

Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous PO Box 8732 ♦ Wichita, KS 67202 www.marscna.net

#### Business Meeting Minutes August 21, 2011

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

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

*Roll Call:* The following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday August 21, 2011.

**Trusted Servants Present:** Chair, Co-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Regional Delegate. There is no Co-Treasurer at this time.

Area R.C.M.'s: Central KS Area, Fellowship For Freedom, Just For Today, Miracle Area, Primary Purpose, Unity Area, Western Area (late), and Wichita Metro.

**Subcommittee Chairs:** Activities, Archivist, Convention, NAWS Contact (late), Steering, Soul to Soul and Debit Card Adhoc. There is no Hospitals and Institutions Chair, Literature Chair, Outreach Chair or Public Information Chair.

#### A. Approval of Minutes:

All members present were asked if the minutes needed to be read. A member mentioned the date of the minutes read February 20, 2011 instead of May 15, 2011. Another member pointed out on page 13 under Debit Card Motions under Discussion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> line, the word should be opinion not concern. On page 8 under #5 the word should be guidelines not guilds and on page 1 the Steering Chair was absent. The minutes were then accepted and seconded as amended.

#### **B.** Area Reports:

*Central Kansas Area:* Hello Region,

Things are still going at Central Kansas Area. We have continued the capture the banner outreach project and competition is fierce. We continue our H&I efforts in the Barton Co. jail, the Larned Juvenile facility and the Larned State Hospital. On 8-2-11 unfortunately, the Ellinwood Be Prepared Group held their last meeting. Hopefully we haven't seen the last of this group. We are looking forward to the Annual Larned Rib-Feed which will be on September 17 in Schnack Park; I have fliers on the table. I do have a 550 dollar donation for the region.

In Service,

Jake D - RCM Central

#### Fellowship For Freedom Area:

Greetings Family! Our steering committee has finished revising the draft of our Area policy and it will be sent back to groups this coming month. Our H&I committee is still going strong taking in 11 different meetings to 2 treatment centers, 4 jails and 1 women's prison. Late night w/ NA group held an H&I fundraiser in July which raised over \$400 for our H&I committee.

The activities committee would like to extend a thank you to Jake D. for sharing his experience, strength and hope at our area campout. Activities are currently working on a MARCNA fundraiser on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our area also took the Cheat Sheet that was handed out yesterday and revised it for the area level. It was decided to adopt it into our area to give to newcomers. Thank you for helping us provide this tool.

Our NA family has had a loss this last month in one of our members Carrie C. who lost her battle with cancer. Her son has graciously donated a lot of great raffle and auction items to our area.

Our area has returned votes on both the Regional policy and the 3 votes for the USFA. We have voted to reject the Regional policy as written and voted yes to all 3 of the motions from the USFA. We also have a \$100 donation to the region. This is my last month as RCM for the area and I want to thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

ILS

Lisa H.

#### Just For Today Area:

We don't have much going on in our area. We were able to get some service positions filled. It's always great when people step up.

We will be having an H&I and PI fundraiser October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Chanute more will be revealed on this. For more info contact Bob B area activities chair at 620-757-8521.

Pioneer group is having a Unity Day fundraiser for their group. All you can eat Mexican buffet on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM. It will be followed by a speaker, dance and silent raffle. They area also raffeling a leather bound special limited edition Basic Text. Thank you family that's all I got for today.

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In Loving Service,

Tim P Just for Today Area

### Miracle Area:

Hello from the Miracle Area!

We had 7 out of 8 groups at our ASC. Our sub-committees are functioning but looking for service workers to help with the decision making and day to day function. Michael S. is our new Area Chair and Jeff L. is our new Co-Chair. We have open positions in Archives... We voted 5 to 2 in favor of the USFA Proposal #1 and 2 to 5 against USFA Proposal #2. We will continue to study the RSC Policy so our members and groups can

have an informed vote at the next RSC. We are currently below our \$400 prudent reserve. We did donate \$100 to the RSC this quarter.

<u>Area Chair/Alt</u> – Michael S. chaired his first ASC in August and did a stellar job! Jeff L. will be by his side as our new Co-Chair in September. We will next meet on 9/11/11 in the basement of the Lawrence Municipal Hospital at 1:30pm for sub-committees and 4pm for the main body.

<u>**RCM**</u> – As my term nears completion as our RCM, I am keeping my eyes open and talking to members about the next alt-RCM position. It is anticipated that Steve G. will be our next RCM. It only took 2hrs and 20 minutes to get to the RSC in our new location!

<u>Alt-RCM</u> – Steve G. continues to be a part of our RCM team and is looking for a newer car that will travel well on the interstate. So if you have either to sell or give away, talk to him before we head back to Lawrence and Leavenworth.

<u>Outreach</u> – Jeff L. has had some health problems but is out of the hospital now and working to connect addicts with meetings needing support. He will bring some Basic Texts to the Jefferson County Jail.

<u>Literature</u> – Jack S. has had some health problems but is now on the mend and continues to manage our literature stockpile which is currently valued at approximately \$1800.

 $\underline{PI}$  – Dan S. continues as our PI chair. We are currently working on a new version of the meeting list and anticipate that it will be available and distributed by the end of August.

