



Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous

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Business Meeting Minutes

May, 2011

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

Housekeeping: The Chair called for all requests for funds, donations and motions.

Roll Call: The following trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday February 20, 2011.

Area R.C.M.'s: Central KS Area, Fellowship For Freedom, Just For Today, Miracle Area, Primary Purpose, Unity Area, Western Area (late), Wichita Metro. **Subcommittee Chairs:** Activities, Archivist, Campout, Convention, Hospitals & Institutions, NAWS Contact, Outreach, P.O. Box, Steering, and Soul to Soul. Public Information was not present. There is no Literature Chair. **Trusted Servants Present:** Chair, Reg. Delegate, Alt. Reg. Delegate, Treasurer and Secretary. Co-Chair was not present. There is no Co-Treasurer at this time.

A. Approval of Minutes:

Everyone was asked if they received the minutes. There was a motion made and seconded to approve the minutes with the amendments and it passed.

A member then mentioned that Soul to Soul is a part of the Activities subcommittee and... This needs to be changed to Soul to Soul is a stand alone committee. The word "purse" needs to be changes to "pursue" in #6 under new business. Also change "Chair stated" in the same section. Under motion 0220-002, add "(USFA)" behind USSC.

B. Area Reports:

Central Kansas Area:

Hello Region,

All is well in the central area. We have several functions coming up including the area campout. This will be Memorial Day weekend (May 27-30) at Wilson Lake in Lucas Park. Russell group has started a meet-and-eat on the second Thursday on the month. Great Bend will be having their "Having fun with freedom" function at Vets park on July 23rd. I have fliers on the table. Our H and I efforts continue throughout the area. We are always looking for more volunteers, which has been a struggle. We are currently bringing meetings to the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility and the Barton County jail. Our area has started "Capture the Banner" to help boost our outreach efforts and the spirit of competition is proving to be a success. Our meeting lists are updated on the web. I believe that is all that is happening in our part of the region. My term as RCM will be up before next RSC, it has been a privilege serving with you in this capacity. Don't worry, I will still see you again in August. I do have two regional donations, one from our area for \$550, and one from the Larned "Just for Today" group for \$50.

In Service, Jake D.-CKA RCM

Fellowship For Freedom Area:

Greetings Family! FFF Area has been very busy these last few months and we are looking forward to the summer months ahead. Most of our positions are filled...we are currently looking for an assistant secretary, assistant treasurer and 2 steering members. Jerry C. has been elected as our area's Alt-RCM. We have put into place an After Inventory Ad Hoc committee with myself as the chair. Questions that were taken from the Spiritual Inventory in January were sent to the groups in March. Hopefully we will have a good response and get some new ideas as to how our area can better serve the groups.

Our steering committee has finished the draft of our new policy. This was emailed at the last ASC and they have asked for members to review and send in any questions/concerns/input that they have.

Our H&I committee is still going strong taking in 11 different meetings to 2 treatment centers, 4 jails and 1 women's prison. We have added this quarter a new meeting at New Dawn treatment center and another meeting in the Nemaha County Jail.

Our activities committee now has all positions filled and is planning our annual Luau and campout. The Luau will be June 11 at Forrest Park. It is an all day event with 2 speakers one at 3:30 and one at 6:30. There will be a dinner at 5:00 with a full day of karaoke, volleyball, softball, basketball, dominos and cards with a dance that night. Our annual campout is currently being scheduled so keep an eye on the Region activity list for the dates.

Our area has submitted a motion for consideration. It is in regards to adding debit card policy/guidelines to the Regional policy. We also have a \$50 donation.

ILS, Lisa H.

Just For Today Area:

Hello Region, Just For Today Area is still strong in carrying the message but having people stand up and help with service is still weak. We have some events coming up with Recovery Fest June 3-5 in Independence, KS and our 3rd Annual Fun in the Sun in July for more information. Check the website for fliers to these and more. In loving service ... Just for Today Area, JR

Miracle Area:

Hello from the Miracle Area!

We now have 8 groups officially participating in our Area. The Eudora group has been removed from quorum but will still attend and participate without voting in our ASC. Our sub-committees are functioning but looking for service workers to help with the decision making and day to day function. Jeffrey L. is our new Secretary voted in April ASC. We have open positions in Archives, and at this writing and Area Chair. We hit the road for our May ASC in Leavenworth and were welcomed by R.I.P.group. We did have quorum in March, April, May RSC's. We are currently below our \$400 prudent reserve. We did not donate to the RSC this quarter due to financial limitations.

Area Chair/Alt – John S. has informed me that he plans to resign his position before his term is completed for health reasons. Kay C. will chair until we elect a new one. Our last three ASC meetings had a different schedule to allow an extra hour for discussion of the results of our Spiritual Inventory in January. Productive and sometimes lively discussions ensued.

RCM – As my term nears completion as our RCM, I am keeping my eyes open and talking to members about the next alt-RCM position. We had a full car coming down from Lawrence this weekend. I want to be sure that you all welcome and meet Adam from my Area. This is his first RSC.

Alt-RCM – Steve G. continues to be a part of our RCM team and is looking for a better alarm clock than the one he has and also a new car that will travel well on the interstate. So if you have either to sell or give away, talk to him before we head back to Lawrence and Leavenworth.

Outreach – Jeff L. has had some health problems but is out of the hospital now and working to connect addicts with meetings needing support.

Literature – Jack S. continues to manage our literature stockpile which is currently valued at approximately \$1800.

PI – Dan S. continues as our PI chair. We have a new version of the meeting list and it has not been updated on the Regions website yet but (fingers crossed) will be shortly. We held a flyer drive April 17th, flyers were posted with our info line and pizza was had afterwards. We received our RSC website stamper and will start stamping our IP's and other things shortly.

