



Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous
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Business Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2007

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened by John S.III (chair) at 8:26, 2007.

The Chair called for a break at 8:35 am to allow time for the treasurer to give the start of business report.

Housekeeping: Requests for funds and motions. The chair called for all R.O.F. and any motions to be put on new business. The treasurer called for all donations at this time as well.

Roll Call: We took our first roll call at 8:50 and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday November 17, 2007.

Announcement: The chair recognized Scott W. for Outreach.

Trusted Servants Present: Chair, Co-Chair, Reg. Delegate, Reg. Delegate 2, Treasurer, Co-treasurer, and Secretary.

Area R.C.M.'s:

Central KS Area, Fellowship For Freedom, Just For Today, Miracle Area, Primary Purpose, Unity Area, Western Area and Wichita Metro Area.

Subcommittee Chairs:

Activities, Campout, Convention, Archivist, Soul to Soul, Hospitals & Institutions, Literature, Outreach, Public- Information, P.O. Box, Steering.

A. Approval of Minutes:

August 2007 minutes (old and new business only) were read. There was a roll call vote to accept the minutes as read. The minutes were accepted as read.

Area Reports

Central Kansas Area

Hello Region from CKA. We have some meeting changes from our Area I believe our web contact made the changes online. Upcoming events in the Area are Chili Bowl on December 1st, Christmas Dreams

December 8th. We do not have a donation at this time. The motion passed. This is my last Regional; Donnie B. is our new RCM.

Grateful to serve, Dusty

Fellowship For Freedom Area

Hello Family,

We have made 2 payments, one in August for \$800.00 and one in November for \$400.00 towards our promissory note balance. This leaves us with a \$1400.00 balance with the Region. One group from our Area made a donation to the Region in the amount of \$20.00. We have a new Area Chair as of August. He is doing a great job. He has added reading of the group reports to the agenda and has taken away the 2 hour time limit and believes that we should stay until all business is concluded. We have 3 open positions at Area. Outreach still does not have a Chair or a committee... more will be revealed. Our Alternate RCM resigned last month, and we will have that position filled this month. Our groups continue to be well represented at Area and the attendance continues to be good. Some meetings have open positions, mostly Alternate GSR. Only a few report that they are in need of support. One more meeting on our list has closed. The groups are continuing to make donations to the Area, averaging about \$200.00 per month. Subcommittee's ... Activities continues to put on functions and raise money for the Area. They sold merchandise at WCNA 32 and donated \$550.00 following. The committee itself is in need of support. They also have old convention merchandise for sale. We have 2 events coming up, a Chili Feed in November and the annual 12 Steps of Christmas on December 15th. This information should be available on the website. H & I the Chair resigned in August and the Co-Chair was elected to fill the position the next month. They are lacking support in their subcommittee meeting and need lots of support to fill their open prison and jail panels. Steering is currently reviewing our Area Policy. The Area groups voted to suspend all policies pertaining to the subcommittees and are just using our 12 Articles. More will be revealed. Our Area inventory has been set for January 27th and will replace our normal ASC meetings. It should start at 1 pm. The groups have been filling out and returning the questionnaires out of the Area Planning Tool booklet. So far only 30 have been turned in to date. I have an evaluation of these that will be included in my report. They also decided to do regular housekeeping items this month even though there will not be a meeting. The vote from our Area pertaining to the logo is yes.

In loving service, Jerry C.

Just For Today Area R. C. M. Report,

Just For Today Area RCM report

Nov 18th, 2007

Hello everyone from the JFT Area! Even though we have had some challenges in the Area, we are here!!!! HP keeps providing what we need when we need it! We had a great turnout at our last ASC meeting and there are some Newcomers to Area actually getting involved. It has been great to see some new people show up. We still have several service positions open, but most of them are now within the sub-committees. Our Area has decided to do a JFT Area Inventory in conjunction with a PI Learning Day on December 8th, 2007 in Emporia. We do know that this is to start, but we do not have the location yet. JFT Area has voted NO on changing the regional logo. If the region votes to change the logo, JFT Area would like to be able to give feedback and submit artwork and ideas before a new logo is chosen. JFT Area is bringing a motion for RSC to conduct a Comprehensive Financial Regional Audit.

Some members voiced concern regarding the Regional Finances and the groups in our Area decided it would be a good idea to show where the monies are going. Clean and Crazy Group in Just For Today Area is introducing a motion that all monies received from FFF promissory note be directly forwarded to NAWS on the regional floor. JFT Area attended the Service Assembly and we had a great time; it also was a good learning experience for all of us. Looking forward to the next one. Due to our financial challenges at Area level, we regret that we are not able to make a donation to Area this month. Grateful to be serving, Dorothee M., RCM JFT Area

Primary Purpose Area

Hi everyone, Primary Purpose Area is going strong with good attendance and participation at our Area meetings. We currently have only 2 co-chair positions open at our Area. It was expressed at our last Area meeting that the Sterling RAGS group is struggling with dwindling attendance. Any support for this group to help meeting attendance would be greatly appreciated. We voted on the one motion from the last RSC and the results were as follows: Motion from Miracle Area (Motions #2) To change the regional logo from "beer" logo to something more user friendly. PASSED We have the following upcoming functions in our Area: November 22nd Gift of Life, Hutchison, Open all day from 11 am for Thanksgiving; December 15th, Blue Ball Ball, Flying Free, McPherson; December 31st, New Years Eve, Newton H.O.W. We had our Area Inventory review on November 3rd and it was informative, but not well attended. Thanks go out to Rod D. for doing a great job facilitating our review. Last, but not least, we have an Area donation of \$400.00 to give to Region. I think that covers it for now.

