



Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous

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**Business Meeting Minutes
November 20th, 2011**

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence by the Chair at 8:10 am. The 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and Service Motivator were read.

Housekeeping: The Chair called for all requests for funds and motions. Reminder to get everything turned in to the Treasurer or Co-Chair.

Roll Call: We took our first roll call at 8:18 am and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday November 20th, 2011.

Trusted Servants Present: Chair, Co-chair, Reg. Delegate, Treasurer, Debit Card Adhoc and Secretary. There is no Co-Treasurer or Alt. Delegate at this time.

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

Subcommittee Chairs: Activities, Archivist, Convention, Steering, and Soul to Soul. There is no Campout Chair, H&I Chair, Literature Chair, Outreach Chair, PO Box Chair, or Public Information Chair.

A. Approval of Minutes:

All members present were asked if the minutes needed to be read, and if there needed to be any corrections. It was mentioned the date on the Treasurer's report said May, and it was supposed to be August. There was a motion to accept minutes as amended. It was seconded. Minutes accepted.

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, but due to changes we are no longer going into the Larned Juvenile. On December 3rd we will have our annual Christmas Dreams function, fliers are available. This is a kid-friendly event and Santa will be there. We are also planning the 2012 Chili Bowl. This function will be a PI/H&I learning day as well. I have a 100 dollar donation from the Larned *Just for Today* group. I have our vote for the Regional policy.

In Service,

Jake D.- RCM Central

Fellowship For Freedom Area:

Hello family,

Things are going okay in Topeka; we now have a total of 15 meetings going on. We are getting ready for our annual 12 steps of Christmas dance; it is scheduled for December 16th at Forest Park. H&I is going strong they can always use more help though, especially women.

Literature seems to be selling at a good rate they are having a hard time keeping the it works, and the step guide in stock.

Outreach is in need of some help, they have a project going on right now where they are passing around a gift edition basic text and groups are writing in it or signing it, and once it has made its way to all the groups, I believe it will be put up for auction at one of our fundraisers.

PI is also in need of some support, they need a phone line person, and a web person.

Steering has finished the policy and it has already come back from groups and voted on. If anyone here is interested in a copy let me know and I will get it to you.

We would also like everyone to know that Michelle was voted in as our alt. RCM Congrats Michelle!!!

The open positions right now are Steering Chair, 2 Steering members, and Assist. Treasurer.

Our next Area meeting has been moved due the holiday it will be on December 4th at 4:00 p.m. at 27th & western.

In loving service, Jerry C.

Just For Today Area:

Hello Family,

Pretty quiet in the JFT Area, still struggling to fill positions. Pioneer Group is having a Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday 11-24-11 at noon. Bring a dish and enjoy the fellowship. Also Free Birds in Independence will be having an annual New Year's Eve Bash on January 21, 2012, flyers are on the table. JFT sent a \$100.00 donation to region.

In Loving Service,

Tim P

Miracle Area:

Hello from the Miracle Area!

All 8 groups were represented in November and October with seven out of eight represented in the month of August. The area's vote to accept the new regional policy change passed unanimously.

Area Chair/Alt – Michael S. continues to hold down the position as the area's chair, while Bob K.(the regions very own web master) was elected as co-chair.

RCM – This is my first region as the newly elected RCM, so please bare with me as I go through this learning experience.

Alt-RCM – I want to thank Nate F. for stepping up as newly elected Alt. RCM in the absence of any willingness to fill the position.

Outreach – We currently do not have an Outreach chair.

Literature – 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 \$1900.

PI – Dan S. was re-elected as our PI chair. We have a new meeting list coming out that's ready to print. The PI sub-committee is busy putting together presentations for our area. The committee is doing a good job and plans on giving one presentation a month. Dan and John S. gave a presentation to Professional Treatment Centers in Lawrence. That resulted in the Centers wanting for the area to come up with a list of names and numbers for possible temporary sponsors, and the formation of a newcomer meeting, which is in association with the Larrytown group and meets on Saturday nights at eight o'clock.

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. With the help of a PI presentation at the first of the year at the VA Domiciliary in Leavenworth H&I could possibly start back up in Leavenworth.