**H&I** – Amy S. and Cindy F. are doing the job of keeping the men's and women's Douglas County Jail meetings going with some new service workers carrying our message to the inmates. We also carry a meeting to the Women's treatment center at DCCCA. We need some new men and women to come help our efforts each Tuesday at the Douglas County Jail and the First Step House. R.I.P. group has disbanded its H&I subcommittee and is no longer taking meetings to either the VA Domiciliary and into the Minimum Security Facility at Lansing Correctional Facility.

#### <u>Activities</u> –

### **Miracle Area of Narcotics Anonymous**

Presents

# **Hospitals and Institutions Fundraiser**

# **Dance in the Park**

### Sat August 27<sup>th</sup> 2011 West Dad Perry Park (12th & Monterey) Lawrence, KS

### Hot Dogs, Chips and Drinks for sale at 5pm

**Desserts and sides welcome!** 

### Arrest the disease (and your friends!) in our JAIL!

### **Raffle, Auction, and Dance!**

**Raffle Items Appreciated!** 

### Halley T. will be sharing her experience, strength and hope at 8pm!

### All proceeds will benefit the Miracle Area Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

For information contact Kelly C. (620)-242-9333

Directions from I-70 East:

Exit 202 Lawrence. Take right at Rockledge (sign says HWY 40 West) and take right onto 6<sup>th</sup> street. Turn Left at Monterey Way, through the roundabout, and Dad Perry Park is on the left.

From I-70 West:

Take Lawrence/Lecompton exit and turn right onto K10. Get off at first exit (Lawrence/6<sup>th</sup> St/HWY 40 – about a mile) and take left onto 6<sup>th</sup>. Turn Right at Monterey Way, through the roundabout, and Dad Perry Park is on the left.

From K10 East:

Follow K10 (23<sup>rd</sup> St) through Lawrence and turn Right at Iowa Street. Take Left on Bob Billings (15<sup>th</sup>). Take right at Monterey Way and Dad Perry is on the right.

### **Miracle Area of Narcotics Anonymous**

Presents

# Free Campout 2011

# **Spin Your Recovery Around the Fire!**

## Fri September 9-11<sup>th</sup> 2011 Slough Creek East Group Camp - Perry Lake

Friday Night Speaker 8pm – Danny J. from Olathe, KS!

Saturday Morning Breakfast provided by the Larrytown Group!

Saturday Afternoon USFA Discussion Workshop

Saturday Afternoon Water Balloon Toss and Tie Dye

**Campout Tees Coming Soon and** 

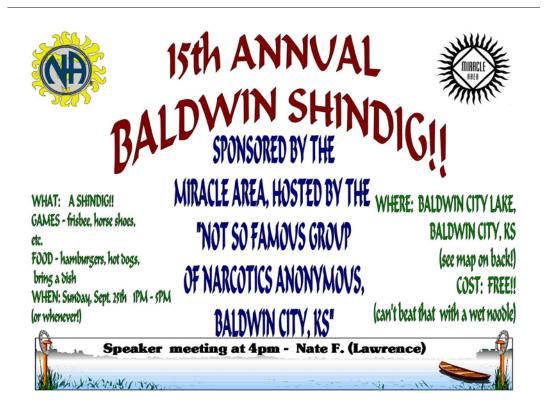
Available for Tie Dye!

### Saturday Night Dinner 5pm – Suggested Donation \$3

Followed by Raffle and Auction

### Saturday Night Speaker 10pm – Rick W. from Sabetha, KS!

For t-shirts and other information contact Kelly C. (620)-242-9333



Overall, we are still facing some challenges with unfilled sub-committee and service worker positions but are looking for and discussing solutions and we feel positive about our efforts to improve our services to our groups and the "addict that is still suffering" in our communities. Come see us in Lawrence, Baldwin City, Perry, Leavenworth and Eudora.

In Service,

Nate F.

*Primary Purpose Area:* HELLO MY NAME IS FRED AND IM AN ADDICT

THE FOLLING POSITIONS ARE OPEN IN OUR AREA ALT-RCM, SECRETARY, CO-SECRETARY, CO-PI, AND POLICY

OUR AREA AT THIS TIME HAS FOUR GROUPS GIFT OF LIFE, NEWTON HOW, LYONS NIGHT FLYERS, MCHPERSON FLYING FREE. GIFT OF LIFE IN HUTCHINSON IS THE ONLY GROUP WITH A GSR

THERE IS A NEW GROUP OPENING UP IN STERLING SEPTEMBER 10 2011 AT 407 NORTH 6<sup>TH</sup> DOORS OPEN AT 6PM. THEY MEET EVERY SATURDAY FOR NOW UNTILL FURTHER NOTICE.

I ALSO HAVE WITH ME A DONNATION TO GIVE TO REGION AND WILL DO SO

# GROUPS

GIFT OF LIFE HUTCHINSON DOING WELL THEIR BACK TO BASIC CAMPOUT STARTS SEPTEMBER  $2^{ND}$  THROUGH THE  $5^{TH}$  AT LAKE AFTON AND IS PRIVILEGED TO HOST THE UNITY DAY SPEAKER SUNDAY ON THE  $4^{TH}$  AT NOON

LYONS NIGHTFLYERS GROUP FISH FRY WILL BE ON OCTOBER  $15^{\rm TH}$  AT THEIR MEETING HALL DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 PM EAT AT 5:00PM

NEWTON HOWS TURKEY FEED IS NOVEMBER  $12^{\rm TH}$  At  $1^{\rm ST}$  and grandview doors open at 5:00PM come early if you would like to help

MCHPERSON FLYING FREE BLUE BALL BALL IS ON DECEMBER 17 LOCATION 122 EAST MARLIN MCPHERSON, KS. 4:00 PM DOORS OPEN.

