

## Regional Minutes February 2001

Opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Call for secretary

Bob K. volunteered to distribute minutes \*note – The attendance sheet did not make it back to the chair, so I will try to make sure a copy of this makes it to the appropriate members. Bob K.

Pat B. read Traditions

Jon Mc. Read concepts

Introductions:

Roll call

No minutes to approve. November secretary volunteer not present and has not returned contact attempts.

Treasurers report (see attached).

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### Area Reports

#### C.K. Area report

Howdy,

Things are good in Central Kansas Area. Great Bend Group has found a new meeting place, 1910 17<sup>th</sup> with Tuesday night meetings at 8:00. Larnard Group changed their meeting time Thursday to 8:00. Osborne has joined our Area. Welcome Osborne! They meet Wednesday 8:00 @ 203 N. First Street Church Basement. We have new officers at C.K.A. Greg B., RCM; Sally O., Alt. RCM; Mike G., Chair; Tom C., co-chair; Cheryl C., treasurer; Dax J., H&I; Dale S., Activities; Liz R., PI. We did not meet for the month of February because of God's Act of a blizzard. Therefore we have no donation for the Region.

Great to be here,  
Greg B.

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#### FFF Area report

Hi my Bro. Sis,

We are going through a lot of changes in the Area. We have moved Area to 135 Buchanan St at 4:15 P.M. Our H&I is kicking real good. PI is getting off the ground and our convention was real good last weekend. We had a lot of good workshops and speakers and a lot of good fellowship. We have a letter to read and ask for help by our convention committee.

Thank you for letting me serve,  
Dave R.

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#### Miracle Area RCM report

Recovery is alive and well in Douglas County.

We have two new meetings since last Region.

Larrytown has started a noon Saturday meeting at 311 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Twisted Sisters is a new group with 5pm Friday meetings.

H&I is doing excellent and beginning a meeting in the juvenile detention center.

In Service,  
Jim C.

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### **Primary Purpose RCM report**

Hi Regional Family,

Things are going very well in PP Area. Our five Groups are alive and kicking. As of last month, we have started a meager literature stockpile but are now looking for a new literature chair to operate it. Linda L. resigned at the Area meeting, due to life. We do have every other position filled and I am very pleased with the addict involvement in our Area. We did vote on the optimal budget and it passed. We also have a Area meeting list. There should be some copies on the back table. That's all for now,

In Loving Service  
Jon Mc.

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### **Unity Area RCM's Report**

There is a lot of changes being made in the Unity Area, some good some bad. We are asking people to step up for service work at the Area & Regional levels. The Manhattan Group is having their H&I anniversary winter dance & campout March 16, 17, 18. The dance is on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 901 Yuma St., Manhattan KS. Unity Area needs help from all its Groups. Please attend. We would like to see you there. Please remember to give back what you have received. We had one new Group join us from Clay.

M.A.S.R.C.N.A. optional budget passed the Salina Groups of NA. Phoenix Group, Clean & Crazy formally invites you to the free prom 2001 dance at the Friendship Center 746 Comanche, Salina KS, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2001. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., speaker at 7:00 p.m. D.V. Dance at 8:00 p.m. Auction and Raffle.

Clean & Crazy Group of NA presents a Saint Patrick's day dance at the Friendship Center 746 Comanche, Salina KS, Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6pm, speaker at 7:00pm, D.V. dance at 8:00 – 12:00 pm. Auction, Raffle, free coffee – pop for sale.

RCM's report, thank you, the end  
RCM Bryan H.

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### **Western Area RCM report**

Hello everyone,

Western Area is still alive and moving forward.  
We held a chili feed in January at Liberal and it was a big success.  
We are having our annual whole enchilada May 5<sup>th</sup>, time and place still undecided.  
Radio PSA's have been distributed in our Area and have been heard in some towns.  
Updates for Regional meeting list have been turned in to the PI committee.  
Regional PI, H&I and Literature are planning a learning day in our Area in the near future. Both motions brought back passed.  
All H&I commitments are being fulfilled.

Nothing else at this time,  
In Service,  
Gary D.

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**Just For Today Area  
Report to Regional Meeting  
February 18, 2001**

Just For Today Area continues to grow, having added Groups throughout the southeast part of Kansas. Each Group has provided updated meeting information to the Regional Public Information chair

We've elected officers: Chair; Paul C. Alt. Chair; Gene F. Secretary; Shelly W. Treasurer; Carla D. AWAM; Don H. RCM; Pat P. Alt. RCM: April S. Literature; Rod D. Outreach; Paul M. PI; tabled until next month H&I; Charles G.

