

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES ELLINWOOD, KS. 5-20-89

Tony K. opened the RSC meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Curtis B. read the Twelve Traditions. Introductions were made. All Areas were represented. there were 8 voting members present. Amendments to last Regional minutes, Bob.B. is the Regional Co-Lit.Chair, Corrected Treasurer Balance.(See attached Treasurer Report) Minutes were accepted following corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT (SEE ATTACHED)

ALT. RSR REPORT (SEE ATTACHED)

Policy - no written report submitted
Convention - no written report submitted

RSR REPORT- DISTRIBUTED AT RSC

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: SEE ATTACHED

AREA REPORTS:

Central Ks.-Pam B. See Attached Report

FFF- Glenn S. " "

Just For Today-David S. " "

OZ Area- Dale G. " "

S.E. Traditions-Ruth M " "

Unity Area- Laura M. See Attached

Western Area- Carl K. " "

Wichita Area-Brent K. " "

P.O. BOX REPORT- The Post Office box has received several flyers and has also received 3 mailings from a mental health center, in Hiawatha the first was very energetic and positive the next 2 were increasingly negative. What has happened ?? The last mailing cancelled the centers \$10.00 check for literature. The box has yet to receive anything from the WSO office but is still checked regularly. Curtis B.

One voting member had to leave- 7 voting members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Brent K. made a motion at the Regional 2-25-89 This was tabled until this RSC. The motion read: All requests for funds need to be approved before the money is spent. Or the request will be declined. 6 in favor 1 abstention. This will be added to policy.

John B. also had a tabled motion for the 2-25-89 RSC. The motion to accept the Election Procedure submitted in February Policy Report was passed. 5 in favor 2 abstention. Added to Policy

John B. made a motion 2-25-89 to approve the Procedure of obtaining group conscience on the Conference Agenda Report. Motion stated, Each Area Service committee is responsible for obtaining the group conscience for their Area and forwarding that information to the RSR and RSR Alternate for use at the annual meeting of the World Service Conference. Motion was passed 7 in favor. Added to Policy

NEW BUSINESS:

John B. made a motion to obtain Area Conscience on the Items submitted in the Policy Report. This will be voted on at the next RSC.

Jeff M. made a motion requesting \$200.00 for Literature workshop to work on "It Works, How & Why." Any proceeds will be returned to the RSC. Motion 2nd and passed.

Jeff m. requested \$24.00 to purchase three review books for It Works..

Motion 2nd and passed.

Lori H. made a motion to be reimbursed for previous RSC Minutes \$49.40 2nd and passed.

John B. made a motion requesting \$500.00 for seed money for Mid-America Convention VII. 2nd and passed.

Carl K. requested \$127.00 for H.&I. to purchase 1000 Regional Meeting Lists. To be distributed to all Areas. 2nd and passed.

Carl K. made a motion to set \$500.00 aside for H.&I Literature
Brent K. 2nd motion, Much discussion on the budget process.
4 in favor 3 opposed. Motion passed.

Anita J. made a motion requesting \$127.00 for P.I. Committee to order 1000 revised Regional Meeting list. 2nd and passed.
These will be mailed to the P.I. Chairs or ASR's.* If there are any additional cost she will be reimbursed.

Pat M. made a motion requesting \$250.00 for research of the responsibility of filing taxes and getting a tax ID number (See Alt. RSR report)
Discussion on WSO is working on this topic. motion 2nd and passed.

John B. made a motion to accept Candá for Convention Treasurer, motion 2nd she qualified herself, Motion passed.

The Convention Bank Account will be in Great Bend,, and Ross F. will be a 2nd signer.

Anita J. had a question as to when her P.I. Chair position will be up
The new P.I. Chair will begin after the August RSC

Brent made a motion to vote on Themes for the Convention, This discussion was tabled, untill the Convention meeting at the 4th of July Campout.

Glen S. made a motion to hold a policy meeting Sunday August 20, 1989
Motion 2nd and passed. This will be held at the UNITED Church of Christ
1248 Buchanan Topeka, Ks.

Discussion of the letters from the Mental Health center in Hiwatha
it was decided that Glen s. would contact the center.

FFF Area will host the next RSC 8-19-89 The location is:
United Church of Christ 1248 Buchanan Topeka, Ks. Glen S. said
there are a number of people willing to share their homes, so you
won't have to get a hotel room. Call Glenn to arrange place 913-235-6622

Glen made a motion to elect new Co-Chair for Literature. 2nd this was tabled until next RSC.

Glenn S. made a motion to re-elect John B. as RSR Brent K. 2nd
John qualified himself, and expressed his willingness. All in favor.
Motion passed. Thanks John

Pam had a question about the agenda, who will be sending these out
Tony K. will be responsible for mailing the agenda and making the
schedule for times the sub-committee mtg. will be.

