

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
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NOVEMBER MARSCNA 1994

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Tim S. read the twelve traditions. Anita J. and Warren J. read the twelve concepts.

ROLL CALL:

OFFICERS--Co-Chair, Treasurer, P.O. Box, Activities, Campout, Convention, RER, H & I, Literature, PI, Steering, Alt-RER (12 of 16)

ASR's--Central, Fellowship For Freedom, Just For Today, Unity, Western, Wichita Metro, 5th Tradition (7 of 9)

Jennifer H. read minutes of August meeting. Minutes were approved. Jennifer H. read the Treasurers Report. Report was approved.

NOB-COMMITTEE AND ASR REPORTS WERE GIVEN AT THIS TIME

OLD BUSINESS

A. Small Claims Court:

Jennifer H. reported that the check issued for this matter has never cleared the bank. Betty P. reported that Laura can't get in touch with Pat M. It was also noted that sometimes the court holds onto checks until the claim is finished. Betty P. offered to get in touch with Pat M. and see if the case has been started and if not she has offered to personally take care of this matter and will be reimbursed by Region if she funds it herself. It was noted that it must be done by the end of this month.

B. Jim M. called for RSC Non-Smoking Area Conscious Vote. 3/2/2 Non-Smoking at the RSC failed.

C. Taping of RSC:

Motion 6 of August 94 minutes concerning Secretary Taping and Cost of Equipment was discussed.

Motion #1 Lori H. moved to table until policy comes, Denny C. second. Tony K. questioned if ASR's discussed cost of machine. Call to vote on motion on floor. 2/3/2 Motion Failed. Lori will take matter to Policy Chair so that ASR's will get notified of financial impact and make them able to bring back Area conscious to vote at next RSC.

Inventory:

Jim M. asked about what the RSC is going to do with the inventories. Denny C. thinks they should be kept at sub-committee level. Debby S. says this has gone on too long. So many things have happened, ASR's changed, it has been drug on too long. Don M. said this has been going on since last December of 1993 and has taken up a lot of time.

Motion #2 Tim S. moved, Jim M. second that information be turned into Adhoc for compilation and report back to RSC in February 95. Discussion followed. Debby S. asked for final clarification on what the RSC members want from this Adhoc report. It was stated that is just what the Adhoc committee was put together to do. Motion carried 7/0/0. Adhoc members are Betty P., Debby S., Kevin C., Warren J., Anita J., Tony P. The Chair appointed Debby S. as Adhoc Chair.

NOTE*****ALL SUB-COMMITTEES INVENTORIES NEED TO BE MAILED TO DEBBY STEWART, 501 N. ASH, MCPHERSON, KANSAS 67460 (PHONE 316-241-6230). DEBBIE MUST HAVE THIS INFORMATION NO LATER THAN JANUARY 10, 1995.*****

E. Tim E. inquired why Agenda not mailed. Since the Chair was absent there was no answer.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Secretary:

Motion #3 Kevin M. motioned that Jennifer H. be elected RSC Secretary for RSC, Tim E. second. Jennifer H. qualified herself. Discussion followed. Motion carried 6/1/0.

B. Election of Treasurer:

Motion #4 Lori H. moved and Jim M. second to table election of Treasurer until next RSC so that it can be taken back to Areas. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Jennifer H. agreed to continue as Treasurer as long as needed.

C. Jim M. brought up the need to be filing the Federal Tax forms. Discussion followed. Jim M. announced that the Steering Committee will investigate the Federal ID information. Jennifer H. will visit with previous Treasurer on where tax forms are. Kevin M. asked for information on Area and Group level filings also.

D. Merchandising:

Dave R. brought up the situation of people selling items during the hours of 6 pm thru the actual auction at the Saturday RSC's. RSC had previously had policy if you have items to sell out of respect for fundraiser that people should not sell until after fundraiser is finished. Clarification needs to be made. Don suggested Policy be made. Kevin C. said there was policy made.

