

Mid-America Service Committee of NA
PO Box 8732
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May 15, 05



The meeting was opened by Allen B.

The 12 Traditions were read by DeWayne K.

The 12 Concepts were read by Tom N.

Area's represented by RCM's today: See attendance sheet.

Minutes: read and accepted.

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

Area Reports

Central Kansas Area:

Hello,

Recovery is alive and growing. We have just finished our first area inventory everything went well and we learned some things to assist our area in becoming more unified. A very special thank you goes out to Rod D. and Tim S. for their help in facilitating our inventory. We are gearing up for the Central Kansas Area Campout May 27th – 30th at Wilson Land, Lucas Group Park everyone is invited to join in the Fun and Fellowship. We also are having our annual H & I fund raiser on June 5th at Schanack Park, Larned Ks. At 2pm Mexican Food (\$2.00 per-person) under 12 free, and always “no addict turned away”. Speakers at 4pm. Auction & Raffle items are appreciated. On June 18th “Keep Coming Back” group Hoisington is having their annual Day in Park at the City Park.

Over the time since the last RSC Members of the Central Kansas Area have voiced their opinion on the dilemma over Meeting List. At our Last Area meeting it was decided to bring this opinion to the Regional Service Committee: We feel that the Regional Meeting List is our best tool we have to fulfill our primary purpose “to carry the Message of Recovery to the Addict who still suffers” and wonder why is the Regional Meeting List already been removed from the Web page before the pending motion has been back from groups? Members use the Web to print lists to take with them on Public Information Panels, and we distribute a lot of meeting list to our various H & I commitments throughout our area. Numerous professionals that deal with addicts in our area have voiced their gratitude for being able to go online or give a printed copy to an addict so he can find a Narcotics Anonymous meeting. We of the Central Kansas Area believe that to have a complete Regional Meeting List should be a priority of the Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous.

Grateful to Serve

Jeff R. RCM.

Just For Today Area

Hello Family,

Recovery is great in JFT Area and we are busy doing NA service. At our last ASC (Area Service Committee meeting) a couple of positions were filled: Area chair – Victor H., Area co-chair – Flo H.

H&I (Hospitals and Institutions) in our Area is totally awesome. We are still taking meetings to the Girard treatment center the first Saturday of the month and the Oswell boot camp twice a month and some of our Groups take their town jail meetings in.

We have also had a few learning days at a couple of our functions and we want to thank those who came and shared with us. We learned a lot.

We have also started our Hospitals and Institutions panel presentations with our Groups with the Hospitals and Institutions calendar. Some of our Groups have already done their Group inventories and we are encouraging the rest to follow suit.

We are gearing up for Mirror of Miracles, August 5-7th, 2005 at Big Hill Lake, Chemvale, KS. Recovery Fest is coming up June 3-5th, 2005 at Elk City Reservoir, Independence, KS

At our next ASC we will be putting together an Area wide flyer drive. Our Public Information chair is working hard on this.

I visited the Regional website and was truly disappointed. What's up with that?

See ya at next Region!

In Loving Service

Flo H.

Miracle Area

Dear Family

We miracles are continuing to grow, in numbers and all other area of recovery the N.A. way. Meetings are growing support and home groups are getting a little more help at their business meetings. As an Area we have enjoyed a lot of attendance at our ASC and all our positions are filled and we actually have participation at some of our sub-committee meetings.

We continue to prepare for our Area Convention this October and hope you'll attend.

Public Information has had a flyer drive in Lawrence and Leavenworth and had great results. New meeting list have just been published and will be distributed this next week.

Hospitals and institutions is locking in volunteers and hopes that more people will step up. The facilities that we do carry the message to, are still getting attended by willing and capable volunteers and some of them have just recently signed up. We seem to get just enough literature for our needs, just in time also.

Literature is doing alright but we may run into a snag soon- receiving our next order before we run out of some items.

A Learning day is planned for July 16th at the Boys & Girls Club in Lawrence (1520 Haskell Ave.). P.I., H & I, Outreach and Literature will each have time to workshop. A dance, speaker meeting, etc.

In Service
John S. III

Unity Area

Unity Area is alive and as well as I have seen it quite a while, we have been focusing our efforts on some PI and H & I projects. Getting the word out with PSA's and soon we should be taking meetings into some of the jails in our area.

Unfortunately, a group has folded in Junction City, but a new group has started in Abilene and a new group has popped up in Salina. Salina also has a couple of new meetings during the week, check the regional web site or call our phone line @ 866-NA- HELPS for meeting times and locations.

Our spring function was held May 7th in Junction City and a good time was had by all.

We have a few service positions open at this time but I am sure they will be filled in time by the right people for the jobs.

In Service
Big Mike

Western Area

Hello Family

It's great to be here again. Once again, there's not much to report from the Western Area. We still aren't getting much support from all the groups in our area. Our area meetings have good attendance but there doesn't seem to be much interest in committing to service work. I'll take all suggestion I can get to stimulate more interest and participation.

On the positive side, we are still planning on having our area campout this year. Traditionally this is held after the regional campout. We still have some details to work out but will have a flyer done soon. Please come to our campout and support our area.

Loving Service,
Marvetta R

Wichita Metro Area

Hello Family,

Things are doing fine in good ole Wichita. Hope we all are remembering the purpose. I'm proud to say that Wichita Metro Area has finally voted and approved our newly revised Guidelines. The committee did a great job. Just a reminder our 3rd annual campout will be August 26th, 27th, and 28th, 2005 and Harvey County East Park. Activity committee is putting on a fund raiser for this event it will be at O.J. Watson Park (31st S. and Broadway) from 1-6pm July 23rd. Hopefully we'll have a flyer by our next Area meeting. At the last Regional it was announced that the 4th annual May Daze Celebration was on May 14th. There is a correction it is May 21st at the Wichita West Armory from 5-11pm. Everyone come out and join us in some fun in Wichita. If you guys didn't notice this is my 1st Regional meeting as RCM of Wichita Metro Area. Hopefully and with help from my Higher Power I will represent as good as the former RCM. Oh yeah Ku-doo's to the Convention committee on the past convention. Great job.

In Loving Service
Kerry B.

Primary Purpose

Hello Family

Recovery is still happening in Primary Purpose Area. Things are changing too it seems, we have as an area decided to do without an area Literature Chair and Literature stockpile, as most groups have found it easier and faster to order online. I have the votes for Soul to Soul guidelines and the motion on Regional Meeting List.

Hope to see you all at the Pre-Campout Campout hosted by the Newton H.O.W. group at Harvey County West Park on Memorial weekend at the stone buildings.

In Grateful Service
John N. PPA RCM

Fellowship For Freedom

Hello NA Family,

I am an addict, my name is Russ. I am the newly elected RCM for FFF Area. Since the last RSC, we had our area convention and it was a huge success. I do not have the final figures at this time, but more will be revealed. The area plans to have a fundraiser for the Regional Campout. The date is not set yet. The Area donated \$100.00 to the Regional Convention Hospitality room in the form of pizza on Saturday evening. The Area is doing well and is financially stable.

In service,
Russ

End of Area Reports. Beginning subcommittee reports.

Activities

Howdy,

Well what do you think? (about the facility) So far I believe we have had a good time. I know we will have to fine tune some things (splitting Saturday meetings to two different areas) But with some work I believe this will work for us.

The weekend cost us \$210.00 for the rooms, \$24.00 for muffins yesterday morning, and \$125.00 for the DJ. I will talk to the manager and make sure we do not get the muffins again. This was a mistake and I think we can do without them.

We grossed \$159.00 at the door and \$76.00 for fast cash. We put a muffin pitcher out but the money got lifted so all that was left in the pitcher was \$2.66. so we are returning \$40.00 after paying for the DJ and the muffins. (I kept \$33.66 to pay for muffins for yesterday) The manager has the Regions check for \$210.00 and will be cashing that after this weekend. I will not want another check for August until August.

I have booked the Red Coach for:

Aug. 20-21st 2005 RSC

Nov. 19-20th 2005 RSC

Oct. 15-16th 2005 Service Assembly

Jan. 07-08th 2006 Zonal/C.A.R. workshop (World board members in attendance)

Feb. 18-19th 2006 RSC

May 20-21st 2006 RSC

Aug. 19-20th 2006 RSC

Nov. 18-19th 2006 RSC

Oct. 14-15th 2006 Service Assembly

Speaking of Service Assembly...for 2005 we have blocked 15 rooms at \$55.00 including tax. We blocked 10 smoking rooms and 5 nonsmoking double beds. Schedule of meetings is:

Sat. 09:00 – 10:15 Group service positions
10:45 – 12:00 Types of meetings
1:30 – 2:45 Concept 6/Group conscience
3:00 – 5:00 Meeting etiquette
7:00 speaker
8:00 – 11:00 DJ dance

Sun. 9:00-11:30 Question and answer panel

We will be sending out invitations to the Areas and Groups of the Region to attend these Service Assembly. Please look for them and get the word out. (samples below)

Dear _____ Area Regional Committee Member,

Please give all the Groups in you area the attached Special invitations from The Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous. Thank you for helping out.

