Relations presentations in collaboration with Zonal meetings. Zone is looking at solutions for the bank and there being a monthly fee charged to have our account. The MZSS Coordinator gave us an update. We discussed either having our fall meeting in Lubbock, Texas or at the MZSS in September.

Multi Zonal Service Symposium update: September 26-28, 2014. We have room for more help if you are interested. The MZSS meets via Skype about twice per month on either Tuesday or Thursday night. The Workgroup still needs a Host Committee Coordinator and a Technology Coordinator. The programming

committee also needs Coordinators for each individual track. We have 4 members from our Region who are participating now and the workgroup could use more.

As always I look forward to serving our Region over the next 3 months. Let me know where I can be of help and if the RD team can't do it we will do our best to find someone who can.

In Loving Service,

Daniel C.

Discussion:

an addict; Do you just need total H&I meetings or do you need time and location? Regional Delegate;
Just total

Alt. Delegate Report:

In Addition to Daniel C.'s detailed report of our activities representing you at Zone and Regional Workshops for the Conference Agenda Report, I've included a few other observations from the last three months:

- Studying all the issues presented in the C.A.R. (Conference Agenda Report) and C.A.T (Conference Approval Track) takes a lot of reading on websites, emails, blogs and bulletin boards. I have been working hard at keeping up, daily emails alone number in the high 90's.
- Daniel and I have crafted a Tally Sheet to record your home group conscience on the issues in the C.A.R. and the C.A.T. and some stray issues. We plan to Workshop around the State.
- We have conducted our first C.A.R./C.A.T. workshop in Wichita, it was sparsely attended, but it was a good first effort, and those that attended, indicated they got their questions answered.
- The Zonal meeting in January provided some information about the C.A.R. but was not very informative when I asked questions "off the script". 2 World Board members were in attendance and were the speakers at the meetings on consecutive nights. Other Regions are gathering their C.A.R. "conscience" in various ways, some by Group, some by Area.
- We need input from our Region about the Multi-Zonal Symposium and the next Zone. Should the Plain States Zone have their fall 2014 meeting at the MZSS?
- The WSC 2014 will have a World Market, where Regions will be allowed to sell or trade merchandise. Would the RSC like to participate? It will cost less than \$100 to ship items to and from.

Some travel notes from your RD team:

- Travel to Rapid City South Dakota takes 10 hours from Salina.
- Daniel almost creamed an Antelope on the drive up.
- Nate almost made a hood ornament from a deer on I-80 on the way home.
- Nate now hates the smell of Raspberry.
- Most of what we saw of South Dakota, looks a lot like Nebraska, with president heads carved out of stone.

Again, this is just color to Daniel's detailed report. I look forward to learning and helping represent the Mid-America Region at the 10 Day World Service Conference 2014 April-May.

In Service,

Nate F.

Regional Delegate Alternate

an addict; Amount of information to study for W.S.C. Is staggering
an addict; Midwest Zonal Service Symposium, September 26-28, St. Louis, make room on your
calendar

Secretary Report:

No report. Secretary Position is open.

Treasurer Report:

CANNOT FIND REPORT

Discussion:

an addict; Is today's total funds spendable? Treasurer; Yes (total spendable amount reported)
Treasurer; Hutchinson Correctional Facility is now billing Region directly, sending bill to P.O. Box

Co-Treasurer Report:

Nothing to report.

Chair Report:

Nothing to report.

Co- Chair Report:

Nothing to report.

E. Old Business:

Elections;

Secretary;

no willingness
no nominations

Public Information;

no willingness
no nominations

Outreach;

no willingness
no nominations

H&I Chair

Needs to be presented to Groups for willingness

Public Relations Ad Hoc Committee Facilitator;

Sally R. and Kim C. nominated out of Sub-Committee as Co-Facilitators
Sally R. qualified self

Kim C. qualified self
Vote; Sally R. and Kim C. elected Co-Facilitators

Convention Chair;

Tom M. nominated out of Sub-Committee

Tom M. qualified self

Discussion of Tom M.;

an addict; Are you willing to take direction from Sub-Committee? Yes

an addict; Has Tom been a good Co-Chair and fulfilled duties as Co-Chair? Yes, some issues were discussed in Sub-Committee when Tom was nominated, and Tom has gone above and beyond in fulfilling duties as Co-Chair

Vote; Tom M. elected Convention Chair

Phone Line Chair;

Election of Facilitator, Co-coordinators and Secretary done in Sub-Committee

Nate F. elected Facilitator

Tracy C. and Keith H. elected Co-coordinators

Ed B. elected Secretary

Discussion:

an addict; How are we going to handle this vis-a-vis Public Relations Facilitator position?