Kevin C. moved that from 6 pm until after Auction at RSC Quarterly meetings on Saturday there will be no merchandise sold other than approved fundraiser merchandise with a friendly amendment to give this motion to policy committee to add to policy. Randy D. second. Motion carried 6/0/1.

E. Denny C. requested that the other sub-committees draft policy for next RSC pertaining to the motion #5 above. Jim M. will formulate thru Steering committee guidelines as such for next RSC.

F. MRLD:

H & I brought up several MRLD issues that will follow in the H & I Report. MRLD already voted and passed these issues but it was told to MRLD that it needed brought back to the Regions. Warren J. said the seed money issue needed brought back to Region. Seed money was requested to be raised from \$2000 to \$2500. It was explained that MRLD wants to seed \$500 more before sending excess to World. Much discussion. Jim M. said we have no representative or financial stake so why are we even considered part of MRLD. Too much time is taken up on MRLD issues and why are we even messing with it again?

Motion #6 Hugh H. moved, Lori H. second that discussion cease. Motion carried 6/0/1.

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LUNCH
(THANKS TO THE COOKS, IT WAS DELICIOUS)

Meeting called back to order by Betty P. by reading the Twelve Traditions.

ROLL CALL:

Same as above with the addition of Newsletter, Secretary and Miracle Area ASR.

G. MRLD:

Kevin M. motioned to take MRLD funding issue back to areas. Kevin M. withdrew motion. Jim M. asked members this question "Are we or are we not going to support MRLD---PERIOD." He stated too much personality issues are involved. Kevin C. stated money to send MRLD representative monthly was an issue. Nate F. called the question. Jim. M. said the Motion need specific clarification of support or participation before motion is made. Discussion needed without emotions. It was brought up that the Region doesn't have a representative.

Motion #7 Nate F. moved discussion cease, died of lack of second.

Motion #8 Kevin C. moved, Nate F. second, (wording never given on this motion), motion withdrawn.

Motion #9 Nate F. moved, Kevin C. second, Mid-America Region will not officially participate or be represented at MRLD. Discussion on feelings that this should be taken back to Area for further unity. Jim would like to see motion go to groups. Intent of motion is to move on. Chair called the vote. 5/1/2 Motion passed. Chair appointed H & I to extend each letter to MRLD and Warren J. will deliver the letter.

Motion #10 From Literature--To send every ASR or Area PD Box enough copies of special issues introducing the 2 for 1 promotion. Financial Impact of \$70.00. Motion passed 6/0/1

Motion #12 From Literature--To elect Nate F. as Newsletter Chair for a one year term. This is contrary to Policy as written because it states this position a two year term. This is so Nate can train someone properly to take over in one year since Nate has been the Newsletter Chair for over three years. Nate qualified himself. Motion carried 7/0/1.

Motion #13 From PI--Motion turned out to be more of a question as stated "do we need to put officers phone numbers and names on meeting list". After much discussion the motion was withdrawn and it will be taken back to PI committee that Region is NOT OKAY WITH THIS.

Archives:

Jim M. announced that anyone having or knowing anyone who has archives to get them to the next RSC or at latest the Convention.

Motion #14 Nate F. motioned and I did not catch who second, for an addition \$200 above the budget for the Newsletter. Nate explained that the budget remained the same but the cost of printing has risen and also he does donations for fundraisers and other things to promote the newsletter. Motion carried 6/1/1.

I. Budget:

It was brought up that the sub-committees need to come up with the new year budget amounts at the next RSC. Jim M. read the article stating money to be sent on to World. After much discussion about how much to send and how to figure out how much to send a motion was made.

Motion #15 Debby S. moved, Tim S. second, that we send \$2500 to World. After discussion Nate Moved Discussion Cease, Hugh H. second. The motion 15 passed 8/0/0.