H&I – Amy S. is doing the job of keeping the men's and women's Douglas County Jail meetings going with some new service workers carrying our message to the inmates. We need some new men and women to come help our

efforts each Tuesday at the Douglas County Jail and the First Step House. R.I.P. group continues to take a meeting to the VA Domiciliary and into the Minimum Security Facility at Lansing Correctional Facility.

Activities – Kelly S. held her first event as the new Activities chair and it was a success. We had a bingo night May 6th, played bingo, raised money and everybody stayed clean. Our next big event will be sponsored by the Last Chance Group, Perry, KS will have a Free Campout June 24,25,26 at Lake Clinton, Bloomington West Campground. Kelly has a lot of great plans for events and we will post flyers for dances, workshops, campouts etc... as soon as we finalize them.

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

In Service, Nate F.

Primary Purpose Area:

Our Area function of the Twelve Speakers turned out real good. There was a lot of experience, strength and hope shared. Thank you to all who showed up and helped. Positions open at our Area is PI Chair, Co-PI, Alternate RCM, and Co-Secretary. H&I for our Area had a get together at Carey Park in Hutchinson on May 14th to discuss the Do's and Don'ts for going into treatment centers and prisons. There is talk of Unity Area and Primary Purpose Area joining as one due to lack of support in the Unity Area. This as of right now is the only discussion. More will be revealed. Nightflyers Group of Lyons is doing well and they will be having a fish fry coming up. We will have more information on fish fry at our next Area meeting. 1-12 group of Hutchinson will be having a speaker meeting on May 14 at 7 pm. May 27 will be their last meeting due to lack of support. GOLNA in Hutchinson is doing a group inventory questionnaire in May and will be discussed at next business meeting in June. Their campout will be at Lake Afton, shelter 4, June 10-12. They will also be having a speaker meeting June 22 at 6 pm. Flying Free in McPherson meetings are going well and attendance is picking up. Will be having annual Blue Ball Ball on December 17 at the Community Building and the theme is Prom. Newton HOW meetings are going well and their campout is at Harvey County West Park and will start on May 27 and ends on the 30. They will be having speakers food and fun. This is my very first report for Region and I hope I did a good enough job. Thank you, the addict Fred

Unity Area Report:

Hello Family,

Greetings from the Unity Area. There's been talk of the direction that the Unity Area should take with the lack of participation by the groups. Having said that, there's really not too much to report. We have a \$100.00 donation for Region.

In loving service, Aaron B.

Wichita Metro Area Report:

Hello Regional Family! As you can tell I, addict named Tom, am now the WMA RCM again. I have no info at this time to present other than we have also elected a RCM Alternate, Tracy C.! Looking forward to serving my area and region. Was unable to attend yesterday as my oldest daughter got married and they allowed me to attend. Thank you NA for another blessing in my recovery. So I'm here today and willing to serve. Good to see everyone! Much love, Tom M.

P.S. oh we did have 1 group fold in our Area. (We admit it) and also 1 group moved NE How moved to old parallel coffee shop on Hillside & Lincoln and is now named HOW group. Also brought donation of \$150.00 form WMA.

Western Area Report:

Hello Family,

Well, we're still out there and still struggling for attendance at the area meetings. The individual groups seem to have strong attendance from their regular core members. And some are getting new members slowly.

As the cost of living continues to increase and gas prices soar, we have discussed trying to have “online” meetings. The thought being that we would have two online meetings then a face to face meeting the month of the RSC. This met with a bit of opposition as a couple members stated that they travel to the meetings to see and visit with the area members they don't get to see very often. During the discussion we learned that the way to do this would be for

members to gather at various locations, be it meeting halls or members houses, and log on to the site. Fifteen log-ins are allowed so there would be plenty of opportunity for everyone to be involved without leaving their home, meeting hall, or town. We will attempt a trial run of this to see if it will work for us in the hopes that if addicts don't have to leave their immediate area more addicts will attend the online meetings.

As far as activities, we do have our In Tents Camp Out planned for June 17, 18 & 19, 2011 at Scott Co. Lake. Watch your email for flyers with more details. We have also started working on the early planning stage for a spiritual retreat in the fall. It's been over 8 years since that activity has taken place and it's time to try again. I also have a few other flyers for individual groups that I can email.

In loving service, Marvetta R.

C. Subcommittee Reports

Activities:

Dear Regional Family,

After things finally settled down from The Convention Subcommittee Meeting, we met yesterday and took a roll call. There were only 5 Areas represented. I am truly grateful to have served this Region these past 2 years, but I reiterated that I was stepping down as Chair. It was my intention to find other ways to serve at the Region. After reading last quarter's minutes, it was moved and seconded to accept, and passed. In old business, we had elections. The committee voted to elect **Daniel C. as Activities chair**, pending approval on the Regional floor. Aaron B. was voted in as Co-Chair, and Michelle was voted in as Secretary, thanks to all of you for stepping up. We discussed the Service Assembly coming up September 10th, 2011, in Independence, Kansas at the 4-H Building. There was confusion from members of the Just For Today Area on the fact they knew very little about hosting other than what their trusted servant had told us, regardless, they were still willing to stand behind him. The Freebirds Group will be sharing this event with us, and the theme is "Unity Through Service." Workshops were reviewed and we asked for volunteers to serve as facilitators. The schedule is as follows: 10am-11am, Tradition 1, Tracy facilitating, 11:30am-1pm, Spiritual Service, Tim P. facilitating, 1pm-2pm, Lunch will be served, 2pm-3:30, Carrying a Clear and Concise Message, Shelley and Sharon facilitating, and 3:30pm-5pm, Attraction Not Promotion; How To Treat The Newcomer, Daniel C. facilitating. The speaker will be Tim K. from Hutchinson. We discussed having cold cuts and chips, etc. for lunch, and we will need raffle and auction items. We might need to put Daniel's name and # on the flyer instead of mine and repost on the web page.