Ad Hoc Restructuring Facilitator; Same question with M.A.N. Newsletter Facilitator position;

facilitators are accountable to RSC but not elected by RSC. Workgroup and facilitator positions are project driven, when project is done, workgroup is done, When workgroup is done, Phone Line Facilitator will become RSC Officer position

Phone Line Sub-Committee member; We need a vote of confidence since we are spending Fellowship money and making decisions in real time. We are getting direction through Sub-Committee for Phone Line Facilitator activities

Ad Hoc Restructuring Facilitator; Phone Line Facilitator is looking for directive from RSC to develop policy

an addict; if we choose to give this vote of confidence, we are setting precedent

Chair; Need a show of hands that RSC supports direction laid out in Phone Line Sub-Committee report; (show of hands indicates majority support)

Motions;

Motion 111713-05

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle - N

PP – A

Western – Y

Wichita Metro - N

Chair; Motion fails, C.B.D.M. Will not be used on Sundays

Discussion:

an addict; Do we want to scrap C.B.D.M. Entirely or just on Sunday?

an addict; Wichita Area does not want C.B.D.M. at all, but the motion was just for Sunday

an addict; Robert's Rules of Order uses C.B.D.M., so sub-committees can use it if they wish

an addict; This addict is comfortable using it as needed, we should pull together

an addict; Sub-committees can operate autonomously, they can use it if they want

an addict; Miracle area felt C.B.D.M. Worked well in sub-committees but caused too much confusion in RSC main meeting – would like to see it continue in sub-committee meetings so we can become more familiar with it
an addict; In PPP Area some groups were in favor of it, but not enough to get a group conscience
an addict; If we use it in sub-committees, we will be sending proposals to RSC floor where we are supposed to be sending motions
an addict; RSC violated policy by using C.B.D.M.
an addict; Without unanimity we are not ready to go forward
an addict; Motion voted on, failed, let's move on

Ad-Hoc Committee guidelines

an addict; We were asked to draw up guidelines for committees, e.g. how long the committee sits, etc.
an addict; Committee duration is until project is finished, guidelines should be established at formation

Convention hotel contract for 2016 Convention in Hutchinson is signed

an addict; Have concerns from last RSC been addressed?
Convention Chair; All issues have been addressed to satisfaction of sub-committee
an addict; One concern was food and beverage minimum, how has that been addressed?
Convention Chair; There will be no food and beverage minimum
an addict; How much are tables?
Convention Chair; \$25 each

Activities Ad-Hoc Committee

an addict; Do we have a “Plan B” in case this facility (Rodeway Inn) is not available for RSC?
Activities Ad-Hoc Committee facilitator; Addressed in Fellowship Development report

M.A.N. Quantities

an addict; We are printing too many, we see them laying around
an addict; We agreed on 600 nominally, 1000 for issue to be distributed at MARSCNA
an addict; Still too many, we need to revisit quantity
an addict; We need to let addicts know it's available, then they will read it and contribute
an addict; We are no longer taking them to prisons, only need a few for jails in our area
an addict; We also need to discuss issues with newsletter that has been printed and decide if we want to hand them out at MARSCNA
Chair; We will visit that in new business
Chair; How many meeting schedules does each RCM need?
Central; 75-100
FFF Area; 100
JFT Area; 75
Miracle; 100
Primary Purpose; 60
Unity; 75
Western; 75
Wichita Metro; 75
Chair; How many copies of M.A.N. Does each RCM need?
Central; 30

FFF Area; 50
JFT Area; 75
Miracle; 80
Primary Purpose; 50
Unity; 50
Western; 75
Wichita Metro; 100

