

Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous

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Business Meeting Minutes November 21, 2010

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence by the Co-Chair at 8:05 am. The 12 Traditions were read by DeWayne K. and the 12 Concepts were read by Hallie T.

Housekeeping: The Co-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 November 21, 2010. Area R.C.M.'s: Central KS Area (late), Fellowship For Freedom, Just For Today, Miracle Area, Primary Purpose, Unity Area, Western Area (late), Wichita Metro. Subcommittee Chairs: Activities, Archivist (late), Campout, Convention (late), Hospitals & Institutions, Outreach, P.O. Box, Public Information, Steering, and Soul to Soul. There is no Literature Chair. Trusted Servants Present: Chair (late), Co-Chair, Reg. Delegate, Alt. Reg. Delegate, Treasurer and Secretary. There is no Co-Treasurer at this time.

A. Approval of Minutes:

The Co-Chair asked for the secretary to read the minutes, old and new business only. She asked if everyone had any items that needed to be changed or added, there was none. There was then a motion made by Miracle Area RCM and seconded by Primary purpose Area RCM to approve the August 2010 minutes. There was a vote to accept the minutes. The vote passed.

B. Area Reports:

Central Kansas Area:

Hello Region:

All is well in the Central Kansas Area. We have had a busy quarter with activities and workshops. We held an H&I training day to draw up support for our H&I efforts. We were pleased to have some new blood volunteer for these facilities. Thanks to all who came out to support the Hoisington Halloween party. We have several functions in the area that are in the works. Ellinwood is holding a Pie and Fellowship function on December 4th. Hays Fellowship for Freedom is having a speaker jam on January 15th. CKA is hosting its annual Chili Bowl at the Masonic Lodge in Hoisington on January 22nd. Fliers for these events are available.

In Service, Jake D. CKA-RCM

Fellowship For Freedom Area:

Hello Family,

I was voted in as RCM in September – I am looking forward to my service. In October our Area Chair, Scott K., was in a very bad motorcycle accident. He is doing much better but we do not know when or if he will return as Chair. We are making progress on fulfilling some executive positions. We voted in a Co-Chair, assistant treasurer, and assistant secretary position. We still, however, have several steering positions open and continue to struggle with participation at the subcommittee level. This month a vote did go back to groups about eliminating the Outreach subcommittee due to lack of support.

Our Area has 2 functions coming up both at Forest Park in Topeka. On December 14th, 12 Steps of Christmas, pictures with Santa begin at 6:30 pm, dinner and each home group has been assigned and asked to find one person within their group to speak for few minutes on that step, DJ after. Also, have a New Years Eve Dance with a recovery comedian starting at 8 pm.

We are planning an Area Spiritual Inventory on January 30th, 2011. Our H&I committee is still going strong although we can always use more addicts for support. We are currently taking 7 meetings a week into 5 facilities.

We have a \$50.00 donation this month to Region.

In loving service, Lisa H.

Just For Today Area:

Hello family,

Things are rolling along in the JFT Area. Our Neodesha group has closed, sad to say. A new group has opened in Emporia. It meets Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 pm and Friday at 5:30 pm. It is located at 1348 Trail Ridge Rd, which is the Faith Lutheran Church. The Pioneer Group has closed there Saturday Women's meeting. They also has a Halloween party that rocked. On Thanksgiving there will be a meal at the hall. Doors open at 2 meal around 3. The Iola group has a new GSR, Dixie M. The Lyon County Jail is taking both men's and women's meetings into the jail. The Freebirds group in Independence KS recently celebrated the groups 14th birthday. On January 15th Freebirds will also have a fundraiser with Chili Cookoff, speaker and raffle.

The JFT Area is planning a literature fundraiser. More will be revealed. Our Area also had a fundraiser October 23rd and raised a little over \$200 for our area campout and another \$200 for our very low area bank account. Our tentative dates for our Area campout is April 29, 30 and May 1. We are looking for a theme and artwork. Let me know if anybody has any ideas for it. Our Area open positions are Area Co-Chair, Alt. RCM, PI Chair and some co-chair positions.

Well I thing that is about it. In loving service, Rich A.

Miracle Area:

Hello from the Miracle Area!

We now have 10 groups participating in our Area. Our sub-committees are functioning but looking for service workers to help with the decision making and day to day function. We have open positions in Archives, Treasurer and Activities.

Misty and Tim did a service system presentation at our September ASC. It was informative about the problems and proposed changes in our Service System structure. Thanks to them both for bringing the info to us.

Area Chair/Alt – Nicholas M. and John S. continue to "ride herd" over us and keep us in line with Area Policy and picking up the slack when necessary.

RCM - I was elected as our new RCM

Alt-RCM – Steve G. was elected our new alt.

Outreach – Jeff L. is working to connect addicts with meetings needing support. He has replaced 16 5th editions with 6th editions at the 1st Step House Treatment Center NA meeting and continues to organize volunteers to chair that meeting.

Literature – Jack S. continues to manage our literature stockpile. A "Living Clean" workshop was done at our Halloween dance and chapter 5 was reviewed.

PI – Dan S. is our new chair and is looking to produce the next version of our meeting list and update the PI distribution list for local service organizations. We are looking at using Google Voice for our information phone line with a possible savings of \$600 per year that we currently spend on our answering service. We are looking at starting a web-site.

H&I – Amy S. is doing a great 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.

Activities – Dan S. completed his term as chair with our Halloween dance – Thanks Dan!. We are looking for someone to step up and take over this vacant position. We have all pulled together to plan our next event – "There is no FREE LUNCH in recovery Chili Feed" on Sunday, Dec 12th at 1:30pm LMH hospital basement. We will also conduct an AREA SPIRITUAL INVENTORY on Sunday, January 16th at 1pm LMH meeting room A, with Lenny K.

from Kansas City, presiding mediator. If you have never been present for an Area Inventory, feel free to come observe.

We are donating \$300 to the RSC this quarter. In service, Nate F.

Primary Purpose Area:

Greetings Regional Family,

The Primary Purpose Area has several trusted servants positions open. However we did fill two positions at our last meeting.