Motion #16 Just For Today Area--That The Chair and Co-Chair create an Adhoc committee to research feasibility of hiring a professional secretary/service secretary for this Region. Intent: To keep RSC business running smooth when this Secretaries term is ended. Financial Impact: Minimal.

Motion 17 Motion To Close made by Dave R., second by Tim S. Motion Passed 8/0/0 (3:00 pm---good job all!!!)

ASR REPORTS

CENTRAL KANSAS AREA

Howdy from Central Kansas Area, My name is Randy D. the newly appointed ASR for CKA. We finally had an Area meeting where all groups were present for a change. We have a new Chair, Al D. from Pratt. Don't forget to attend the 5th Annual Chili Bowl in Ellinwood on December 9., Knights of Columbus Hall, 111 1st Street. Joyce H. from Lawrence, Kansas will be the speaker. This is a Convention Fundraiser so please attend. The Central Kansas Area is donating \$50.00 to the Region this month. New meeting place for the Holington Group is 4th & Green, Holington, Kansas. Hays group new meeting is Thursday at 8 pm on Open Steps and Traditions meeting. Staying Crazy, Randy D.

FELLOWSHIP FOR FREEDOM

We currently have over 20 meetings weekly. We have a new Monday night meeting thankfully taking place of the one we lost. We will be holding a Mini-Convention March 10, 11, 12 1995. The theme is "WHAT'S A CONCEPT". We need speaker for this. We would like both pro and con speakers. If anyone is willing to help contact Shelly at 913-235-8548 or Tobey at 913-233-2911. We are having a Christmas Dance December 17, 1994 at 8 pm, 1240 Buchanan in Topeka. We are seeming to have a lot of service oriented enthusiasm for FFF at all levels especially Regional level, with more people participating at the RSC sub-committee meetings than in the past. Our Area Meeting place has changed to the basement of Grace Cathedral at 8th and Taylor on the last Sunday of every month at 5:00 until 7:00 pm. I'm Greatful To Be Able To Serve, Kevin M.

WESTERN AREA

We have been really struggling the last several months. We have a handful of addicts that have carried the Area for a long time. We have trade position back and forth for too long. Our Area Chair drafted a Unity letter that is being sent out to all GSR's in our Area. We have two new meetings in Liberal. Attendance is up at most of our meetings. We want to thank everyone for coming and participating in the 5th Annual Dodge City Round Up. It was a big success. We have not got an exact figure but we think there was around \$1000 above costs made. My term as ASR is up as of November this year. It has been a real learning experience these last two years. Area meetings are the third Sunday of each month, rotating towns. In Loving Service, Hugh H.

17TH TRADITIONS AREA

Our area is still in our formativly stages. We have done a great deal of basic PI. Our area info is in the local newspaper and penny power. We have sent meeting list to treatment centers, PG's, halfway houses, and to many social agencies that may come in contact with addicts. After our Area meeting in Oct. some members did a flyer campaign in Derby, Ks. We are looking into doing a PI awareness month with more details to come out later. We also will be looking at doing some H & I presentations. With our small numbers we will only be able to focus on one or two places where the clients have no access to outside meetings. High Noon group celebrated its first birthday in Oct. We still have noon NA meetings three times a week. Our attendance has been down but our doors remain open. Derby Groups attendance has been up with several newcomers who have found our doors thru our PI efforts. One addict found our meeting from a meeting list that was at least 4 years old. We are concerned about this because with the meeting list he had only two meetings are held on the same day location and time as his list reflected. We will be sending our an info letter about using meeting list that are not dated. Our purpose is to insure that addicts are refered to meetings that are really happening. We have also gone to a few groups to see if they would be interested in joining our area or possibly forming an Area with other groups in Kansas. During our visits we have seen groups that conduct meetings with other fellowship literature out on the table. The other groups we visited had a strong dual message. We are concerned about this because of the lack of a clear understanding of NA's message. We wish to thank the Region for those members who came for an Area PI, H & I Learning Session. MRLD will be in Wichita in September of 1990. We will be grateful for you support. Yours in Service, Warren J.