Phone Line Guidelines

Phone Line Chair; These are done

Financial Old Business

Treasurer gave a report on bill paying escrow (in Treasurer's report)
an addict; We have no bill for the storage unit
Treasurer; Will pay it when we get a bill
Vote to pay escrowed bills
Passed unanimously

Break 12:00

Reconvene 1:30

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Roll Call (on roll call sheet)

Trusted Servants Present: Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Co-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, Miracle Area, Western Area, Wichita Metro. Just for Today Area Primary Purpose Area

Subcommittee Chairs: Activities, Archivist, Convention, Hospitals & Institutions, Literature, P.O. Box, Restructuring Adhoc, Fellowship Development and Soul to Soul

F. New Business:

C.A.R. Vote

an addict; how are these votes counted, Addict vote, Group Vote, Area vote?

RD; preference is Group vote, if the vote is Area conscience, we want a breakdown by Group, as some issues require 2/3 majority

an addict; Will votes be brought back to RSC?

RD; No time, we will collect votes by April 11, compile and tally

Alternate RD; Instructions for transferring vote totals are on C.A.R. Tally sheet

an addict; Are we voting at workshops or doing workshop and going back to groups to vote?

Alternate RD; Vote should be taken at Group Conscience

an addict; Can we do it at workshop/

Alternate RD; There is a concern that it may not be a group conscience

RD; We have copies of the C.A.R. Available, \$8.00, will also be available at workshops

Alternate RD; Also review and vote on issues on C.A.T., available online with C.A.R.

World Market

an addict; Why are we discussing this?

Alternate RD; We have been extended an invitation to take merchandise for trade, e.g. a MARSCNA Campout t-shirt for a t-shirt from a foreign function such as New Zealand. We also need to discuss it since we might be spending some money

an addict; Can we also sell and buy?

RD; We would have to request a table

Alternate RD; That is worth the cost and effort due to the exposure gained and first shot at prospective customers. If we have a table, we will have to ship our merchandise to the WSC; between table and shipping, could be \$100

RD; If we have merchandise from foreign N.A. Functions at our auctions, we will get our money back

Motion 021614-01

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle - Y

PP – Y

Western – Y

Wichita Metro - Y

Passed

The Zonal Meeting is at the same time as the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium; do we want the RD team to attend both?

an addict; Will there be substantial participation from other Zones?

RD; Our policy will not fund RD Team to go to Zonal outside of our Zone

an addict; What happens at Zonal? Why go to additional Zonal?

RD; MZSS is workshop for service at 3 Zones, over half of the U.S. RD Team brings back workshop information

an addict; Is this open to all addicts?

RD; Yes, \$15.00

RD; The Zonal meeting in Omaha was the first look and training on the Traditions Book project

an addict; Have all Regions in our Zone committed to attending this Zonal?

RD; Committed, but not financially yet

an addict; This makes sense financially, since the RD Team is already there

RD; This does push the Texas Zonal back to 2015, the next ansas Zonal back to 2016

an addict; Does attending the Zonal mean extra time there, or what?

an addict; Are other Zones (Texas) on board with this?

RD; From discussion in South Dakota, everyone else is on board. Money is always an issue, and while this should be financially feasible, others may have different ideas

Alternate RD; Everyone in South Dakota was ok with it

Alternate RD; We don't need a motion, we are just looking for direction, now we have direction

Motion; To change Regional Policy on Abstentions to make Abstention a non-vote

Intent; To add this to Policy, we are already doing this

Financial Impact; \$0

an addict; Two words are being used, “non-vote” and “neutral”. Does a “non-vote” affect quorum?