Sincerely,

Rod D. Regional Activities Chair

To _____ Group

The Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous cordially invites members from your Group to our fourth annual Service Assembly, October 15 – 16th at McPherson, Kansas at the Red Coach Inn. We encourage and welcome your participation.

Upcoming Activities around the Region:

May 21 st	Phoenix Group inventory
May 27-30	PPA Newton HOW Pre-campout campout, Fundraiser for Regional campout
June 3-5	J.F.T.A. 5 th Recovery Fest, Elk City, Lake Independence
July 8-10	Pioneer/New Hope/Do or Die Groups Campout, Council Grove Lake, Santa Fe area
July 18	Miracle Area Regional fundraiser Boys and Girls Club, Lawrence, KS
July 23 rd	J.F.T. Fundraiser for Area Campout in Parsons, KS
Aug. 5-7	J.F.T. Mirror of Miracles Campout, Big Hill Lake, Mound Valley area
Aug. 6	Miracle Area Day at the Beach, Clinton Lake, Bloomington Beach , Noon till late Pork & fish feed

Last item, we (activities) have received tow sacks of NA T-shirts belonging to Shelly W. who past away last year. We have had a request to auction them off and to give the money to the Region. We propose to do that next RSC in August at the activities fundraiser.

In Service,
Rod D.

Soul to Soul

Hello family,

Thank you all for your help and support. Our fund raising efforts were very gratifying last night. Raffle, auction, and shirt sales totaled \$862.00. There has also been one pre-registration. Our committee continues to strive to be more prudent while carrying our message.

The Soul to Soul committee sincerely hopes to see you at Camp Chippewa September 23, 24, & 25 with your friends.

In Loving Service

Pete E.

Campout Report:

Hello N.A. Family,

I am happy to report the campout is shaping on schedule. Gates will open at 5:00pm. June 30th. Ice will be sold for \$1.00 per 7lbs. Bag. Thanks to the Central Area for the fund raiser and donation of \$479.81. The committee is still needing auction and raffle item donation, every little bit counts and helps.

The post campout meeting will be at noon on Monday. Anyone wishing to run for office should attend. Chair position needs to go back to groups in May. The site for the 2006 campout will be discussed. Your opinion would be appreciated.

Please Remember No Pets Allowed.

In Loving Service

Russ P.

Convention Report:

Well, another convention has come and gone, and quite successfully, I believe. I will enclose the final Hotel and Hospitality report, the final Merchandise report, the final Registration report, the yearly Treasurer's log, the April Treasurer's report, and the Treasurer's Breakdown of Events report.

I'll just get right to the figures that I know you are dying to hear. The bottom line is that we netted \$12,736.98. Of that total we will be turning over to MARSCNA \$7,736.98. Pursuant to the new budget policy and pages 33 and 34 of the Convention Guidelines, the convention subcommittee decided to set aside a prudent reserve of \$5,000.00. I can also include a copy of these pages in the minutes if you want. Also, it does suggest that the amount of the prudent reserve should be determined by the Convention Committee and approved by the regional service committee. It goes on to say that the amount of the prudent reserve should be entered into the convention's operational by-laws, and increasing the prudent reserve should require, (1) a 2/3 vote by the convention committee and, (2) a 2/3 vote by the regional service committee. Food for thought.

Another issue that the fellowship should be aware of is that we barely made the 100 room per night block. This could be due to the \$75.00 per night cost, or the proximity of cheaper motels, or both.

There is no merchandise from conventions prior to M.A.R.C.N.A. XXII, and there is very little from that convention. What is left over is in the Merchandise report. M.A.R.C.N.A. XXIII is starting off with very little fundraising merchandise, but according to Guidelines, that is as it should be.

We did change some things this year primarily the silent raffle, the Saturday night alternative store, and the policy on children. Feedback on these subjects is welcome.

Finally, the committee is nominating Pat B. as Chair of M.A.R.C.N.A. XXIII. She will do a great job for Mid-America Region.

I want to thank all of you for your trust in me. Two years ago, I was flabbergasted to be nominated as co-chair, and didn't feel up to the task. One year ago, I had great reservations about my ability to chair. Your faith and trust in me gives me courage to be more than I am today. Just as I have no idea how I will repay the gift given to me by Narcotics Anonymous, I have no idea how to repay you, my beloved Mid-America Region. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Jeanie M.

Merchandise

Hello family,

Another convention is in the history books and I have enjoyed being a part of the team that pulled it all together. My thanks go out to all who helped me out during the last nine months. We all sacrificed a lot of weekends and dedicated our time and energy to making MARCNA XXII become a reality. I learned that this position was not at all what I had originally thought. It really needs to have someone that enjoys shopping and price comparing, as I am a see what I want and buy it kind of guy. I wish to thank BS4U for all the hard work they did for us. If it hadn't been for Teri and Mark, I really don't know where things would have ended up, but it all came together. I am going to get on the MARCNA XXIII committee and don't know what I want to do yet, but I guess I will know when the time comes.

In Service,

Big Mike

M.A.R.C.N.A. XXII ending merchandise inventory.

PENS – 107, BOOKMARKS – 111

PRE-REGISTRATION MUGS – 11, CONVENTION MUGS – 26

CONVENTION T-SHIRTS, 10 – 2X, 4 – 3X

PRE-REGISTRATION POLO SHIRTS, 2 – XL, 1 – 2X, 1 – 3X

FUNDRAISING SHIRTS,

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT, 1 – S

SWEAT SHIRTS, 4 – S, 1 – M

12 STEP CANDLE HOLDERS - 8

Hotels and Hospitality

Let me start out by saying thank you for all of the help I received at the Convention. Jan, Dave, John and Russell were especially helpful. Russ & Julie’s group ordered pizzas for Saturday night. We had plenty of food and they ate it. I have a detailed list of all that is remaining. It will be posted on the lid of the tote with the items. I would like for us to donate the already opened items such as tea, mustard, creamer and the like to the Campout Committee. The rest can be stored.

When I got the final hotel bill, it showed that we had 77 rooms booked on Friday and 85 rooms booked on Saturday. As you all know, we had a 100 room block. When 75% is booked the block is considered filled. Initially we got 3 room nights free. There was some discrepancy with the number of rooms booked. A list was given to go over because we didn’t think some of our members were placed in our block. Final result was that they gave us the remaining 3 room nights free as well. Some detail needs to be given to the fact that we may not have booked the 100 rooms which were blocked for us. The final hotel bill was \$5,422.20.

Out of the \$800.00 given to me, I spent \$470.24 and returned \$329.76. I returned all of the unopened items. We received \$35.00 from the donation can. I turned over the \$100.00 check from the Newton group as it was made out to the Convention. I feel the request that was sent out requesting food was a success and this should be continued.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the Committee.

Thank you for your trust.
Love, Janet
Hotels & Hospitality
Chairperson

Registration Report

The registration went well this year thanks to the help of a lot of people, most of whom served on the committee, though a few did not. Thank you all. Without your help this would have been a disaster. The job of registration chair isn’t difficult until the convention itself, at which time insanity reigns supreme!

Here are the numbers for the year;

Type	Number	\$ Value	\$ Total
Pre-registered:	149	\$ 20	\$ 2,960
Banquet	67	\$ 17	\$ 1,088
Brunch	63	\$ 10	\$ 600
“T” shirts	83	\$ 20	\$ 1,693
Mugs	92	\$ 10	\$ 920
Donations	5		\$ 61

Total Dollars		\$ 7,322	
Full packages	51	\$ 7	\$ 357
Free registrations	4	\$ 20	\$ 120
Full package free	1	\$ 70	\$ 70

***Total Dollars** **\$ 6,775**

(Note: my spread sheet shows that I should come up with a figure of \$6,719, a difference of \$56.00. I don’t know where this difference, but suspect that it is in the free registrations. My best guess is that we had another total package that was given out and I didn’t get it recorded as such. If I had it to do over again I would have built into the spread sheet another column for the free registrations. This would have allowed me to get a total number of freebies quickly and easily. Wendee and I accounted for every dollar when I was turning in the pre-registration monies and it is my belief that the figures can be reconciled, but I just don’t know how. Sorry. KB)

Walk-ins	224	\$ 25	\$ 5,600
Banquets	23	\$ 20	\$ 460
Brunches	24	\$ 10	\$ 240
Start up			\$ 300

Total Dollars **\$ 6,600**

Receipts from Wendee for	\$ 6,450
Difference	\$ 150

(Note: we gave away a number of partially free or free registrations to people who couldn't afford the registration price. I did not have a separate place to put those slips to separate them from the main group. Again, if I had it to do over again I would have had a box set up to place these registration slips in, thus making the accounting easier.)

Totals for registration and all the associated incomes (mugs, shirts, brunches, etc.):	\$13,225.00.
Totals for just registration:	\$ 8,560.00.