UNITY AREA

Hello Family, Unity Area is getting ready to print new meeting lists which will have by the next RSC. Our Area has over 40 meetings weekly. At this time, our Area is postponing its mini-convention until a later date due to other functions in the Region. Due to lack of support our H & I and PI Committees are not very active at this time. However, H & I is still following thru with its commitments in the Area. Our Area would like to donate \$100 at this time. This is my last RSC as the ASR for Unity Area. In February, Mike A. will be the ASR. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. In Loving Service, Debby Stewart.

WICHITA METRO AREA

Our Area continues to maintain some direction towards better serving our groups. All meetings are going well. We had a Chili Feed, Phoneline Fundraiser. Our phoneline is changing Monday. You can call the old number and a recording will give you the new number. Dave S. will have the phone. We are making a \$50 donation to RSC. I forgot to bring it so I will mail it to Jennifer. We still have no Sub-Committee Chairs. We are carrying in about 7 H & I meetings. In Service, Lori H., ASR

MIRACLE AREA

Greetings from the Miracle Area! I apologize for not being present at this regional meeting. My ability to serve our area at the regional meetings has certainly been wavering. I planned to attend; however, my father - whom I have not seen for 10 years - flew in from Arizona last night. And as a client to the Chiefs game without checking the date first. Anyway, this will not happen again. Our area has been quite busy! Tony K. came up to give a workshop on SERVICE October 22 and we moved our regular area meeting to the following day so Tony could stay over and attend our area meeting. Attendance at this workshop was outstanding (25 or 20). On October 29th our Larrytown group held a Halloween dance and inspite of the fact that this was not an "AREA" event it was well attended. Our MIRACLE AREA literature committee has scheduled a "LIVING CLEAN" workshop in January. This workshop will be held at the Brookwood Mobile Home Park, 1900 E. 19th, Lawrence, KS. For additional information contact Joyce H. at 9113-841-0864. Our area has seated a new group called "Sparks for Life". This new groups meets at 801 1/2 Massachusetts at noon on Mondays and Thursdays. Welcome "Sparks for Life". J D attended our regional sub-committees yesterday and will be more involved at the regional level as time progresses. Thank you J D. Well, thank you to all areas for your incoming area minutes. We hope you will continue to keep us informed about your upcoming events as well. Thank you for your understand. See ya in January. With LOVE...Joyce McWilliams

UST FOR TODAY AREA

A new group attended JFT Area meeting, NA WAY of Louisburg. The addition of Louisburg and Garnett to our Area is a breath of new life that is greatly appreciated. Alive and Kickin had a cold weather campout on November 4, 5 and 6. Pioneer had a Halloween dance October 29th with two workshops (PI and H & I). New Area trusted servants are secretary-Debi Smith, 11-D Canterbury Court, Ottawa 66067 and new Alt-ASR-Gene Foxen, 1009 Union, Apt. A, Emporia 66801. We are donating \$130 to the Region today Motion 39 was discussed. Our Area meetings are the third Sunday at 2 pm at the Alive and Kickin meeting place. In Loving Service, Denny C.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

RSR

I attended a service workshop hosted by the Miracle Area and had a good informal workshop and attended an Area meeting that was moved specifically to accommodate my schedule--much thanks to Miracle Area. We need to start considering the CAR process for 1995. I have not received as yet information as to dates and locations of the conference. The conference is traditionally held the last week

f April and this year it will be held in Van Nuys, CA. I would propose that we hold three CAR workshops in February and March 1995

at various locations throughout the Region. Eastern portion in Topeka area, Central portion in Wichita-Newton area and one in the western part of the Region in Great Bend. Please let me know how I can be of further service. Tony K. RSR