Ross F. spoke with Dan C. and we didn't receive all the materials
for Traditions, a credit of \$40.00 needs to be checked out by the Lit.
Chair. Dan owes some money to the region and he will pay Pat M. at the
campout.

Carl K. had a question on the Campout for next year. Who would take it for 1990 Campout.

*Any Area that wants to host 1990 Campout will need to submit a bid at this years Campout on Sunday.

Motion made to close RSC. 2nd and passed.

Just For Today Area will host the November RSC

In Loving Service, Lori H.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H.&I.--

Carl K. opened w/Serenity Prayer. Brad read Traditions. Intro. were made Warren made motion that we accept minutes as read. 2nd and passed.

We need an Alt. H.I. Chair. this was tabled. Carls term is up in 3 month We need Contact list for JFT area and Central Area also S.E. Traditions

Carl will send an H.I. contact list when it is completed. All Contact list to be given to Dan

Carl explained why we could not give the list to staff at treatment center This is in the guidelines of the H&I handbook. Only responsible members or H.I. Chairs ~~we~~ should have lists.

Marty brought up that it had already been voted on that we are to bring changes every 3 months.

Laura Made motion that Carl K. contact Central JFT and SE Traditions area to update contact list, and mail them out to H.I. Chairs 2nd and pas

Dan brought up discussion on inmates in his Area that are wanting

sponsors. Suggestions were to pass a list at Area meetings for volunteer Marty brought up that an H.I. meeting is just to tell the person about

NA and not to have a sharing meeting.

Carl K. brought up budget for H.I., Laura made motion to ask for \$500.00 to order literature. H.I. Chair is to get all Area H.I. needs at the 4th of July campout and submit the order to the Treasurer.

2nd and passed.

Marty D. made motion to request \$127.00 for Regional Mtg. List to be distributed to H.&I. Chairs. 2nd and passed.

AREA H.&I. REPORTS:

Central- Central Kansas Area is caring the message in to the Ellsworth prison on Thursday nights at 8:00 p.m. We are also caring the message in to the Hoisington treatment center and Larned treatment. We are trying to get in to KSIR. There seems to be a problem in this Area of getting some support. Helping to spread the message. Dan M.

Unity- Currently has four H.I. meetings. Marty D. is expressing concern on getting a contact list out. We are keeping on and reaching out!!!

Western-The first Thursday of the month we take a meeting to TLC treatment center in Bucklin. The second Sunday we go to New Chance.

The second Tuesday we go to the Ford Co. Jail for our men's jail mtg.

The third Tuesday we have our womens jail mtg. The fourth Sunday we go to Larned St. Hospital. May 23 we are taking a meeting to the Student Nurses at the College and June 19, a panel is going to Methodist

Youthville. for a possible new H.I. Meeting to be added later. Clif B. Wichita- Our learning day with a felling of powerlessness, went well.

We discussed do and dont's in treatment centers and correction facilities. Then we went over duties of Area H.I. committee, panel coordinator,

panel leaders and panel members. Also we talked over the different types of panel format. All of the items covered we taken from the now approved

H.I. handbook. We spent some time trying to come up with new or old ways to attract more fellowship members to carry the message. We are now

taking in a firm 22 meetings a month with a possibility of 3 more.

H.I. cont

We have someone with a minimum of 6 months clean time leading our mtgs. We have had some one express an interest to become H.I. Co-Chair So we are doing well. Again our gratitude goes out to the caring members of the fellowship who are taking the message in to those who need it. In loving service, Warren J.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Anita opened w/ Serenity prayer and Traditions. Laura M. made a motion to accept minutes as read. 2nd and passed.

Area Reports were read: OLD BUSINESS: Anita asked for updates on meeting list. Anita asked who would write policy notebook and keep it consolidated. Laura said she would be responsible for this.

Anita read previous policy motions for P.I. All policy passed except motion to tell professionals about NA. We are also going to reword motion for passing letters from treatment centers requesting info about P.I. Rewording of the motion is to be given at the next RSC Laura M. made a motion that we set a budget of \$500.00 per year for Public Info. 2nd and passed. (this entails meeting list and two workshop per year). Much discussion on what P.I. is all about on a Regional LEval. Curtis made motion that we send meeting list out by mail to ASR or P.I. Chairs as soon as they are finished. 2nd & passed.

AREA P.I. REPORTS

Unity- New P.I. Chair in the Unity Area, His name is John. He is basically starting at the beginning working with the newspaper and radios.

I think a poster day for Salina is in the Works. That's all folks Laura M.

Wichita- We are currently working on sending out PSA letters to Radio stations, these should be mailed soon. We will mail approx. 10 a month. These may be heard in surrounding Areas because of the broadcast range. We are currently on Channel 24 TV station.

We are doing the best we can with the participation in our Area .