I don't know what the hotel bill was, but if it was less than \$8,560.00 next years committee may want to look at reducing the registration prices. Our literature tells us that we should be charging only enough for registration to cover the hotel expenses. Conversely, if the hotel bill was more that \$8,560.00 the committee may want to increase it's registration fee.

I think that this is all that needs to be in this report. I will make another report and put it on a CD along with my spread sheets and registration names for the next registration chair.

I have truly enjoyed working with all of you. This is what service work is about for me. The opportunity to work and play with other addicts in recovery, "doing the deal".

Thank you all,
Stay clean,
Kirk Brown

Convention Guidelines Page 33
FUND DISTRIBUTION

It is important to understand that conventions are not the funding source of Narcotics Anonymous and are not established to support special projects or the specific interests of the Convention Committee. Projects of the region or their support should be left to regional service committee contributions. Other than the generation of a prudent reserve for the next convention there should be little or no funds created as a result of a convention. However, excess funds may develop as a result of the activities of a convention. At the close of a convention the distribution of those funds has proven to be a significant issue. The following information provides clarification and a method of distribution for those funds that will be helpful in avoiding conflicts.

An important consideration for a Convention Committee is the start up funds to be set aside for the following year's convention. In regional or combined states conventions, a prudent reserve should be retained for this purpose. The amount of the prudent reserve to be set aside should be determined by the Convention Committee and approved by the regional service committee. If the convention is a combined states convention it should be decided by the convention corporation or host committee and approved by the hosting regional service committee. The amount should be entered into the convention's operational by-laws (a reasonable prudent reserve is \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00). Increasing the prudent reserve should require, (1) a 2/3 vote by the Convention Committee (or board of directors if incorporated) and, (2) a 2/3 vote by the hosting regional service committee. It is extremely important that all convention matters concerning prudent reserve be voted on by both the Convention Committee and the regional service committee members in order to allow objective input from the regional service committee whose concerns are separate from the functional aspects of the convention.

Once a prudent reserve has been established, the next consideration will be the surplus funds over and above the prudent reserve. A Convention Committee's main task is to facilitate a convention for the purpose of celebrating recovery. Disbursement of excess funds as a result of the convention should not be a task of the Convention Committee. Distribution of funds resulting from conventions should be done by the service committee to whom the Convention Committee is responsible. The service committees

II distribute the funds according to the normal practice accepted by Narcotics Anonymous. It is advisable that the hosting service committee not retain more than a minimal amount of the excess funds as large amounts of money tend to disrupt our service committees and divert us from our primary purpose.

Once a prudent reserve is established, fund-raising efforts should not be needed, registration and other fees can be set at levels that will limit the accumulation of excess funds. This allows the Convention Committee to focus on the task of facilitating the convention. In the case of combined states or coastal conventions, the excess funds over prudent reserve should be turned over to the hosting regional service committee for distribution. When turning over excess funds to the regional service committee, the Convention Committee Treasurer should provide a financial statement for the regional service committee's review. This will allow the committee terminate its existence and allow the new host committee to begin the next convention.

If all conventions follow these practices, whether the convention is part of one region or services several regions, the development of a prudent reserve and distribution of surplus funds as indicated will further maintain unity within our Fellowship. There will also be a significant reduction in the personality conflicts within the committee and the casting of unwarranted suspicion on the members of the Convention Committee. Therefore, as the convention attains its prudent reserve, the need for fund-raising to produce the convention will be greatly reduced and eventually eliminated. In addition, the regional service committee will be unaffected, financially, as a result of hosting a convention to celebrate recovery.

If a convention operates as an activity of a regional corporation the principles discussed above about distribution of funds should still be followed. We must remember that we have only one need for money in N.A. and that is to further our primary purpose which is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

M.A.R.C.N.A. XXII CONVENTION TREASURES REPORT
For the month of April

BEGINNING BALANCE			7734.30
EXPENSES			
	3/20/2005 Ck#1073	Jeanie Magee-Lamination stuff	75.53
	3/20/2005 Ck#1074	Mike Taylor-gas reimbursement-fundraising	101.00
	3/20/2005 Ck#1075	Allen Lee-2006 tank top deposit	200.00
	4/1/2005 Ck#1076	Cash for registration table	300.00
	4/1/2005 Ck#1077	Jeanie Magee-raffle tickets & batteries	24.25
	4/1/2005 Ck#1078	Kevin Cochran-Party Time productions-DJ	400.00
	4/2/2005 Ck#1079	Soul Preachers-Band	700.00
	4/2/2005 Ck#1080	Basic Stuff 4 U-mugs	520.82
	4/2/2005 Ck#1081	Allen Lee	2236.02
	4/2/2005 Ck#1082	Shelly Accord-Fri.speaker gas reimbursment	80.00
	4/2/2005 Ck#1083	Dave Rose-airport parking	4.00
	4/26/2005 Ck#1084	Holiday Inn	5842.40
	5/3/2002 Ck#1085	Sam's Club-Cash registrar, adding machine surge protectors	163.81
	5/3/2005 Ck#1086	Wal-Mart-Coffee pots, extention cords, 5 gallon cooler, outlet strips	121.64
	5/5/2005 Ck#1087	Wal-Mart-Plastic totes & pot holders	24.85
TOTAL EXPENSES			10,794.32
INCOME			
	Deposit	3/22/2005 Chanute fundraiser	1132.00
	Deposit	4/1/2005 Registration(3698.00)	4304.35
		Miracle Area donation(182.00)	
		Friday night silent raffle (267.00)	
		Money returned from Kirk B.(57.60)	
		Not sure (99.75)	
	Deposit	4/1/2005 Friday night auction(504.00)	2826.25
		Registration(1160.00)	
		Friday night dance(107.25)	
		Merchandise(1055.00)	
	Deposit	4/2/2005 Saturday night auction(432.56)	982.56
		Merchandise(510.00)	
		Gold pendant raffle(5.00)	
		Hospitality donation (35.00)	
	Deposit	4/2/2005 Not sure	2726.50
	Void Ck# 1079 to Soul Preachers-exchanged for cash		700.00
	Deposit	4/5/2005 Recovery Stuff (393.00)	1936.68
		BS4U (430.00)	
		Taper (250.00)	
		Merchandise (820.00)	
		Not sure (43.68)	
	Deposit	4/5/2005 Saturday night auction/banner	550.00
	Deposit	4/11/2005 Hospitality returned	285.28
	Void Ck# 1082 to Shelly Accord-returned for newcomer donation		80.00
	Deposit	5/9/2005 Refund from Holiday Inn (252.12)	273.38
		Return to Sam's Club (21.26)	
TOTAL INCOME			15797.00
BALANCE AT CLOSE OF MARCNA XXII			12,736.98
	Ck#1088	MARSCNA	7736.98
			5,000.00
BEGINNING BALANCE FOR MARCNA XXIII			5,000.00

BREAKDOWN OF EVENTS

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Registration	4858.00	1592.00	393.00
		Recovery Stuff	430.00
		BS4U	250.00
		Taper	79.48
		Hospitality room donations	
Silent raffle	267.00	462.00	
Auction	504.00	982.56	
Dance	107.25	0	
Gold Pendant raffle total	748.10		
Registration monies before start of Convention according to treasurer's receipts		6619.00	6775.00
		according to Kirk's report	156.00
Registration monies from start of Convention according to treasurer's receipts		6,450.00	6600.00
			300.00
			6300.00
			Kirk has 156.00 more recorded in this slot
			Kirk has 150.00 less recorded in this slot
Treasurer's total		13,069.00	13,075.00
			Actual difference in our totals is
			6.00

(That there is awesome, don't care who you are)