We discussed the World Unity Day, September 3rd, 2011 and decided to go ahead and pay for a hook-up from WSO, then work out details about where to have it later, possibly a campout near Wichita. We also updated our DJ list and rotation as follows: Daniel C.-May 2011, Scott K.-August 2011, Craig or Tom-November 2011, then Daniel- February 2012.

Events around the Region:

CKA - CKA Campout May 27-30, Wilson Lake, Lucas Group Camp, Day In The Park, Hoisington, August 6th, and Larned Rib Feed, September 17th.

FFF - Hawaiian Luau, Forest Park, Topeka, June 11th, also their Area Campout TBA.

JFT - Recovery Fest, June 3-5, Elk City Lake, Independence

MIRACLE - Sponsor/Sponsee Banquet with Karaoke in June TBA, Last Chance Campout, Bloomington West Group Camp, Clinton Lake, June 24-26. Activities is also looking at having dinners at different groups, more will be revealed.

UNITY - No report

WICHITA METRO - Area Campout, Lake Afton, TBA

WESTERN - Campout June 17-19, Dodge City Roundup in October.

PPP - Gift of Life Campout, June 10-12, Lake Afton. Newton HOW Campout, Harvey County West, Memorial Weekend, Blue Ball Ball, December 17, Community Building, McPherson, theme "Prom Night."

Soul to Soul Report was given by Chair Tim P.

The meeting closed at 12:40pm.

The fundraiser last night for Public Information, was a small turnout, so not much money was raised. The breakdown is as follows:

Door	\$35.00
Money Raffle	\$33.00
Activities Total	\$68.00
Item Raffle	\$52.00
Auction	\$66.00

Public Information Total	\$118.00	
Grand Total	\$186.00	
Expenses 9.12+9.47+80.00(Change)+1.41		Check for \$100
Turned back in	\$81.40	
Total turned in to Treasurer	\$267.40	

I am requesting funds for August rent at Best Western \$354.60, DJ Services \$150, and \$100 Start-up for August RSC, as well as \$50 for the Unity Day hook-up. Our next Activities Meeting will be August 20, at 1pm.
In service, Scott K.

Archivist:

Hello NA family,

It seems like time flies faster than work can get done, since this position entails not only collecting and archiving items that come in, but also searching and putting the puzzle together of our past.

This past quarter I received MARCNA XXVIII recordings, program, and mini banner, plus packets (*discs with artwork, registration and treasurer info.*) from the past two conventions prior. I also received a rock from Wichita Metro Area that had filled up with group names during its Outreach project. Our good friend and trusted servant to this region, Kirk B., who will be missed greatly, left his collection of coffee cups from past conventions. There may be duplicates from what's already in storage, and those will be passed on to the present convention committee for fundraising. I haven't searched those out yet but should by next RSC. Two years worth of RSC treasurer folders were handed over yesterday as well.

While at MARCNA I was able to set up an archive display in the merchandise room. I had a lot of people looking over stuff and asking questions. Thanks to the committee for allowing me to have as much space as I needed, it took more room and tables than I anticipated.

I have many display projects in the early stages of work, including adding sound bites through headphones. It's at least a vision I have for presenting our past. As always, I am requesting that you take it back to your groups and areas to dig for past minutes and flyers, preferably from the 70's and 80's. Also, please add me to your area email list; I add those files to a folder devoted to this region. If you don't email them and can afford the stamp, please mail me copies, I will scan them in.

I think that's all I have this quarter, my term is up but I am willing to serve another. If you elect someone else I will work with them to make a smooth transfer.

Gratefully serving NA,
Tim S.

Campout:

Hello Family:

Our meeting was attended by most of the sub-committee chairs. Our discussion included the following:

- Finalizing the menu
- Go over itinerary for the weekend
- Discussed a smoker/cooker to be rented
- Rental of the large tent and discussed that it will be placed on the north end of the campground, north of playground, but south of boat ramp access road. This should bring more unity to the campout.
- Discussed purchasing a small deep freeze to help with ice situation, rather than driving back and forth all the time
- Rent a trailer to carry supplies

The committee is on track according to our time line. We will be having an interim meeting on June 17, at Grant's house in Wichita to finalize the loose ends. See you all at Wilson Lake—campground opens Friday July 1, 2011 at 2:00 pm. Campout ends on Monday, July 4, 2011.

ILS, Wayne S. (reported by Debby S., secretary)

Convention:

Hello Region,

This is either part one or two of the convention report this month. Another convention has come and gone. While the experience has been wonderful I am happy to turn the reigns over to Michelle. I want to thank everyone who supported this event. I would also like to extend a special thanks to all the group who allowed us to sell merchandise

at your events. Without an official fundraising effort, your generosity is what allowed this convention to happen. I have the final treasures log which will be turned into the chair, and a copy will be available in the minutes. I have a 5000 dollar donation for the region. The new convention committee has been given their startup money, as well as a healthy supply of merchandise. Okay, I think that's it. It has been a fantastic experience and I will be doing it again in the future.

In Service, Jake D., Out going Chair.

Greetings NA Family,

Well, MARCNA XXIX has officially begun planning next year's convention. Yesterday we voted in a Co-Chair (Shelley W.), a Secretary (Carla D.), an Entertainment Chair (Laura G.) and a Fundraising Chair (Scott K.). We still have treasurer, Arts & Graphics Chair, Hotels & Hospitality Chair, Merchandise Chair, Programming Chair and Registration Chair positions open. Please take this back to groups. We also have come up with a theme of "The Highest Point of Freedom" for this year. We are looking for artwork submissions for this theme and would like them submitted by the August RSC. There will be a flier out soon with details on submission. The person that comes up with the winning design will win a free registration to the convention. The next two meetings for the subcommittee will be taking place in Topeka at the Grace United Methodist Church at 2627 SW Western, Topeka, KS, 66611. The meetings will be on June 19 and July 17 at 1 pm. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please feel free to join us!

That's all for now... in loving service, Michelle

Hospitals & Institutions:

No report submitted.