The 1-12 Group has moved to The St. Teresa's School at 215 East 5th Street. They are no longer having a Tuesday evening meeting. They are having their regular Friday 7 P.M. meeting. They are reporting 10 to 15 members in attendance and are having speaker meetings from time to time.

Newton H.O.W. is alive and well. Their Annual Turkey Feed was a big success with members in attendance from all over the state! They report that they are seeing some newcomers and their attendance is up as well as fulfilling their H & I service work.

Lyon's Night Flyers last reported that their attendance was very low at their meetings. Their annual fish fry was a good time and everyone I spoke to said the food was very good. You might consider attending next year. They could use some visits from members from other groups. There meetings are Wed. and Fri. at 6 PM and Sundays at 7 PM.

McPherson Flying Free is keeping their doors open and also need our help as a fellowship with visits. It would be an excellent use of our Regional meeting lists. We can take our sponsees and friends on road trips like the old days!

The Gift of life group at 310 N. Stevens in Hutchinson is still covering their 21 meetings a week and they continue to get newcomers. Finances are very tight. Their web site is up and it is a great new resource for public information and for the fellowship. The web address is http://giftoflifehutch.com. There are links to MARSCNA, World, Wichita Metro, Literature in PDF as well as a link for finding a meeting, just to mention a few. The meeting facility will be open all day Thanksgiving Day and there will be Several Turkeys furnished and with the side dishes which our members will bring there will be a dinner at noon during the regular noon meeting. If you don't have other plans, plan to attend and bring a side dish if you can. The Gift of life's New Years Eve Dance will be a campout fundraiser to help offset the lack of funds being raised by the region for this purpose, so please make plans to support the function and in turn support the Campout.

In grateful service, Alan C. R.C.M.

Unity Area Report:

Hello Family,

All seems to be going well in our Area. I have been absent from our last 2 Areas, so having said that. We had our Halloween Function which went off fantastic and are planning a St. Patrick's Day Function we've taken over for Clean-N-Crazy more to be revealed about that. We are also sending P.I. efforts to Junction City trying to get them back involved with the Area. We donated \$100 to Region. In Loving Service, Aaron B.

Wichita Metro Area Report:

Greetings to all at the Mid America Regional Service Committee,

I guess its important to inform y'all that I have stepped up to the RCM position following a sudden resignation of the previous RCM! I'm going to try my best to let y'all know what's going on in the Wichita Metro Area Service Committee!

The WMASCNA meeting was held on 11-14-10 and I was in attendance. I am saddened to report that the Hispanos in NA meeting has closed it's doors due to the sale of the property where they were meeting. I've heard that some of their members are trying to regroup and perhaps another Spanish group will rise from the ashes!

Activities: Wichita Metro is going to hold a service structure workshop on 12-11-10. The Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate Alternate will be there to guide us through the proposed changes to the service structure. The workshop will be held at Unity groups meeting hall and will begin at 2 pm. Day by Day has reported that their meeting hall will be opened all day on Thanksgiving and that there is going to be a speaker at 4 pm, meal at 2 pm, and a gratitude meeting at 8:30 pm. Please try to attend and bring a side dish or desert. Unity group will be open on Christmas day and are planning similar activities on that day. Sowing the Seeds group is planning a Christmas Fiesta

and a flier is forthcoming. Wichita Metro Area is having its annual Celebration of Recovery on 1-22-11 at the Machinist Union Hall at 235 South and Meridian with workshops at 1 and 3 pm, dinner will be at 5 pm and a speaker or panel at 6 pm. Fliers are available on the website so please plan to attend and support our area. Just for Today group of Augusta will hold its annual New Years Eve bash and more info and location is forthcoming. H&I is well attended and has been taking meetings into Wichita treatment facilities and institutions. There was a request for more H&I literature, so that is a good thing.

Literature: our chair reported that an inventory and financial accounting had been completed and everything is up to par in that department. Literature is also trying to drum up a report for the lit workshop for COR, so try to attend.

Webservant: the Wichita Metro Area would like to thank Brad L. for stepping up to fill this position.

Phoneline: we are currently having to rework the phoneline due to some current problems, so hopefully this problem will be resolved quickly.

Policy: our Area voted to increase it's prudent reserve fund to \$250 and an ad hoc committee has been seated to perform a guideline review.

Our Area is still in need of a treasurer and co-treasurer, so hopefully this positions will be filled shortly. We do have a new Co-Chair this quarter, Betty P has stepped up to the position – much thanks to Betty. Wayne S is still chairing the meeting and is doing a super job. WMASCNA donation to region this quarter is \$310.

Hope I beat the clock. In loving service, Greg K.

Western Area Report:

Hello NA family,

NA is still alive and kicking in the Western Area. We've been working on getting our meeting list updated. Our Northern PI chair has been trying to find out necessary information on our old website to get it either updated or completely deleted and start a new one. I was unable to get our meeting list updates to Rod in time for printing of the new Regional Meeting List but he did tell me that it was updated on Regions Website.

Our activities chair is working on the planning of the Breaking the Wind chili contest. More will be revealed as the details develop. A flyer will be sent as soon as we get basic details done. At this time we're hoping it may be held in Norton. We have had the Norton GSR at our last couple of meetings and are so happy to have that group represented.

We are all making efforts to support struggling groups in the Area. We want to express our sincere thanks for ya'll bringing the Service Assembly to us in Goodland.

And a tid-bit from the Round Up committee, we are donating a case of books to the convention committee. The literature has not arrived yet, but will be brought to the next RSC.

In loving service, Marvetta B., Western Area RCM

C. Subcommittee Reports

Activities:

Dear Regional Family,

We met yesterday, and only 4 Areas were represented. There was no willingness for Co-Chair or Secretary, so this needs to go back to Areas and Groups, again. It was good to be back with my Regional family.