ALT-RSR

The World Unity Day celebration was a success. There were 51 telephone hookups from 16 different countries. A few examples are in Portugal a few hundred NA members gathered with simultaneous headset translations provided. In Australia approximately 60 members gathered for a Sunday morning breakfast. Inmates from the West Virginia Women's Federal Prison also had a hookup. The donations from the event amounted to \$8532.21. Recovering addicts attending the 24th World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous were not alone! Moving WEO out of Van Nuys is still in the works but as of yet no negotiations for future sites have been finalized. A straight quote from November 1994 Conference Report was "we are absolutely committed to moving the Van Nuys office in 1995". WEO has installed a voice mail system at the Van Nuys location as of the end of November. Instituting this system will not only help handle calls more efficiently but also offer 24 hour message capability. The "Just For Today" Video was priced at \$49.99 U.S. basically because the target audience is primarily professionals and treatment centers. It should be in inventory by the end of November. AER's please bring it to your areas attention that I would like to request area minutes sent to me so I could possibly attend your meetings with a little knowledge of what is going on. Gratefully Serving, Tim S.

ACTIVITIES

Well Hi, We open up the meeting, we are starting to send the minutes to the newsletter. New officers for Soul to Soul are Chair-Maria C.; Co-Chair-Clay W.; Treasurer-Shelley A.

NEXT RSC WILL BE FEBRUARY 18 AND 19, 1995

SOUP COOK OFF

9 TO 11 **ACTIVITIES AND P I**
11 TO 1 **STEERING AND POLICY**
1 TO 2 **LUNCH**
2 TO 4 **LITERATURE AND H & I**
4 TO 6 **CAMPOUT AND CONVENTION**
7 PM **SPEAKER MEETING**
8 PM **DANCE, AUCTION AND RAFFLE (PROCEEDS TO CAMPOUT)**

Thanks to all who brought food and helped out. Dave R.

CAMPOUT

The Campout Committee decided that we will have the Campout at Milferd Lake in the Rolling Hills area. The dates will be June 30th thru July 3rd. We will have a confirmation on the location and dates by the 1st of December. Milferd Lake has offered us a 5 yr lock in on the location with no obligation except to give appropriate notice that we would not be using the site. We are having trouble with getting ahold of the checkbook for our account. We are going to make another attempt to contact Pat M. about this checkbook. Our PEA (Programming, Entertainment, Activities) is narrowing down the selections for speakers, and is working on some structured activities. We still have several open positions, such as Treasurer, Secretary, Catering, Fundraising. Please Take this back to your Areas for willing slaves. We have planned to have an Interim on December 17 in Topeka at Shelley A's house 4 pm. You can contact me for the exact address. Look for pre-flyers in the newsletter to be freely given to each group in region. Gratefully Service, Bill Hayze

CONVENTION

Hi Everyone. We started this month with a balance of \$829.02. We paid our balance off for the sweat shirts and long T's. Speakers were confirmed, Jeannette LA, Bob R. MO and Kim S. from NJ. The committee purchased 12 step and 12 traditions and serenity prayer or 3rd step prayer (I can't remember for sure) from the Australia Region. We will make a statement and have posted for selling of merchandise other than the Convention. The statement will state we will provide space after 10 pm on Saturday after the auction for other groups, areas, etc., to sell their merchandise. Please take back to your areas if there is any literature committee that would like to provide literature for the convention and donating basic texts to the Convention. We will give out 10 free registrations in the Region and 10 to outside functiona. Flyers are being put together as we speak. hopes are they will be out in a few weeks. By them for your sponsors, sponsorees, or newcomers as a gift during the upcoming holiday season. (We did our Inventory) Love Ya, Don M.