Area meetings are rotating to host locations on a quarterly basis.

Pioneer Group of Emporia held a M.A.R.C.N.A. fundraiser on February 3, 2001 and collected almost \$1,000.00 to contribute.

Area M.A.R.C.N.A. Fundraiser February 24, 2001 in Chanute. Several workshops and other activities; flyers provided.

Activity Committee working on Area Campout at location other than Melvern Lake; details will be forthcoming.

Area Public Information Committee studying possibility of Area Phone Line with information about meetings throughout Area, contact phone numbers, and other details.

In Service,  
Patrick Poull  
RCM; Just For Today Area

PS Emporia Rescue Mission residents starting young person's NA meeting. New Hope donates starter kit, WSO donates two more. Attendance unknown.

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## Subcommittee Reports:

### Activities Report:

13 addicts from 5 areas

1<sup>st</sup> order of business

Disbanding of activities committee.

Turn hosting of region over to each area of region over to each area on rotation, but assembly to remain in Mcpherson.

Form committee for Service Assembly and make Soul to soul committee a stand-alone committee.

Turn Unity Day over to areas.

2<sup>nd</sup> order of business

Elect Soul to Soul chair. Rod from JFT was nominated M/S/P. Congratulations Rod!

Rod's going to call and reserve Camp Chippewa (sp) in Ottawa.

Motion - for theme to be "We sought through prayer and meditation"

Motion - T-shirt design to be picture with "We sought through prayer and meditation" on back, double NA symbol with 12<sup>th</sup> annual Soul to Soul on pocket. M/S/P

Much discussion on size, number, and colors of shirts.

Motion - For T-shirts to be two colors let Allen Lee suggest best colors. M/S/P

Motion - The we order 100 T-shirts. M/S/P

Motion - Quantity and size of shirts be...

6 - XXX            34 - L

20 - XX            15 - M

25 - XL

Carl volunteered to help

3<sup>rd</sup> order of business

Service Assembly will probably have to schedule for late summer (possibly connect w/ Unity Day.

Scott volunteered to talk to Mary about same place as last year. First weekend in May. Possible other dates than May.

Send information to Jim.

4<sup>th</sup> order of business

We will be electing a new activities chair next region.

### **Campout Report:**

Everything is going exactly as it should. We are on track to have everything ready to go. We have the speakers arranged. All the RCM's should have a copy of our treasurers report. Please pass this on to your groups so they are informed of our activity. Thanks for all your support – money and otherwise this year. We have the entertainment lined and will have a DJ on Friday night and the first live band ever at the campout for Saturday night.

There will be an interim meeting at the convention Friday night after the speaker.

We will once again have to reserve a campground 360 days in advance, so if there are any reasonably priced campsites out there, please check the cost and bring a written estimate to the May RSC so we can decide where the 2002 site will be. If there are no estimates brought, it will probably be at Lake Wilson again as it only costs \$100.00 per day for this site.

In Loving Service,  
Von P. and committee

### **Campout Treasurers report:**

Starting Balance	\$ 317.34
Fundraiser and T's to date	\$1,239.00
T-shirt sales dance	\$ 45.00
Raffle	\$ 187.00
Auction	\$ 377.50
Ending balance	\$2,165.84

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### **H&I Report**

Family,

We met yesterday and 5 areas gave reports. Our main project for the next year will be to have workshops in each area and work with PI to get new meetings in facilities where patients/inmates cant get to a regular meetings. Having workshops/learning days and H&I materials to pass out is our main objectives so we all can learn how to better serve the addict's in need –

We elected Becky B. as our secretary and I forgot that we need a co-chair so please get the word out. We also need to have the other area's (that didn't show) to please attend our sub committee meeting so we can schedule these work steps/learning days.

I would like to send a personal thanks to Alan, Becky B., and Dave K. for their help above and beyond the call.

We will be in Chanute February 24<sup>th</sup> for our next workshop.

Grateful to serve,  
John III

### **PI Report**

Hello from PI,

Well let's see...

I finally got all the stuff from the fair. It looks like about 120 people stopped by the booth, maybe a little more. 15 contacts that want more information. I am going to get on this now. Will be contacting fair board to get info pack for this years fair.