Totals from Fundraising & Merchandising will have to come from their reports

MARCNA XXII Treasurer's Log

Starting Budget			1500.00
	Merchandise purchase at World by Alt. RD	-394.00	
Beginning Balance	Seed money check from Region		1106.00
5/25/2004	Service charge - Treasure forgot to make deposit	28.64	1077.36
5/25/2004	Deposit - Treasure being responsible for her mistake		30.00 1107.36
7/12/2004	Ck#1057 Rent Recovery Cove	10.00	1097.36
9/19/2004	Ck#1058 Tim Jordan-Arts & Graphics Reimbursement for Sign House/Banner	150.00	947.36
9/19/2004	Ck#1059 Kirk Brown-Registration start-up	200.00	747.36
9/19/2004	Ck#1060 Allen Lee-Merchandise/Fundraising Pre-convention shirts 1st payment	250.00	497.36
9/19/2004	Deposit - Fundraising/Aug. RSC		36.00 533.36
10/17/2004	Deposit - Fundraising		125.00 658.36
11/20/2004	Ck#1061 Allen Lee - Merchandise/Fundraising Pre-convention shirts 2nd payment	280.00	378.36
11/20/2004	Ck#1062 The Sign House/Banner	286.46	91.90
11/22/2004	Deposit Fundraising (245.00) Pre-registration (327.00)		572.00 663.90
11/26/2004	Returned check 20.00 & Bank charge 5.31 (Tanya Giroux)	25.31	638.59
12/1/2004	Returned check 40.00 & Bank charge 5.31 (Gary Bradford)	45.31	593.28
12/6/2004	Deposit Fundraising (753.00)/Nov. RSC Pre-registration (174.00)		927.00 1520.28
12/9/2004	Returned check 40.00 & Bank charge 5.31 (Rebecca Bansemer)	45.31	1474.97
12/19/2004	Ck#1063 Allen Lee - Merchandise/Fundraising Pre-convention Shirts 3rd payment	280.00	1194.97
12/20/2004	Deposit Returned check money (25.31) (Tanya Giroux) Pre-registration (122.00) Fundraising (190.00)		337.31 1532.28
1/14/2005	Deposit Central Kansas Area Fundraiser (Chili Bowl)		237.59 1769.87
1/16/2005	Deposit Fundraising (55.00) Pre-registration (47.00)		102.00 1871.87
1/16/2005	Ck#1064 Jeanie Magee/Reimbursement for Airline ticket for Speaker	211.79	1660.08
1/21/2005	Deposit Pre-registration		194.00 1854.08
2/16/2005	Deposit Wichita C.O.R fundraiser (460.00) Junction City dance/Shirt sales (60.00) Emporia fundraiser & Shirt sales (1678.00)		2198.00 4052.08
2/19/2005	Ck#1065 Jeanie Magee/Reimbursement for Airline ticket for Saturday night speaker	305.30	3746.78
2/19/2005	Ck#1066 VOID		
2/19/2005	Ck#1067 Mike Taylor/Reimbursement for mugs, bookmarks & pens	806.16	2940.62
2/19/2005	Ck#1068 Jeanie Magee/reimbursement for hugger aprons	27.76	2912.86
2/19/2005	Ck#1069 Basic Stuff 4 U	83.36	2829.50
2/19/2005	Ck#1070 Kirk Brown/programs & name tags	500.00	2329.50
2/19/2005	Ck#1071 Allen Lee - Merchandise/Fundraising Shirts	818.92	1510.58

2/19/2005	Ck#1072	Janet Wood - Hospitality room	800.00		710.58
2/22/2005	Deposit	Pre-registration (2321.00) Kirk returned (9.27)		2330.27	3040.85
2/28/2005	Deposit	Pre-registration (3481.00) NE How - donation (200.00)		3681.00	6721.85
3/5/2005	Deposit	Phoenix Group fundraiser		820.45	7542.30
3/15/2005	Deposit	Fundraising/Shirt sales @ Phoenix Group fundraiser		192.00	7734.30
3/20/2005	Ck#1073	Jeanie Magee/Lamination stuff	75.53		7658.77
3/20/2005	Ck#1074	Mike Taylor/Gas reimbursement-fundraising	101.00		7557.77
3/20/2005	Ck#1075	Allen Lee/2006 Tank tops	200.00		7357.77
3/22/2005	Deposit	Chanute Fundraiser		1132.00	8489.77
4/1/2005	Ck#1076	Cash for Registration Table	300.00		8189.77
4/1/2005	Ck#1077	Jeanie Magee/Raffle tickets & batteries	24.25		8165.52
4/1/2005	Ck#1078	Kevin Cochran-Party Time Productions/DJ	400.00		7765.52
4/1/2005	Deposit	Registration (3698.00) Miracle Area (182.00) Friday night silent raffle (267.00) Money returned from Kirk B.(57.60) Not sure (99.75)		4304.35	12,069.87
4/1/2005	Deposit	Friday night auction (504.00) Registration (1160.00) Friday night dance (107.25) Merchandise (1055.00)		2826.25	14,896.12
4/2/2005	Ck#1079	Soul Preachers/Band	700.00		14,196.12
4/2/2005	Ck#1080	Basic Stuff 4 U/Mugs	520.82		13,675.30
4/2/2005	Ck#1081	Allen Lee	2236.02		11,439.28
4/2/2005	Ck#1082	Shelly Accord/Friday night speaker-gas	80.00		11,359.28
4/2/2005	Ck#1083	Dave Rose/Airport parking	4.00		11,355.28
4/2/2005	Deposit	Sat. night Auction (432.56) Merchandise (510.00) Gold pendant raffle (5.00) Hospitality donation (35.00)		982.56	12,337.84
4/2/2005	Deposit	Not sure		2726.50	15,064.34
4/2/2005		Cashed Ck#1079 for Soul Preachers/Band		700.00	15,764.34
4/5/2005	Deposit	Recovery Stuff (393.00) BS4U (430.00) Taper (250.00) Merchandise (820.00) Not sure (43.68)		1936.68	17,701.02
4/5/2005	Deposit	Sat. night Auction of Banner payment		550.00	18,251.02
4/11/2005	Deposit	Hospitality returning funds		285.28	18,536.30
4/26/2005	Ck#1084	Holiday Inn	5842.40		12,693.90
5/2/2005		Void Ck#1082 to Shelly Accord returned for newcomer donation		80.00	12,773.90
5/3/2005	Ck#1085	Sam's Club/Cash registrar,adding machine surge protectors	163.81		12,610.09
5/3/2005	Ck#1086	Wal-Mart/Coffee pots, extention cords, 5 gallon cooler, outlet strips	121.64		12,488.45
5/5/2005	Ck#1087	Wal-Mart/Plastic totes and potholders	24.85		12,463.60
5/9/2005	Deposit	Refund from Holiday Inn (252.12) Return to Sam's Club (21.26)		273.38	12,736.98
5/14/2005	Ck#1088	MARSCNA	7736.98		5000.00

Hospitals and Institutions

Hello Regional Family,

H & I subcommittee has asked me to step up into H&I chair position. Also Dave R. was voted in as co-chair. We finally got to do a presentation to the new Kansas Jailers Association. 5 people attended: John S., Tom M., Dewayne K., Craig T., and J.J. They only gave us 15 minutes but it was awesome and at least it's a start. This is a quarterly meeting and hopefully we will be able to attend more of them. It was actually more of a P.I. presentation with an H&I twist but all in all the message was carried and seemingly well received. Thanks to all who worked so diligently to facilitate this meeting. Thanks for letting me be of service.

In Loving Service

Tom M.

I would like to thank the wonderful committee I served and my co-chair who has really grown. I have learned a lot being H&I Chair and am grateful for the privilege to serve. I will continue to come to region and be a part of. Love ya guys.

Becky B.

Literature

Hello family,

We still are in need of a chair and secretary.

The next issue of the M.A.N. will soon be ready for printing. As always, Tim S. is needing material; articles, poems, stories, etc.

Kirk B. is ready to start his next project; that of compiling the Regional minutes, scanning and converting them to PDF's and eventually putting them on CD's available for distribution to those who would like to have a copy. (they would be available at cost) Once again he is asking for anyone who has past copies of the minutes that he may not have to contact him. These copies would be scanned and returned. He can be reached at;

klbertha@aol.com

Or

Kirk Brown

PO Box 975

Baldwin City, KS 66006

Or

(785) 594-2148

The M.A.N. on CD project has been completed and they were available at the convention. If you need a copy see Tim S. We have returned the seed money of \$100.00 to the region and the proceeds from the sales will be used at a later date, possibly to produce an issue of the M.A.N.

In service,

Big Mike

Outreach

Hello Family,

Places we have been: Ottawa, Salina, Chanute, Olatha, Cottonwood Falls, Coffeyville, Girard Treatment Center Lawrence, Emporia, Eureka, and Newton.

Dave R. and myself helped get a new meeting gong in Abilene Ks. We also have helped a new meeting in Garnet, Ks. (flyers available)

Outreach has put together a fundraiser in Emporia on May 21st (flyers available). We need all the Area outreach chairs to be there and you too.

We are working on a map to go along with the meeting list. (more will be revealed)

We have "Addicts on Asphalt" rocks for each area. Make sure someone from each area gets one to take back with them. (explain).

Thank you for the seed money for the fundraiser. There will be special guest speakers at the fundraiser, you don't want to miss this. Hope to see everyone in the Region there. All funds raised will be used to print maps and to buy starter kits for new groups.

Here are some things happened in different Areas:

Central Report- Central has brought Outreach to all meetings but one. They have started a volunteer sheet that's passed at the end of each meeting.

Unity- 2 flyers drive have taken, one in Dickerson county and one in Clay county, Wakefield and Harting are in the process of starting a meeting.

Miracle- Miracle area has found 2 bi-lingual volunteers to help in our area. Some members are trying to start a "Road Warriors Group" to travel to meetings. We had a flyer drive April 16th, which was a huge success.

Go Outreach

In Loving Service,

Scott W. Outreach Chair

PI

Hello Family!

There seems to be much activity around the Region judging by the members who attend the subcommittee meeting. There are planned flyer drives, learning days, and other functions happening. Thanks to all who participated.