I read my report on the Service Assembly, October 16th, in Goodland at the Elks Lodge. I arrived Friday night in Colby; I had a nice room at The Sleep Inn for \$59.99 a night. It was eerie, because I had just celebrated 12 years clean on October 15, and missed attending my home group back in Lawrence. I arrived to the Elks Lodge early because I mis-figured the time zone, and I was an hour early. I had trouble getting the key, but someone showed up to let us in, although it was a little late starting. Aaron called and cancelled his workshop, saying he would send a replacement, but they never showed.

All in all, the Traditions 101 workshop was really good, most of those that attended participated and the discussion was very productive. Since the second slot didn't happen, we chatted for a while. Then we decided to break for lunch early and moved the schedule up to give the Service System slot more time. We had soup and sandwiches. After we ate, more people arrived and I counted 28 addicts, which was the most

we had all weekend. There was a lot of information from the Service System presentation, which raised a lot of questions. The Outreach workshop, "Reach Out and Touch Someone" was the last slot, and although it wasn't as interactive, it was informative. By then, people started to thin out, and as we broke for dinner, we locked up to go eat.

After dinner, the Speaker was powerful, thank you Hallie. Not too many hung around for the Dance, with no raffle or auction items donated to speak of, we passed the basket and collected at the door. We collected \$125.40 plus \$55.93 left from the startup money, totaling \$181.33. We spent \$69.07 on food and stuff.

After my report, we talked about next year and what we could do differently. We decided to plan a venue and date, to be finalized by the next RSC, and plan the workshops and theme then. We discussed how we needed more participation, and how we lacked support. RCMs need to take back that we need input and ideas for theme and workshops, as well as, their support next year. It was decided The Just For Today Area would host the next Service Assembly, possibly in Independence, Waverly, Burlington, or Iola. We looked at some dates, September 10th, 24th, or October 15th, depending on availability. "Unity Thru Service" and "Service Work Provides Growth and Unity" were suggested as possible themes. I will get a hold of the venues and get prices. We talked about the next RSC, and Craig T is next on the DJ rotation, so I'll contact him to see.

We have reserved the Fellowship Center in Salina for the next 3 RSC's, but Janet informed me that starting in August, the rent will increase to \$15 per hour, and that we couldn't get it for that Sunday in August. We discussed our options, do we want to complete all of business (Subcommittees, Main body, Speaker Meeting and Dance) in one day in August, or should we look at alternative places (i.e. Haysville, El Dorado Senior Center, or someplace else)? If the RCM's want I can secure another place ASAP so we don't have to wonder.

Upcoming events around the Region:

CKA-Pie, Coffee and Speaker, Ellinwood, Kansas, December 4th, 2010

Christmas Dreams, Masonic Lodge, Hoisington, Kansas, December 11, 2010

Chili Bowl, Masonic Lodge, Hoisington, Kansas, January 22, 2011

Hays Fellowship For Freedom Speaker Jam, 410 Oak St. Hays, Kansas, January 15, 2011, 7pm doors open MIRACLE- Day After Thanksgiving Dinner, 1600 Haskell 149-150, Lawrence, Kansas, 6:30 pm, 8pm regular Larrytown Meeting.

Area Spiritual Inventory, LMH (Hospital), 4th, and Maine, Lawrence, Kansas, January 16, 2011, Time TBA.

PPP-Gift of Life New Years Eve Dance, State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas

Sock Hop Valentines Dance, February 2011, TBA

UNITY-Halloween Dance in Salina, Kansas was a success

Phoenix Group New Years Eve Dance, Knights of Columbus, 115 N. 10th, Salina, Kansas

St' Patrick's Day Function hosted by Unity Area, Salina, TBA

WESTERN-Breaking the Wind, Second weekend in January 2011, Norton, Kansas, TBA

WICH/METRO-Day By Day open all day on Thanksgiving Day, Wichita, Kansas

Service System Workshop, 918 W. 2nd, Wichita, Kansas, 2pm, December 11, 2010 Hosted by Unity Group Unity Group open all day on Christmas Day, Wichita, Kansas

New Years Eve Dance, Augusta, Kansas, TBA

Celebration of Recovery, 235th and Meridian, Wichita, Kansas, January 22, 2011, TBA

Last night's Outreach Fundraiser was sparsely attended, but the meal beforehand was really good.

Results: Door	\$94.31
Money Raffle	\$16.00
Total	\$110.31
Start Up Funds	\$200.00
Spent	\$51.41
Leftover	\$148.59
Total from Activities	\$252.90

Raffle \$69.00 Auction \$140.00 Total for Outreach \$209.00

I am requesting a temporary storage location here in Salina.

In service, Scott K. Regional Activities Chair

Archivist:

Hello family,

This past quarter has been somewhat uneventful. I still have a hand full of past WSC cassette tapes to convert and a stack of regional minutes to check and convert if needed. I have been compiling a list of our representatives, or delegates since this region was formed and added the two people that reported for the section of USA that Kansas was part of prior to the formation, which was titled the Mid Western region. I'm still missing a couple but once completed will submit to the newsletter Editor for inclusion in the MAN.

I'm still searching for display cases and would like to request space and a table at the upcoming MARCNA to display both this region's and my personal archives. As always, I am also requesting group and area minutes from the 70's and 80's. There was a time in the early 90's where the regional minutes didn't either get done or was poorly recorded, ASR reports in area minutes could fill in those blanks as well.

I received the mini banner from last year's convention and have a space in our basement where I am storing all archives I have received. The storage unit is still full and should be climate controlled, not nature controlled.

That's all I have for now, Gratefully serving NA, Tim S.

Campout:

Hi Family,

We have reserved Lucas Park for next year, yet we have explored other campgrounds with big interest at East Side Group El Dorado Lake, rent is more expensive. I am asking all groups, Areas, for campout fundraisers. Contact Wayne S. 620-664-1860, or Shannon H. 620-960-5567. Gift of Life in Hutchinson has committed their New Years Eves dance is a Campout fundraiser.

I am proud to say all positive are full with our final positive fill catering with Cindy K.

We are up to date on timeline for the 2011 campout with much discussion on the finances of El Dorado Lake. We have discussed menu, activities and entertainment. Things are looking great for a much more recovery filled campout. Workshops, speakers, campfire meetings and DJ.