In grateful service, Ted R

Miracle Area: Dear Family,

I'm filling in for our RCM as he is in the hospital, his condition will probably keep him out of commission for a few months. We are all praying for him to get better and hope he will be here next time. I was elected as alternate RCM last weekend. Things in our Area have been going well, our convention was a success, and we are looking at whether we want to continue having another one. One of the groups folded last month and Just For Today meeting will need to be removed from the meeting list. The remaining groups are still strong and meetings, although slightly less attended, are still carrying the message of recovery. We are looking forward to our CAR workshop/Convention Fundraiser January 19, 2008 at the Boys and Girls in Lawrence. There will be a speaker, but no dance. I know there is more to report, but I was not prepared to say. In service, Scott K.

Unity Area: November 18, 2007- Hello everyone, We had a great success at our Halloween dance and we would like to thank all of you who attended. We had Suzie from Wichita as our speaker and she did a wonderful job. The profits are to go towards a new computer for our information line. The Phoenix group is hosting their annual New Year's Eve dance in Salina. We have gained a couple of new trusted servants and have lost a couple. Dave R. from the Junction City area is moving to Phoenix, Arizona to counsel fellow addicts with the WWE. For those of you who don't know David was a professional wrestler. We wish him well and he will be missed. Our area voted no on the motion to change the logo. There was a great discussion regarding the funds being sent on to World. We would like to make sure that we follow our policy. Some of our members went to World. There was complaint by some about the "specialty group dances". They felt that it was going against the First Tradition. Some of our groups are going through growing pains trying to reach all of the addicts and continuing to carry our primary purpose. We hope to see many of you at the New Year's Eve dance. Gratefully, Janet W. Acting RCM.

Wichita Metro Area Report

Hi everyone, Our last Area meeting was an interesting one. In fact the spirit of rotation continues in the Wichita Area, as we lost a few service positions and filled one. Well we didn't actually lose the positions as misplacing them; we lost the members that filled them. Anyway, our activities committee is asking for two members with substantial clean time to sit in on the Ask-It-Panel at our next C-A-R function which will be on January 26, 2008. Clarify they're wanting two members from each Area. We could really use your support at this activity, as our last function. Old Timers Appreciation lost money. Wichita Metro Area voted no on changing the NA logo. We have an \$80.00 donation. Wichita RCM, Daryell A.

P.S. Our Area would like to submit artwork if a change is voted on.

Western Area: Report

We have started having Area meetings at Syracuse, which is centrally located more or less, about 2 ½ hours from the furthest groups in either direction. We had great attendance at our first Area meeting at Syracuse. Breaking the Wind Chili Contest Area functions at Goodland on January 19th at Elks Club South Arcade at 6:00 pm. Area meeting at 4:00 pm? Dance Goodland Group planning a small Christmas party, I don't know the details.

Lin Oster, RCM

B. Subcommittee Reports

Archivist: Dear Family,

This weekend is just a miracle... I picked up a file cabinet from Michelle C. and traded it for a 4 drawer and unloaded it to the storage facility last night. I also purchased 16 hanging file racks. Michelle C. and I didn't get to get started on the sorting of material because of chaos in both our lives yesterday – we will start as soon as we can.

In service, John III

Activities: Hi my brothers and sisters- We had a lot going on in our meeting. We talked about the assembly that went on in October. We had 25 to 30 members at every meeting. Sunday we had a lot of fun to o, we talked about a lot of stuff we or all the Old-Timers, how can we help the newcomer. We talk about next year look for to it. We start with \$600.00. We made \$234.00 at the door, the raffle made \$194.80 and the Auction made \$234.00, as all together we made \$694.80, and we made \$94.80 to the good. We all talk about the CAR workshop coming up in January. That act need to help with we are asking for the Area making soup from each Area. Please come out and help. Dave R.

Campout: Hello NA Family- Due to the ever expanding needs of the fellowship we have outgrown another campsite and are moving again. The 30th Annual Mid-America Regional Campout will be held at

the El Dorado Reservoir, Blue Stem Area Quail Run Loop July 4, 5 and 6, 2008 and we will be allowed to arrive the evening of July 3. And yes, due to the growing needs of the fellowship and in order to keep the campout as free as possible no addict turn away some changes will have to be made to offset some of the cost of the \$10.00 per day charge for electrical hook-ups for RV's and or tents. Due to the location, the state has a \$.00 per day vehicle permit required. Member will not be expected to pay when entering, but collect a special permit. The committee will then ask for donation to cover the expense. The committee will then ask for donation to cover the expense. The committee is still negotiating a better rate. As a reminder the February RSC is a campout fundraiser. Auction and raffle items are greatly appreciated. The committee is still taking bids for a DJ if interested contact programming Chair, Jack S. 620-663-2696. Any other concerns, you may contact other committee members: Chair, Russ P. 785-383-2257; Co-Chair Lorna S 620-200-6255; Treasurer Debby S 620-241-0213; Merchandise Larry K. 785-979-9559; and Secretary Mae H. 620-245-8433. An interim meeting has been scheduled for January 12 at 2: pm at Gift of Life in Hutchison, 310 Stevens. Treasurer's Report: \$3344.92 in account. In Loving service, Russ P.