Literature:

Hello NA family,

Since there isn't a Chair, co-Chair, or Secretary, I filled in the spot to get the meeting started. We had 6 of 8 areas represented one way or another and ended up with a full table of members. Suzie E. (MAN Editor) sent a report making it clear her term was up and would not go for a 2nd term, she also mentioned no summer issue has been started, but sent a submission for a future issue. Suzie reported that the laptop she was instructed to purchase did not happen and the check was being returned to the RSC. We discussed the laptop and decided to place the \$450.00 back in our escrow account, keeping it available for future projects.

Tracy C. was elected Secretary and Marvetta showed an interest in Chair but wanted more guidance before qualifying. There was no interest in MAN Editor so at this time we have Chair, Co-Chair, and MAN Editor available. Since there is no Editor and no issue started, there won't be a summer issue published. We've said it for years in the meetings and in past issues, this is your newsletter, if this region wants to continue publishing it there needs to be qualified members willing to devote their time and resources.

Daniel from Outreach presented the concept of combining our committees once again for a project publishing vol.2 of the group histories from the Mid-America Region. Vol. 1 came out in 2002 and many groups were not included. We discussed it and look forward to getting started once again.

The approval draft for "Living Clean" is available for \$8.50, or readable online. It will be included in the CAR also and voted on next April. We also discussed the 5% increase on literature (*except Basic Text*) and other inventory items at NAWS. This brought up the discussion about pricing our service manuals that are available to you. It was decided to charge the new base price and if needed eat the replacement shipping cost. Some of our areas sell at cost so planning ahead would be beneficial to us in restocking.

We are requesting \$18.26 for reimbursement to Suzie E. for publication of the spring edition MAN.

Hugs, Tim S. – RSC Chair

NAWS Contact:

Greetings Family! I believe that I am finally making progress on getting the World site updated. I have been able to update all of the current groups from the Region meeting list. They're were quite a few that were not listed on the Region list and I have contacted that area's RCM to get some more information on those groups as I would like to verify that they are no longer there before I delete them. This coming quarter I will try to verify with the individual area's meeting schedules that what I have is correct as well as updating our Regions officers and contact information.

I am enjoying this work and want to thank you again for this opportunity to serve. If anyone has any suggestions, comments, questions or updates please feel free to let me know! My email address is howell 101808@gmail.com.
ILS, Lisa H.

Outreach Report:

Greetings Family,

It has been an honor to serve this Region as Outreach Chair over the last year plus. My term is up and there was no nomination in committee for a new chair. We also are still without a co-chair and secretary. I am not stepping out of Outreach just merely completing my term in the spirit of rotation. We need to take the open positions back to our home groups and areas and let people know that help is needed. Have we forgotten as a fellowship that service is side to the base of our pyramid? We need to educate and inform the newcomers, and maybe even remind some of our friends that have been here before. Reach out and bring some one to the next region with you, a sponsee, your sponsor, a friend who needs a new spark in their recovery, maybe someone who used to come but does not anymore or just someone who has never been. This is how I got into service, by someone introducing me and taking me with them everywhere they went.

During our subcommittee meeting, we have decided to do the History Project part 2, in collaboration with the Literature committee. There was much discussion and we are very excited for this project. It has been almost a decade since part 1 was published and there is a lot of history out there that still needs collected for our Region. I will be sending out letters to all the active groups in the Region before next region. Encourage your groups to get involved in this and contact the founding members or old timers of our groups to gain more knowledge of our region's history.

We also had discussion on creating an awareness projects for members in isolation because of health issues. Be looking for a flyer to hang in your meeting halls and maybe some articles in the newsletter. Themes for awareness were "Isolation isn't always a choice," "Meetings don't always take have to be in hall," "Our Disease doesn't take sick leave," and "forgot the coffee pot." We have members in the fellowship that need us to reach out to them when they are in the hospital, or home recovering from major medical issues, and addicts that suffer from illnesses and disabilities that don't allow them to get to regular meetings.

Again it has been a great honor to serve the region and look forward to future service. As always if there is any Outreach needed in our Region, I am available or know someone who may be able to get the job done.

With Gratitude, Daniel C.

Outreach Sub-Committee Chair

P.O. Box:

Hello Mid America Region.

Mail came in none went out. I was not here yesterday. I asked Wayne S. to bring two letters for H&I hope they got them. We had some really good junk mail. Once again I thank you for the coupons. Not sure if someone is willing to take this position. It is election time again. I hope someone will step up. If not I can take it one more time.

DeWayne K. P.O. Box Chair

Public Information:

Not present, no report.

Steering:

Dear Family,

Greetings all!!! Wes asked me to facilitate the committee meeting and give the report today.

We briefly reviewed the process for presenting the policy for the Fellowship's approval and decided that we would make a motion for the RCMs to agree to send it (the new P & G's) to the Fellowship. We also set a list of criteria for the new P & G's the committee has addressed in the last 5 years.

1. Redundancy
2. Bring more user friendly (table of contents, appendix, etc.)
3. New format
4. Expanded Subcommittee sections/RSC officer section

5. Separate Policy and Guilds so day to day operations can change without going back to groups-policies for spiritual guidance would go back to groups-and an appendix for guilds-forms and samples of such things like criteria for hotel bids for Convention or our Insurance Certificate Form.
6. The reorganization of information contained in the P&G

Aaron had already given some of the drafts to a few RCMs. We decided to pass out the remaining sets and hope the RCMs would accept our motion, if not-we will ask for the draft copies back today.

Our job on this document is not done yet. Several items still need to be added to the appendix and some new ideas for those things. These additions would be helpful tools for day to day operations and wouldn't need fellowship approval.