We have our 2011 campout shirt ready and for sale for \$12.00 with cuzzy's and towels in the works. The next interim meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2011 at 1 pm at grant's house in Wichita, KS. Thank you for letting me serve.

Clean n Crazy, Wayne S.

Convention Report:

Hello Region:

The convention committee is moving as smooth as one could ask for. We have two of the speakers lined up as well as the topics of the workshops. Please note that the hotel has changed ownership, this will not affect our contracts but it does mean the hotel has a new name "Ramada Hotel and Convention Center." Contracts have been signed with the merchandiser and the taper. The convention committee is always looking for areas and groups to host fundraisers. There are no official fundraisers on the schedule as of now, but I have been informed by several groups that fundraisers are in the planning phase. Thank you very much for your support. Also, the committee is taking donations of basic texts for the Saturday night speaker meeting. We have received one case from the Dodge City Round Up, thank you again for this donation. Our next interim meeting will be on December 19th at 1:00pm and the Ramada Convention Center. Please have it reflect in

the minutes that at the February RSC, a new convention chair is to be elected. Also, in case steering did not have it in their report, bids for the 2013 convention need to be secured. If you have questions regarding this process, you can ask myself, steering or any other member who has experience securing convention bids. In service, Jake D.

Hospitals & Institutions:

Hello NA Family,

We got much accomplished at yesterday's subcommittee meeting. There were 10 folks in attendance and 5 out of 8 areas were represented. We collected \$30.00 when we passed the hat.

Fellowship for Freedom Area is working on getting more women involved in their H & I efforts. Central Area recently held an H&I training day in Great Bend and 3 new volunteers were signed up. Wichita Metro Area is in the process of conducting an H&I literature inventory and will have that completed by next RSC. Please take back to areas that H&I Co-Chair and Secretary positions remain open.

We discussed the Project Primary Purpose H&I effort out of Eastern Nebraska Area. We would like to further explore and research their project in hopes of helping their efforts. In the mean time the subcommittee wanted to help support the project financially. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$282.42 to Project Primary Purpose. For those who are not aware, Project Primary Purpose sends free Basic Texts to inmates. All the inmates have to do to obtain their book is send a letter to the project with their DOC #, name and location. The project has flyers that can be taken to institutions and I have made copies and those flyers are on the flyer table for those who would like to see them.

We then discussed the new H&I Basics booklet. This booklet will be an excellent resource for conducting learning days, training days and other workshops. A motion was made, seconded and passed to order 30 booklets for each area represented in our region totaling 240 booklets. The cost per booklet is .50 bringing the total to \$120.00. After shipping the total financial impact of this order will be \$138.00. Hopefully we will have this literature by the next RSC to be distributed to areas.

The region received a letter from an inmate at Lansing requesting help to support a meeting at the facility. The letter was passed on to the Alternate RCM for Miracle Area and that area will get in touch with pastoral care at Lansing to find out what exactly they need for help.

The H&I subcommittee is going to generate a general H&I flyer to post in meeting halls around the state. We are hoping this will generate interest in H&I service efforts as lack of volunteers is more often than not an issue with many groups and areas throughout our region. More will be revealed with that flyer at the next RSC.

Last but not least, I am gathering contact information for all H&I Chairs, H&I Co-Chairs and RCMS for each area in Mid-America Region to make communication with the areas easier. I currently am not completely sure who I am to contact in each area and I feel that this is going to be vital in carrying the message.

Once again we had an extremely productive subcommittee meeting yesterday and it was humbling to be able to be a part of it. Thank you so much to everyone who participated and everyone who continues carrying the message to the still suffering addicts.

In loving service, Hallie T., H&I Chair

Literature:

Four areas were represented and we got a lot accomplished. There was no willingness for Chair, Co-Chair or secretary. Please take this back to your groups. Chapters 6 & 7 are out and we have until December 31 to get our input turned in. We have copies and again if you want to schedule a workshop, Tim, Suzie and Wes are willing to facilitate.

A friendly reminder that the last NA Way that went out is the last one you will get if you don't renew your subscription. Also, there is a "literature survey" online that needs to be filled out. It is a way to have your voice heard by letting World know what you think is important and what is missing.

It was mentioned that last names were being used some of the time in the MAN; Suzie stated that it was with permission of the person that had turned in the article but will not do so in the future.

The fact that the MAN does not have any checks and balances in place was discussed and a solution of taking 2 volunteers from the Region to proof it before it is sent to print was decided upon. It was also decided to use a "disclaimer" that is currently being used by another publication. The deadline to turn in articles for the next MAN is November 30, 2010.

Purchasing a laptop was discussed again. It has been a goal of this committee to make the sub-committee meeting a work session for the MAN. It is our hope that with the money we have in escrow along with the February fundraiser that we will have the funds to do so.

In Service, Janet W., Regional Co-Chair

Outreach Report:

Hello Family,

Another quarter has come and gone. We met yesterday with 5 areas represented. Several areas reported not having any one currently serving in an Outreach capacity. We still have no willingness for Co-Chair and Secretary of our committee. Please take this back to your areas and encourage our trusted servants to attend our subcommittee meetings.

The trip to Goodland for the Regional Assembly was a success for all in attendance and if you were not there you missed a very valuable learning opportunity. Outreach has purchased t-shirts and I have them for sale for the low price of \$10. I have returned \$0.16 to our escrow as well as \$340 in t-shirt sales. We were also responsible for the November fundraiser and raised \$209 for our escrow.

We have some good outreach going on in several areas. We heard a really cool idea of "Carry the Message," where a basic text is carried from group to group and individuals from each group are given the opportunity to highlight there favorite passage, this is a current outreach effort in Fellowship for Freedom Area.

It has been another busy quarter with travels around the region and outside of our region. I look forward to seeing you at a meeting or function in your area soon.

As always, if you know of a group that is in need of support, or any functions you think would be good to see a group of addicts show up and show some love, contact me by email or phone. I will do my best to help organize and get support that way.