#### THANK YOU THE ADDICT FRED

#### Unity Area Report:

Hello Family,

It has been an interesting last few months in Unity Area. Due to lack of support at area by the groups. We had decided to combine with another area. This was followed by a burst in a desire to serve from the groups that had been absent prior to this decision for quite some time. So we revisited the issue and have decided to continue our efforts as Unity Area. As of last area meeting all positions but two were filled. This is awesome and we hope it continues with this desire to be of service.

In other news...Unity Area will be having their annual Halloween Dance October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Friendship Center in Salina. Workshop at 3:30, dinner at 5:30, speaker at 7 PM and dance to follow.

In Loving Service,

Daniel C.

#### Wichita Metro Area Report:

Hello regional family,

Recovery is alive and well in Wichita Metro Area. Been a lot of things happen in our area since last RSC. A couple of groups have closed up, Traditional group in Derby, KS and Hispanos in NA. NE How group has relocated to the Kings Coffee Shop (formerly Paralax Coffee Shop)

WMA is struggling with willingness for trusted service positions being filled at area level. No PI Chair, still as always No outreach.

Some groups are struggling as others seem to be flourishing.

WMA brought a donation of \$100.00 and thank you for my recovery and the allowitization to serve!!

Tom M RCM WMA

#### Western Area Report:

Good Morning Family,

Western Area is still alive. I'm very pleased to tell you that Garden City now has two meetings a week. They are held at 416 Magnolia on Monday and Saturday at 7:00 pm. currently the meetings are being held in an addict's home until they acquire enough funds to find a place to rent. I have their contact information if anyone wants it. And I brought their new group registration form.

ALSO, I am very, very, very pleased to announce that the Hugoton Clean Dream group had two representatives at our last area meeting. It sounds like they have done a 180\* turn and are now heading in the right direction. I also have their contact info.

We still haven't gotten any further with putting together our "Spiritual Retreat" due to conflicting dates and such. It seems like our numbers in attendance at our area meeting itself continue to dwindle. Our trusted servants who hold service positions are not only the "chair" of their sub-committee; they are also their own committee too. I'm sure we are not the only area who is having or has had this problem. Again, the geological "vastness" itself of the Western Area causes attendance problems especially with current gas prices. But, we'll keep plugging along as we always do and do our best to carry the message.

In loving service,

Marvetta R., RCM

Dodge City

p.s. At a local birthday night this past weekend (8-27-11), I learned that the Hugoton group has now voted in trusted servants and their numbers in attendance are holding strong. My personal congratulations to the Clean Dream Group and thank you to the addicts who helped show the way for the struggling group.

#### C. Subcommittee Reports

#### Activities:

My first RSC as Activities Chair has been successful. We had the doors open and coffee brewing before the meetings began. Activities Sub-Committee met yesterday and had several addicts present and lots of information from the Areas present.

First off there will be a Unity Day hook-up on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Back to Basics campout at Lake Afton Shelter 5. The speaker begins at noon. Show up and listen to the speaker meeting live from WCNA 34.

We discussed the Regional Service Assembly coming up on September 10<sup>th</sup> in Independence. We are going to have some great workshops on service, along with a speaker and a dance. There is a flyer on the website. Hope to see all of you there.

We had some t-shirts returned to us from Dave R. from a previous Service Assembly that he found in his garage. It was decided to auction/sell these t-shirts at the Service Assembly.

On to events: CKA has there Larned Rib Feed coming up. Christmas Dreams and Chili Bowl are also in the planning stages. FFF is having a breakfast/convention fundraiser Sept.  $24^{th}$ . Also they will have there annual Fright Night the last Friday in October. Miracle is having an H&I fundraiser Aug.  $27^{th}$  and there annual campout is Sept. 9-11. Unity will be having their Halloween Dance Oct.  $29^{th}$ . JFT is in the planning stage for a PI/H&I fundraiser. Primary Purpose has several events coming up in their area, The Blue Ball Ball on Dec.  $18^{th}$ , GOL Campout Sept.  $2^{nd} - 5^{th}$ , Newton Turkey feed and Lyons Fish Fry. Wichita-Metro has the Unity Street Dance Sept.  $17^{th}$ .

Hopefully all these events will have flyers posted on the website it they do not already. If you don't know how to get your flyer on the Regional web page, all you have to do is send an email to <u>info@marscna.net</u>. This is a great way to get your information out to the entire fellowship.

The fundraiser last night for H&I. The breakdown is as follows:

Door \$163 Money Raffle \$35 Activities Total \$198 Item Raffle \$119 Auction \$348 H&I Total \$467 Grand Total \$665 Expenses \$15.15 Check for \$100 Turned back in \$84.85 Total turned in to Treasurer \$749.85

I am requesting funds for \$100 food for Service Assembly, November rent at Mid-America Inn \$354.60, DJ Services \$150, Food \$100 and \$100 Start-up for November RSC.

Our next RSC will be at this same location and we will be doing our Traditional Turkey Potluck dinner.

With Gratitude,

Daniel C.

Activities Sub-Committee Chair

#### Archivist:

Hello family,

I have been going through past minutes and have found some that need scanned in for the website and digital archives. Yesterday I borrowed archives from the Be Prepared NA group in Ellinwood to go through and scan what was needed. I had done the same with Great Bends archives and will return the originals back to the owners when done.