More discussion of the process for approval and a review process. We have had more input than we few can carry. We recommend moving forward at this point with a yes/no vote by RCMs in August 2011. Part of our process has been to communicate with all concerned here at the region, i.e. Subcommittees, officers, etc. all of our meetings have also had input from a lot of addicts. Now it's up to you and your areas to decide if 5 years of work is a valid "product" and workable for our region.

Now the bad news: Jeff R and John S. III need to step out of service at this time due to health issues and both resigned the steering committee yesterday. This leaves Janet W. and Aaron B. as the only steering members after this RSC. Wes S.'s term is up and will not continue. I'm tired of writing and running out of room on this page so I'll closs. ILS,
John S. III

Soul to Soul:

Hello Family,

It's been a busy couple of months, but I feel we're making progress. Soul to Soul will be Sept. 16, 17, & 18, 2011. The campground has been secured and I am excited to say things are looking good. We also have a fundraiser planned at the Pioneer Group hall in Emporia for June 25th, 2011. Flyers are available for more information. Registrations are available as well. The cost will be \$70.00. per person and this includes lodging, meals, coffee mug and a T-shirt. We also have a planning committee set for May 28th, 2011 at 3:30 PM at the Pioneer Group in Emporia.

It would be really nice if we could get some help with another fundraiser.

Soul to Soul could also use support on attendance. This is an awesome time to leave the busy world behind and spend some time with other addicts and get in touch with your higher power. Come be a part of and achieve some spiritual growth.

In Loving Service,

Tim P.

Soul to Soul Chair

May 15,2011

P.S. I also have a treasure's report attached. I also have a few T-shirts and calendars with me. If anyone is interested talk to me after the meeting. T-shirts are \$15.00 and calendars are \$5.00

Soul to Soul Treasurer report for May RSC 2011

Hello family,

Our current balance in the checking account is 646.71.

Balance began with 1000.00.

We paid 350.00 deposit to camp on 2/25/2011

I deposited 220.20 for t-shirt and calendar sales on 4/15/2011.

Wrote a check to Sherry's house for Tee's for 180.20 and to Tim Parkman for 43.29 reimbursement for calendar supplies on 5/7/2011.

I have not received any pre-registrations yet.

Shelly W.

D. Officers Reports:

Treasurer Report:

**Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Treasurer Report - February 2011 RSC**

		Beginning Balance:			\$ 17,341.61
<u>Income:</u>		Donations & Reimbursements	\$ 1,593.32		
		Total Income			\$ 1,593.32
		Sub-Total			\$ 18,934.93
Expenses:					
2/20/2011	ck 1191	Suzie E. - MAN (2000) - January		\$ 150.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1194	Hutch Cor. Fac. - Regional Mtg Lists (1600)		\$ 62.48	
2/20/2011	ck 1195	Alliance Agency - Qtrly Regional Ins		\$ 1,340.75	
2/20/2011	ck 1196	Scott K. Activities - May RSC Start up Funds		\$ 100.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1197	Janet W - Friendship Ctr Deposit for May RSC		\$ 50.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1198	Daniel - May RSC DJ Service		\$ 150.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1199	Salina Parks & Rec - May RSC Rent		\$ 260.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1200	Suzie E. - MAN (2000) - February		\$ 150.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1201	P.O. Box		\$ 44.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1202	PI Escrow - Purchase rubber stamps for Area & Subcommittee's with Regional Web Address		\$ 200.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1203	Literature Escrow - purchase of Laptop		\$ 450.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1204	Dwayne K. - Reimb for Gas to SD Zonal		\$ 67.87	
2/20/2011	ck 1205	RD/RDA - Travel to Wichita for United States Fellowship Assembly		\$ 380.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1206	City of Independence - Service Assembly		\$ 50.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1208	Michelle Leverette - Secretary Expenses		\$ 25.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1209	Literature - Replenish inventory		\$ 48.40	
2/20/2011	ck 1210	Janet W - Steering - copy and mailing for new Policy & Guidelines		\$ 300.00	
2/20/2011	ck 1211	Storage Bill		\$ 142.50	
					\$ 3,971.00
		Bank Balance			\$ 14,963.93
		Less: Prudent Reserve			\$ 7,924.00
		Sub-total			\$ 7,039.93
		Less: Escrows			
		H&I		\$ 917.00	
		Literature		\$ 346.78	
		Outreach		\$ 787.56	
		PI		\$ 550.00	
		Rent		\$ 250.00	
		Insurance (due May 2010)		\$ 1,340.75	
		Storage (due February 2012)		\$ 135.00	
		P.O. Box (due February 2012)		\$ 11.00	
		Web Page (due September 2011)		\$ 50.00	

	RDA (due February 2012)		\$ 250.00	
	Total Escrows			\$ (4,638.09)
	Spendable Balance			\$ 2,401.84

We took a break from 9:53 to 10:06 am.

Regional Delegate Report:

Hello Region!

The last quarter has been filled with a great deal of reading, discernment of information, conversation and debate. I have been very busy trying to keep up with mailings from NAWS, email conversations, message boards and blogs.

The RD team attended the United States Fellowship Assembly held in Wichita March 3, 4, & 5th. There were several members from our region in attendance also. Dewayne has a detailed report and has also assembled packets of information for the RCMs and other interested persons. We were presented with proposals to be sent to each group in the country concerning the forming of a United States Service Conference as first discussed in the 2002 CAR.

In the February 2011 NAWS News there is a discussion about the Regional Motions and new business trial proposal for WSC 2012. As voted on at WSC 2010, the conference is going to experiment with Consensus Based Decision Making and to move away from a motion driven conference. The existing process deadline for Regional Motions to be included in the CAR is August 1st, 2011. The deadline for getting the motion into the conferences' required format is September 1st, 2011. In the new process, the deadlines remain the same for initial submission by regions and to arrive at the final wording of the proposed idea. There is much more available information as to the process and I encourage you to read all the information available.