In Loving Service,

Daniel C.

Outreach Sub-Committee Chair

P.O. Box:

Hello Mid America Region,

Mail was checked and given to the appropriate people. I had one failure. The Hole In The Wall newsletter came for the M.A.N. and I stuck it in my bag and forgot it. I sent a letter from an addict in Lansing prison to the Miracle Area. Other than that it has been mail in and mail out.

In grateful service DeWayne Kitchen P.O. Box Chair

Public Information:

Hello Regional family,

We are once again honored to be a part of. The willingness to inform the public continues, despite position vacancy. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this team that continually has a voice in Narcotics Anonymous.

Groups and Areas are working on their availability through both Google phone and individual websites.

We spent time discussing policy and came to an accord... we they sent that input back to the steering committee.

We also decided to try a google phone which will in essence provide callers with a live addict from within the region when they call the "nuber"; the call automatically rings to a specific person/people. Our hopes are to make this number available in directories under NA for the State of Kansas.

RCM's please take this request back to your Area's:

Open positions include Co-Chair and Web Co-Chair. We are also asking if any interested person would like to help with the regional meeting list (coordination of production/production) please come to our next meeting. NAWS contact person is also open.

In loving service, Whitney

Steering:

Steering met on September 26th at Janet's house. All members were in attendance. We only worked on policy and much progress was made.

Steering met again on October 23rd at Janet's house. Present were DeWayne K., Janet W., and Wes S. Absent were Aaron B. and Jeff R. We made some good progress on the policy, but we found some issues that needed to be resolved. Due to the lack of participation and additional work we decided that the November deadline would not be met. Thus, we do not have any copies of policy to hand out today.

We met again yesterday, November 20. All members were in attendance. The first order of business was a discussion of communication. Since there were two no shows at the October meeting, the chair requested that members call, email or text him should a member need to be absent. In a past meeting, we decided that we would do work individually and then email the results to the other members for discussion. Since two members didn't participate in this discussion, this work could not progress.

The next order of business was convention bids. There were no bids to be presented. At the end of the meeting Catherine showed up and said that she would get us an updated bid for Wichita in 2013. We look forward to seeing that bid in February 2011. Since we have no current bids, we will take new bids in February for MARCNA XXX. If you or someone you know needs help in getting a bid, someone from steering will either help you with the bid or find someone to help you with the bid.

We currently have four members. The steering committee should consist of four general members, a secretary, vice-chair and chair. Janet is the vice-chair, there is no interest in secretary from the current members. Thus we need three members one of which would be a secretary.

There was much discussion regarding the requirements for becoming a steering member. In particular, the requirement of attendance at interim meetings was discussed. There were two people in attendance that would like to join next year as they complete other commitments. Both people had the same concern: the requirement of attendance at interim meetings. For these people, attendance at the steering interim meeting would require a large commitment; fuel costs and hours of driving. We've decided to try out some other methods of meeting without being physically present. If and when we find some solutions we will report on those in this meeting.

There was much discussion regarding the large commitment required to be on steering. There was no progress on the policy this month.

Thank you, Wes S.

Soul to Soul:

Hello family,

Another retreat has come and gone. It went spectacular! The campsite was great and we had wonderful hospitality from the caretaker. The lodge was huge and worked out wonderful. We had a deck overlooking the land and pond. There was a dock to fish off of and paddle boats and canoes. Rich and myself are now dubbed splish and splash because we tipped our canoe. The water was freezing so I wouldn't recommend doing any swimming.

I forgot to post my position last Region and found out yesterday that Michelle kindly posted it. Because of this confusion our recommendation for Chair will be brought to the floor in February. Our recommendation will be Gail W. we did vote in the rest of the committee. Co-Chair Tim P., Caterer Kirk, and Shelley W. Secretary/Treasurer unless someone else is willing to step up.

It was discussed and decided to house next years retreat at the same camp, Camp Chihowa at Perry Lake. The dates talked about was September 16, 17 and 18. The dates are not concrete yet. The theme for next year will be "Back to Basics". Now for the money part. We had 19 people in attendance. We fed everyone for \$4.36 per person per meal, 5 meals and snacks. Our groceries bill came to \$414.09. the fundraiser in September brought a profit of \$353, coffee cups cost \$130.34, shirts cost \$198.50, the camp cost \$600, for a total spent of \$1342.93. we made \$409.94 over our prudent reserve. Therefore Soul to Soul is donating \$409.94 to the region. That will leave the bank account at \$1000. I hope that tells you enough about the money. Just in case I do have a detailed treasurer's report I am turning in with this report.

Soul to Soul donated a shirt and mug to convention and campout. Well that's all I can think of. It has been an honor to be apart of this fundraiser. It has been a busy yet wonderful year. In loving service, Suzanne S.

Expenses		Income	
Coffee cups	130.34	registrations 1260	0.00
Shirts	198.50	MARCNA 130	0.00
Camp	600.00	Fundraiser 353	3.00
Groceries	414.09	donation 9	0.87
Total	1342.93	Total 1752	2.87
		-Expenses <u>1342</u>	<u>2.93</u>
		409	9.94 donation to region

D. Officers Reports:

Regional Delegate Report:

Hello Region!

The last quarter has been very productive. With other members I have attended the Miracle Area business meeting, the Service System workshop in Texas and our Regional Service Assembly in Goodland.

The Service System workshop was very informative. This workshop was the result and presentation of revisions to the materials that were originally discussed at the WSC. The material was divided into sections for discussion; Background/Introduction, Group and Local Service, Intermediate and State/National/Provincial Bodies, and WSC Seating. Using roundtable discussion groups and questions provided, we generated much discussion and many ideas about the project. All of our input-good and badwill be used to again revise the material and be re-released after the first of the year. I will attach the notes with responses to the ideas that were generated from the entire weekend.

Before the workshop in Texas, Tim and I traveled to Lawrence to do a presentation of the Service System Project. It went as well as could be expected with the information we had available.