Activities – Kelly C. put together a fundraiser for PI on November 12th, which featured karaoke and speaker, thanks to Rod D. from Emporia for coming up and speaking at the fundraiser. The fundraiser raised \$35 for PI. RIP's 15th Anniversary Halloween Party was a success! Thanks to Lenny K. for speaking, and for all of the Lawrence folks who came down to support us. The area sponsored the 15th Annual Baldwin Shindig on September 25th which was also a success and thanks for Nate F. for sharing his experience, strength and hope. Thanks to Carl K. for coming down from Nebraska and speaking on Saturday night at the Miracle Areas Free Campout on September 10th. The area put on an H&I fundraiser on August 27th which raised \$140, thanks to Hallie T. for making the trip from Hutchison and sharing her experience strength and hope. On January 8th at three o'clock Misty K. will be putting on an informational presentation on the service systems project and the 2012 Conference Agenda Report in the basement of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital 325 Maine street.

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,

Steve G.

Primary Purpose Area:

Hi everyone,
Primary Purpose Area is going strong with good attendance and participation at our Area meetings. However, we are still struggling with willingness to fill most of our trusted servant positions.

We have a new group in our area! Second Chance Group, 407 N. 6th, Sterling, KS. They have one meeting a week on Saturday night at 6pm. They could really use our support. Nightflyers Group Fish Fry, which was held in Oct., was a huge success with around a 100 people in attendance. Their next function is planned for March 17th, St. Paddy's Day. Meeting attendance has been steady with 5-8 addicts showing up. They were approached about having a NA/AA social on the last Sunday of the month with a speaker and snacks. The first one will be held on Nov. 27th at 5pm at the meeting hall in Lyons. They are also bringing back their Saturday Night Family Fun beginning Nov. 26th. They will have board games, pizza and movies. Newton HOW Group held their annual Turkey Feed last weekend and it was well attended. They currently have no representation at area since they have no elected GSR.

Gift of Life Group is going strong with good meeting attendance. Their financial crisis has passed due to the overwhelming support of all the groups in our region. They are planning a couple of functions for next year including a Sock Hop on Jan. 14th and a Valentines Day Dance on Feb. 12th. They are also planning a flyer drive in the near future.

Flying Free Group is gearing up for their annual Blue Ball Ball on Dec. 17th. They will be serving chili and potato soup and look forward to everyone's support.

Our H&I efforts are still going strong in Hutchinson, Newton and Moundridge. We've had some new people get approved for the Hutchinson Correctional Facilities.

Our Outreach co-chair has been hitting the road and making visits to meetings around our area.

We did elect a new Alt. RCM, Angie M., and she will hopefully be taking over for me since my position is up next month.

That about covers it for now.

In grateful service,

Ted R.

Unity Area Report:

Hello Family,

The Unity Area has begun to reunite after its near death. The last few months we have worked out a way to have our area meetings quarterly before the regional meeting. We hope that this will get more people to get involved since it will not be such a financial hardship to members. It will just take communication. Our Halloween dance was a huge success! Our area needed this function to be a financial win as we had been operating in the red. Phoenix group in Salina has started 2 new noon meetings on Tue & Thurs @ 12:15 PM. They have also started a new men's meeting on Sunday mornings @ 8:00 AM. It is a step-tradition format. For now, all is well again in the Unity Area. We have many positions that still need filled though. Abilene is working on getting a meeting started again.

In Service,

Big Mike

Unity Area Co-Chair

Wichita Metro Area Report:

Hello Regional Family,

Hope this weekend finds all of you well. An Area vote for the Approval of the policy draft is what was decided on in our group tally (yes vote). I also know Wichita Metro Area voted to send a \$100 donation. But the treasurer was out of checks and was supposed to get with another trusted servant so hopefully someone has it, regrettably I do not. I also did attend the USFA II Assembly in Tulsa if anyone is interested. There were several RD's and RDA's in attendance also quite a few NA members without service positions at regional level. As far as the group vote tallied up there were 127 groups that voted electronically or sent in a vote, also 1 area which I can't remember how many groups were actually in that area and 1 region and don't know how many areas made up that regional vote. Any way out of the votes cast there was 107 votes to approve supporting the formation of the USSC. 20 votes to not support. 107 yes to 20 no. So what was decided was to appoint a pro tem chair to start an Adhoc committee to lay some ground work for this venture or adventure whatever the case may be. Wes S from Wichita was appointed the pro tem Adhoc chair. Also discussed was requesting a time slot from the world at the next WSC to allow a 2 hour meeting in a room and have all RD's and RDA's in attendance at WSC to discuss the idea. The Speakers from CANA (Canadian Assembly) and the Asian Pacific Forum were very informative on how they progressed in the function in their perspective areas. After speaking with the member from Canada I learned from him that world has been saying the US needs its own assembly since the late 80's, early 90's. It just hasn't been formed yet. He said in his opinion it's just been held back by fear. He said maybe its time to walk through the fear and get it started. The next gathering for this movement for lack of a better word is going to be in Wisconsin, USA in June 2012. Exact date to be announced. Soooooo, I said I'd go and report back so that's the info I have. Thank you for listening! By the way there is also a EDM (European Delegate Meeting)