An April communication from NAWS addresses the Living Clean Approval Draft which is now available for purchase or is available at na.org. The book is released in the approval form for 1 year giving the fellowship the opportunity to read and consider the text as it is and not for further input. The will be voted on at the WSC2012 as part of old business. In addition, the Planning Basics as a guide to planning NA services is available for purchase or online at www.na.org/?ID=handbooks-handbook-index. The wallet cards have been updated to include all seven readings.

The updated information on the Service System Project is now available. This draft is the culmination of the input from the fellowship that was submitted by the end of last year. The information contained in this will help form the conversations for the CAR. I am available for discussion and workshops to further examine this information. The draft is available at www.na.org/servicesystem

There was concern about Fellowship Copyrights stemming from the USFA. I have a response from NAWS addressing this matter that discusses the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust. It is quite lengthy so I won't include it here but it is available at <http://disc.na.org/wsc/index.php>

The PSZF has been changed from this weekend to next weekend because of scheduling conflicts. I have entered a request for funds for the RD team and interested parties to attend in Lubbock, TX.

In Loving Service,
Misty K., RD

Alt. Delegate Report:

Hello Mid America Region.

Let me start with my apologies for not being here yesterday. I had a person who meant something to me pass away and I attended his service. In the evening I attended my sons final Stars Concert at school.

I attended the U.S.F.A. (united states fellowship assembly) the weekend of March 4th, 5th, and 6th 2011. It was a very long weekend. There were addicts from all over the U.S. in attendance. I feel I did a good job of representing our Region without giving any endorsement. I spoke with many members of the fellowship over the weekend. I found the many opinions I received to be very refreshing. Let me rundown a few things that I observed. Let me say that these are my observations. If anyone feels things are different please say so when you discuss the proposals in your home Areas and groups. I will not be drawn into any kind of argument over this. There is enough of that on the internet. We have been asked to get the information from the assembly to the groups for their consideration. I would encourage everyone that wishes more information on the dynamics of this movement to go on the net and research it. There is no way to give all the answers. Remember this is my observation, so I say again this is a report its not up for debate.

Q: I feel there is a hidden agenda behind this thing. Is that the case?

A: For some involved yes. Where that is going now is to be seen. Many old resentments are once again coming to light. I believe the folks are weeding out most of this.

Q: Are they going to re-write our literature?

A: No, well not legally. There has been some issues with this and N.A.W.S. Has taken action on it. Intellectual Property Trust and protection of our literature is World NA's responsibility. I will say once again old resentments and some personal agendas.

Q: Where dose this go from here?

A: To the Groups. The Wichita Accord has three proposals. I have included several packets with my report for each area with the exception of Wichita Metro Area. W.M.A. has purchased packets for there groups. It was a couple groups from Derby and Wichita who helped me with the ones I have provided for you. I ask that you please have the members look at this information and form their own opinions on the proposals.

Q: Okay we looked at it now what? Where dose it go from here?

A: A second assembly has been slated for October in Tulsa Oklahoma. There is a flier with the information in all your packets.

I am well aware of the many views on this whole thing. I have been reading through hundreds of e-mails of those involved in this. I would encourage members to seek out their own views. We have many people from our Zone involved. I hope to have the opportunity to talk with them if Misty and I are allowed to go to Zone next week. Please take this back to your Areas and Groups. Come back to the next Regional with the yeahs nays maybes not so sure or do not give a blank. I will not interject my personal feelings on what may or may not be.

I leave you with this, walk in faith and let our Higher Powers will and not ours be done.

DeWayne K. Mid America R.D.Alt

Co-Treasurer Report: Position is open.

Chair Report: Nothing to report

Co- Chair Report: not present, no report.

E. Old Business:

1. Storage Unit

A member mentioned that they did not know what the co-chair had found but was wondering what had come of the option with a person who owned some real estate. Nothing came of this option. It was reported that there was nothing climate controlled in the size that we wanted. It was mentioned that there is a climate controlled unit, but not large enough. What if we contacted the Best Western and see if they have storage? It was then stated that they would have to provide a room that is always locked and it may not be an option. So then it was recommended that all things that belonged to each subcommittee should be labeled. We discussed that we should at least get a U Store It unit for at least the next 18 months and move from McPherson so that we don't have to keep driving back and forth. At this time members started talking about different units around the Salina area. We then decided to look into a few units here in town and see if we can get a quote for a unit starting at the end of the month when our current lease is up. It was then discussed the size that we want for our belongings. It was decided that 10 x 10 is the minimum but at the present time it is really too small and should look for a space that is larger. The hope is that we can secure a 20 x 20. It was also mentioned by another member that why we can't look into getting a small unit for just the climate controlled items and then get a larger one for everything else. The discussion then turned to what if each subcommittee got their own unit? A RCM stated that they didn't think that would be very good use of NA funds. It was mentioned that the new activities chair lives here in Salina. Can we at least secure at the same size by the end of this month. The incoming activities chair stated that he could do that, but moving the items is something that needs to be discussed. The chair then decided that we would revisit this in a little bit and see if we can get some answers later.

2. LML Service

The treasurer got a letter from the co-chair requesting that she send a cancelled check to LML for inclusion on the account. The treasurer wasn't sure if that was approved by this body or not. The chair stated that our discussion was that all checking accounts in this region would get set up with LML. The question was that would this be one account

or several, and it was stated that it would probably have several. It was determined that all accounts except campout were set up and campout needs to follow up.

3. 2013 Convention

There was some confusion with the dates that were chosen for the convention. The chair mentioned that the dates that were chosen were April 5-7, but this is not what the contract says. It was determined that the member who got the contract would contact the hotel and straighten out the date issue and confirm the correct date.

F. New Business:

1. Elections

Co-Treasurer – the duties and qualifications were read. No willingness, take back to groups.

Secretary - the duties and qualifications were read. Amber C. was nominated and it was seconded. She qualified herself and then left the room. There was some discussion and a vote was taken. Congrats and thank you for your service.