Wichita Metro; This isn't in written policy

Chair; We will discuss updating policy later in New Business

Wichita Metro; Withdraw motion; policy in place satisfies intent

Update to Written Policy

Need to update written Policy to reflect changes which have been made since Policy was last printed

an addict; Policy online and written is not correct?

an addict; They are the same, they just don't reflect changes which have been made since last printing
an addict; All we need to do is add a motion log to online Policy and give everyone a copy of the motion log
an addict; Will get motion log to someone who can get it into the online policy

Current copy of M.A.N. Has problems

Printed issue of M.A.N. Has errors, we need to discuss it and decide if we want it to be distributed to the public

1. Anonymity of contributors has been broken
2. There are formatting errors
3. Contact information was not included

Are we going to reprint this, and are we going to use this issue for MARCNA or make a new issue?

an addict; Let's fix this and reprint

an addict; Format issue is irrelevant, addicts don't care

an addict; There are submissions not being used because they can't be opened

an addict; We need to decide how to respect anonymity regarding deceased members of the Fellowship

an addict; There are guidelines for respecting anonymity; correctness and quality are important

an addict; let's correct and reprint

an addict; What are we going to do with this box of M.A.N.? Trash them or use them?

Motion 021614-02

an addict; We violated a deceased addict's anonymity

an addict; We should mark out these mistakes and use these M.A.N.

an addict; There are more issues; date incorrect, no contact information, no addresses

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle - Y

PP – Y

Western – Y

Wichita Metro - Y

Passed

E-mail addresses

We need to create e-mail addresses for workgroups, Traditions Book Project, etc. We need guidance on whether the Webmaster can do this or whether the creation of an e-mail address must be approved by the RSC

an addict; We must allow the subcommittees to create temporary e-mail addresses or we tie their hands

an addict; How do we control who does it?

an addict; only the Webmaster or someone else with a password can do it

an addict; We've discussed this and decided to give the sub-committees a vote of confidence

an addict; This is a good tool for sub-committees; I don't see a "down" side

an addict; Make a motion to give Daniel a vote of confidence

an addict; We gave the trusted servants the authority to do their jobs; they are the single point of accountability

an addict; This sounds like a touchy subject and we may be giving the sub-committees too much power

Motion 021614-04

an addict; Can't we just agree to ask for an e-mail change?
an addict; Modify the motion to eliminate the words "access to"

Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle - Y
PP – Y
Western – Y
Wichita Metro - Y
Passed

E-mail address discussion

Chair; Can Traditions Book Project workgroup create an e-mail address?
Vote to allow Traditions Book Project Workshop to have e-mail address

Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle - Y
PP – Y
Western – Y
Wichita Metro - Y
Passed

an addict; Can Activities have one?
Fellowship Development Facilitator; They already have one
Fellowship Development Facilitator; When e-mail is sent to a Regional e-mail address, it is forwarded to the e-mail address of the "single point of accountability"
Fellowship Development Facilitator; When responding to e-mail, B.C.C. "info@marscna.net" so nothing gets lost
an addict; Also, if a trusted servant is responsible for responding to e-mail, it is vital they do it, or it gives us a black eye

Policy update

Add to Policy to have Archivist update Policy quarterly to reflect changes
an addict; Some RCMs won't have current Policy if they don't have computers
an addict; At least some will have current Policy
an addict; Some RCMs have needed hard copies
an addict; We can print them

Motion 021614-04

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

Wichita Metro - Y
Passed

History of Mid-America Region document

How do we distribute it?

an addict; is it on the web site?

Archivist; Yes

Archivist; One was given to the RCM of each area

Archivist; There is an online on the home page of marscna.net

Accountability

Regional trusted servants are not here for full time of RSC

an addict; Commitment is for duration of meeting; we are violating our commitment if we are not here for entire RSC

A Committee Chair; When I took this position, I was asked if I would commit to being here for the entire weekend. We need to ask for this commitment during discussion of an addict with willingness.

an addict; Also, the trusted servants need to get here on time for both days and after breaks

an addict; There are several open positions and several opening up soon

Storage keys

an addict; Key for Campout storage facility is missing

an addict; Former Campout Chair may have it

The keys have a color code for the trusted servant who was issued the key;

Convention – Pink

Activities – Orange

Archivist – Green

Campout – Red

R.D. – Orange

Motion to close

Second

Vote

Passed unanimously

Closed at 3:31 with Gratitude Statement and 3rd Step Prayer

Open Positions on Regional Service Committee

Activities

H&I

Outreach

P.I.

Chair

Co-Chair

Secretary

Literature

Archivist

N.A.W.S. Contact

P.O. Box