The Chair called for a break at 9:58am. There was a request from Steering for a suspension of order of the day to reconfirm Pat B. to the Steering committee. The chair made a note of it and would do so after the roll call.

Roll Call: 10:14am

Reconfirmation Vote: Pat B. is requesting to be reconfirmed to the Steering committee and gave apologies for her absence in August. She needs to leave early do to a prior commitment. There was some discussion after which she left the floor for the roll call vote. She was voted in. Thank you Pat for your continued service. Back to reports.

Convention Report: Convention Chair Report

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We are doing great at Convention Committee and finally all our positions are filled. Yeah!!! Everything is coming together really well thanks to the dedication and hard work from all the members. We are actually somewhat ahead of our timeline. Our Convention pre-registration flyers are out and on their way thanks to the hard work of our Registration Chair and many helping hands. They are looking awesome on silver paper with black print. The committee voted to have B&B do all our entertainment and taping at the convention. The main reason for this decision was a very economical rate and a wide variety of games and entertainment that only B&B offered. Our banner is done! It is on a black background with silver lettering and it looks absolutely fantastic. We are in the process of reviewing and finalizing the program. A little more tweaking is needed and should be done by next months meeting. There was some discussion today regarding the timeline of events at the convention. Our Hotels and Hospitality chair will double check with the hotel to make sure that our tentative program times will work for them. No final decisions on speakers have been made. Our Merchandising chair brought recommendations for merchandise providers and the committee accepted all three of those recommendations. Our Merchandising chair will contact Jean for Literature and/or Larry from Kansas City, Missouri. We discussed the MARCNA Guidelines/Duties Draft and are sending it back to Steering for final approval with only one small addition: Under Treasurer Duties No. 8 we added "Secure new signature cards when starting a new convention each year."(At the request of the current Treasurer). I am very grateful to be serving you today. Dorothee M.-Convention Chair

Hospitals & Institutions: Hello Family,

There were 22 people who attended. The H&I subcommittee is pulling together slowly but surely. The hat was passed and \$33.00 was collected. We hosted elections; Shannon H. was elected as co-chair. Please take back to your areas, open positions are: chair, co-chair and secretary. My term as chair will be complete in February. Miracle area will be having a learning day January 19th and CKA area will be having their Chili Bowl on December 1st. Both functions are hosting H&I workshop among other learning opportunities and fun. Please come and help while you learn. There was a lot of discussion on potential new facilities. CKA area will be contacting in the Lakewood treatment center in Havilland, Kansas. There was a report of two other facilities, which showed interest in an H&I meeting. One facility is in Franklin County and the other in Allen County. Both are in the Just for Today area. Congratulations to Shannon H. and thank you for your willingness. There were several new comers who sat in on the meeting. I want to thank them and the others who are carrying the message by serving. In Loving Service- Lorna

Literature: Hi all,

The history of Mid-America Region is still in the process. Mike's convention history project is about half way done. He was able to get in touch with someone who has the 1st convention banner. Tim S. asked if he could contact that person to see if he has past past newsletters. M.A.N. --- Tim is in need of articles for the winter newsletter. He is requesting \$180.00 for the winter issue. November 30, 2007 is the deadline for anyone wanting to submit an article. His term will be up in February, but will put out the spring issue which is normally in the convention packets. He has served 2 terms and feels that someone new needs to take over as editor. There was much discussion on whether a literature committee is needed by our region. There has been a lack of focus in the past few years and perhaps a newsletter committee could replace it. The intention would be to focus the efforts of our regional subcommittee membership in a more relevant direction. The meetings have not been well attended and maybe a newsletter committee would best benefit us. It might get more people involved if they feel they have a vested input. It worked out really well having the regional treasurer hold a check until the amount was confirmed. Tim would like to request that the same be done today and in the future. He is requesting a \$40.00 check today for the postage. Russ P.

Outreach Report: Scott W. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. An introduction was then made of all present. 3 Areas represented, 2 AREAS Outreach – 8 in attendance. Reports were then given by Kim C. PPA, Western Area with no report available. Scott W. then read last quarter's minutes. Old business was then presented.

1. Need to make service work more attractive to the newcomer, i.e. shoebox for suggestions to hopefully be placed at each home group.
2. Scott W. then read suggestions from Unity Group at which they were open for discussion.
3. Outreach learning day caravan to be planned.
4. Need to get in touch with Areas and find out what Outreach involvement. They have and it subcommittees exist.
5. Again the suggestion boxes were discussed.

New Business: Clean Connection – discussion regarding a volunteer list of names and numbers of those willing to take a fellow addict just released from jail, hospitals, treatment centers, etc., to there 1st NA

meeting when released. Forms have been handed out for people to take to their home group. We hope to see a large number of those returned. Elections were then held as there was no Chair, Co-Chair or Secretary at this time. Scott W. had the desire for Chairperson and qualified himself. Vote was taken, appointment was approved. No nominations or desires for Co-Chair to take back to Areas as well. Kim C. then nominated Julie A. for the position of secretary, she qualified herself, and vote was approved.