Policy Draft Vote Suggestions:

1. What kind of circumstance qualifies as a problem worthy of revoking voting rights for an entire area for 3 months?
2. Section 3 Sub B needs to be changed regarding meeting location to read Salina, KS
3. Abstaining vote be recognized as a non vote unless abstentions are the majority. In which case the issue is sent back for discussion as per "suggested" policy.
4. Section 5, sub G para 2. Unity Group disagrees with interest being charged on monies or property owed to Region by members as Narcotics Anonymous is not in the business of "making money"

Western Area Report:

Absent – No report sent

C. Subcommittee Reports

Activities:

Greetings Family,

Another quarter has come and gone. Activities Sub-Committee met yesterday and had several addicts present and lots of information from the Areas present.

On to events: CKA reported: Christmas Dreams is December 3rd and the Chili Bowl will be February 25th. FFF is having the 12 Steps of Christmas Dance on Dec. 16th and the Dress to Impress Ball on Dec. 31st. Unity reported that Phoenix Group will have there New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31st. JFT reported on Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 25th at Pioneer Group and Free Birds in Independence having there New Year's Bash on Jan. 21st. Primary Purpose reported that Flying Free is having the Blue Ball Ball on Dec. 17th and Gift of Life is having there Sock Hop on Jan. 21st and their Valentine's Dance on Feb. 11th.

Wichita-Metro reported the Just For Today New Year's Dance in Augusta, the Celebration of Recovery on January 28th, Unity Group is having Thanksgiving and Day by Day will be doing Christmas Dinner.

Hopefully all these events will have flyers posted on the website if they do not already.

Regional Assembly went well for all involved. Although information was vast, attendance was low.

We started with \$100.00

Spent \$62.05

Donations and T-shirt Sales \$130.00

Total Turned in to Treasurer \$167.95

The fundraiser last night was for Outreach. The breakdown is as follows:

Basket \$78.50

Door \$151

Money Raffle \$32

Activities Total \$261.50

Item Raffle \$113

Auction \$0

Outreach Total \$113

Grand Total \$376.50

Expenses \$80.90

Check for \$200 Turned back in \$119.10

Total turned in to Treasurer \$495.60

I am requesting funds for February rent at Rodeway Inn (I-70 Hotels) \$354.60, DJ Services \$150 and \$100 Start-up for February RSC.

Our next RSC will be at this same location on February 18th and 19th.

With Gratitude,

Daniel C.

Activities Sub-Committee Chair

Archivist:

Hello family,

It's amazing when pieces of a puzzle that have slowly gathered all of a sudden throw themselves together. That's what happened with the history project I have been working on for a number of years. I managed to find some area minutes from 1985/86 that put most the missing links together. Though I have had many interesting conversations and heard lots of stories, I have also found that we addicts don't have the best memory. Reading minutes and lengthy reports make up most of the content in this history document I've handed out to you and you may have noticed I listed this as the 1st edition on the front page. It will always be up for revisions so keep digging for your group and area minutes. I still have unanswered

questions and will continue to find resources to build on this. I wanted to introduce it here before posting on the website, I'm hoping Bob can have this placed where the current timeline is, or better yet replace the timeline all together.

The minutes I came across have all been scanned to pdf format and then placed in archival sheets in a 3-ring binder for display. I have created folders for the areas that didn't previously have one, so minutes can be easily accessed or added to as I receive them. I have not focused on minutes in the past decade or two, if you want to take on the project of scanning your minutes that aren't in digital format already that would be awesome. I have asked to be put on all your area's mailing list, but occasionally only get minutes from one area. It's less work for me if I don't receive them, but I am willing to archive them with the older minutes.

Another project I have been doing this past quarter is inventorying the audio archives, which will appear in the minutes with this report. There were a few tapes that didn't belong in our archives, tapes that were submitted from individuals as potential MARCNA speakers. Some still had an address so I will forward them to the current convention committee. I know full sets of tapes/cds have been given to convention committees for as long as I have been involved at this level, but very few stayed with the region, mainly prior to 1998. I realize the missing sets won't appear, but if you have any in your personal collection that can be dubbed or better yet converted to mp3 to help fill in what's not on the enclosed list, that would be one step closer to completing our archives.