I also submitted a revised meeting list for the Wichita Metro Area

We will be having a fundraiser to purchase a new answering machine. Lori H.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE-

Mtg opened with moment of silence. Intros were made. Minutes read and approved. Old Business: Fall round up voted on having- 6 for 2 abstention

New Business: Funds leftover from campout (July 4th) be given to Convention or WSO ? Was decided that it wasn't that big

of a fundraiser and should be returned to RSC to be distributed as needed

Campout report: See attached. Dead line date for the reg. Act. Calendar

is June 3rd. 2 weeks after Regional Mail info to Cindy Brown 8406 E. Harry #209 Wichita, Ks. 67207 or give them to me to be forwarded.

Convention report: see attached. Guidelines available from the SWO for \$1.00 plus 8% shipping and handling . MOTION: Take back to ASC's

to propose a bid on a location and time (Sept-Nov.) for fall Round-UP This will be decided at the next RSC in August. Meeting closed.

CAMPOUT REPORT: The plans for the campout are going smooth. We are indeed fortunate in that we believe we have raised enough funds to pay for the campout. Our funds are as follows.

Money on Hand	\$1,068.04
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Money Out	\$ 250.00
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Merchandise left app.	\$ 350.00
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TOTAL	\$1,668.04	give or take \$75.00
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Of these funds there is \$550.00 set aside for food and other supplies. With the balance to go for donation for the facility, utilities, damages T-Shirts etc. The funds or debits left over will be given to the RSC

for use in carrying out our primary purpose. Location of Campout: Galilean Renewal Center (Methodist Church Campout) Webster Lake West of Stockton, Ks. June 30, July 1st and 2nd 1989 Marc 89 Campout Chair Carl K.

ACTIVITIES CON'T

Central Ks- Not alot planned in CKA at this time. Our activities chair is in the process of trying to put a service Workshop together. Input would be appreciated. Hoisington has their campout coming up in August at Wilson Lake. Details will be mailed out later. Hopefully convention fundraiser will begin coming together for 1990. Pam B. FFF- 12 Step Workshop Sat. afternoon \$600.00 bal with everything paid for. Clean and Serene with stars campout June 2-4 T-Shirts are \$12 .00 Cups are \$5.00 and Hats are \$5.00 Penny C. from Wichita Speaker Fri. Andy H. Topeka Sat and John S. Topeka Sun. Morning. Lots of things for kids to do. Bingo, Dance, Pork feast, Pancake Feed and Camping included in \$10.00 registration.

Just for Today- Emporia Pioneer group 2nd anniversary camp Alexander June 9-10-11 fliers and maps are out. Cheap Sunglasses Dance at Ottawa University June 26 Admission 2.00 w/sunglasses and 3.00 without Joe G. is our new Area activities chair.

OZ- An activities calander for OZ area is being compiled by Chair. Upcomming -ASC June 11, City Hall in Colby 2pm Scott City Second Chance NA and Leoti Last Chance NZ 2nd annual Round Up Jun 4th 1p.m. 311 1/2 Main Scott City Ks. Meat provided. Pizza Party sponsored by Norton Group Friday May12, 6:00 pm 434 1/2 S. 1st. Yours in Recovery Dale G. Unity-We don't have an act. chair as yet but I'll let you know what's going on. Not much going on at this time. It didn't take us long to recover form the Convention. Thank God. The Phoenix Group of Salina

is having a dance on June 23rd at 8:00pm to 12:00 am So come dance w/us the NA way. Fylers are available. The Clean & Crazy group is in the process of putting together a dance. Nothing is definite yet. We'll let you know. Everyone is probably aware of the Manhattan and Junction City group campout August 11-13 It was a huge sucess last year and they are hoping it will be bigger and better this year. Jeri S.

Western-Birthday Night Dance May 27th National Guard Armory Dodge City Campout JetmoreKs. June 3 all day and night. Garden City. ASC mtg and dance June 10 (location pending) 4th of July Campout June 30 thru July 2nd Galilean Renewal Center Webster Lake, West of Stockton KS. Wichita- All is going well in the Wichita Area. We have been having an area dance and speaker meeting once a month. These dances are held at the C W A Union hall at Harry and St. Francis. These are usually held the 3rd Sat. of the month. They begin at 8pm and end at 1:00 am

Cost is 2.00 Treatment people are free. We hope to have a Area Fun Day Swimming, softball, childrens games and a cookout sometime in June or July. We are currently looking for a site to do this.

Upcoming Activities- Newton May 26-29 Precampout Harvey Co. West Lake June 2-4 Augusta birthday and Campout Santa Fe Lake. June 4th Womens group to sponsor picnic Linwood Park. June 17th 2nd annual Osage Street Dance. June 24th Area Dance and Ice Cream Social CWA Harry & St. Francis \$2.00 admission Starts 6pm June 10th Derby Group Picnic 3701 N. Arkansas July 8th Derby Group Activite-to be announced later. Juan G.