Total money spent on fair was \$989.00 leaving \$11.00 out of \$1000.00. Will be having an interim meeting at Chanute at 1:00pm before the PI workshop. Look like we need

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## Literature Subcommittee Report

Hello,

The literature subcommittee is hoping to raise excitement and enthusiasm in the upcoming years with the creation and editing of new literature from NA World Services.

6 out of 8 areas were represented in our subcommittee meeting. We discussed area literature stockpiling and markup. Kirk B. gave a report for the M.A.N. (see below) \*note: deadline for the new MAN articles is March 10<sup>th</sup> 2001.

Each area literature chair received or will receive the World Board "News Flash" concerning a sponsorship literature project. More on this later.

Thank you  
Bob K.

**The M.A.N.**  
**11/17/2000**

Hello Family,

First and foremost I want to say "Thank You" to those of you who have sent in articles, poems and art over the last year and a half. I've done a lot of service work over the last few years and I find that of all of the positions I have held this is the one that I enjoy the most. If I had to twist arms, thump on heads and in general chase material for the newsletter, this job wouldn't be nearly as enjoyable. So, once again "Thank You." You have made this publication a success.

I hope that you have enjoyed the new format. The response in the Miracle Area has been positive. I know that I have found this format easier to work with than the larger one, and as the financial statement below reflects, this issue was a little less expensive to produce than the last one. I apologize for not having the section "From the Region" in this issue. I lost my notes from the Regional meeting and didn't find them until a day or two ago. I'll try to do better next issue. I know that at least some of you refer to the frequently. The following is this quarters financial statement (including tax) and you will find the yearly financial statement at the end of this report.

Description	Quantity	Unit price	Total
Newsletter	750	\$0.285	\$213.80
Bulk mailing cost (other Regions)	6	\$0.76	\$ 3.80
<b>Total (rounded up)</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>\$0.29</b>	<b>\$217.60</b>

Last quarter I included the Regional meeting list and wallet cards (PI subcommittee) in the mailing. In exchange, the PI subcommittee took care of the mailing of the M.A.N. this time, thus the mailing costs were down for the quarter. We will continue to exchange these services as long as it is feasible as it is less expensive to do one mailing than two.

I have been getting great material and encourage The Fellowship to continue sending me this "stuff". This is **your** newsletter and the credit for its quality (or lack there of) lies with you. Remember, this is not English 101. You don't have to create the perfect article to share your Experience, Strength and Hope. We all have stories that are worth telling. All you need to do is be honest, a Spiritual Principal that we should all be working on. I can be reached at the following addresses:

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Baldwin City, KS 66006  
Phone (785) 594-2148 e-mail klbertha@aol.com

The following table is an accounting for the yearly budget ending at the close of business on Sunday at the May 2001 RSC. I will be including this in my future reports.

Quarter/month	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Q. December, 01</b>
Starting Balance	\$ 850.05
Spent	\$ 217.60
Ending Balance	<b>\$ 632.45</b>
<b>Projected expenses to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,050.00</b>
<b>Actual expenses</b>	<b>\$ 767.55</b>
Budget surplus	\$ 282.45

In Loving Service,  
Kirk B.  
The M.A.N. Publisher

**RD report:**

In December I attended the Primary Purpose area meeting. Very refreshing. In one hour all business was finished and a potluck dinner and fellowship was enjoyed. I also attended the Just For Today new area meeting (in Emporia). New officers were voted in. A lot of enthusiasm.

News from World - Literature sales down. WCNA 28 in Cartagena, Columbia was a great success. 1400 attended from 27 countries – mostly Latin America.

WCNA 29 is in Atlanta, GA. July 4-7 2002

WCNA 30 is in California

WCNA 31 is in Hawaii

WSC '02 meets April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup> 2002. Deadline for regional motions for Conference Agenda Report is September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

John S. and I will be going to an interim meeting this year but so far don't know when or where. I called World 2 times since last region. Called on Nar-a-Non and NA guidelines for Wichita Unity Group - talked with a Guardian from Washington State. I also called to get John S. and my titles and mailings changed. They are just now updating from November changes, group, etc.

I did not use any funds this quarter.

I defer to John S. on other items.