Literature Chair – Marvetta wanted to but decided that it wasn't good timing. The chair mentioned that we haven't had a Literature chair for over a year and this needs to go back to groups. Adam was nominated and then qualified himself. The duties and qualifications were read. There was not a second, so he was asked to keep coming back.

Steering Members (2) – there were no recommendations out of committee. There is one member that needs to be reaffirmed and that is Aaron. A vote was taken, congrats and thank you for your service. It was stated that there is a need for committee members and that people need to step up. A member of the body is interested but it was because of information at last quarter that stopped him. A member then stated that the interim meetings are a problem for people and that is why they don't step up. Please take back to groups that 5 positions are now open on steering.

P.O. Box Chair – DeWayne expressed willingness. He then left the room and a vote was taken. Congrats and thank you for your service.

Archivist – Tim expressed willingness. He then left the room and a vote was taken. Congrats and thank you for your service.

Activities Chair – there was a nomination out of committee of Daniel C. he qualified himself and then left the room so a vote could be taken. Congrats and thank you for your service.

H&I Chair – there was no willingness, please take back to groups.

Outreach Chair – there was no willingness, please take back to groups.

PI Chair – there was no willingness, please take back to groups.

Revisited Literature Chair – it was mentioned that there is not a second needed on the floor. There were then questions for Adam. He left the room. He was not voted in. Please keep coming back. It was stated there were 2 requirements that he did not meet.

Storage Unit Revisited – It was stated that City Wide has a 20 x 13 unit for \$105 per month with a 5% discount for a 1 year total payment, which would be \$1197 for the year and it is 5 minutes from the hotel. There was a second one on Magnolia that was 20 x 10, \$103 per month and a total of \$1174.20 for a year paid in advance. Neither of them is climate controlled.

2. Insurance Report

On August 18, 2011 your insurance policy will be renewing. I have received a tentative quote from the insurance company. The renewal premium should be approximately \$5600 annually. As in the past, we can bill that to 4 installments to coincide with your regional meetings, which is approximately \$1400 per quarter. Please advise if we are to proceed with the renewal. When I receive notification of the actual renewal premium, I will forward that information on to you. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Debby

No motion needed for this, it is automatic.

Storage Unit Revisited –

Motion 0515-001 Made by: Miracle Area RCM Seconded by: WMA RCM Vote:7-0-1

Motion: Purchase a year contract for storage 13 x 20 close to the Best Western RSC location in Salina, KS allowinf trusted servants to acquire the unit at best price and location under \$1200 per annual contract.

Intent: secure a suitable local storage facility for the RSC.

Amendment: NTE \$1300 – accepted.

Several members then volunteered their trailer and time in order to move the storage unit by the end of the month. It was also motioned that we should consider reimbursing gas expenses for this, there were no objections.

Lunch break taken from 11:40 am to 12:55 pm

3. Regional Policy

Motion 0515-002 Made by Steering

Vote: 6-1-1 (to go back to groups)

Motion: to send to groups and areas of the Mid America Region the draft of the new MARSCNA policy and guidelines for approval at the 8-21-11 RSC. This will be a yes or no vote for approval or not. (as was decided by RCM's Feb 2006)

Intent: to let the MARSCNA fellowship decide if this set of policies and guidelines is to be implemented.

Financial Impact: not yet determined

Amendments: change the date to November 20, 2011; Passed

Discussion: the 2006 item was a directive made by the chair and the vote was made by the RCM's, it was not a motion. There was discussion on the date in the motion and why was that different than the agreed 2 quarterly cycles. It was then mentioned that there was a motion made back in August 2010 about this and it stated: "Make copies of the "draft" of the Regional Policy for all groups and the Chairpersons and the officers of the Region." But this does not address the timeline. This motion should be ruled out of order due to the old information. There was then an amendment made to change the date from August to November region. There was then a point made of whether or not the amendment could be made by the committee due to membership and the amount of members. There was a vote on the amendment by the RCM's due to the argument. It was changed to the amended date.

4. Debit Cards Motion

Motion 0515-003 Made by: FFF Area

Vote: Out of Order

Motion: See attached page...

Debit Cards

A. Regional Debit Card

1. Regional debit card expenses will be only used for pre-approved purchases for regional expenses.
2. Expenditures will be approved by a simple majority vote of the RCM's at the RSC meeting.

B. Convention Debit Card

1. Convention debit card expenses will only be used for pre-approved purchases for convention expenses.
2. Expenditures will be approved by a simple majority vote of the convention subcommittee.

C. Regional and Convention debit cards will be stored in the appropriate checkbooks and will be used by the appropriate treasurer for pre-approved purchases only.

D. Any purchases made with either debit card are to be specified in the treasurer's reports at the RSC.

Intent: to have policies and guidelines in place for both Regional Debit Cards.

Discussion: The chair asked for clarification, does the FFF Area wish for this to be implemented in the policy? Yes. It was stated that steering has not been dealing with policy changes until the new policy is in place. It was also stated that this is important and timely. Another member then shared their concern with the couple of times that both cards had been misused and that this is an important issue that needs to be addressed. At this time the Chair then decided to appoint an ad hoc committee to look into this motion. He decided that the committee would be made up of the 2 steering members, the campout treasurer (Danita), the convention treasurer (Michelle acting as) and the Regional treasurer. The regional treasurer will be the ad hoc committee chair. This committee is formed to develop a debit card policy for the region. 2 members agreed to contact the two members that were not present at the RSC and let them know about this committee. This committee will be expected to submit a report at each RSC. In 9 months what is proposed will be sent back to groups.

Revisit Storage Unit

It was stated that they found a cheaper location that was gated and had 24 hour access, but does not have electricity in the unit. A member stated their concern that there is no electricity.

5. Final Treasurer's Report

The treasurer listed the request for funds and it was voted on to pay them, 8-0-0. Also let us know that after all the bills are paid, the spendable balance is \$2310.15.