LITERATURE:

JEFF M. opened w/Serenity Prayer and Traditions. Jeff read old minutes. Old Business: Traditions It Works How and Why: Jeff read it from Bryce Sullivan Chair of WSC Lit. Comm. Jeff contacted Jack B. they do want us to continue working on the Traditions. Jeff handed out copyright release form for new material review and imput change form. Also new, original writing form. Wichita's experience problems getting workshop put together. Unity Area is having a workshop June 18th 2pm 510 State St. Concordia.

NEW BUSINESS: Newsletter position is open due to Ken M resignation due to his job requirements. Dave and Peggy volunteered for the position. Pat M. voiced his concerns about the amount of service work load Dave is carrying. Curtis wondered if peggy would be willing to take it on. Peggy is interested in this position she thinks she has the time for it. Requirements: One year clean time, working knowledge

of Traditions and Steps, and willingness Also availability to do job and edit the articles. Dave said a couple in his Area are interested in this position suggested he take back to Areas and have a separate workshop on this. Pat voiced his concern w/the selection process. We need to be careful and slow down on the process possibly write letter to subscription holders and explain the situation. Curtis suggested workshop and do a July Hug edition together. Jeff suggested we so this as a regional effort. Interim comm. to do a newsletter together Literature workshop at Precampout Harvey Co. on Sunday and again at the 4th of July. We will table the Newsletter issue until next RSC. Peggy is willing to type up the Newsletter once it is ready to copy. Curtis motioned we wxtend the subscriptions for two months w/a letter explaining. Pat M. 2nd and passed. We'll review existing material Memorial Day and put it together on 4th of July need Area input. Pat proposed a method of Communication between Region? And, open forum to invite comment on issues affecting the groups and Areas. Curtis wants it w/next newsletter. Suggested problems addressed to each committee. Ask each subcommittee for what's going on. Al suggested we put in Area Minutes. Jeff said there is plan of development of daily meditation books. If there is interest on the available info. Jeff wants to open up the forum on this development of the meditation book to the committee. Traditions It Works ... want to get together in August to corelate info on this. McPherson is pretty Centrally located for this. Sub-Committee mtg. Pat will try to contact Vaughn in McPherson about this. Jeff would like to begin a Regional stockpile for Area Lit. reps. Dates forth coming. He would like to ask the Region for seed money for three workshops. Pat M wants Committee OK to voice his ideas in a letter to the staff members of WSO will be involved in our literature. Secretary is needed for this committee. Not sure of the Co-Chair position either. Dave made a motion to request \$200.00 from the Region. For a workshop and Dance.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: SEE ATTACHED

AREA LIT. REPORTS:

Central- Although we have suffered some heavy drawbacks lately, our literature committee is working hard to circulate the message of recovery. Because of unfortunate circumstances beyond our control. our literature account was totally wiped out on two separate occasions. Our reserve of literature hit an all time low. But, through individual group orders and numerous fundraisers (in which the groups have donated large sums of money to the Area Lit. Account) our funds are once again on the rise and our prudent reserve is looking good. The Central Ks Area Lit Comm. would like to take this opportunity to formally thank all of our home groups for your loving support. Without all of you, we could not continue in our fight against drugs abuse. You have proven that through teamwork. and the grace of God, anything we desire to accomplish can indeed be achieved. Thanks again everyone. Thank God school is over and things are settling down, as we have lots of work ahead of us for the summer. Our literature comm. has sadly neglected the Review and Input on Trad. III: 1-3 We are however, planning to hold a workshop sometime in the next month. and we are expecting to have our results ready for the WSC by the first of August. All support in this endeavor is welcome In Loving Service, Nancy O.

TO: NA Mid America Regional Service Committee
FROM: Ken M., Regional Newsletter Editor
SUBJECT: Regional Newsletter

Having recently received all of the material necessary to publish the Regional Newsletter, I am printing the May-June edition this weekend (May 20-21).

However, due to my new job requirements (nights & weekends), it is also necessary that I resign from my position on the RSC immediately.

I have sent all the newsletter material given me by the previous editor to this RSC with members of my group. In addition, I will send proof copies to whoever you elect as the new editor, along with the subscription list (which I still have).

I'm sorry I couldn't have served you better or longer, but I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,
Ken M.

LIT.COMM. CON'T

FFF- Stockpile up to \$500.00 now. Elected new Lit Chair. Mike M. Worked on Assigned Traditions from IT Works... Ordering four commemorative edition of the Basic Text for Auctions for Lit. Comm. 6-10 people involved with Literature Comm. Joe

Just for Today-We have decided to work on Tradition 2 at our ASC Sub-Committee. But due to lack of interest we have decided to hold work shops. With the addition of Laurence's 4 meetings our Literature is being moved out pretty good mostly white books and tags. Dave S.