There are several professional conferences coming up where our presence is needed. We are needing warm bodies to help man booths and participate in panel discussions. Please contact this committee to obtain more information on these events. They include the Zonal

meeting in Sioux City, Iowa and a recovery conference in Wichita which a professional event and not an NA event. (Please talk to John S. III)

This committee is still in need of a co-chair. Please take it back to Groups.

We are still continuing to work on the bilingual project and have several addicts show interest in participating.

There was heated discussion concerning the website. Again, as was stated in the minutes from the last RSC, we have a new webmaster. In response to "Why has the page changed?" I will reiterate-

Though the regional Public Information subcommittee had asked for guidance from the Fellowship, requesting a webmaster after Bob K. had resigned, we had no willingness until Kirk B. stepped forward to maintain the site. Except for Sally R. (A BIG THANKS!) no one else knew how to update the site. At our last subcommittee meeting (February) the Public Information gave our vote of confidence to Kirk, with the understanding that he was going to redesign the page. I certainly agree that many members gave their time to the site, but without that same willingness to help maintain the site I feel we were left with few choices. The site is a work in progress though there will probably not be a lot more added to the site other than links to Area meeting schedules, functions, and WSO. As Kirk had stated before, this is to get back to simply serving the addicts and not glorifying the Region. Pending the outcome of the motion, the regional meeting list may or may not be placed back on the page. Please direct further questions to Kirk B., the webmaster.

Pending the outcome of the motion on the Regional floor, this body is asking for \$300.00 to print meeting lists to be distributed at the August RSC. Thanks Rod for your work in getting the list updated and printed. Please submit changes to meetings lists as they occur with quarterly updates by July 15, 2005.

The following is a letter that was sent to the committee from the Central Kansas Area of Narcotics Anonymous.

5/7/05 \

To Mid-America Region, Public Information Committee

At the recent Central Kansas Area meeting of Narcotics Anonymous members ask a lot of questions about the Mid-America Regional Web page. Why is the web page being redesigned? When we feel that the Web page as it was is our Regions best tool to fulfill our primary purpose "to carry the message of Recovery to the addict who still suffers" The Central Kansas Area feels that the members of the Public Information Sub-Committee have put a lot of time and work in the Web page, and to delete all their work is wrong. It was also ask, "Why is the Regional Meeting list gone?" When members of the Region do not know the outcome of the pending motion on Meeting Lists!

Members of the CKA have expressed their gratitude for being able to access a Regional meeting list, being able to print off a copy when traveling throughout the Region, and find a meeting when in need. We have received positive feedback from professionals in our communities who come in contact with addicts. They have been using the online Regional meeting list to assist their clients in finding a Narcotics Anonymous meeting. We are also concerned about the ability to access NA meetings that do not belong to an area but are within this Region.

The CKA H&I committee has commitments at several institutions where the Regional Meeting List is distributed. Members of this committee regularly go online to print accurate copies of meeting list for addicts in prisons, state hospitals, and treatment centers in and outside of our area. Having this tool available online for printing allows NA funds to be used to provide other literature at those H&I efforts.

Thank you,

Central Kansas Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

In Service,
Misty K.

PO Box

Hey Mid America Region;

I am gibing this report as you out going PO Box chairperson. Many of us were shocked with the passing of Curtis B. I have went to the post office and spoken with them on what we need to do. I was shown the card and as it stands now John S. from Wichita is the lone agent listed. We can send in a new application or add new agents by sending the information on Mid America Regional letterhead. It would be very helpful if John S. were to take care of the communication. The manager was very helpful with the inquires I made. It can be a choir dealing with the postal service since the rules all changed after 9-11. We have received a letter from Nebraska state convention. Nether the letter or the certificates give the date of the event. Other than that we got the usual stuff it is on the table and some things for the treasurer which I have turned over, as well as insurance paperwork. We received the first few chapters of the new public relations guidelines and it has been given to the lit subcommittee. I have been honored to serve the Fellowship over the last year and I thank you.

In grateful loving service,
DeWayne K.

Steering

We have 2 members up for renewal, Greg B. and Jeff R.

The committee has recommended policy for the Regional Archivist position and ask that it be placed under article 9, Item H in the Regional guidelines.

After much discussion we recommend that the 2007 convention be in Salina on March 30 – April 1st at the Holiday Inn. After discussion on the bidding process we believe that the proposed guidelines need to be brought up to date and to clarify what is needed to host a convention and make the guidelines available to anyone wishing to secure a bid, if this body would decide to direct this committee to do so.

We now have two open positions. We would greatly appreciate any members with convention experience (and meeting the rest of the requirements) fill these positions so we can better serve the Region when making convention recommendations.

Our interim meeting is July 2nd @ 1pm @ my camper at the campout.

Grateful to serve,
Jeff R.

End of Subcommittee Reports. Beginning Officer reports.

Regional Delegate

Hello NA Family,

The past quarter has been pretty busy. Thank you to all the Groups and Areas that have requested inventories. Besides myself, Rod, Tim, and others, have been assisting as facilitators for these inventories. The response has been very good and we are all learning about ourselves.

There is something new in the works from World...it is the development of the **Public Relations Handbook**. It covers the external focus of our committees: Public Information, Hospitals and Institutions, Websites, Phone Lines, etc. This handbook will focus on our relations with the public in all forms. The first four chapters are out for input and review. They are:

- Chapter one: What Is Public Relations In Narcotics Anonymous.
- Chapter two: Core Principles & Philosophies In Public Relations.
- Chapter three: Providing Effective Service.
- Chapter four: Interacting With The Public-Preparation & Training.

The chapters that are currently being drafted are:

Media, Print And Broadcast,
Criminal Justice
Treatment & Healthcare

Chapters that still need to be drafted are:

Phone Lines,
Technology,
Event Planning,
Government & Outreach

What NAWS is requesting from the fellowship is the opportunity to review and provide input. There is a form to complete & return to;
(By August 1, 2005)

World Board-PRHB
C/O NA World Services
PO Box 9999
Van Nuys, CA 91409
e-mail: prhbreview@na.org

You can provide individual input or it can be reviewed as Groups. The mailing was sent to all Areas, Regions, and Conference participants. Individuals may access it thru the Narcotics Anonymous web site (na.org); once you are signed up you will be provided a password to access the material. Form more info go to:

<http://portaltools.na.org/PortalTools/subscriptions/Login.cfm>

This is an opportunity to be more involved in the process. The last time we had a review and input on service material was years ago – The Step Working Guide.

I took the opportunity yesterday to set in on several subcommittees. I learned some things: where are our Area subcommittee chair persons? I asked the question to some people and got some good input:

- Need flyers for the RSC as in old days
- Old timers need to be more visible-not only at the meetings on Saturday, but also at the speaker meeting and dance.
- Promote unity-talk it up at Area meetings and maybe carpool-be **positive** about the RSC.
- Have a flyer posted on the web site with accurate dates and meeting times.

World Unity Day is Sunday, September 4, 2005 live from Honolulu, HI. We need to know if an Area or Group will want to host Unity Day and set up the phone line. All registrations must be in no later than Aug. 1, 2005

NAWS has furnished us with new forms for; new Groups, Group update forms, ASC registration/update form and RSC registration/update forms. These can be accessed at

<http://www.na.org/updateforms/newregfm.htm>

Also, NAWS is giving committees the ability to use data base to develop their own meeting lists. Please e-mail Lori:

lori@na.org

hopefully this will be another source for us to access meeting lists-how accurate and how often updated? *More will be revealed.*

In loving service,
Debby S.

Regional Delegate Alt.

Howdy again

I was asked to do one inventory and go to one Zonal this quarter. As for the Zonal we started out the weekend sitting in a circle guessing what the person next to us name, favorite movie, and favorite color was. The exercise showed us we can't judge people by how they look or talk. After doing this we sat down at tables with 5 or 6 other people; this was what we call small group. Then as a large group we talked about some of the questions on the agenda. We also talked about some of the questions in the small group and then presented one answer to the large group. This way of doing a workshop helped cut down on some of the redundancy of 5 people saying the same thing. I have the workshop papers and worksheets the world board members provided for us and will send copies of them out with my report. Now I will report on the meat of the workshop.

I said the exercise showed us we can't judge people by their dress or speech. The Professional's World polled said we do judge and treat newcomers wrongly. Which is why one of the discussion topics is "Our Public Image"?

This brought us to the session "Atmosphere of Recovery Session" and the 1st set of questions? What is an atmosphere of recovery and what makes a group attractive. The answers to the question are as follows:

1. Honesty in the meeting room
2. Meetings are a safe place to come to
3. Allow people to get to know you
4. Be protective of the newcomer
5. Doors always open and on time

The next question; what challenges do we face?