This has been a request from the beginning, even if your group or area doesn't want to part with your personal history, please let me access it to scan what can help put our region's history back together. At this time we don't have proper storage for original documents, tapes, and merchandise anyway.

I still have cassette tapes that I want to convert, some from our archives and some from my personal collection. It all will be included in digital format for our members and future archivists. I also have been in contact with a member that I have done business with and hopefully will be receiving recordings of the 1<sup>st</sup> World Literature Committee meetings held in Wichita. Even though these aren't directly related to the Mid-America Region, many of the members setting in were from our region.

I purchased a wood display case with Plexiglas hinged door for display of smaller items at conventions, dances, or wherever I am asked to set up. I also have been picking up other, not so nice, display cases for the same purpose. I'm always on the lookout at sales, auctions, etc.

I can't think of anything else, except I haven't even attempted to work in the storage unit this past quarter. Maybe when it gets cooler I can get it better organized and see what we really have stored away.

Gratefully serving NA,

Tim S.

#### Campout:

Meeting was opened in usual manner by the exiting Chair, Wayne S. It was reported that NO positions were filled at the closing campout meeting in July at Wilson Lake.

Reports were given by: Treasurer, catering, merchandising, and Chairperson. As was reported, even with the hot weather, it was a good campout; great speakers, good workshops (maybe a few too many), great food (and just the right amount), and nice merchandise.

In elections, only two positions were filled. Please note: this campout needs YOU!! In order for it to be a success, we need people to step up for the following positions: Chairperson, Co-Chair, Secretary, Catering, Programming, and Treasurer. Debby filled in as temporary Treasurer and Merchandising was filled by Tracy. We need committee members!! Please be sure to pass the word onto your areas and group members.

Wilson Lake was reserved for next year. Since the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is on a Wednesday, the MAR campout will be the weekend before, **June 29<sup>th</sup> thru July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**. July 2<sup>nd</sup> had been also reserved but will be cancelled. The committee is returning a check to the Regional Treasurer for \$450.00 (reservation fee).

Besides asking for members to fill committee positions, we also need suggestions for a theme and artwork.

The members present did discuss the meal for next year and it may be the same, more will be revealed. Great campout, tired committee. But it was worth it!!

We are unable to turn in the final annual accounting until we get the final funds from the past merchandising chair, as soon as I receive that and the merchandise, we can close out the books.

Loving service,

Debby S. (temp. treasurer)

#### Convention Report:

Greetings NA Family,

Well the MARCNA committee has been busy the last couple of months. We have filled all of our positions except Programming Chair. We have save the date fliers out and on the table until the registration fliers are available. We have set the prices for registration, meals and the pre-registration mug and shirts. The cost for registration before February 19, 2012 is \$10.00 and \$20.00 after that date and on site. The banquet cost is \$25.00 and the breakfast is a cost of \$15.00. The pre-registration mug is \$10.00 and the pre-registration shirt is \$25.00. If you get a complete package before the deadline the total cost is \$80.00, which is a savings of \$5.00. We would like to congratulate Tia for her winning design for this year's convention. Our spring line of t-shirts are out and we are selling them for \$12.00 and we also have merchandise leftover from last year that our fundraising chair is selling. If you would like a shirt, please let me know. We are also happy to announce that we have our first fundraiser happening in Topeka on September 24<sup>th</sup>, it will be a breakfast function and with more details later. Please watch the regional website for a flyer. The committee is also putting our first request out to the fellowship for books to hand out to the newcomers at the convention, please take this back to your Area's and groups. We would also like to thank the Ellinwood group for their donation of literature. The treasurer reported that we had a beginning balance of \$6159.26 and after a deposit and paying our t-shirt invoice we were left with an ending balance of \$5833.90. The committee also decided to hold all interim meetings in Topeka at the Grace United Methodist Church at 2627 SW Western at 1 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please feel free to join us!

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

Michelle

### Hospitals & Institutions:

Hello Family,

We had five areas represented at yesterday's subcommittee meeting and we collected \$14.00 when we passed the hat. Thank you to all who attended!

It seems the recurring theme of lack of willingness still rings true in many areas this quarter but the areas are doing what they can with what they've got and I commend their efforts!

We raised \$467.00 at the fundraiser last night for H&I. Thank you to all who attended and for the support! How great was that turn out?!

Miracle Area is having a Hospitals and Institutions Learning Day in Lawrence on August 27<sup>th</sup>. I will be attending and am looking forward to attending! There should be flyers over on the table for that and the flyer is also on the region website.

Jodie M. from the Wichita Metro Area showed willingness in yesterday's subcommittee to step up as Chair. She qualified herself and the vote was unanimous. Thank you Jodie!!!!

ILS,

Hallie T. Hospitals & Institutions Chair MARSCNA

#### Literature:

We had six (6) areas represented yesterday. Those present were Miracle, Unity, Fellowship for Freedom, Central, Primary Purpose and Wichita Metro. There is still however no willingness for Literature Chair, Co-Chair or MAN editor. Please bring this back to your Areas. We did get the service guides that were ordered in February.

We are presenting a couple of motions today and a request for funds in the amount of \$71.60 if our motion passes to purchase Approval Draft of Living Clean: The Journey Continues for each Area so that it can be workshoped.

Daniel C. (former Outreach Chair) had approached the Literature Committee to work on a second volume of the History of Groups. He has volunteered to draft a letter requesting information from the Areas to be included in the August minutes.