OZ- I have been working on "In times of illness" as unapproved lit. and I feel it is confusing and vague. It is literature for those in treatment. I'm taking it to the group for input. We are going to have an Area stockpile for literature on hand. Alt. Literature Chair Dave K

Unity- Our stockpile is coming along. In the past, 25% of each group donation was set aside to buy literature. In the next month I am going to figure out how is needed to upgrade our stockpile so that I can supply all the groups and will do away with the 25% deal. We recently oked the order of 1000 more mtg cards. I can't keep them in stock fast enough. Unity Area will be holding a Tradition workshop on Tradition 1 assigned to us on June 18th 2pm at 510 State St. Concordia Kansas. Hope I see you all there. In Loving Service Jeri

Wichita Metro- Maintaining Lit. stockpile of literature on hand at all times. Had problems with workshops and hope that these problems have been resolved. They have elected a new Co-Lit Chair. Dee from Newton she will be putting together these workshops so that we can continue the work on teh Traditions. Doug B. Wichita Lit. Chair

AREA REPORTS:

Central Ks- The CKA is going through test and changes, but we like to think of it as challenges and growing. We have eight groups represented at our Area. Some meetings have changed locations, so please check with groups if relocating. I don't have updated on Hays meetings yet. We are unable to make a donation to the region at this time. Our bank account has been started over and is \$0.00 at this time. We do have a new treasurer, Sara D. We have confidence this is a short term set back. Other offices change are Pam B is our Alt. ASR P.I. Chair is Wynette R. H.I. meetings are still going into Ellsworth Prison, Hoisington Recovery Center, St. Joe Treatment Center at Larned, and Larned St. Hospital. Still spreading the word. P.I. has been on hold, but now have a new P.I. Chair. She is ordering our tapes for TV spots from WSO. We're also trying to get things going for schools this fall. Literature has weathered our financial stress, thanks to everyone in the Area agreeing literature should have what funds we have. Activities at this time is working on having a service workshop. All input will be appreciated. Policy is a life saver in our Area. It is revised by page only when the need arises. Thanks to Penny D. for being our Chair and helping us follow our policy. A special thanks to CKA and the way they are handling difficulties. I'll be proud to represent our area and will do the best I can. Service In Recovery Pam B.

FELLOWSHIP FOR FREEDOM-

We have 2 new groups. The other Monday night meeting group and "We cant remember the name of the other group" which meet on Thurs. nites.

We're donating \$254.00 to the M.A.R. We have a new Alt. ASR Joe J.

Welcome Joe! We have an Area Campout "Clean and Serene with the Stars"

June 2-4 Registration is \$10.00 which includes camping, pork feast,

AREA REPORTS CONT

FFF-

pancake feed, Bingo and all the Coffee and Tea you can drink that weekend. We have shirts, Coffee Cups, and Hates for Sale. Bob B. resigned as Alt ASR and Alt. Lit.Co-Chair. Mike M. is our new Lit Chair. Eddie is our new H.I. Chair. We had a Area Secretary that moved so we filled that position. We found out last night, that the new Area Sec. is resigning. Our attendance at mtgs. is steady with 50-100 at a couple of them. We have 20-25 people still attending our Area mtg. We voted yes to Fall Round-Up. We are interested in hosting it. Our Womens Group for Serenity folded and is not meeting. A meeting has started in Seneca, KS. And they are thinking of joining our Area. Yours in service, "Sometimes Struggling" but always growing, Glenn S. ASR Joe J. Alt.

JUST FOR TODAY- Our Area is going strong. We have a new Area Act. Comm Chair Joe G. from Lawrence. We also have new Area Vice Chair. Laura M. from Emporia. Chris A. from Lawrence new ASR Alt. We have made some new policy for our Area. All ASC will remain the 2nd Sunday of the month. Unless otherwise voted at prior ASC. Motion made that 50% of voting members must be present in order to have a business vote. Although discussion can be held voting will not take place. Activities Emporia pioneer group 2nd anniversary at Camp Alexander June 9-11 Bring' raffle items. Correction on the flyer, it is a fundraiser for MARC 6 not to host RSC. Ottawa cheap sunglasses dance Ottawa University June 26 Admission \$2.00 w/glasses 3.00 without. New Meeting Pioneer group beginners meeting Tuesday night at 8:00 pm Ottawa Serenity hill meeting Friday night at Sunset. We would also like to welcome Lawrence to our Area. Four new groups Fresh Start Monday 8:00 pm, Larry Town Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 pm LottaSoul Sunday at 7:00pm NewWay Tuesday 8:00 pm and Sat. 10:00 pm We also approved election procedure.