P.O. Box: Hey Family, I pray that the upcoming Holiday season has everyone in a festive mood. There wasn't a whole lot of mail this past quarter. Had some mail from NAWs, which was given to the literature representative. There were also some flyers for upcoming conventions around the country. Those flyers have been distributed on the table. So I guess by the lack of mail, has made my job very much less challenging. You won't hear any complaints from me. Hope everyone has a safe, drug free holiday season. In loving service- Kerry B.

Public Information: Hey family, this weekend has been a new adventure for this addict. Marti was unable to be here she sends her apologies. We had a great meeting yesterday. 6 of the 8 areas were represented. Grateful for all of those that attended. Please take back to groups that in February the PI Chair and co-chair will be open we also need a secretary. On to the business of the day. We would like to thank Wes S. and Jeff R. for volunteering to maintain the website for the last 3 months. Our new web servant is Kirk B. Our web contact at this time is Marti M. Kirk, working with Rod, will be writing up the procedure for updating meeting lists and posting it on the website. Kirk needs to know who the web contacts are for each area. Whoever updates meeting lists should email changes to the website. That brings me to payment for the website. Since this bill needs to be paid for with a credit card or debit card this body is putting in a motion for the region to obtain a debit card. This will be used to pay online bills and could be used to pay other bills. We have meeting lists for you today. R.C.M.'s make sure you get them from me today. We are not requesting to pay for meeting lists for next quarter but we are asking for authorization to print for next quarter. We will request the funds to pay for them when we receive them. This is different from the way we have been doing it. There are a few learning days coming up. We encourage you all to attend. If I do not announce your learning day please let me know so I can include it in these minutes. December 1st- Chili Bowl in Larned it will be H&I and PI workshops. The next one will be in Emporia on December 8th it will be a PI learning Day. On January 19th there will be a learning day/ MARCNA fundraiser/ CAR workshop. Please old timers come, come we need to learn from you. Newcomers come we need your new ideas, input and enthusiasm. On to other business, we had an email from world asking for a meeting to be brought into Lakewood Mental Facility in Havilland Kansas. The Larned group will be making contact with them. Thanks to Larned for stepping up. PI has made itself available to help with this. The Recovery Conference in Salina went very well, thanks to John S. and Jeff R. for manning this booth. This addict was there and it was great. Our love goes out to Frank B. of the Miracle area he is outgoing PI chair. Andy H. is the new PI chair for the Miracle area. Way to step up Andy. Wichita Metro Area is in the process of having a new information and hotline. The new number for Wichita Metro is (316)524-7775. They are in the transition period so the old number is still in effect. Once they have the bugs worked out they will forward the old number to the new one. Wichita Metro is also working on getting meeting schedules to the probation offices in Sedgwick Co. and is working on getting them out to more of these facilities. This is a great idea, way to go Wichita Metro. PPA is working to have flyer drives for all the groups in their area. They already did one in McPherson and it was well received by the businesses. They were also able to put literature and meeting schedules at the jail in McPherson. Just for Today area has a new PI chair, April C., welcome aboard April! JFT areas web servant is Dave S. Last item we need to find somebody else to take over the printing of regional meeting lists. Anybody who has the ability and willingness to do this please step up. Rod has been doing this for a while now and there needs to be some rotation going on. Gratefully serving- Kim C.

Steering Committee Report: Hello Mid America Region. We had a small interim meeting in September. No business was done but we had awesome chicken enchiladas. We held our regular quarterly meeting yesterday. I will apologize for the informal way I led the meeting. I did not read the twelve traditions or concepts. We did however get some things taken care of. I informed the committee that I will not be seeking a second term on the steering committee. This position was sent back last R.S.C. I have been a part of this committee for a long time. I also feel we need to have rotation so there is new insight and a different perspective. With that we are presenting Mike T. (a.k.a. medium Mike) from the Unity area to be on the steering committee. We took a look at 7 convention bids for 2009 and it has been narrowed down to 2. The #1 bid is the Best Western in Wichita. The #2 bid is the Airport Hilton in Wichita. We have provided a copy of the bids for all the R.C.M.'s. There must be a bid accepted today. The next convention which is in 2010 needs to have bids sought out. The groups voted to give more time for this so get some more bids and bring them to steering. We will be back to working on the policy at the next meeting. So remember if you want to have input be there. I think the original time frames for having the policy complete was rather aggressive and reality is, it's taking longer. If anyone feels they can help to speed things up with their participation by all means come and be a part of. All are welcome to participate. Our next interim meeting will be January 6, 2008 @ 1:pm at the S.O.S. Club in McPherson, Ks. I would like to thank the Mid American Region for allowing me to serve. I will be staying involved in service so you're not off the hook yet. I pray our H.P.'s will and not ours be done. With much LOVE in my heart, your brother from another mother, Dewayne Kitchen.

Soul 2 Soul: The Soul to Soul report will be available at region.