In Loving Service to HP & NA,  
Betty P. RD

**Alt. RD report:**

Family,

We will be having a Zonal at MARCNA XVIII Hutchinson, KS March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. We (Betty and I) would like to extend our appreciation to the Convention Committee for their willingness to accommodate our gathering. The topics for discussion will be:

1. "Where are we, as a forum, going with structure?"
2. "What's our part with Resolution A, are we ready for these possible changes?"

We will be sending other Regions a flyer and have extended an invite to World for possible participation by a World Board member or H&I Representative.

Nutin Elz to Report  
John III

**Elections:**

Secretary – no willingness. Please take back to groups.  
Convention chair 2002 - Tom "Too Tall" W. elected  
Outreach – no willingness. Please take back to groups.

**Old Business:**

1. Budget  
Passed 7 yes 1 abstain  
Discussion
2. Point of Personal Privilege:  
Pat B. - Presented Certificate of Excellence from Promotional Products Association International to the Region. The artwork created for the "Y2K and Beyond" convention won the award in this international competition.

3. Motion #2  
Copy of sub-committee minutes sent to area chairs and RCM's  
Tabled

Discussion of clarification of policy.

Area Subcommittee Chairs included in policy on RSC members election going back to groups on one RSC cycle.

Steering will make motion to only include RSC officers, subcommittee chairs will not be included.

### **New Business**

1. State Fair  
PI request funds for booth at State Fair – approved
2. Steering  
That article XII of the guidelines be amended about seating and area. (back to groups)
3. Secretary  
Appoint Betty and Pat P. to check into what Stacy has done about secretary expense and materials (\$100.00 check was cashed and minutes never received).
4. Convention damages  
Debbie will send letter. (I think this is about the couple that are splitting the cost of repairs done to a restroom. A check was received from one of the parents with a letter. – Bob K.)
5. Raise RSC budget on Activities  
To \$1000.00 from \$840.00  
Rent has gone up (for MARSCNA) from \$210.00 to \$250.00. (Back to groups)
6. Fellowship For Freedom request for mediation  
Chair requests Jim W., Tim S., Pat B., and either Betty or John III to attend this mediation meeting at 6pm April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Here is the letter that the Dave R. From FFF handed out:

Dear brothers and sisters of the Mid-America regional floor.

We first wish to thank this region for its support and patience through our periods of growth, especially the times that do not look like growth. The Fellowship for Freedom Area and its subcommittees have been experiencing many changes, with varying degrees of conviction. The Area convention being at the forefront of controversy at this time. While various members of the area disagree with the leadership of the committee, the area as a whole still supports the Area convention. The convention committee is arranging a time and place to answer any questions posed by groups or individuals regarding the conventions activities and/or expenditures.

What we ask of you is to provide individuals willing to mediate and chair this function. With all due respect these are the qualifications of your members we wish to see:

1. At no time have they ever been a member of this area or group.
2. That you choose members of the least bias of the FFF area and it's activities.
3. That this group have at least one member of the steering committee and at least one member of the regional convention committee and at least one member of the regional committee.

Our purpose is to render ourselves accountable to not only our area, groups and individual members but also to this region and surrounding areas. We also hope to use this forum to begin to patch some of the differences we have that stand between us and the area we can be. In the past we have not gone out of our way to keep the lines of communication open between our area and this region, but there are many of us here that wish to mend our past relationship and look to a more fruitful future, where we can work together to further the efforts of recovery in this State. Together we can be a formidable foe against the disease of addiction but while we squabble amongst ourselves the addict who still suffers, die.

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Discussion on tax ID #'s use.

Pat reported on items allowed for alternative store at convention. Jewelry is not to be sold.

## **MOTIONS**

### Motion from Unity Area

Copies of minutes from regional subcommittees be sent to all area chairs or RCM's.

*Intent:*

So all discussion from motions proposed by subcommittees can be sent instead of just reported.

\*note – RCM states that this will be the last time he makes this motion “without Areas OK not just one person”.

### Motion from Steering Committee:

That Article XII of the Guidelines of the Mid-America Region Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous be amended to include, “A newly seated area can vote immediately on all issues with the exception of any old business.”

*Intent:*

To provide clarification.

### Motion from Activity subcommittee:

Raise RSC rent in budget to \$1000.00 from current \$840.00.

*Intent:*

Cost of renting facility has gone up from \$210.00 to \$250.00.

Move to close. M/S/P