H & I

Hello Partner's, We received a letter from a P.O. thanking us for the mailer we sent out. There were two Areas represented by their chairs. Central Kansas is carrying two H & I Commitments a month. Fellowship For Freedom 40 H & I Meetings a month. They are carrying the message to over 150 addicts a month. 5th Tradition Area state they are trying to orientate new member, Unity Area is still carrying the message but has no chair at this time. I didn't receive a report from the members we sent to MRLD but a fellow member brought up issues to bring to the RSC floor. These issues to be voted on are: 1. That the Co-Chair would be responsible for Agenda. 2. Up their seed money to \$2500. 3. Change date of learning weekend to the 4th weekend. These issues were already

voted on by MRLD. Much Discussion ensued on the issue. Finally other Regional business was conducted. FFF requested \$237.60 for 500 white books. m/s/p Kevin M. from Topeka is our new Co-Chair. We had an interim meeting in Derby and information day. Attendance was low. There was also a workshop in Emporia on the 29th which had a good turn out and seemed to renew some H & I interest in a few. H & I efforts are still hampered by lack of support. We need ideas on how to get more involvement. Our inventory was completed and meeting adjourned. Kevin stated after the meeting that he has made some strides on getting orientated into the correctional facilities. We will be requesting funds for \$237.60 to WSO for Literature and \$4.24 for reimbursement for mailing. Love Ya, Don M.

PI

Regional Meeting List will be mailed to the ASR's and also we will be mailing Meeting List again to the places that receive our "cover letter". It was taken back to the Areas about changing the legend and the response was no and the other issue adding the RSC dates, locations and phone #'s for RSC-which was a yes. Regional PI would like to do a workshop in conjunction with an activity in the Western Half of Kansas. We would like to hold an interim PI subcommittee meeting. More to follow. Thanks, Gene

PO BOX

We received a lot of return mail, our RSC minutes either had old address or not enough postage. Also PI and H&I mailing didn't have current address. Flyers are out on table for upcoming events. Lori H.

SOUL TO SOUL

Checks for \$300 supplies actually only used \$226.40 and are returning \$73.60. Check to Camp Chippiwa was \$224 (lodge fee \$152, horse rental \$72) turned in \$360 registration money and \$120 horse rental and book cover sales. After the retreat - had \$105.00 turned in for book cover sales. Balance was \$1545.85

STEERING

We had a great working meeting. We decided not to take the insurance that we requested funds for at last RSC. We found a better deal. Should save money with different company. Contracts for the 1996 Hutchinson Convention were signed by Tim S. We discussed how to proceed with our feasibility study. The general consensus of the committee was to gather all information that has previously collected by trusted servants. When all information is gathered we will go through it and update some. We also are requesting that we as a region gather all Regional Archives. If anyone has anything of historical value, please bring it to the Convention in April. We are going to store all items in an office space in Salina. Thanks, Jim M.

LITERATURE

Betty, Lit. Chair, delegated responsibility to Crickett, Co-Chair to chair meeting but Crickett never showed. Never the less, a meeting was held and business was conducted. After area reports were read our discussion turned to the M.A.N. (newsletter). Right now we stand at 68 subscriptions and we need support! We're looking at a more efficient and cheaper spread which will be folded and will also be more appealing. We brainstormed possible solutions to raise attraction for the newsletter. Several ideas were conceived. 1. Offer 6 month promotion effective immediately which is 3 years for 2 years price \$16. We seem to generate 1 year subs but then drop the following year which brings up number 2. place small bright colored labels 1 issue prior to sub. ending. 3. produce a "best of" issue of M.A.N. back issues only; 4. have rep. from each area be responsible for handing out set amount of free copies; 5. possibly having up to 4 newsletter workshops in different parts of the state over a year period; 6. Motion to send every AER enough issues to give each group one to announce the 2 for 1 promo with a financial impact of \$70 and finally; 7. elect Nate F. to 1 year editor position with intent to allow smooth transition between editor and co-editor Maria C. We also would like to congratulate Devan D. as Secretary for the committee. We are presenting one more motion to allocate \$20 secretary expense at this time. Gratefully, Tim S. (sitting in)