1. Lack of commitment is running the newcomer away
2. Being politically correct
3. Getting old timers to let go
4. Exhibiting behavior that hasn't changed
5. Predatory behavior in the meetings

Then we went on to how we build a strong home group

1. By speaking up when we see something or someone doing something wrong
2. Showing loving and caring attitudes
3. Not getting on a soap box but sharing openly and honestly instead of bitching and berating
4. Leading by example
5. Staying open-minded to change
6. Learn by past mistakes listening to those who went before us
7. Not abandoning people or groups in our area
8. Honesty sharing staying focused on recovery and the solution
9. Make people feel welcome by speaking to which will let them feel apart of
10. Staying involved and encouraging other's to commit to the group and member
11. Being open-minded
12. Lead by example and teach the newcomer (not just showing them in to position's)
13. Meeting before and after the meeting
14. Not gossiping
15. Being accountable with the money

The last question was how we can address predatory and/or disruptive behavior at our home group? We defined predatory behavior as:

"If you have dated someone with less than one year in the last two years you are a predator. "

Some of the solutions are;

1. Take the off the blinders, see what is going on in the meeting
2. Do an intervention but stay in positive and in the negative

3. Speak to both of the party's sponsors
4. Announce at the beginning of the meeting unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated
5. Encourage same sex sponsorship
6. Lead by example

Infrastructure Session

1. What is working in your NA community?

P.I.

1. Flyer drives
2. Presentations
3. Phone lines
4. Regional cell phones
5. Workshops

H & I

1. Meeting, meetings, and more meetings (hopefully we will get members who are a product of the system)

Literature

1. Access to the literature

Outreach

1. Rocks
2. Flood a meeting (getting a bunch of addicts to go to a certain meeting)
3. Capture the banner (make-up banners with your group's name) the rules are simple it takes 5 members of home group A to get home group B's banner. In order to get B's banner back you have to go home group A meetings. If you want yours and theirs you take 10 members with you.

What is not working in your NA communities?

1. Warm body service
2. Meeting list updates
3. Literature as a weapon (aka the literature says so. So we stay closed minded)

What are some good practices in service?

1. Focus on the solutions not the problem
2. Look at yourself not others
3. Be prepared so you can start on time
4. Good workshops
5. Teaching
6. Delegate
7. Active participation
8. Know when there are people following your lead (not getting out there and asking what happened? where is everyone?)
9. Accountability

What is blocking us from doing the above?

1. Not clearly defining service duties
2. Not following through
3. EGO aka edging out god
4. Oh well syndrome (we are just addict's & we run on addict time)
5. Lack of balance

During the workshop I also heard "Service is not work it is a spiritual way of life"

Bear with me now; the next day we started the business part of the Zonal meeting. I have enclosed the report from the OK Region RD's. To sum it up it asks some of the same questions this Region asked last Nov. at the RSC. What are we (the Zonal) doing for the regions? So we addressed some of the questions asked by Keith

1. We will now have a facilitator to chair the Zonal business meeting with a term of 2 years.
2. Secretary term will be 2 years and we elected Krista M. from Iowa
3. Treasurer with a term of 2 years and we elected John S. III from KS
4. We also went to a two day agenda form with workshops on Sat. and conclude on Sunday with the business part.

And we are going to (hopefully) do a 3 day (8 hour a day) manned booth with (we hope) a PI presentation to a four state Substance Abuse and Gambling Addiction Conference in Kansas City on Aug 24th thru 26th. The Zonal wants our help with this PI effort. How much help do you want to give them? This is what they asking from us:

1. Meeting list's
2. IP's
3. People to man the booth
4. Presenters to do a presentation

Along with this request they would like a presentation from each Region done in Sioux City Iowa on June 11th. In June they will choose the style and persons for the presentation in Aug. Example; zonal might send 4 people with two styles of presentations, from this we might only get one person to do the presentation, or we might get all 4 to do it. We want to choose people with a clear message of NA. Hopefully all 6 Regions will send at least 1 presentation to the June meeting.

Okay, I will end with this last statement - "LET'S NOT ALLOW THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DRIFT AWAY PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PI EFFORT.

Thank you for letting me grow
Rod D. RD2

OK Region Report to Plains States Zonal Forum (PSZF)
March - '05

The OK Region welcomes the Plains States Zonal Forum participating Region's participants, the WB members, as well as any visitors sitting in. I also want to say thanks to the Plains Area, the hosting Area, for their help in making the arrangements for this' weekend. The OK Region has had some events recently and is planning some others, and here is an update both past and future. January 28 - 30, the Norman Winter Convention was held and saw attendance of about 300. This event is a Western Area sponsored event and has been in place for a number of years. It has for a long time, been sponsored by a few members/groups and recently made the change to be included in the Western Area activities. The OK Region sponsors four events throughout the *year*. The General Service Assembly was held February 12 & 13th in Tulsa. This event was attended by 50 or so. There were PI and Hal workshops, a GSR orientation workshop, a zonal based workshop, and a speaker meeting, as well as meal time. The OK Region Service Committee (RSC) met the following Sunday with hopes that some of those who attended the GSA would stay over for the RSC. Plans for our Convention are coming along, which is scheduled for May 6, 7, 8 - 05, in OKC. The Clean and Crazy Campout is scheduled for June (Father's bay weekend) at Lake Tenkiller, and has seen attendance approaching and at times surpassing the 500 mark. The Region's elections (other than event chairs) are to be held at the June meeting.

Our Eastern Area Public Information committee has contacted the Tulsa metro transit bus operator about placing some NA information on local bus benches and discovered that not only can that be done, but that the transit provider would handle our request as a public service announcement (PSA) and place the info on random bus bench backs across the metro area. The cost was about \$45.00 per ad. The ad uses the business card logo "Drug Problem" and the local help line number and website. The bench backs are actually ad space and sold as such, but since our request falls in the PSA category, the set up cost is all that was incurred. The signage is rotated to different locations by the transit company. In the event all ad space is sold, our signs are on hold, and returned to service when the opening is available. The Area decided to begin the project with five signs which are in place as we speak.

The OK Region is sending \$200.00 to the PSZF. I have as yet used any of the \$200.00 that was dispersed to me at the last PSZF. If it hasn't already been done, we will settle up with the hotel later today. So much for the easy stuff. During my trip home from the last PSZF, I once again found myself questioning the usefulness of the meeting. With the exception of the last discussion regarding the S. Dakota Region and problems encountered in a rural setting such as theirs, and the speaker meeting, I just have to say that I was pretty disappointed again. And to complicate matters, I have had the same feeling on a number of occasions following such meetings. I have voiced those feelings in the PSZF meetings, and have, at times, questioned the OK Region's participation with the PSZF in reports to the OKRSC. This sentiment has eventually been overridden by the hope that better things are just around the corner. It has been my hope that PSZF meetings be primarily aimed at discussions and/or workshops regarding local (PSZ participants) fellowship issues. This is not to diminish regional reports, in fact, I have suggested and even requested for zonal representatives bring topics from their home Region for discussion, possibly on issues such as how conventions and other activities are set up, maybe discuss participating regions' bylaws, or maybe RSO (Regional Service Office) issues. And if not local issues, workshop the WSC Discussion Topics, there are more than a few to choose from. What I want is for the PSZF participants to have something of substance to take home and share.

At the S. Dakota meeting, someone said they thought the zonal meetings would be where the maturity is found, and to be honest if that is so, which it should be, I can't say that it appears we are exactly long in the tooth. Over my last four or five years with the PSZF, there just doesn't seem to be much to brag about, except that we are able to provide CAR workshops, and the opportunity for some fellowship and unity at the different locations we meet.

My term will be over as RD in June '05. My future service involvement is unknown. And even though the end of my term is just around the corner, I still feel an obligation to my Region, the PSZF and to my own conscience to continue to look for ways to make this meeting accountable to those I serve. It is with such hope, and, following discussions with our RSC, that I propose for consideration the following adjustments, keeping in mind I absolutely do not believe a complete overhaul is in order, only a few suggestions for discussion.

We decided some time ago to let the hosting Region provide the Chair, or leader for our meetings. I assume the reasoning revolved around getting members involved. However, it is my suggestion that this can diminish the opportunity for a constant meeting environment. And there is a possibility that the leader of the meeting just may not have a lot of experience. Are we ignoring our responsibility to the 4th Concept regarding carefully considering leadership qualities when selecting trusted servants? I would propose that we consider designating a meeting leader or facilitator, for a given time frame, be it by calendar or by number of meetings is open for discussion. The intent is for the PSZF to provide some level of consistency from meeting to meeting. I also wonder if the same proposal should apply to the Secretary and Treasurer jobs.