Not pertaining to Mid-America Region directly, I am working on getting the audio tapes from the 1st World Literature Conference in Wichita. I had received a few tapes from WCNA 9 recently where members from Kansas voices were heard in the readings and workshops. I'm hoping to get more from that convention in the near future. These are from the same person that we got the full set of WCNA 10 tapes.

Grateful to be able,

Tim S.

MARCNA/Kansas - Tapes/CDs Archives

1980 WCNA 10 Wichita full set (14 cds)
1983 MARCNA I Lake Ozark, MO 2 speaker tapes
1984 MARCNA II Lake Ozark, MO 1 speaker tape
1985 MARCNA III Tulsa, OK 4 speaker tapes / PI workshop tape
1985 2nd State Roundup Wichita 1 speaker tape
1988 MARCNA V (1st) Kansas City 1 speaker tape
1995 MRLD IV Wichita Outreach tape
1997 MARCNA XIV Dodge City 3 speakers / 2 workshop tapes
1998 MARCNA XV Lawrence full set (9 tapes)
1999 MARCNA XVI Hutchinson full set (8 tapes)
2000 MARCNA XVII Great Bend full set (8 tapes)
2001 MARCNA XVIII Hutchinson full set (8 tapes)
2002 MARCNA XIX Great Bend full set (13 tapes)
2003 MARCNA XX Dodge City full set (8 tapes)
2004 MARCNA XXI Wichita full set (10 tapes)
2005 MARCNA XXII Salina full set (9 tapes)

2006 MARCNA XXIII Hays 1 speaker/all workshops (7 cds)
 2007 MARCNA XXIV Salina full set (10 cds)
 2008 MARCNA XXV Lawrence full set (11 cds/1 dvd)
 2009 MARCNA XXVI Wichita full set (14 mp3) No cds
 2010 MARCNA XXVII Great Bend full set (9 cds)
 2011 MARCNA XXVIII Hutchinson full set (9 cds)

Campout:

We are recommending Kim C. as our new chair. Other members that stepped up are Sara B. as Catering chair, Aaron B. as Programming chair, Grant L. as Co-chair and Angie M. is our new Secretary. Debby is the temporary treasurer and was not at the meeting but she wants to serve as the treasurer. Kim has the information for the signature cards which will include Kim C, Grant L and Debby S. The theme of the campout is "Serenity under the Stars". We are asking each RCM to inform their members that we need artwork. If your design is chosen you will receive a free campout t-shirt.

There is still merchandise business from last campout that needs to be finalized. Misty was cooking for dinner so she was not present at the meeting. Tracy and I will get some answers today. Wayne did turn in the shirts he still had and gave Kim the lock box, storage key, signed contract and all information he had. The freezer is in Wayne S. garage and it is open not to mold. Aaron put together a pre-flier. The next meeting will be January 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Hutchinson at the Gift of Life meeting hall located at 310 Stevens.

In service,

Janet W., Regional Co-Chair

**M.A.R. CAMPOUT N.A.
 2010-2011 FINAL ACCOUNTING**

11/16/2011

BEGINNING BALANCE

\$3,714.80

EXPENDITURES:

8/14/2011	ck 732	MARSCNA (Wilson Lake deposit)	(\$450.00)
11/20/2011	ck 733	Shirts by Francis	(\$1,088.49)
1/16/2011	ck 734	Misty K. (towels & koozies)	(\$700.00)
3/25/2011	ck 735	Fed Ex Office (print flyers)	(\$126.61)
5/14/2011	ck 736	Cindy (food & supplies)	(\$600.00)
5/14/2011	ck 737	Misty K. (towels re-order & koozies)	(\$400.00)
5/25/2011	ck 738	Wilson Lake (tables deposit)	(\$50.00)
5/25/2011	ck 739	Danita C. (deep freeze)	(\$200.00)
6/18/2011	ck 740	Misty K. (shirts)	(\$19.88)
7/1/2011	ck 741	All Things BBQ (rent smoker/cooker)	(\$249.47)
7/1/2011	ck 742	Menges Rental, Inc. (tent rental)	(\$427.30)
		Tom M. (DJ services)	(\$250.00)
7/2/2011	ck 743		
7/8/2011	ck 744	Wayne S. (gas reimbursement)	(\$100.00)

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

(\$4,661.75)

INCOME:

1/2/2011	Gift of Life fundraiser	\$356.65
1/16/2011	2011 Shirt sales	\$680.00
4/5/2011	2011 Shirt & towel sales	\$1,050.00
7/5/2011	Auction, raffle & merchandise sales campout	\$2,030.07
11/11/2011	miscellaneous income from campout	\$133.06
	TOTAL INCOME	\$4,249.78

ENDING BALANCE:

\$3,302.83

Convention Report:

Greetings NA Family,

MARCNNA planning is progressing slowly but surely. We have secured all the entertainment for the convention, finalized the menus for the banquet and breakfast, decided on registration packet items and secured all but our literature vendor. We still have the Programming Chair position open and after a group conscience yesterday we now the Entertainment Chair position open as well. Please take this back to your groups. The pre-registration fliers have been mailed out and there are also some on the table. Please keep in mind that the pre-registration deadline is February 19th. We had a successful fundraiser in Topeka in September and the Fellowship for Freedom Area raised \$431.15 for the convention. If any other Area or group is interested in hosting a fundraising event please let me know. The committee is also putting out a reminder to the fellowship that we are looking for books to hand out to the newcomers at the convention; please take this back to your Area's and groups. The treasurer reported that we had a beginning balance of \$6860.28 and after registration monies and fundraising monies we now have a balance of \$7306.28. The next interim committee meeting is in Topeka at the Grace United Methodist Church at 2627 SW Western at 1 pm on December 18th. If you are interested in being a part of, please feel free to join us!

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

Michelle

Hospitals & Institutions:

Hello Region!

We had a productive meeting Saturday with 11 persons present with 5 areas represented. There seems to be a general conscientious around the region that we are all struggling to fill service positions. There are still multiple H & I meetings happening around the region and there was discussion on how to garner support for all committees.

The H & I committee had a large amount of money in their escrow. We decided to give each area \$150 to pursue Hospitals and Institutions endeavors. Though we cannot ask each area how to allocate the money, we suggest using the money for Learning Days, literature, travel for members to facilitate workshops, etc. (\$1200) .

In the past, we voted to send money to support the Project Primary Purpose from the Eastern Area in Nebraska.. We have decided again to continue to support the project and have asked for \$300. The project has continued to send books to incarcerated addicts in our region and we should support that. Also they are

having a fundraiser January 14th in Nebraska. More will be revealed.
We passed the basket and have \$16 to add to the escrow.

All positions are open: Chair, Co-chair, & Secretary

In Loving Service,

Misty K.

Literature:

We had five (5) areas represented yesterday. Those present were Miracle, Unity, Fellowship for Freedom, Central, and Wichita Metro. There is still however no willingness for Literature Chair, Co-Chair or the MAN editor. Please bring this back to your Areas.

The Approval Draft of Living Clean: The Journey Continues did get to each Area along with a note informing them that they could schedule workshops beginning after the first of the year on the Conference Agenda Report. The CAR comes out in a week or so and the "Approval Draft" is a part of that report. It is highly recommended that your Area workshop the CAR; you get insight into the motions and can then make informed decisions with your votes. The World Service Conference is in April of 2012 so your votes will need to be turned into the Regional Delegate before that time.

The history project flier will be going out again as part of the Regional minutes but also separately as well. Our web-servant did create an e-mail for stories for the MAN. It is newsletter@marscna.net. We also feel like this is the best time to purchase a laptop so we are again requesting \$500.00 from the literature escrow because we turned the previous check back to the treasurer. Although we don't have an editor at this moment we feel it is being very prudent with our funds to make the purchase with the holiday sales.

In Service,

Janet W.

Regional Co-Chair

NAWS Contact Report:

Greetings Family! I apologize about not being able to make Region this month. I have updated the current positions of our region on the NAWS website. I have also updated meetings for our Region based on the current area lists on the Region website. If there are any changes please include them in your area report or email them to me. If anyone has any suggestions, comments, questions or updates please feel free to let me know! My email address is howell 101808@gmail.com. Hope to see you all in February!

ILS, Lisa H.

Outreach Report:

Hello Region!

The Outreach committee is plugging along. We had 8 members present with 3 areas represented by either a chair or an interested member.

We had a discussion about how to attract new members to the committee. We have developed a flyer to take back to groups as to what the Outreach committee does and our mission as trusted servants. Our question is "How can we help?" Members have volunteered to be available for presentations and other questions.

This committee is still in need of Chair, Co-chair and secretary. Thanks to all those who participated, took notes and helped with the function last night. We added 113.00 to our escrow.

In Loving Service,

Misty K.

P.O. Box:

Position Open – No report.