D. Officers Reports

Regional Delegate Report: Howdy, Okay Tim and I will need decisions on a number of topics coming up in next year's World Service Conference. Not only will we need those on what is in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR for short). But on what Regions do we want to seat in 2008 the current list of Regions outside of the US are Egypt, El Salvador, Nepal, Nicaragua, and Southern Brazil. The ones I am the most concerned about are Eastern Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. The reason for this is does this Region want to seat all Regions, only those outside the US, or only the US ones. If you remember I as Alt. RD voted no to the US Regions wanting seated because that was the Mid-America Region's wish the last time I knew. Granted that was a long time ago so I would like to know what you all want to do. Do you all want to approve the 6th Edition Basic Text? Which you can order from World Service Office for around \$8.50. What about the new Service Material put out by World without the Fellowship (at large) input on? I have included copies of them in the RCM's packets so look get feedback tells me what you want to do. Did we give the World too much power when we gave them to "allow the World Board to develop and approve service-related information pamphlets and tools for distribution to the fellowship?" The five pamphlets are NA Groups and Medication, Atmosphere of Recovery: Violent & Disruptive Behavior, An Introduction to Narcotics Anonymous Meetings, Group Trusted Servants: Roles and Responsibilities, and Group Business Meetings. What about the proposed language change? Granted this is only for the Guide to World Services. But it is change and if you don't give us feedback on these things we (as trusted servants) can only vote our Conscience. And you all know me my mind is not a good place sometimes. Anyway get involved check it out let us know please give us feedback. In Service- Rod D. your Regional Delegate

RD 2 Alt. Delegate Report November 18th, 2007

Hello family, As it gets closer to WSC '08 the planning of and participating in workshops will become frequent so please, if your area is planning a CAR workshop get the dates and locations to Rod and myself. Two points of interest pertaining to the conference agenda report is next Wednesday, Nov. 21st, the CAR will be available to purchase at a price of \$11.00. It will also be online in it's entirety for the first time, last time (2006) the motions were online without the addendums. There are several items up for approval this year that have the discussions already started so please get your copy. The other thing is the Plains States' Zonal Forum CAR workshop right here in McPherson January 5th and 6th. Flyers are available here and also on our website. There will be members from the world board participating to help with discussion and answer questions. Now for the most recent Zonal Forum workshop held Oct. 20th and 21st, 2007 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Both days featured an 8:00 a.m. recovery meeting before any workshops or business was conducted. Saturday was set up for workshops on "Building Strong Home Groups", "Freedom from Prejudice", and "Conflict Resolution". Each was tailored after the world wide workshops and produced some great feedback. It was my hope that the tri-fold pamphlet containing these results would be finished and presented today but they are not. When they become available I will get some to each area as they could be a great informational tool. Besides reports, Sunday's business meeting started with an open forum discussion where the topic, "Should areas, regions, or zones host meetings in casinos?" was brought up and discussed. The minutes I have handed to each area give more detail but it was decided to ask both this region and your areas to discuss this and give your input. In my report I shared about Western Area and their struggles so Outreach will be discussed at the open forum this coming January. Another issue that was asked to bring back and discuss was a possible per diem offered by the Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse. Though in the past we have just set up a table at this event so this issue wasn't in front of us, if asked to be presenters, the offer could be there. In NA service, per diems are offered from service bodies, but should an addict accept per diems from an outside source? This was discussed in length and also in the zonal minutes, so please ponder this at your next area meeting or other sub committee meetings. I had requested \$475.00 for the Council Bluffs zonal. Of that, I used \$268.27. Rod was unable to attend so his meal allowance of \$75.00 was not used, the hotel came to \$158.92 and fuel came to \$109.35. I am returning the unused portion of **\$207.00** back to the region. I realize the monies budgeted for the alt. delegate to attend the upcoming World Service Conference are scheduled to be paid out at the Feb. RSC, but after January 1st I will be monitoring flight costs from both Wichita and Salina. Currently round trip rates run \$295.80 through Delta out of Wichita and \$365.99 through Midwest Airlines out of Salina. Usually after the first of the year rates seem to run lower. If I see an incline starting to happen before the Feb. RSC will it be possible to contact the Treasurer to secure tickets? I think that is all I have this quarter, I'll be looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming zonal CAR workshop and hopefully also at your area's workshops. Gratefully Serving NA, *Tim S. Alt. Delegate*

Secretary Report: November 18, 2007

Hello Regional Family,

Well there were a lot of learning experiences for me this time around. I do apologize for the lateness in getting the minutes done; the World Convention was absolutely awesome and did take up a lot of my time. First, I did not copy the campout financial report into the minutes. But I brought it with me and hopefully if anyone needs a copy there will be a machine available to do so. Second I had a hard copy of the minutes returned to sender from one of our members who requested one. The hard part to report is printing and postage costs. The printers that I used last time doubled in price so the copies came out to \$79.68. I did print off extra to have on hand as last time I had members who forgot theirs. The postage cost was \$34.20 I mailed out 30 hard copies of the minutes at \$1.14 each. I would like to ask the region if

we could start a new list for those who would like a copy of the minutes mailed to them and to see if I have the correct addresses so as not to get anymore return to senders. I did request permission to purchase a secretary box however I did not do that due to the high cost of printing. My total request for funds for reimbursement this time is \$113.88. I asked the past secretary how she managed to make copies so cheap and she reported that she had something done through work. The cheapest printer in Wichita is six cents single sided at KBP. I can send them via email my reports and they will be less expensive then the UPS store or Kinko's. I need to ask the region if I could be given the \$75.00 that has been pre-approved for secretary expenses in advance, and I will bring receipts to region with any additional costs for reimbursement in February. I ask this because I end up being out those funds that I need for three months before getting reimbursed. I know that the cost is high, but everything is going up in price these days, Kim C. told me to remove her from the mailing list and she would copy hers off on the printer after she saw the cost in postage. In service,

Suzie Q.- Regional Secretary

Treasurer Report: The treasurers report is attached

We took a break at 11:25 to allow members to check out of their rooms. We reopened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity prayer. Roll call was taken at 11:42 and an announcement was made that the rent for the Red Coach Inn would be going up to \$250.00 per weekend.