After the workshop, Tim and I presented the revised information at the Service Assembly. NAWS has provided a narrowed down powerpoint presentation and materials for use at local workshops. It sure made it easier to present the material. There was much discussion and questions about the project. Thanks to those who attended the assembly and participated. I believe as the project progresses that with ongoing discussion we will develop a service system that will be useful to our growing fellowship.

I did not attend the Zonal Forum in Tulsa. DeWaymne did attend and has a report. I am returning \$337.78, the cost of 1 room and my per diem. I did receive a flier about the next Zonal Forum to be held in Sioux Falls, SD January 28, 29, and 30, 2011. I have included a request for funds to attend in the amount of \$700.00.

I have been asked to present the Service System Project at the Unity group in Wichita December 11 and at the COR in Wichita January 22, 2011. I encourage everyone to get involved, attend a presentation, ask questions and offer input. This is the future of Narcotics Anonymous.

One last note, I had written at the top of the page in my note from the SSW, "Evolution not Revolution", I thought this was an important statement. The changes to our fellowship aren't meant to cause dissention, but to build us into the global fellowship that we are and teach us how to grow and to address new challenges. ILS, Misty K.

Alt. Delegate Report:

Hello Mid America Region,

I would like to thank the region for allowing me to serve. I attended the Zonal weekend in Tulsa. We covered four topics on Saturday. They were Meeting Etiquette, Fund Flow, Consensus Based Decision Making, and the Service System Project. Pat W. took detailed notes and made them available to us on Sunday. I have included a copy for you in your packet. We took a Town Hall approach in the workshops this seemed to work well. The OK. Region did a fine job of putting things together. We all gave them a round of applause. On Sunday we had the Zonal Meeting. We elected a new Facilitator Amanda M. from Iowa. There was discussion about policy and requirements for positions. A Web Servant is needed it has a 3yr clean time requirement. We are looking to fill a new position at the Zone. It is a Public Relations Coordinator. It has a 3yr clean time as well. I am including a

copy of the P.S.Z.F. Guidelines for all of you. The next zonal meeting will be January 29th in South Dakota. I was hoping to have the details with me. Alas I have not received any communication from the zone. I did send an e-mail to the secretary asking to be added to any e-mail lists she might have and to inquirer about the minutes. As of 11/19 I have herd nothing. The Zone was wanting to change up the rotation of the Zone C.A.R. Meeting. Not sure what happened the C.A.R. Meeting in 2012 will once again be hosted by us. I am including a copy of the report I read from Misty at the zone as well. I hope the Areas received the packet I sent out after the workshop in Grapevine. I am including another service systems booklet for you today. I was unable to attend the Service Assembly in October. I was out of state visiting grand babies. I hope this report is adequate. This is all new for me and will try to do this to the best of my ability. With time I am sure it will get better. In grateful service, DeWayne Kitchen R.D.A.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer Report:

			Beginning Balance:			\$ 17,860.72
Income:	-		Donations & Reimbursements	\$ 2,816.47		
			Add back ck # 1162	\$ 83.28		
			Total Income			\$ 2,899.75
			Sub-Total			\$ 20,760.47
Expenses:						
11/21/10	ck#	1177	Hutch Cor. Fac Regional Mtg Lists (1600) - replacement check		\$ 62.48	
11/21/10	ck#	1178	Alliance Agency - Qtrly Regional Ins		\$ 1,340.75	
11/21/10	ck#	1179	P3 (Project Primary Purpose) HI Escrow		\$ 282.42	
11/21/10	ck#	1180	WMASC -Literature - H&I Escrow (H&I Basic Booklets ordered from Wichita Metro Area - w/no shipping charges)		\$ 138.00	
11/21/10	ck#	1181	Unity Area Literatue - Outreach - Escrow - Newcomer Basic Text		\$ 11.00	
11/21/10	ck#	1182	Scott Kessler Activities - Feb RSC Start up Funds		\$ 100.00	
11/21/10	ck#	1183	Salina Parks & Rec - Feb RSC Rent		\$ 310.00	
11/21/10	ck#	1184	Craig T. Activities - Feb RSC DJ Service		\$ 150.00	
11/21/10	ck#	1185	Hutch Cor. Fac Regional Mtg Lists (1600)		\$ 62.48	
11/21/10	ck#	1186	Michelle Leverette - Secretary Expenses		\$ 25.00	
11/21/10	ck#	1187	Reimb Misty for Gas for TX SSW		\$ 43.00	
11/21/10	ck#	1188	Activities - Food Reimbusement - Michelle L.		\$ 18.73	
11/21/10	ck#	1189	Misty Keen - RD/RDA - SD Zonal Forem		\$ 700.00	
11/21/10	ck#	1190	Activities - Scott Kessler - 100 cup coffee pot - not to exceed \$175.00		\$ 175.00	
						\$ 3,418.86
			Bank Balance			\$ 17,341.61
			Less: Prudent Reserve			\$ 7,924.00
			Sub-total			\$ 9,417.61
			Less: Escrows			

H&I	\$ 892.00	
Literature	\$ 248.78	
Outreach	\$ 737.56	
PI	\$ 700.00	
Rent	\$ 250.00	
Insurance (due August 2010)	\$ 1,340.75	
Storage (due Feburary 2011)	\$ 540.00	
P.O. Box (due Feburary 2011)	\$ 44.00	
Web Page (due September 2011)	\$ 25.00	
RDA (due Feburary 2012)	\$ 1,000.00	
Total Escrows		\$ (5,778.09)
Spendable Balance		\$ 3,639.52

Co-Treasurer Report: Position is open.

Chair Report: Nothing to report

Co- Chair Report: Nothing to report

We took a break from 9:42 to 9:53 am. We reopened the meeting with some announcements from the Co-Chair.

- 1. Non NA items do not belong on the tables with the fliers please.
- 2. There are no animals allowed at any Regional events.
- 3. There is no selling of outside merchandise until the conclusion of the Raffle and Auction on Saturday night on the Regional weekend.

We then were given an Orientation overview by the Chair and Miracle Area RCM.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the orientation and how we would implement it, when it should take place and what information should or should not be included.