I also feel we should consider determining a more defined purpose for the PSZF meetings. If it was decided what the overall goal of the PSZF is going to be, (refer to our vision statement) and that goal entails that the trip is worthwhile, then lets decide what "worthwhile" means. The suggestion here, as we discussed at the last meeting, is a format much like this weekend. Consider moving the meetings to all day Saturday, maybe preceded by a Friday recovery meeting, or one early Saturday morning. For instance, the Saturday meeting could be used for introductions and comments from those attending, followed by brief discussion if desired, a general forum of sorts, and the balance of the day could be devoted to workshops or presentations made by either, PSZF participants, local trusted servants or occasionally WB members. Saturday evening could provide a chance for a fellowship activity. This might also provide an opportunity for the local hosting region to involve either the Regional or Area(s) activity committees. Sunday mornings could be for the general business of the PSZF, financial info reporting, which likely be more current than how we do it now, Regional reports, as well as planning the next meeting's agenda, and a general plan for the upcoming hosting region to work from. If we leave knowing what is coming up, and have chosen topics and presenters, that planning could start sooner. This might also give the host region a jump on advising the local fellowship with what is on tap as well. This could mean a little more work up front, but it seems that in our PSZF meetings we are presenting an image of service in the PSZF, and even NA as a whole. My question here is that are we satisfied with that image?

Note the word "work". It seems to me this thing we call service work might be called work for a reason. I have become pretty self-conscious of the way we present ourselves, our image, both to those not familiar with our fellowship, and to ourselves as well. I always get a little edgy when someone pops off, after an uh-oh in the fellowship, "Oh well, NA ought never be organized", or that "we should remain forever non professional". That kind of stuff just goes all over me because we pretty well have to be some kind of organized or our conventions, campouts, service assemblies and the like, won't be flying too far or looking too good doing it. I just think the "W" word could also mean looking for ways to make things better, or to "raise the bar". This is similar to me as in looking at our second step, and believing there are always are opportunities to "come to believe" a little more if I remain open and look for them. At any rate, it seems to me that we, as mature trusted servants, should be on the look out to find ways to make things better. As I have said, I have at times had some difficulty explaining the advantages of participating in the PSZF at my home region. Maybe I should ask how the other zonal representatives handle this. Maybe everyone is on the same page except me. Maybe I'm the one that's gone off the deep end. But if it is of any consequence, I ask the same type stuff at home. And *even* if I am the odd man out, not to worry, just hang on a little longer and I'll most likely be out of everyone's hair before you know it. But until then I must follow my gut instinct and pursue discussions about our purpose, quality and efficiency. I truly hope this report (letter) is taken in the spirit in which it was written. I undoubtedly feel a responsibility to strive to make the service work I am charged to be part of, as productive as possible. And come to think of it, I guess its just really not very important to me what someone might think or say about that guy from Oklahoma on their way home. An analogy could be that since we sometimes call our service meetings "business meetings", could it be that we are in business? If so, what is the product? Let's say it recovery carrying the message. If we now have a product to be in business about, and we then say we do have business meetings, might we say we make business decisions? Are we satisfied with these business decisions? Our image has become as precious to me as our message. We hear a lot about our image with regards to how the public might perceive us, but it seems pretty believable to me that the image we present to the public could have something to do with the image we present to ourselves.

Finally, in putting together the minutes from the last meeting, I thought it would be good if the regional reports were included. I personally have some difficulty understanding why, in a meeting of "maturity", we still can see these reports being written during the meeting itself. Not to mention trying to decipher the handwriting. If it were decided to continue to include the reports in the minutes, maybe they could be emailed to the secretary, or whomever is given the task, prior to the meeting, or at least submitted on a floppy at the meeting.

Review of suggestions for consideration and discussion:

Termed facilitator 2yr

Termed secretary 2yr

Termed treasurer 2yr

Redesign basic agenda to include Saturday presentations/general forum, and Sunday general business and/or additional forum time

Produce upcoming meeting's agenda to include Saturday topic and forward to hosting RD

Request host Region provide for Saturday evening fellowship

Include RD reports in minutes, & prior submission via email or floppy at PSZF (in Word)

In closing, I just want to say I have been involved in service consistently for over fifteen years, as quite possibly some of you have been also. It has become quite important for me to remain aware of our image both inside as well as outside the fellowship, and inside may be most important. It seems we tend deal with the same issues again and again in the same manner, repeating the same mistakes and expecting different results, or ignoring the elephant in the living room altogether. And we sometimes seem to accept the justification of the "Oh well" attitude, which is part of the internal image I speak of avoiding. I truly hope that if NA is as important to us as we say it is, we will truly be dedicated to the task at hand, respecting the fellowship as a whole, our jobs in service and those that gave them to us, and remain vigilant in our efforts to improve and refine our efforts.

ILS
Keith

Secretaries Report for the Nov. 04 minutes:

Secretary's report for the February 20, 2005 minutes

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve. I appreciate it. Once again I must point out that it is expensive to print and mail the minutes. If you have e-mail, please consider using it to get your minutes instead of snail mail.

Expenses for this quarter:

Printing	25 copies	\$25.00
Mailing	20 copies	<u>\$12.00</u>
Total		\$37.00

Started with	\$75.00
Expenses	<u>\$37.00</u>
	\$38.00 to Region.

In Loving Service,
Kirk L. Brown

Treasurers Report
(next page)

Treasurers Report

REGIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

May 15, 2005 - As of end of business

Beginning Balance		\$4,964.98
Donation Income		
CKA	\$100.00	
WMASC	\$80.00	
Miracle Area	\$120.00	
JFT Group - Cash	\$10.00	
JFT Area	\$200.00	
Sub-Total	\$510.00	
Other Income		
Void check 1696 (4H deposit check)	\$100.00	
Cash - Activities	\$40.00	
Cash - Secretary reimbursement	\$38.00	
MARCNA - Convention	\$7,736.98	
Cash - M.A.N. reimbursement	\$2.00	
Cash - M.A.N. CDs seed money	\$100.00	
Rod Davis - Zonal reimbursement	\$85.00	
Sub-Total	\$8,101.98	
Total Income		\$8,611.98
Expenses	Check #	
Carla Davis - Secretary	1727	\$100.00
Tim Stewart - MAN	1728	\$400.00
Rod Davis - Zonal meeting	1729	\$450.00
Scott Wygant - Outreach fundraiser	1730	\$100.00
Carla Davis - Meeting Lists	1731	\$300.00
N.A.W.S. donation	1732	\$1,057.48
N.A.W.S. unity day phone hookup	1733	\$50.00
Sub-Total		\$2,457.48
Total Expenses		\$2,457.48
Ending Bank Balance		\$11,119.48
Prudent Reserve Account for 1 year		
Rent		\$840.00
Insurance		\$1,000.00
Storage		\$540.00
P.O. Box		\$38.00
Total Held For Prudent Reserve		\$2,418.00
Quarterly Operating Expenses Held out to February's Meeting		
Rent		\$210.00
Insurance		\$250.00
Storage		\$405.00
P.O. Box		\$19.00
Total Quarterly Operating Expenses		\$884.00
Available Funds as of beginning of business August 2005		\$7,817.48

Old Business

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The Groups accepted these guidelines and they will be placed into policy.

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Maker: Step X Step Group

Disposition: This motion failed and we will continue to produce meeting lists.

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Maker: DeWayne K.

Discussion: Lets pay the bills, cover expenses the Region has requested of us.

Disposition: Passed

Elections:

PO Box: DeWayne K. volunteered to continue in this position for another year. The committee accepted this offer.

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New Business

We had much discussion concerning the proposed archivist guidelines. The following are the guidelines as they were accepted by the RSC floor. These need to go to the Groups for approval (or not). In the original draft as it was presented to the floor by the steering committee, C. 3 read as follows: “Knowledge of library science, archival systems and safe, economical storage practices are helpful and desired but not necessary.” Some members of the RSC body felt that this statement was too threatening, thus the rewording of the statement to read as it appears below. This needs to go to the Groups.

Archivist Guidelines:

A. Purpose

To collect, collate, catalog and display materials and memorabilia pertinent to the Mid-America Region.

B. Duties

1. Contact members, Groups, and Areas to obtain copies of all materials and memorabilia MARSCNA, it's subcommittees and events have generated since the inception of the Region.
2. Collect, catalog, store and display such items.
3. Produce a quarterly report for the RSC, reporting new items received and progress in organizing them.
4. Be sensitive with respect and observance of the anonymity of all concerned.
5. Be accountable to the RSC.

C. Requirements for Archivist:

1. Three years clean time.
2. A working knowledge of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
3. It is helpful and desired, but not necessary to have knowledge of library science, archival systems, and safe, economical storage practices.
4. A minimum of two years of Regional participation.
5. Willingness to serve.
6. Willingness to give the time and resources necessary to fulfill duties of position.
7. A two year term.

Motion: To change “knowledge of library science, archival systems and safe, economical storage practices are helpful and desired, but not necessary.” to “It is helpful and desired, but not necessary to have knowledge of library science, archival systems, and safe, economical storage practices.”

Maker: Debby S.

Intent: Clarification of Archivist position C, 3

Disposition: Motion passed

Some of the discussion that was generated concerned guidelines for our positions in general. Some members felt/feel that we need more stringent guidelines throughout our policies. It was noted that our guidelines give just the barest sketches of the duties of our elected officials.