OZ AREA- An Area conscience was taken to accept region Election procedure. An anonymity issue was brought before the Area concerning the NA logo, OZ Area will not support the production of distribution of NA merchandise that carry the NA logo or NA name to merchandise subject to dist. that is beyond our control opens up NA as a whole to negative publicity The vote went 4-1-1 and was passed. A phone line with answering machine will run off meeting list for Area. TV PSA will circulate (30 times a month, locally over CBS, ABC, and NBC affiliates.) just as soon as the helpline can be tagged on PSA. A search for volunteers to maintain refreshments at campout. Area Lit. is currently reviewing "In times of illness" A pig for the campout is being fattened up expressly for out fellowship and will be killed and dressed out in Mid June by second and Last Chance NA Lonnie H. was elected Area Treasurer and Randy R. elected Alt. ASC rep. Congratulations. Percentage of funds from OZ area to be donated to Mid-America region could not be established as of this writing. Yours in recovery, Dale G. OZ area ASR

S.E. TRADITIONS- The SETA is still young and growing.. We are holding our Area meetings on the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 am We have elected some trusted servants for our Area. Craig C. Chairperson Jerry H. treasurer and Johnnie F. secretary. Our next area meeting will be June 4th at the Independence City Park, Independence Ks. We are continuing to have 5-8 people at our Area meeting and are encouraged by the support. In Loving service Ruth M. Acting, ASR

UNITY AREA- There is alot of growth going on in our Area. There is a major concern as far as money is concerned. The issue that created this was the \$7000.00 donation to WSO at the last Regional. The general consences at the Area meeting is that it should have went back to the groups. We have started a policy committee. We have accomplished guidelines for attendance and election procedures. The next item we are to tackle is a budget.

Area reports cont

Unity- We have elected a new PI chair after a four month vacancy. We passed both the RSC Election procedure and the motion for request for funds. The H&I meeting in Beloit has started and is going well. After much discussion our Area has decided to pay phone bills of all towns in our area, who can come up with the start up cost for helplines Wed. night Phoenix group in Salina is having a dance June 23 at 746 Comanche. Starts at 8:00 ends at 12:00 admission is \$2.00 Laura M. ASR

WESTERN AREA- Our Area is staying very busy with the upcoming 4th of July campout. We have raised the funds to pay for most of our expenses and should be able to reimburse the RSC by the time the camp out is over. Our area is very grateful to all of you for helping us achieve this goal. We are also growing with new meetings starting in several of our area groups. We are also active in H&I and PI work and hope to get more active in the area of literature. For more info. contact Carl K. 316-225-4039 or Jim R. 316-225-3337 In. Loving service Carl K. P.S. Congradulations to Jim R. on being elected to the position of Western Area ASR Alt. There are also rumors of a new NA group starting up in Camop or Walsh Colorado.

WICHITA METRO AREA- Recovery be happenin' in doo dah. Most (but not all) of our sub-committees are a functioning part of our area. The one not working being our policy committee. We are hoping to change this soon. As always, the biggest problem being participation of our members. My term was up last month as ASR. My Alt. resigned and I've been re-elected and given a new Alt. ASR Anita J. We also have a new Area secretary Marge. I heard a rumour there was a group in Halstead and heard they would show at our area but they didn't Also two or three groups in our area have failed to show for ASC for over three months.
Brent K. ASR

MARSC Treasure Report

May 20, 1989

There is a correction to be made to the treasure's report of February 25, 1989. The beginning balance of 3528.23 was carried over incorrectly from the ending balance of the November 20, 1988 statement. The beginning balance (2/25/89) should have been 3528.35. This is a correction of twelve cents to the plus. All balance numbers should have twelve cents added to them, giving an ending balance of 716.55 on the February 25, 1989 statement.

DATE	INCOME		EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
2/25/89				\$ 716.55
2/25/89		#111	Activities calendar	\$15.00
2/25/89		#112	RSC Secretary	75.00
2/25/89		#113	Public Information	127.00
2/25/89		#114	Public Information	8.00
			<u>225.00</u>	491.55
2/28/89	Wichita Area		\$120.00	
2/28/89	Pioneer Group		100.00	
2/28/89	Phoenix Group		41.00	
2/28/89	Public Information		200.00	
			<u>461.00</u>	952.55
3/8/89	MARC VI		9,206.84	
3/8/89	RSC Secretary		16.54	
			<u>9,223.38</u>	10,175.93
3/18/89		#115*	RSR & RSR-alt travel expenses	1131.00
3/18/89		#116*	donation to MSC	700.00
			<u>1831.00</u>	8,044.93
4/11/89	Fellowship for Freedom		250.00	
4/12/89	Pioneer Group		25.00	
4/22/89	RSC Treasure '87		23.39	
			<u>298.39</u>	2,343.32

*checks dated 2/25/89, not mailed till 3/18/89

Over the past nine months I have been in contact with WSO staff concerning MARSC's tax liabilities. While in Van Nuys, Ca. I was able to continue this conversation with WSO staff and the WSO Treasure. While no guidelines or policies are available at these levels, the conversations were enlightening. I was encouraged to continue this work at the regional level. I have brought this matter to the attention of this body at the last two RSC meetings and received no input or feedback.

In the past five months I have had three conversations with an attorney. These talks have taken place during the attorney's personal time at no cost to the fellowship, however this cannot continue. I understand Tradition Seven to say "we pay our own way". It has also been brought to my attention that I am personally liable to the IRS (federal and state) because my social security number is being used as an ID number on our checking account.