We then voted on housekeeping and request for funds at this time.

Housekeeping total was \$647.48 and it passed. Request for funds total was \$761.73 and it passed.

E. Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

F. New Business:

1. Elections

Co-Treasurer – no willingness, take back to groups.

Literature Chair – no willingness, take back to groups.

Steering Members (3) – no willingness or nominations from the committee, take back to groups.

<u>NAWS Contact Person</u> – the duties and qualifications were read upon request. No willingness, please take back to your groups.

<u>Soul to Soul Chair</u> – There was a nomination out of committee but they are not present today. No other willingness, please take back to groups.

There was some discussion about all the open positions following the elections and it was recommended that we make a flier and email it out to all, attach to the minutes, but also mail a physical copy to all the Areas. Misty then volunteered to do the flier at that moment so that all RCM's would have a copy to take back to Areas that day. Another copy is at the end of the minutes.

There was some questions regarding the NAWS Contact person and if the information that was current since we did not have this position filled. It was noted that the RD did update the information as it is now. Convention Chair will also need to go back to groups.

We took a break from 11:15 to 11:25 am.

2. Temporary Storage Unit

The Activities Chair asked if we could look at getting a temporary storage unit here in Salina, doesn't need to be too large due to the fact there are not a lot of items that need to go into it. A member from the Salina Area then spoke up and said that they talked to the other board members and that they would be willing to house the items at Recovery Cove. Discussion was then focused on the issue that this would only be for activities stuff for the Region and nothing else. Another member also brought up the issue that we still need to look at temperature controlled storage for our regional stuff. It was generally asked if someone would look into this and take a look at what we are spending now and what we would be willing to spend. It would be helpful to look at a 10x12, 10x15 or inside storage may need to be bigger.

3. August Regional Meeting

The Activities chair requested that we look at a different option for the August RSC. This is due to the fact that we have got the Friendship Center booked only on Saturday plus the price of rental will be going up \$5 per hour. He requested that we look at having the subcommittees in the morning, an hour long instead of 2 hours, and that we hold the RSC itself in the afternoon. If we decide not to do this we need to look at other locations for the meeting in August because he doesn't want to be at the community center in McPherson with the heat again. A member mentioned that if we were going to look at compacting the region to one day that we need to eliminate the speaker and the dance. Another member made mention that this might help those Area's that don't have the financial means to do the whole weekend. Another member mentioned that there were lots of options in Wichita we could look at. There was then a request for the Area's to look at options that were available and bring them back the following RSC so that they can be discussed. The Activities Chair said that he would put together a list of the criteria for a hall for the RSC so that we could find a place that fits our needs. He will email this to the secretary to get it in the minutes.

4. Orientation

There was a lot of discussion regarding the orientation that took place for the first time today at RSC. Outreach said that they do not use their whole 2 hour time slot and would donate their time to this effort. A member said that they see there was a lot put into this presentation, but maybe if we could simplify it and do a progression from where they are at to where we are at now. The presenters said that they tried to cover all the bases but it can be shortened. They also mentioned that this was a work in process and today was a trial run and they can definitely make improvements. Another member mentioned that there was such a thing as information overload and this needs to be more specific to us. A newcomer then mentioned that they like all the extra stuff in the presentation like seeing where we come from. A member then mentioned that we implemented an 8 am start and logistics and maybe we could make more than one version of this to show. Someone mentioned that having the open forum in the beginning with the orientation being in a separate room at the same time sounds like a good idea. A person mentioned to listen to the key words being used which are want and need... we need to be mindful of what we need and what we want. Another newcomer mentioned that the orientation was informative and they were not overwhelmed. A member then mentioned what they got out of the inventory; we can have all the information we need, but you need to have a guide or

mentor next to you helping you to learn the job. We need to make sure that people do have mentors helping to learn the job at hand. A member then mentioned that they were proud of our region because this came out as a result of the inventory and we are moving in the right direction. Another member mentioned that they came back to region because they enjoyed it and they have learned a lot.

5. Service System Workshops

The RD mentioned that it is hard to gather interest for this, but all you have to do is ask and we are available to do workshops in your Area.

6. Motions

1121-001 Made by: Central Kansas Area

Motion: That the regional policy * be submitted for a review and input period of at least one quarter.

Intent: To allow Areas, groups and members to discuss ** the proposed policy in its entirety.

Amendments: to include "draft" in the motion (marked by *).

Add "and input" in the intent (marked by **).

Discussion: this will be available and all we want is a yes or no vote and that a consensus can be made. A member then brought up the question, what about the motion from last quarter? That was about the logistics and not the intent. It was made clear that this was for the new policy currently, not for the policy itself. There was then a call to question, which passed and discussion ended. Then there was a vote on whether to

take this back to groups and it failed. The motion DIES.

1121-002 Made By: Convention Second: Miracle Area RCM

Motion: Allow the MARCNA committee to acquire a debit card for the MARCNA bank account.

Intent: Allow the convention committee to secure merchandise, make reservations, pay for travel expenses and other costs.

Discussion: what happens to the accountability of 2 people like when a check is signed? There was an explanation to how the card would be used. A member then mentioned that we have gone over this before and we need to let them do this. Then another member asked about being able to get cash out with a pin, and it was explained that the pin is not revealed to anyone.

There was then a call to question and it passed. There was then a vote on the motion and it PASSED.

1121-003 Made by: Activities Second: Primary Purpose RCM

Motion: To let Activities purchase its own coffee pot for RSC meetings and functions (so we don't have to use conventions and/or campout's).

Intent: To make it easier to have coffee here for the RCM's and Chair.

Financial impact: NTE \$175.00

Discussion: A member said that they have 120 cup machine they were willing to donate to Activities. A member then asked why does everyone need to have their own coffee pots and the Convention Chair shared the reasons why it is better for everyone to have their own pots. If things are just taken at will out of the storage unit, then there is no accountability and things can be damaged, things get wear and tear on them, and then that subcommittee needs to replace things. Discussion then ended with a vote and the motion PASSED.