6. NAWS Donation

It was stated that the donation made to NAWS would be \$2310.15. A motion was made to send this on to NAWS.

7. Other Business

The RD stated that in all the research that I have done on the USFA and the Service System Project, I came across a question posted on NAWS about standing subcommittees. She mentioned when the 12 Concepts were adopted by the fellowship. There was mention in this research of the USFA that the Concepts were a violation of the Traditions. I know there are going to be motions in Tulsa to work with our current structure and just thought I would mention this information. Another member then stated that there are some people that are not as analytical and was expecting more detailed information today about the USFA/USSC. A lot of that information went over my head and I have read a lot of stuff and read a lot of opinions. On the surface the documents look okay. But attending that on Saturday, there was a lot of stuff under the surface. A question that I have is how this benefits my home group. They are going to want to know the advantages. This needs to be in real simple language. Another member then talked about the policy and the USFA. What mechanism is in place for what needs to be done with the USFA stuff. The RD also mentioned that she was also confused... and mentioned at the last RSC I could not be unbiased. The assembly is addressing the groups and there are still a lot of unanswered questions. I was given a disc from that weekend. An RCM member then mentioned that they received exactly what I expected of them. They gave us an unbiased opinion and all the pertinent information. I don't believe that the RSC floor is an appropriate venue for going into this in detail. There is a lot of information that needs to be gone through and it would take more than an RSC weekend to sort through it. If my Area wanted to have a workshop on this, who would be willing to do this. The RDA then stated that the USSC does not exist yet and a lot of people were confused about that the whole weekend. They have a handout and the 2 motions. And it simply comes down to the first proposal which states does your group want to help start a US Service Conference. If your answer is yes then I suggest that you move on. Are they jumping forward pretty fast, yes. Is there a lot of information, yes. Is there confusion among the COR members, yes. Are there personal agendas, yes. This region asked me to stay unbiased, and I did. One of the things that I heard from this was that people were not getting information. We all go through that. Please take it back to your groups. There are enough people here that know what is going on. I honestly believe that this region should have representation at the next deal. If anything other than to give them the information about what our groups want. If our groups come back in August and say we want to at least we want to take a look at this, and we can go forward. And if at any time we feel that we are done, then we can stop. How many of us were actually there... and quite a few people raised their hands. We have all formed opinions and views. The point that was made at the USFA was that no matter how many people say yes, we are going to move forward was something that was stated and bothers me. There is some really good information about this. the big questions is which way is it going to go, are they going to work with World or is it going to go its own direction. There was a lot of discussion that continued on about opinions, viewpoints and history.

OPEN POSITIONS: Regional Co-Treasurer, H&I Chair, Literature Chair, Outreach Chair, PI Chair, and 5 Steering Members.

The meeting was closed at 2:47 pm. We circled up and closed in the usual manner.



**MID AMERICA
REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
2011 AUGUST QUARTERLY MEETING**

**At the Best Western Mid-America Inn
1846 North 9th, Salina, Kansas 67401**

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, August 20

<u>9:00 am -11:00am</u>	Main Room Back Room	Literature Hospital & Institutions
<u>11:00am - 1:00 pm</u>	Main Room Back Room	Campout Convention
<u>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</u>	LUNCH BREAK	
<u>2:00 pm - 4:00 pm</u>	Main Room Back Room	Public Information Activities Soul 2 Soul
<u>4:00 pm - 6:00 pm</u>	Main Room Back Room	Outreach Steering
<u>7:00 pm – 8:30 pm</u>	Speaker Meeting	
<u>8:30 pm – 11:00 pm</u>	Regional Hospitals & Institutions Fundraiser DJ Dance - Auction & Raffle \$3.00 per person ... \$5.00 per couple No addict turned away	

NA AUCTION / RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, August 21

General business, motions, request for funds.

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

M.A.R.C.N.A. XXIX
Needs your help!!!!



“Calling” on all talented addicts to please submit art work to be used as our MARCNA XXIX logo. We would like it 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of paper.

**Our theme: The highest
point of freedom.**

Please submit via e-mail no later than August 12, 2011 to

Michelle- jst42day89@cox.net or Shelley- shelleyw93@yahoo.com

The winning artist will win a registration to MARCNA XXIX to be held in Topeka, Kansas April 13, 14, and 15, 2012

Soul To Soul 2011

Back To Basics

September 16,17 & 18, 2011

CAMP CHIHOWA

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A Spiritual Retreat put on by Mid-America Region Narcotics Anonymous.

A fun filled weekend of fellowship & food.

Items you need to bring are: Linens or sleeping bag, lawn chairs, toiletries. Misc. items you may want to bring are: snack food, sodas, bottled water, fishing poles and tackle.

Some available activities will be canoeing, paddle boating, fishing and hiking.

THIS IS NOT A FREE EVENT!!!

COST IS: \$70.00 (This cost includes your shirt and cup with pre-registration.)

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Receive your shirt and cup with pre-registration only.

Shirts and cups will not be available at the camp.

Contact: Timothy P. 620-794-5115 or Gale W. 620-803-2406

NAME: _____ **SHIRT SIZE:** _____

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Make checks payable to Soul to Soul.

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**MID AMERICA REGION OF N.A.
10TH ANNUAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
HOSTED BY THE JUST FOR TODAY AREA**

Unity through Service

Saturday, September 10, 2011 ... 10am to 11 pm

4H Building Riverside Park

Independence, Kansas 67301

Workshops from 10 am to 5 pm

- ◇ *Tradition 1* ◇ *Spiritual Service* ◇
- ◇ *Carrying a Clear & Concise Message* ◇
- ◇ *Attraction not Promotion; How to Treat the Newcomer* ◇

Lunch served at 1 pm

Speaker at 7 pm

Dance to follow

Raffle & Auction at 9:30 pm

For more Information, please contact:
Scott at 785-760-4433, or Flo at 620-332-9744