My conversation with the two aforementioned parties lead me to believe that it is our responsibility as a responsible fellowship to delve further into these matters. Following this logic I am going to make a motion (under new business) that this conference advance the MARSC Treasure \$250.00. These funds will be used to;

1. investigate obtaining federal and state ID numbers.
2. obtain legal counsel as to the pros and cons of #1 and filing state and federal tax returns.
3. implementing sound accounting practices.
4. surveying the Mid-America Fellowship in regards to its fund practices.

The information gathered by this work should be beneficial to the MARSC, its Areas and Groups. I am asking for your financial, physical and spiritual help in these matters.

Sincerely, luv' ya' all

Pat Mays
MARSC Treasure

P.S. At the last RSC I was asked to propose a budget and estimate a prudent reserve. This project is not finished; partly because of my spending time on other matters and partly because the treasurers records are not easily understandable. However I will continue to work on this. I would appreciate the committee researching this and making projections on their spending needs.

My term as treasure is due to expire in August. I would like you to consider extending that term until November to give me time to accomplish these tasks.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your contribution of \$7,000.00 to the Fellowship. The strength and growth of the Fellowship depends on contributions like yours.

The World Service Conference provides a valuable level of service for the entire Fellowship. The Conference is responsible for the development of new tools and literature to be used by the Fellowship to assist us as members to carry the message of recovery to the still suffering addicts. Your contribution and others like it make it possible for the conference to accomplish these tasks.

On behalf of the addict who still suffers, we thank you very much and extend our appreciation for your concern and dedication.

The World Service Conference publishes, at the end of our annual Conference, a report containing information on all the contributions by states or regions. Your contribution will be shown in that report.

Should you have any questions concerning WSC expenditures, please let me know.

In Loving Service,

Shari Bradshaw

Shari Bradshaw, Treasurer
World Service Conference

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TO: Mid-America Regional Service Committee

FROM: Pat Mays, RSR-alt.
Mid-America Regional Service Committee

SUBJECT: World Service Conference &
upcoming conference year

DATE: May 20, 1989

While attending the conference I became aware of how grateful I am to be a member of the Mid-America Region. Our spiritual maturity became evident to me. I at all times felt your complete confidence in John and I to represent your wishes and make decisions in the best interests of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole. This surely comes from a deeply seated belief and faith that N.A. will proliferate. We seem to be free of the fear that catastrophe is eminent. This allows us to be progressive in our twelfth step endeavors. (God hasn't brought us this far to drop kick us out of bounds).

The week at the conference was physically draining. However, it was spiritually invigorating and very educational. The accomplishments to date and the plans for the future speak highly of this fellowship. If I can convey only one aspect of what I found at the conference, this report will be its own success. Individual ambition, motivation and determination united in our spiritual principals is able to truly envision, "no addict seeking recovery need die without a chance to find a better way of life".

John has asked me to report on the WSC Literature Committee. Since Motion #16 in the Conference Agenda Report for 1989 carried, I have applied for general membership to the WSCLC.

I attended both committee meetings during the conference week. I have discussed what took place in these meetings with our RSCLC this morning. I have asked their approval for me to write a personal letter to the WSCLC. The purpose of this letter is to express my concern about their becoming too bogged down in technicalities, thus hampering their ability to produce literature.

Bryce Sullivan, who had been vice-chair of WSCLC, was elected by the conference to chair the WSCLC for the upcoming conference year. As I mentioned earlier motion #16 carried as did motion #15. Motion #17 (Group Starter Kit) was committed back to committee. Motion #18 (1989-90 "A" List) was amended to:

- 1) The Steps portion of It Works: How and Why
- 2) For Those in Treatment
- 3) In Times of Illness
- 4) N.A. Group Starter Kit

The traditions portion of It Works was committed to the Board of Trustees. I want to commend the literature committee for gracefully relinquishing this. WSCLC general members will work on the daily meditation book, unless otherwise requested by the WSCLC.

The earlier mentioned attitude turns my attention to the future. Knowing John's ability to summarize and inform you of what transpired at WSC '89, and not wanting to be repetitious, I'll spend the rest of my report looking at the upcoming year.

I would suggest that we take back to our Areas and Groups the means of obtaining information about our fellowship. These being the N.A. Way, Newslines, Fellowship reports, and our own Newsletter. I personally see no reason not to promote these tabloids. I would like to see the Newsletter

become an open forum for communication within the region. We might even wish to put other regions on our mailing list, on a reciprocating basis. Committees and trusted servants could use this avenue to entice the fellowship to become more involved. It could be used to express problems and points of interest, inviting feedback.

I think we need to look, again, at our format and agenda for RSC meetings. We might consider having all sub-committees meet simultaneously. This could help promote deeper involvement and more expertise in committees. Two day RSCs could be re-evaluated. Interim meetings could be held, if there is a need for them. I certainly encourage more communication amongst us and will try to do so myself. Many ideas are brought up and voted on at our quarterly meetings. After having time to reflect on these matters, my opinion and attitude sometimes changes on these matters. It would be good to have time to consider them beforehand.