In regards to our Mid America Newsletter, we talked about how submissions could possibly be overlooked while we don't have an editor. We are making a motion today if necessary to ask our Web-Servant to include an e-mail account for the MAN on our marsna.net website. We also ask that the secretary note under "take back to groups" a request for submissions.

In Service, Janet W. Regional Co-Chair

#### NAWS Contact Report:

#### August 2011

Greetings Family! I have updated the current positions of our region on the NAWS website. I have also received the current Regional meeting list and am in the process of verifying all of the group information. If anyone has any suggestions, comments, questions or updates please feel free to let me know! My email address is howell<u>101808@gmail.com</u>.

ILS, Lisa H.

## Outreach Report:

Hello All!

Considering the Outreach subcommittee has no chair, I believe we had a productive meeting. We followed up on the on-going business from the previous quarter. The committee has been working on the regional history project with the literature committee. They are still asking for submissions from groups and areas to make the history as accurate as possible.

There has also been discussion on an Awareness flyer from Outreach committee. There was much discussion on the function of the Outreach committee and its difference from the Hospitals and Institutions committee.

This committee currently has no trusted servants. During elections, Robert C. has shown willingness to be chair. He will be back next quarter and hopefully will be approved.

All positions are open: Chair, co-chair and secretary

In Loving Service,

Misty K.

*P.O. Box:* Hello Mid America Region.

Well as most realize I will need to ask someone to take position of the P.O. Box Chair. I would say once again it has been a privilege to serve in this position for the Mid America Region.

There was a fire at the post office back in June. Have been picking up the mail at the downtown station. It's located at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Waco. They are cleaning up Munger station and it will soon be operational. I cannot say thanks for the coupons this quarter they stopped the junk mail since it's been downtown. I was assured there was no mail destroyed in the fire.

I once again thank you for allowing me to serve this fellowship. I ask in humble Prayer that Heavenly Father look out for those that serve and have served in this region.

In Loving Service, DeWayne K.

#### **Public Information:**

Hello All!

Considering this committee does not have a chair, we had a good meeting. The person from the previous quarter that took notes and produced minutes did an awesome job and we had great notes to work from. The committee is continuing to work on lists of resources from each area and are asking for submissions from each area.

There was a request for funds from the FFF Area and it was approved in the amount of \$50 to fill literature racks.

Please keep your meeting lists updated and submit those to the regional website at marscna.net. The regional meeting schedules are updated from the website, so please make sure they are accurate.

All positions are open: Chair, Co-chair and Secretary.

In Loving Service,

Misty K.

*Steering:* Present: Janet Absent: Aaron

Today Janet needs to be reaffirmed and elected as Chair out of Committee. Also two members have stepped up and need to be voted in on the floor. They are Mike T. and Kathryn C. The only other thing that came out of our meeting was clarification that the 2013 Convention dates are April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. The Policy Chair for Fellowship for Freedom and Unity Area were present.

#### In Service, Janet W.

#### Soul to Soul:

Hello Family,

I got several things to address; I'll try and make this as short as possible. Pre-registrations are due tomorrow August 21<sup>st</sup>. You can still register but you won't get a t-shirt and cup after tomorrow. Please take this back to your groups, soul to soul needs your support.

Our fundraiser went ok, thanks to Pioneer Group in Emporia for all the hard work that made this happen. We didn't raise much money though; Shelly W has the financial report. We do have some left over food and supplies that will help cut our event cost.

We still have fundraiser t-shirts and calendars for sale \$15.00 for the t-shirts and \$5.00 for the calendars. I have them with me in my car.

I have a couple of issues we will be facing for next year. #1. Camp Chihowa will be requiring a sexual assault risks on our insurance. I talked to Debbie S about the cost to add this to the Regional Policy, and the requirements and the cost of this are going to make this unobtainable. I am talking with the camp about a waiver of this rule. #2. It has been an issue in the past to move Soul to Soul around. I would like to look around for another camp. I've learned that God will provide but I need help with the footwork. Rod D. from Emporia told me that Dodge City was wanting to do a spiritual retreat.

I will do my best to help the next soul to soul chair. Gale W Soul to Soul co-chair will not be stepping up to the chair position. Thank you for your support.

In Loving Service, Tim P Soul to Soul Chair

Soul to Soul Fundraiser report for June 25, 2011

#### **Our food expenses**

\$85.00
\$28.29
\$49.47
\$13.06
<u>\$82.80</u>
\$258.62
\$184.20
\$70.00
\$70.00
\$15.00
\$20.00

#### TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE FUNRAISER \$617.22

#### Money in at the fundraiser (started with \$125.00 seed was taken back)

We raised \$696.52

PROFIT \$79.30

#### **Current Treasurer Report**

I have deposited three pre-registrations so far. I have a deposit of five more to make (\$350.00 for two t-shirts and one calendar)

TOTAL FOR FUNCTIONING	\$333.50
Less prudent reserve	\$1000.00
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$1333.50

We will owe the camp for the weekend – we have only paid the deposit. We will need to order preregistration shirts and cups.

In Loving Service,

Shelley W Soul to Soul treasurer

#### **D.** Officers Reports: *Regional Delegate Report:* Hello All!

I have been deluged with information this last quarter. I will try to get through it as best I can.

We attended the Plain States Zonal Forum in Lubbock, Texas on May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. We participated in workshops on the Service System and the USFA/USSC. They were very productive and I got another view of the overall process. I have the session profiles available if anyone would like copies.