Another issue that was brought up concerned the donation of goods. If an item is donated, is it the property of the Region, or does the donor retain ownership and if so, can he reclaim the donated goods at his desire? The general conscientious is that a donated item is just that: donated. The Region owns that item. It was pointed out that paper goods and records can be copied and the originals returned to the individual.

Yet another point that was made was the need for a co-chair to this position. This individual would have the opportunity to learn the archival system from the previous archivist, thus having the opportunity to gain “Knowledge of library science, archival systems and safe, economical storage practices” prior to becoming the archivist.

John S. mentioned that we (the Mid-America Region) has been offered office space with high speed internet capabilities, fax machine, copier and various other assorted pieces of office equipment for free. The only catch is it’s location, in Leavenworth, Kansas. This is just about as far from the geographical center of the Region as it is possible to get. (there were differing opinions as to the distance in time) Larry E. of Leavenworth has offered this space. There wasn’t much interest in accepting the offer, but thank you Larry.

Once again we had a lot of discussion concerning the use and dispersion of funds. Our policy states: “Prudent reserve shall be set by the RSC as deems necessary at the May RSC for the following year” and “Yearly all funds above prudent reserve not budgeted are forwarded to NAWS”. We ended up passing the following motion:

Motion: We, as a Region, send \$2,000.00 to World Service Offices as a donation and all other monies be left to the treasurer to establish prudent reserves and escrow all other necessary expenses.

Maker: DeWayne K., 2nd Tom N.

Intent: To send World some money and let our treasurer “do his job”.

Disposition: The maker accepted a friendly amendment (John S. III) to make the \$2,000 \$1,057.48 instead. (this wiped out the available funds from the last fiscal year) The motion then passed and we have sent \$1,057.48 to World.

I will now attempt to convey the method of arriving at this motion. Please bear with me, as there was much cross talk and people were getting excited.

Our policy sets aside monies for the following expenses, rent, insurance, storage unit, and PO Box. However, the Region has a number of other expenses that it incurs quarterly such as meeting lists - \$300.00, newsletter - \$400.00, minutes - \$50.00 (+/-), and Zonal meetings - \$450.00. These funds have not been allocated in any way and need to be voted on each quarter. It was suggested that we (the RSC) set up escrow accounts for these items and any other reoccurring expenses. (hence part of the above motion)

Convention mentioned that although they were able to turn over \$7,000.00 + at the end of the convention this year, this may not always be the case. (If the convention had not been able to turn over monies this year we would have been in trouble.)

Several members of the RSC mentioned that the financial policy that the Fellowship implemented a few quarters ago had some serious shortfalls in it. The chair directed the steering committee to work with the treasure and come up with some solutions to these shortfalls in our current financial policy. They agreed to look at it at their interim meeting, to be held on July 2nd at the Regional campout (Pomona lake) in Jeff R’s camper at 2pm.

At the last Zonal meeting Rod D. was given 3 CD's of the NA history timeline and one "It Works, How and Why" with a CD audio version included in it. The following motion addressed what to do with this material.

Motion: That all material except the archival disk be given to activities to be used in the next fundraiser and the proceeds returned to the Region to be used as needed.

Maker: Pete E.

Intent: To dispose of the material, and raise funds for the RSC. Additionally, to insure that we have a copy for our archives.

Discussion: minimal

Disposition: Passed.

Greg (treasurer) reported that our insurance will be due before the next RSC and that we had gotten an application for insurance from another company. The RCM's, by a show of hands, gave Greg B. and Debbie S. a vote of confidence to get the best deal on insurance that they could. This did not mean that they would necessarily mean that they would get us the cheapest insurance, but the best deal taking into account the coverage offered for the dollar.

Unity Day is Sunday September 4, 2005. John N. (RCM Primary Purpose) volunteered to have Primary Purpose host unity day.

Motion: Cut a check for \$50.00 to NAWS (for phone hookup) and give a vote of confidence to the esteemed RCM (John N.) of the Primary Purpose Area to make arrangements for Unity Day 2005

Maker: John S. III

Intent: To insure that the Region has access to Unity Day.

Discussion: minimal

Disposition: Passed

Mike T. (Big Mike) reported that Sam W. donated two bags of shirts to the Region for auction that were Shelly W's. The RSC as a whole (not just the RCM's) decided to auction half off at the next Regional meetings and the remainder at Unity Day. It was noted that Shelly loved Unity Day, never missed them, and we think that she would be pleased with the decision. Thank you Sam and Shelly.

This concludes the minutes for the May 15, 2005 Regional Service Committee Meeting of the Mid-America Region. I was called upon by Carla D. to step in this quarter as she was recuperating from surgery. I/we hope that you are doing well and will be on your feet soon Carla.

It is my sincere hope that the minutes are clear, concise, and contain all of the pertinent information they should. All of the information contained in the minutes should go to the Groups for their information. Remember, good communication is essential to the well being of the Fellowship.

Once again I feel compelled to point out that printing is expensive for the Region. Out of 37 attending the Regional meeting, 25 have requested a hard copy of the minutes. Out of that 25, 20 of you have e-mail addresses. This will cost the Region between \$30.00 and \$45.00 in printing and mailing expenses. You will be getting the same copy e-mailed to you that you get as a hard copy. I print the hard copy from the same file that I send out by over the web. So....if you can find a way to download and print a copy from the web, you will be saving all of us some money. That's all, I'm done chastising you for the moment. Thanks for letting me serve,

Yours In Service,
Kirk Brown
Regional secretary (Temp.)

The following 3 pages consist of material that Rod D. (RD2) brought from the last Zonal. Please print, distribute, and use freely.

KB



Atmosphere of Recovery Session



What is an Atmosphere of Recovery? What makes a Group attractive? What made you want to come back? What makes a strong Homegroup?

What challenges do we face? What gets in our way of accomplishing what we said previously?

How can I help to build a strong Homegroup?

How can we address predatory and/or disruptive behavior at our Homegroups?



Infrastructure Session



What is working in your NA Communities?

What is not working in your NA Communities?

Voting Record

Y= YES N = NO A = ABSTAIN											
DATE: 5/15/05											
	MOTION	CENTRAL	FFF	JUST FOR TODAY	UNITY	WESTERN	WICHITA METRO	MIRACLE	PRIMARY PURPOSE	PASS/FAIL	
1	Pay bills and request for funds (found in old business)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	
2	Accept the minutes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	
3	Accept the guidelines for Soul to Soul (found in old business)	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	
4	The Region cease compiling and printing, in any form (hard copy or digital copy), a regional meeting list. (complete motion found in old business)	N	A	N	N	N	N	Y	N	F	
5	From the proposed Archivist guidelines: "..... having being to be relected at the end of the first year" be stricken (Letter C, #7, 2nd half) (See guidelines in new business)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	
6	From the proposed Archivist guidelines: Strike C, 3	W	I	T	H	D	R	A	W	N	
7	Reword C, 3 to read: "It is helpful and desired, but not necessary to have knowledge of library science, archival systems, and safe, economical storage practices.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	
8	We, as a Region send \$2,000.00 to WSO as a donation and all other monies be left to the treasurer to establish prudent reserve and escrow all other necessary expenses.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	
9	That all material except the archival disk be given to activities to be used in the next fundraiser and the proceeds returned to the Region to be used as needed	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	
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Roll Call

DATE Feb. 20, 2005				
	9AM	10AM	11AM	12AM
AREA RCM'S				
CENTRAL	X			X
F.F.F.	X			X
J.F.T.	X			X
MIRACLE	X			X
UNITY	X			X
WESTERN	X			X
WICHITA MET.	X			X
PRIMARY PURPOSE	X			X
SUB COMMITTEE				
ACTIVITIES	X			X
CAMPOUT	X			X
CONVENTION	X			X
H&I	X			X
LITERATURE	X			X
OUTREACH	X			N
PI	X			X
PO BOX	X			X
STEERING	X			X
SOUL TO SOUL	X			X
TRUSTED OFFICERS				
SECRETARY	X			X
TREASURER	X			X
CO TREASURER	X			X
RD	X			X
RD 2	X			X
CHAIR	X			X
CO CHAIR	N			N

MID AMERICA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

REGIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday Aug 20, 2005
Red Coach Inn – 2211 E. Kansas
McPherson, KS

9:00AM-11:00AM

Regency I – Hospitals & Institutions

Regency III – Literature

11:00AM-1:00PM

Regency I – Convention

Regency III – Campout

1:00 PM- 2:00PM

LUNCH

2:00PM-4:00PM

Regency I – Public Information

Regency III – Activities & Soul to Soul

4:00PM-6:00PM

Regency I – Steering

Regency III – Outreach

7:00PM-8:00PM

Regency III – Speaker Meeting

8:00PM-11:00PM

DJ Dance – Auction – Raffle

RSC Activities FUNDRAISER

\$3.00 person – no addict turned away

NA AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

(There will be a auction of t-shirts belonging to Shelley W.)

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday Aug 21, 2005
Red Coach Inn – 2211 E. Kansas
McPherson, KS

Regency I & II

8:00AM-5:30PM