As the question of funding our trusted servants remains an issue, I believe we need to formulate written policy on this matter. I'm wondering if this is the reason I hear negative remarks about the way we spend our money. Let's bring this issue out and discuss it open-mindedly. An understanding of the responsibilities of world level trusted servants might help.

World level committee members gain admittance to committees by different means, depending on the policies of the committees they seek to serve. Expenses are also covered in varying amounts. Although these individuals may be active members of this body and/or reside within this region, when they gain membership to their respective committees, they are not representatives of this region. They then become directly responsible to the entire fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. If we decide to support these members financially we should do so because we believe in and have faith in the aspirations and endeavors of the world level service body. In general, these committees are becoming more selective in who they accept as members. If we are as selective in our process, N. A. will be served well and our money well spent. The above does not necessarily pertain to our committee chairs, RSRs and alternates. I refer you to page 4, first two paragraphs of the WSC '89 Chairpersons' report.

I feel it would be a shame not to support these members who meet the criterion. So that my motives may be judged, I will express my future intentions. As a general member of the WSGIC I intend to become an active participant. Next year, I intend to seek voting membership in this committee.

I hope that in the coming year the policy committee, in cooperation with the other committees and the treasure, can propose a workable budget. It is imperative that we utilize our funds for the optimum benefit and be an active supporter of the fund flow system, at both ends. Again I refer you to the WSC '89 Chairperson report-Finances and resource management.

I see great potential and much to be accomplished by all the sub-committees. I think we sometimes become routine and mundane in our committee work. It was refreshing to see P. I. s' ambition and motivation on their projects last year. I hope the incoming chair continues with that progressive attitude. I would advise all of you to communicate and inter-act well with the other committees, so as not to overlap or confuse our efforts. More workshops and learning days could surely be initiated.

We might also start discussing how we will deal with the conference

agenda report next year. I have a few alternatives in mind and will converse with you about them in the interim.

I would like you to consider lengthening the terms trusted servants may serve. After trying to integrate myself into a complex system at the WSO I can appreciate the usefulness of one who has accumulated experience. We have adopted a system of rotation to protect our selves from power struggles and manipulation. I wonder if it is really wise to put our experience out to pasture. We seem to believe it is right to hold several positions at once, if we only hold them for a specified period of time. Then many of us move on to hold other positions, becoming "jacks of all trades, masters of none"? I realize longer terms mean deeper commitments, but then, commitment is an integral part of recovery. Hopefully our past practices of waiving suggested requirements will soon become a thing of the past. As our fellowship grows, our accumulated clean time and experience grows. I feel this committees requirements should be broadened to include greater experience, competence and proven reliability.

Reading the area minutes has helped me keep in beat (or out of beat) with what's going on in the region. I thank those of you who have been sending them. I encourage you to continue, and those who haven't to please start. I hope to attend as many area meetings through out the region as possible.

I have passed out a sample form for surveying the regional fellowship. I am asking for your input on this type of survey. Do you have any questions to add or delete? Is it understandable? Is it appropriate? Do you see any value in doing it? It may prove to be a useful tool or of no merit what-so-ever. However it turns out, your positive cooperation will help prove the final analysis.

I would like to encourage the regional fellowship to become more accountable in matters of finance. I refer you to the WSO '89 report, page 65, - Fellowship Finances. My efforts to conform to this request are reflected in the treasures report submitted at this meeting.

While insurance, thru WSO, is not available yet-----, They do encourage us to check with the facilities we use as to their insurance coverage. This could be a deciding factor in our choice of what facilities to use for our functions.

I see a wealth of human resources with-in the Mid-America Region. We have a great deal to offer to our membership and to those who are not yet acquainted with us. There are those of you whom are capable of serving at the world level and I encourage you to look toward that means.

When dealing with the proposals of the upcoming year I urge you to practice one of our basic spiritual principles, open-mindedness. Whether these proposals prove to be functional or not the motive behind them is right - to improve er service structure so as to better serve the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

As it is, by precedent, time for us to elect an RSR and alternate, I would like for you to consider what I said earlier about utilizing the experience of our trusted servants. I propose that the RSR and the RSR-alt. be elected to two year terms contingent on their annual terms being ratified at each May RSC.

To iplement this, I suggest that you either;

- 1) re-elect John B. to his second one year term (he has served us well) and myself (or another member of your

- choice) to a one year term as RSR-alt.
2) that you elect myself (or another member of your choice)
to a two year term as RSR and another member of your
choice to a two term as RSR-alt. *

*the rsr-alt. would be committing to a four term of service

I have thought long and talked openly with other members before making these proposals. Whether you accept or reject them, I will accept the decision of this body and continue to serve at what ever position you choose.

Sincerely,


Pat Rye
MARSC RSR-alt.

P. S. Luv ya' all !!