E. Old Business

Elections: There was a request from the Steering chair to be first on old business. Mike T. was recommended for steering committee member. Mike T. qualified himself and the floor was opened for discussion. After some positive feedback from the steering chair and members from the floor there was a roll call vote taken and he was voted in. Thank you Mike for your service.

There are no open positions for the steering committee until May of '08.

Web servant: There was a nomination from PI for Kirk B as new web servant. Kirk qualified himself and the floor was opened for questions. The PI Co-chair inquired about the fact that the removal of the old web servant was an in committee decision so did that mean that choosing one was a PI decision as well? The floor answered yes and we moved on.

Outreach Chair: Scott W. was recommended out of the subcommittee he qualified himself and answered some questions from the floor. The duties and qualifications were read and after some positive feedback from the floor there was a vote taken and he was voted in. Thank you Scott for your service.

Literature Chair: There was no willingness so this will go back to groups.

Soul to Soul Chair: Since this position was not advertised last quarter it needs to go back to groups per policy. This brought up discussion on what months subcommittees need to be advertised. Per regional policy all vacant positions at the Regional level need to be taken back to Groups for at least one RSC cycle prior to voting. The other position that needs to be advertised is Activities Chair. The position for Soul to Soul chair should have been advertised in August. In February the following positions need to be advertised: PI chair/ H&I chair/Activities chair/ Literature chair/ Steering Chair. Note that the Steering chair does come out of the subcommittee but general members do come from the groups.

Insurance Information: Nothing new to report.

The temporary web servant reported to the region about security codes pertaining to the regional web site that he needed in order to update the website for the past 3 months. Thanks went out to Kirk B. for providing the necessary information needed to be able to access the web site.

Western area is here and very well represented and we at region are grateful to have them back. Welcome home Western area.

Treasurer's update on Fellowship for Freedom promissory note: With the payment made by FFF and a donation from Western area of \$270.00 towards the debt there is a balance remaining of \$1130.00

NAWS Donation: It was stated that we sent the 1st \$1100.00 payment received from FFF area on to world. Per policy it was a regional obligation to donate \$2486.33 to world last May. So in an effort to fulfill our financial commitment there remains a balance of \$1386.33 that needs to be sent to world. Since it is policy it overrides any recommendation from the treasurer. The RD read the Funds management and disbursement document adopted in 2005 but it was read too fast to dictate. Since it is policy the chair cut the discussion and the treasurer will send the balance of the donation to world.

Regional logo vote: Motion #2 taken back to groups last quarter to vote on whether or not to change the regional logo was called to a roll call vote. There were 4- yes votes, 3- no votes and 1- abstention so the motion passed. The discussion that followed led to a revisit of the vote from the floor. Due to the new information provided by the maker of the logo and the wording in the motion the chair called for RCM's to redress. There was a redress request from an area that voted yes and the options for redress were to send the motion back to the maker and they can address it again in February.

Break for lunch: We took a break at 1:12pm. We reopened at 2:12pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. There was a roll call and on to new business.

F. New Business

1. There was a request by the FFF area for a member or members of region to voice that the area has 3 years to pay off this debt so as not to be a detriment on carrying the message of recovery to the still suffering addict. It was stated that instead of buying literature the area wanted all their proceeds to go to paying off this debt as quickly as possible. The area has become split as to decisions of sending money. There was a lot of discussion about the regional chair going to the next FFF ASC and voicing his opinion. There was also positive feedback about encouraging the autonomy of the area and sending a letter instead. The chair was asked to make a decision so we could move on. More will be revealed.
2. Steering recommendation for the 2009 convention site. 1. Best Western in Wichita 2. The Airport Hilton in Wichita. There was a great discussion on the pros and cons of both places with plenty of positive and some negative feedback on both as well. They discussed the room layouts, prices of coffee and room rates. There was a look into the cancellation costs and the room block penalties. After all of this there was a vote taken and the region voted to have the Best Western of Wichita host the 2009 convention.

Housekeeping Announcement: There was a large N.A. men's ring turned into the front desk.

3. Motion for the dates of the 2009 convention. Scott K. Motioned to set the dates of the 2009 convention for April 3, 4 and 5 of that year. There was no discussion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

There was a question about what to do with the convention contract. John was given hotel information to pass on to convention. There were also questions about who and when to secure the hotel. Who's name is it going to be held under?

4. PI motion to have region obtain a debit card to pay bills. Here again there was a lot of wonderful discussion about the need for one. However due to this issue being a cause for policy change more information needs to be gathered to get the right information to take back to groups and this would also need to go through steering. The treasurer agreed to gather more information for February region to be able to put a motion together to take back to groups.
5. There was a motion #2 at this region but it was removed due to the issue being settled.
6. Motion for RSC to complete a comprehensive audit to show areas how monies being donated are being spent. The region asked the maker of the motion for clarification on what exactly needs to be done. There were a lot of questions about how far back to do the audit. Who would perform the audit? What was the purpose of the audit since there is a detailed treasurer report in every regional minutes? And since this is a valid motion how can we as a region satisfy the maker of the motion. An investigation will begin on what information needs to be gathered for the past 3 years to satisfy the maker of the motion. There was a call the vote vote, and a vote on the motion. The motion passed so region will perform the audit. We will discuss at the February regional who would be performing the audit as well as a timeline for the finished audit. This may or may not include an audit on the subcommittees as well. More will be revealed.
7. RD2 travel expenses. Tim S. is watching the costs for flights in April. His request is if he could be able to purchase the ticket before the next RSC should he get a better deal. This is in an effort to save some money. There was no opposition to this request. Thank you Tim for going out of your way to help support the region.
8. Literature Committee is suffering. There was a discussion brought to the regional floor to disband the regional literature subcommittee. There has been a lack of participation since NAWs disbanded their literature subcommittee. There was a suggestion to possibly disband the literature committee and just focus the time on a newsletter committee. If something should come out for fellowship approval an adhoc committee could be formed to complete the approval process for the region. Please take this to the areas for discussion to think about. We would really appreciate feedback in February.