7. 2013 Convention

The convention chair mentioned that there were no bids for the 2013 convention, MARCNA XXX, and would like everyone to look into this and bring back some bids. (guidelines for bids at end of minutes)

8. Other

The Outreach Chair mentioned that there needs to be accountability to the Region when you serve this committee. It seems as though some Chairs have been leaving the meeting early each quarter and doesn't believe that this should be taking place. There needs to be representation all day Saturday and all day Sunday.

The Activities Chair mentioned that there is a lot of leftover food and that he needs help in cleaning up the facility after the meeting has closed.

There are campout t-shirts available for sale for \$12 from sizes medium to 3X.

There are Outreach t-shirts available for sale also.

The Living Clean Chapters 7 & 8 are here and available and need to be distributed to the Area's.

There was then a motion to close. We circled up and closed in the usual manner.



PLAINS STATES ZONAL FORUM

JANUARY 28, 29, 30

SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA CHURCH AT THE WAREHOUSE 503 N. WEBER AVENUE

FRIDAY EVENING: OPEN MEETING/FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY 9-11 MONEY MATTERS & ZONE HISTORY 11-12:30 LUNCH 12:30-3:00 LEADERSHIP & WHO'S MISSING

SATURDAY EVENING 6-12
SPEAKER MEETING
AUCTION (please bring auction items)
DANCE

SUNDAY 9-12 PLAINS STATE ZONAL BUSINESS MEETING

SUPER 8 $2616 \to 10^{\mathrm{TH}} \, \mathrm{STREET}$ (I-229 & $10^{\mathrm{TH}} \, \mathrm{STREET}$) \$49.99 IF BOOKED BY JANUARY 15^{TH} 605-338-8881

SOUTH DAKOTA REGION BUSINESS MEETING WILL FOLLOW ZONAL MEETING AT 301 SOUTH GARFIELD SUITE 5

PLEASE CONTACT CAROL P. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS 605-381-3657

Mid America Regional Committee Positions Open Nov 2010

- Co-Treasurer
- Literature Chair
 - o Co-Chair
 - Secretary
- Steering Members (3)
- NAWS Contact Person
- Soul to Soul Chair

Open Sub-committee Positions

- Activities
 - o Co-Chair
 - Secretary
- Hospitals & Institutions
 - o Co-Chair
 - Secretary
- Public Information
 - o Co-Chair
 - Web Co-Chair
- Convention
 - o Chair
- Outreach
 - o Co-Chair
 - Secretary

Requirements for Regional Quarterly Meetings

1. Venue

- a. For Saturday: At least 2 Meeting Rooms(25-50 people each) with chairs and tables
- b. For Sunday: At least 1 large Meeting Room(50-100 people) chairs and tables
- c. Adequate Electrical Outlets
- d. Restrooms
- e. Parking Spaces(50 people)
- f. Dance Space(50-100 people)
- g. Handicap Accessible
- h. Rent Reasonable(\$200-\$300) for the weekend
- i. Available 8am-11pm Saturday, 7am-6pm Sunday
- j. Available Feb., May., Aug., Nov. on the 3rd Sunday and Saturday before
- k. Air Conditioning/Heat
- 2. Optional Venue Luxuries
 - a. Wi-Fi Access
 - b. Kitchen with Refrigerator, stove, sink

3. Location

- a. Centrally located if possible
- b. Hotels and Restaurants nearby

Note: Numbers of people are estimates based on past attendance, but could be less depending on price and availability.

Steering Committee Guidelines for obtaining bids for M.A.R.C.N.A. Convention

General:

*Meeting room for interim meeting (non RSC months)

Staff to accommodate convention of 300 to 500 people

Registration – 4 tables in lobby or adjacent to entrance

Merchandise – room with 15-20 tables (prime location)

24 hour Marathon meeting room with seating for 30-50 people

Hospitality Suite – easy access to courtyard or other seating with first (1st) floor or handicap accessible (Availability to bring in food and coffee for hospitality room)

*Fellowship area: 50 to 100 people (open 24 hrs. If possible)

Conference space – 2 rooms to accommodate 150 people each (workshops)

Fright night speaker – seating 200 to 400 people, dance floor, stage

Saturday night speaker – seating 350 to 550 people, dance floor, stage

Sunday morning speaker – seating 200 to 350 people

Sunday closing committee meeting room

Rooms:

Sleeping rooms 150 to 200 available with 50 to 75 room nights block (Friday 3 p.m. – Sun. 1 p.m.)

Room rate available for Committee Thursday night

Rate guaranteed after block met

Maximum number allowed per room

Number of rooms complimentary for every 50 rented

Food Services:

Coffee; price per gallon or per person (lock in price) – 200 to 400 gallons over weekend Saturday night banquet price per person with 75 to 100 estimated maximum Sunday morning breakfast price per person with 50 to 75 estimated maximum

Are prices for room rental determined by food & beverage sales? Is there a penalty for not making room block? (Sleeping rooms)

Availability & cost of AV (audio/video) equipment?

Set up/tear down fee?

Location:	
Name of Hotel:	
Dates available:	
Contact Person:	

Person(s) obtaining the bid needs to attend Steering Committee meeting to present the bid. There may be questions and the hotel may need to be contacted while the meeting is taking place.

^{*}Not deal breakers but great if they can accommodate



MID AMERICA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE 2011 FEBRUARY QUARTERLY MEETING

At the Friendship Center,

746 Commanche Avenue, Salina, Kansas

http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Salina&state=KS&address=746+Commanche+Ave&zipcode=67401-4540&country=US&latitude=38.825419&longitude=-97.631753&geocode=ADDRESS

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, February 19

9:00 am-11:00am

Back Room Public Information
Main Room Activities & Soul 2 Soul

11:00am - 1:00 pm

Back RoomOutreachMain RoomSteering

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm LUNCH BREAK

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Back Room Literature

Main Room Hospital & Institutions

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Back Room Campout
Main Room Convention

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Main Room Speaker Meeting

8:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Main Room Regional Literature 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, February 20

General business, motions, request for funds.

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