I received a packet from NAWS containing NAWS News, Social Media and our Guiding Principles draft, History of the Board Approval Track (including service pamphlets), Issue Discussion Topic packet, and Updates to the Service System Proposals. The Living Clean draft is available for approval. And the Planning Basics guide is out for use by the fellowship. I have also received the NAWS Annual Report.

The NAWS News reported the WSC dates incorrectly. The correct dates are April 29<sup>th</sup> thru May 5<sup>th</sup>. On a side note, I will be graduating from college on May 5<sup>th</sup>, so I intend to fly home Friday so I am able to walk with my class.

The deadline for submission of proposals to be included in the CAR passed on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for regional and zonal recommendations to the HRP (Human Resource Panel) for World Board, HRP, or WSC Co-facilitators is Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact me if you have any recommendations for those positions and I can help walk you through the process.

And finally, we come to the issue of the USFA (United States Fellowship Assembly). After much reading of the information that I am buried in, I believe that the Mid-America Region's continuing participation would be a waste of resources that could be used to carry the message. There are multiple factions working against each other and, it seems, each has its own agenda. There is constant in fighting, back-stabbing, and general disunity. If it's not spiritual, it's not practical. I believe the United States could benefit from a National Assembly/conference, but not in the current manner. As a result, I recommend that we do not attend the Assembly in Tulsa in October.

I have received a message from the RD and RDA from the South Florida Region proposing the US delegates requesting that time be allocated to discuss the possible implementation of the state/national/provincial section of the proposals. They have asked the delegates to take it back to our respective regions and to respond as soon as possible.

And last but not least; the next Zonal meeting will be in January (oh joy). It will be a CAR workshop. More will be revealed!

In Loving Service,

Misty K. RD

#### Alt. Delegate Report:

This is a hard one to write. I have good and bad news. The good news is I landed a good job. The bad news is I am working this weekend and cannot attend to give this report in person.

The worse news is I am sad to report I will need to step down from the RDA position. I will be unable to get time off for my responsibilities at the upcoming events, Zones, or the World Service Conference in April. I have not come to this decision lightly by any means. I have talked to my sponsor and prayed about this for the last month.

I feel it would be wrong for me to do a half ass job in this position. I am very confident some one will step up and take on this position. We need someone who will be able to travel around. We have the upcoming Zonal in Iowa which is a C.A.R. workshop with world participation. As well as any local C.A.R workshops and the W.S.C.

I end this with a prayer that Heavenly Father help keep us safe as we carry the message to addicts that still suffer. May his will and not our own be done.

In Loving Service, DeWayne K

P.S. I will still be taking two H&I meetings a month to the Sedgwick County Jail. So I will still be serving and carrying the message of this awesome fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

#### Treasurer Report:

### Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous Treasurer Report - May 2011 RSC

Beginning Balance:		\$14,880.82
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Income:			Donations & Reimbursements	\$2,956.36		
			Total Income			\$2,956.36
			Sub-Total			\$17,837.18
Expenses:						
8/21/2011	ck #	1226	Hutch Cor. Fac Regional Mtg Lists (1800) Replace #1214		\$93.07	
8/21/2011	ck #	1227	Hutch Cor. Fac Regional Mtg Lists (1600)		\$208.50	
8/21/2011	ck #	1229	Alliance Agency - Qtrly Regional Ins		\$1,408.25	
8/21/2011	ck #	1230	You Store It - Final Payment		\$47.50	
8/21/2011	Auto Withdrawal		Campout Deposit for 2012 Wilson Lake		\$450.00	
8/21/2011	ck #	1231	Daniel C Nov RSC Start up Funds		\$100.00	
8/21/2011	ck #	1231	Daniel C Nov RSC Food Funds		\$100.00	
8/21/2011	ck #	1231	Daniel C Start Up for Regional Service Assembly		\$100.00	
8/21/2011	ck #	1232	Craig T November RSC DJ Service		\$150.00	
8/21/2011	ck #		Mid-America Inn - November RSC Rent		\$354.60	
8/21/2011	ck #	1234	PI Escrow - Fellowship for Freedom Area Literature		\$50.00	
8/21/2011	ck #	1235	Mike Taylor - Gas to move Storage Unit		\$30.01	
8/21/2011	ck #	1236	Amber Carris - Secretary Expenses		\$30.00	
8/21/2011	ck #	1237	Living Clean Project		\$111.60	
8/21/2011	Auto Withdrawal		Toner - Go 4 Supply.com		\$68.23	
						\$3,301.76
			Bank Balance			\$14,535.42
			Less: Prudent Reserve			\$9,083.80
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			Sub-total			\$5,451.62
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			Less: Escrows			
			H&I		\$1,421.44	
			Literature		\$796.78	
			Outreach		\$807.56	
			PI		\$500.00	
			Insurance (due Nov 2011)		\$1,400.00	
			Storage (due May 2012)		\$218.75	
			P.O. Box (due February 2012)		\$22.00	

	Web Page (due September 2011)	\$166.80	
	RDA (due February 2012)	\$750.00	
	Total Escrows		\$(6,083.33)
	Spendable Balance		\$(631.71)