Reminder that the February dance in McPherson is a campout fund raiser and raffle and auction items are needed.

There is a challenge sent to all areas from the Just for Today RCM: This region The JFT area was well represented and there were 9 newcomers here for the business meetings. The challenge is to match them for newcomer involvement to February's region.

There was discussion about the negative comments being discussed in the subcommittees and how this affected the newcomers. Our behaviors need to be their best at any level and we need to be reminded why we are here.

Take back to Groups: PI chair, H&I chair, Activities chair, Literature chair Soul to Soul chair and Steering chair. A reminder to the groups that the steering chair comes out of the Steering subcommittee.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Daryell and Addict Jack 2nd the motion we closed at 4:48pm. The next RSC will be held at the Red Coach Inn in McPherson, Ks. On February 16th and 17th 2008.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Suzie Q.

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**Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Treasurer Report - November 07 RSC**

Beginning Balance	People's Bank & Trust			\$ 6,293.49
<u>Income:</u>				
8/19/07	Add back ck #1810	\$ 105.99		
8/19/07	Add back ck #1814	<u>50.00</u>		
	Total Income			<u>155.99</u>
	Sub-total			\$ 6,449.48
<u>Expenses:</u>				
8/20/07 #1817	Mid America Region		\$6,000.00	
9/12/07 #1818	Mid America Region (balance/statement)		<u>470.48</u>	
	Total Expenses			<u>6,470.48</u>
	Checkbook balance/People's Bank			--0--
	I did not have past registers to compare so I had to go off of the bank statements.			

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Beginning Balance	Sunflower Bank			\$ 3,320.42
Income:				
8/20/07	Transfer from People's Bank	\$6,000.00		
8/20/07	Group donations	1,529.09		
8/20/07	H & I Escrow	17.00		
9/02/07	Unity Day	48.03		
9/10/07	FFF/pmt/Promissory note	800.00		
9/17/07	Transfer from People's Bank (balance)	<u>470.48</u>		
	Total Income			+ 8,864.60
	Sub-total			\$12,185.02
Expenses:				
8/19/07 #1004	Penn Star Insurance Co.		\$ 715.50	
8/19/07 #1005	Suzie Estrada-secretary expenses		77.92	
8/19/07 #1006	HCF-May & Aug. mtg. lists		167.66	
8/19/07 #1007	Void (wrong name)			
8/19/07 #1008	Tim Stewart-Zonal mtg.		475.00	
8/19/07 #1009	Perkins- August RSC rent		220.00	
8/19/07 #1010	Perkins-Service Assembly rent		220.00	
8/19/07 #1011	Ed Starlin-dj/Service Assembly		200.00	
8/19/07 #1012	Shelly Wright-purchase merchandise		180.00	
8/19/07 #1013	Dave Rose-start up money		100.00	
8/19/07 #1014	Void			
8/19/07 #1015	Tim Stewart-MAN postage		76.55	
8/19/07 #1016	HCF-MAN copies		136.77	
8/19/07 #1017	HCF-meeting lists			
8/19/07 #1018	Void			
	I marked a 9 instead of a 7 on a deposit last month		.02	
8/19/07 #1019	NAWS-donation		1,100.00	
9/19/07 #1020	Recovery Cove-Unity Day rent		15.00	
9/19/07 #1021	Tim Stewart-Unity Day hook-up		50.00	
11/3/07 #1022	Jerome Brown-webpage		<u>166.80</u>	
	Total Expenses			- 3,987.04
	Bank Balance/Sunflower Bank			\$ 8,892.78
	M.A.R.S.C.N.A. Monies			\$ 8,892.78

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Treasurer's Report for November 07 RSC
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M.A.R.S.C.N.A. Monies		\$ 8,892.78
Prudent Reserve:		
Rent	\$ 840.00	
Insurance	1,000.00	
Storage	540.00	
P. O. Box	40.00	
Web Page	100.00	
RDA	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Total Prudent Reserve		- 4,020.00
New Balance		\$ 4,872.78
Escrows:		
H & I	\$ 259.57	
Outreach	117.40	
Rent	210.00	
Insurance	250.00	
Storage	405.00	
P. O. Box	30.00	
Web Page	25.00	
RDA	<u>1,125.00</u>	
Total Escrows		- 2,421.97
Spendable Balance		\$ 2,450.81

**Prudent Reserve
6/07 – 5/08**

Expense	Annually	Quarterly	Pay-out Month
Rent	\$ 840.00	\$ 210.00	Quarterly
Insurance	\$1,000.00	\$ 250.00	August
Storage Unit	\$ 540.00	\$ 135.00	February
P. O. Box	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	February
Web Page	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	November 09
RDA	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 375.00</u>	February 08
Totals	\$4,020.00	\$ 1,005.00	

MOTIONS

Name: P.I. Subcommittee

Date: 11/18/2007

Motion Old

Pro: _____

Amendment New

Con: _____

Abstain: _____

Motion: (Please state motion clearly and accurately)

For Region to obtain a debit card in MARSCNA name to pay bills

Intent of Motion:

to allow region to facilitate payment of online bills as well as for other bills

Secretary Use Only

Comments from discussion (limit 3 pros and 3 cons)

This motion was tabled for more information.