#### **Prudent Reserve**

5/11 - 3/12				
Expenses	<u>10-11 Actual</u>	<u>Annually</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>	<u>Pay-out Month</u>
Rent	\$1,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$350.00	Quarterly
Insurance	\$5,234.25	\$5,600.00	\$1,400.00	Quarterly
Storage Unit	\$873.00	\$873.00	\$218.25	February
P.O. Box	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$11.00	February
Web Page	\$166.80	\$166.80	\$41.70	September 2011
RDA - World	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	February 2012
Totals		\$9,083.80	\$2,270.95	

\*\*\* Web Page is renewable every 2 years

\*\*\* WSC is every two years

\*\*\* Web Domain is renewable 2017

# Monies from August 21, 2011

Central Area	\$550.00
Fellowship for Freedom	\$100.00
Fellowship for Freedom - H&I Escrow Return	\$23.44
Just for Today - Larned	
Miracle	\$100.00
Primary Purpose	\$100.00
Unity Area	
Western Area	
Wichita Area	\$100.00

Campout Deposit 2012 - Wilson Lake	\$450.00
Balance from Storage Unit	\$427.00
Activities - Door and Money Raffle	\$198.00
H&I Escrow - Basket	\$14.00
Activities - Reimbursement	\$84.85
Activities - Deposit Return from Friendship Ctr	\$50.00
Secretary reimbursement	\$12.11
H&I Escrow - Fundraiser	\$467.00
Outreach Escrow	\$20.00
RD Return Monies for Lubbock TX	\$174.00
Hutch Correctional Facility - Return Check #1214	\$85.96
Total Deposit	\$2,956.36

Co-Treasurer Report: No report - Position is open.

Chair Report: Nothing to report.

Co- Chair Report: Nothing to report.

#### We took a break from 9:08 am to 9:21 am

#### E. Old Business:

1. LML Service – Multiple Checking Accounts: It was discussed that Soul to Soul, Convention and Region all turned in their information. The chair stated he would check with the campout committee to see if they have turned their information in. The chair explained exactly what LML service was. It is a free of charge service to handle any bounced checks. A flyer should be posted anytime money is taken to let members know that we use this service, and a \$30.00 fee would apply if any check is bounced. Any bounced checks are then taken care of through LML; we do not handle any bad checks. It was discussed that the old Activities Chair will make sure the new Activities Chair has a copy of this so it is posted at all regional events.

#### F. New Business:

#### 1. <u>Elections:</u>

**<u>Co-Treasurer</u>**: The duties and qualifications were read. There were no nominations or willingness. Please take back to your areas and groups.

**Hospitals and Institutions Chair:** Jodi M. was nominated out of committee – qualifications were read. She then qualified herself. There were then some questions for Jodi. She left the room after all

questions were answered. She was not voted in. Please keep coming back. Thank you for your willingness. Take back to areas and groups.

Literature Chair: No nominations or willingness. Please take back to areas and groups. Steering members (5): Janet W needed to be reconfirmed and is willing to step up as Steering Chair – she qualified herself and answered any questions. She then left the room and there was discussion. A vote was taken and she was voted in. Thank you Janet!! Mike T was nominated out of the steering committee – he qualified himself and answered any questions. He then left the room and there was discussion. A vote was then taken and he was voted in. Thank you Mike!! Kathryn C was also nominated out of steering committee. She qualified herself and answered any questions. She then left the room and there was discussion. A vote was taken and she was voted in. Thank you Kathryn!! There are still 3 open positions in Steering. Please take this back to groups and areas. Public Information Chair: No nominations or willingness. Please take back to groups and areas. Outreach Chair: Robert C has willingness. The qualifications were read – He then qualified himself and answered any questions. He left the room and there was discussion. He was not voted in. Please keep coming back. Please take back to groups and areas.

#### We took a break from 10:18 am to 10:32 am

#### 2. <u>Newsletter e-mail address:</u>

Literature subcommittee was unsure if this needed to be brought in the form of a motion or not. During the literature subcommittee meeting it was decided to ask the PI subcommittee to create an email address for newsletter submissions for the MAN editor. The chair spoke to the web-servant and found out there are 3 available emails that can be set up. It was agreed the easiest address that could be set up is <u>newsletter@marscna.net</u>. It was decided this did not need to be submitted as a formal motion. Members will now be able to submit stories to be published in the MAN to this email address. A member shared concern that this email address should not be added to group emails lists or used to send forwards to this should only be used for submissions to be published in the MAN.

#### 3. Living Clean Approval Drafts Motion:

Motion #1 0821-001:Made from LiteratureVote: 8-0-0To purchase 8 Approval Draft of Living Clean:The Journey Continues for each area.Financial Impact: \$111.60.

Intent: To help it be work-shopped for the upcoming WSC.

Discussion: There was concern on how each area will get their copy before the next RSC, so they can begin work shopping the book now. According to the website the price of the book includes shipping and taxes. It was decided to mail each copy directly to the RCM's. The secretary will contact the Unity Area Literature Chair and make sure they get to the hands of the RCM's in the most cost effective manner.

#### 4. <u>USFA:</u>

The Regional Delegate gave a report. There are some groups and areas that did vote on the USFA proposals and have included that in their reports. A member shared that it doesn't seem financially practical to send our RD team to the next meeting in Tulsa. The chair mentioned that not many areas and groups are discussing the USFA, but there are a few. It was mentioned that they are looking at doing the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting for the USFA in Florida. Currently the USFA is set up to take group votes. One member shared that is would be cheaper to call or email our votes instead of sending a delegate and spending regional funds. One member mentioned that there are members in the region who are planning on going to Tulsa and they would appreciate coming back with any information be brought back to keep members informed about the USFA.

available to members regarding the USFA. The RD shared there seems to be much disorganization and it does not seem practical sending the RD team, and we need to keep in mind we have a CAR workshop and other things coming up that we will need to send our RD team to. The chair shared that they are currently planning groups together trying to figure out how they are going to get all the votes tallied. They are looking at either doing hand votes or scanning votes electronically. The chair also mentioned he has been sitting in during the conference calls and the planning group and core groups have been working to try to clean things up and get more organized and there seem to be some strong possibilities if they simplify things. Another member shared we should send members to attend and report back so we know what is going on at the USFA. Another member shared concern that their area would be very unhappy if we financed someone to go to the USFA since it is not yet It was then decided to go ahead and take an informal vote for RCM's – if the region wants to finance anyone to go to Tulsa for USFA #2. Vote was 3-5-1. It was decided that region will not finance any members to go to USFA.

#### 5. <u>US Delegate Roundtable Letter:</u>

The RD received a letter from Tom and Frank who are the RD & RDA from South Florida Region asking to petition all the Regional Delegates in the US for time to be set aside at the next WSC in 2012 for the US Delegates to discuss possible future implementation of the upcoming proposals for the new service system. It was mentioned that there is already time and space set aside for zones to meet together at the conference. The chair stated there is already time and spaces that could be set aside to talk about this, and there will be talk regarding this in the hallways, but that will probably be all that it amounts to during the conference. A vote was then taken - 0-7-1. The RD will contact Tom K and let him know our vote.

#### 6. Social Networking Question:

The Western Area RCM wanted to know if there are guidelines out there to set up a Facebook Page for their area. There are new guidelines available that mentions Facebook in particular. Another member asked if each area could get a copy of those new guidelines. The RD said she would make a copy for all the RCM's.

#### 7. <u>Other:</u>

One member questioned why we send members go to Zonal Forums, he shared he had not seen anything come back from the zonal, but we finance this each time. The chair mentioned that the main purpose for zonal forums is for world participation at the CAR workshops and the zonal forum was initially for pulling together resources with other zones to do stuff in Kansas City, Nebraska and Oklahoma for big PI workshops. The problem with the United States is that we have separated into 8 zones. The RD mentioned that currently they work on doing workshops for current discussion topics, public information projects, compiling new public information lists currently and have done presentations. The next zonal forum in Iowa is a CAR workshop. The chair then mentioned that areas and groups can start setting up CAR workshops, it comes out November 28th. Please put this on your agendas at your groups and areas.

#### 8. PO Box Key:

The PO Box Chair has to step down from his position. The chair then asked for willingness for a member preferably in Wichita that would be willing to check the PO Box during the next quarter. Tracy C agreed to take care of this throughout the next quarter. It was explained that if there is anything that is time sensitive to make it gets into the appropriate person before the next RSC

#### We then took a break from 11:48-12:01

#### 9. Last minute business:

The printer ran out of ink. After some brief research we found a website to order 3 printer cartridges for \$68.23. A member also agreed that he would be willing to take the empty printer cartridges to fill them and bring back receipts to be reimbursed for the cost. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea so we have extra printer cartridges at all times.

#### TAKE BACK TO GROUPS:

#### **OPEN POSITIONS:**

Co-Treasurer, Literature Chair, 3 Steering Members, Pubic Information Chair, Outreach Chair, Alternate Regional Delegate, Campout Chair, H&I Chair, and PO Box

The treasurer then gave her final report – we then closed the meeting at 12:19 PM and circled up in the usual manner.



**History Project - Volume 2** 

August 2012

To All the Groups of the Mid-America Region:

Hello Family,

It has been nearly a decade since we did the first History Project. The Outreach Committee and Literature Committee, of MARSCNA, would like to gather information for an update to the History Project. Hopefully we will also get information from groups that had not submitted or have formed since. The past history project can be found on the website, <u>www.marscna.net</u>.

We would like to see all the groups from throughout the Region submit the history of their group. If you need help in gathering information reach out to the long-timers of your home group or possibly some of the other members of our Region and within our Areas. Any questions and all information can be submitted to the email addresses listed below. We would like to have all submissions sent by April 30, 2012. Our final goal will be to have a copy ready by August RSC in 2012.

In Loving Service,

Outreach/Literature Sub-Committees

- Nate F. <u>nanate1@yahoo.com</u>
- Daniel C. <u>hopedealer@cox.net</u>
- Tim S. timandeb@cox.net



### MID AMERICA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE 2011 NOVEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING

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

### SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, November 19

<u>9:00 am -11:00am</u>	Outreach Steering
<u>11:00 am - 1:00 pm</u>	Literature Hospital & Institutions
<u>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</u>	LUNCH BREAK
<u>2:00 pm - 4:00 pm</u>	Campout Convention
<u>4:00 pm - 6:00 pm</u>	Public Information Activities & Soul to Soul
<u>6:15 pm – 7:30 pm</u>	Thanksgiving Potluck Meal
<u>7:30 pm – 8:30 pm</u>	Meeting
<u>8:30 pm - 11:00 pm</u>	Regional Outreach Fundraiser DJ Dance - \$3.00/ person
<u>9:45 pm</u>	Auction & Raffle

#### NO ADDICT TURNED AWAY NA AUCTION / RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

**REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING** 

Sunday, November 20

General business, motions, request for funds.

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