Amendments:

Accepted by Motioner?

Motion Results

	Tabled	Passed	Failed	Back to Groups
For:		For:	For:	Yes:
Against:		Against:	Against:	No:
Abstain:		Abstain:	Abstain:	

MOTIONS

Name: Just for Today

Date: 11/18/2007

Motion Old

Pro: _____

Amendment New

Con: _____

Abstain: _____

Motion: (Please state motion clearly and accurately)

For RSC to perform a comprehensive financial regional audit

Intent of Motion:

To show area's and groups exactly how monies at Regionals are disbursed and where monies donated are being spent.

Financial impact: Unknown

Secretary Use Only

Comments form Discussion (Limit 3 Pros and 3 Cons)

Amendments:

Accepted by Motioner?

Motion Results

	Tabled	Passed	Failed	Back to Groups
For:		for: 4	For:	Yes:
Against:		against: 3	Against:	No:
Abstain:		abstain: 1	Abstain:	

MOTIONS

Name: Scott Kessler

Date: 11/18/2007

Motion Old

Pro: _____

Amendment New

Con: _____

Abstain: _____

Motion: (Please state motion clearly and accurately)

To have the 2009 convention on April 3rd, 4th and 5th 2009

Intent of Motion:

To choose the date for having the convention

Secretary Use Only

Comments form Discussion (Limit 3 Pros and 3 Cons)

Motion passed

Amendments:

Accepted by Motioner?

Motion Results

	Tabled	Passed	Failed	Back to Groups
For:		for: 8	For:	Yes:
Against:		Against:	Against:	No:
Abstain:		Abstain:	Abstain:	



**MID-AMERICA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
REGIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Saturday February 16, 2008
Red Coach Inn- 2111 E. Kansas Ave.
McPherson, Ks**

9:00 AM-11:00AM

**Regency I- Public Information
Regency II- Activities/Soul to Soul**

11:00AM-1:00PM

**Regency II- Steering
Regency I- Outreach**

1:00-2:00

Lunch

2:00 PM-4:00 PM

**Regency I- Literature
Regency II- Hospital & Institutions**

4:00PM-6:00PM

**Regency I- Convention
Regency II- Campout**

7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Regency III- Speaker Meeting

8:00PM- 11:00 PM

**DJ Dance- Auction, Raffle
Campout Fundraiser**

**\$3.00 per person- no addict turned away
NA AUCTION/ RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED**

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Sunday February 17, 2008 - General business, motions,
request for funds. MEETING STARTS AT 8:00 AM-till done**



Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Agenda for February 17, 2008

Open the Meeting with a moment of silence for the addict, who still suffers, follow with the Serenity Prayer.

Announcement: Call for all request of funds to be turned in to the co-chair or treasurer and any motions for new business at this time. Please turn in any and all donations to the treasurer.

Housekeeping: Call for treasurers' report of working balance for start of business day.

Roll Call: Area RCM'S: Subcommittee Chairs: Trusted Servants

May 2007 Minutes- Read and approval motions

Area Reports: 1. Central Kansas Area 2. Fellowship for Freedom Area 3. Just for Today Area 4. Miracle Area 5. Primary Purpose Area 6. Unity Area 7. Western Area 8. Wichita Metro Area

Break- Re-open with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Roll call

Subcommittee Reports:

1. Activities
2. Campout
3. Convention
4. Archivist
5. Soul to Soul
6. H&I
7. Literature/M.A.N.
8. Outreach
9. PI
10. PO Box
11. Steering

Officer Reports: 1. Secretary 2. Treasurers 3. Co- Treasurer 4. Regional Delegate
5. Regional Delegate Alternate 6. Chair Report 7. Co-chair Report
(Not all officers give reports at regional business meetings)

Break for Lunch 1:00 to 2:00: *Allow at least one hour for lunch and call the meeting back to order. Re-open with a moment of silence followed with the Serenity Prayer. Roll Call.*

Old Business:

Elections: The following positions were advertised to go back to groups is there any willingness for the following positions: PI chair, H&I chair, Literature chair, Activities chair, Soul to Soul chair, Steering chair.

Motions taken back to groups: none

Insurance Update: Is there anything we need to do to help get the insurance processed?

Update on FFF promissory note:

Update on debit card request: Are we ready to create a motion to send back to groups?

Update on regional audit: Does the region need to outsource the audit? What does the timeline look like?

Update on RD2 travel expenses: Is this business taken care of?

Literature committee update: Have the groups come up with any suggestions for the regional literature subcommittee?

Co-Archivist Update from Steering:

Just for Today Challenge: Which region brought the most newcomers to McPherson!!!

New Business: (add any new motions here from the floor at the start of business)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Take back to Groups:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Adjournments