Public Information:

Groups represented were Miracle, Unity, Central, Primary Purpose and Fellowship for Freedom. Again there was no willingness for the Chair and Co-Chair positions. Miracle Area is requesting 100 Regional meetings schedules for their upcoming presentation. Fellowship for Freedom is working on putting racks in a few facilities.

Sally reported that she had been contacted by the Department of Corrections. They want permission to do a presentation to us about their mentorship program. Sally will be the point of contact and possibly set it up for February.

The website will be changing soon. The greatest changes will be to the meeting lists and events as they are the most visited. Bob will be setting up a bulletin area and a place where the professionals can automatically sign on to. Also, e-mail addresses to connect automatically will be set up for each sub-committee and the Regional chair. Those will go directly to the chair of each committee.

We will be requesting more meeting lists for next month so we have enough for the conventions bags.

**On Sunday John S. was voted in as the new Public Information Chair.

In loving service,

Janet W., Regional Co-Chair

Steering:

Present: Janet, Aaron & Mike

Absent: Kathryn

There was no one at the meeting yesterday that was interested in becoming a member of Steering; there are 3 open positions at this time. We did have representation from Central, Unity, Miracle, Wichita Metro and Fellowship for Freedom Areas. We also still need a secretary.

A bid for the 2014 convention was brought by Daniel C. from the Ramada Inn in Salina. We are recommending this bid to the floor today. As per policy a decision is to be made today.

We are working on a "forms" section to add as an addendum to the end of the policy & guidelines which we are hoping will pass today. It is intended as a convenience for members, groups and areas. We also need to make sure that a "Motion Log" is kept and updated.

Our next meeting will be January 28, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Mike's house (710 W. Prescott) in Salina.

In Service,

Janet W.

Soul to Soul:

Hello Family,

First and foremost I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to be Soul to Soul Chair. OK, I better get down to business. We had 35 addicts that came to be a part of, and it was a great weekend. It was a great weekend to get away and get some perspective on life. Bob B., AKA the great Green Frog Hunter dove in the water and caught big 'ol bull frogs. Then several of the ladies thought they oughta KISS the frog, found out pretty quick that the frog was not Prince charming. Everyone pitched in and helped cook & clean. The meetings were awesome, nothing better than a cool fall evening by a campfire sharing and caring. A good time was had by all!!!

We had our business meeting to discuss moving Soul to Soul next year due to insurance reasons. I believe this will be a good thing and maybe some new people will attend and be part of. We are in the process of searching for a new camp, ideas are appreciated. We also voted on next year's theme, "Keep It Simple". The food was great, I don't think anyone went hungry. We did over spend a little on the food costs, but were able to feed everyone for \$5.44/meal. We also voted on a date for 2012 and decided on Sept 14, 15 & 16th with the alternate date being Sept 21st, 22nd & 23rd. Nominations were then made to fill the committee. I was asked if I would stay and Chair the committee another year. I accepted. Amazingly we were able to fill all the positions. Shelley W will be stepping down as Treasurer. The people nominated for positions are:

Chair – Tim P – Pioneer, Emporia

Co-Chair – Flo H – Free Birds, Independence

Treasurer – Rich A – Pioneer, Emporia

Secretary – Suzanne S – Pioneer, Emporia

Catering – Eric S – Coffey House, Council Grove

Bob B – Pioneer, Emporia

I announced last RSC the Co-Chair Gale W would not be able to step into the chair position. Next year does look to be a challenge, but with all the love and support it will be OK. Measurement of success is that 35 addicts came together and had a good time and were able to help each other stay clean for another day and to experience some spiritual growth together. We also have a check for \$475.13 to give to Mid-America Region, a coffee mug & a t-shirt. "Back to Basics 2011" Again thanks for letting me be of service.

In Loving Service,

Soul to Soul Chair
Tim P

P.S. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions about a new camp location, talk to me, email me or call me!!! My phone number and email are on the attendance sheet. I will post subcommittee meeting soon.

FINAL 2011 SOUL TO SOUL TREASURER REPORT

Beginning balance from August 2011 report \$1333.50

Total deposits thru 11/14/11 \$2230.00
\$3563.50

Expenses for Soul to Soul Weekend

Groceries \$924.87

Coffee Cups \$230.47

T-shirts \$228.00

Camp \$705.00

Total Expenses **2088.34**

Deposits **\$3563.50**

Expenses \$2088.34

Balance **\$1475.16 (off by .03)**

Average cost per meal per person was \$5.44.

Balance in checking account as of 11/14/11 **\$1475.13**

Less prudent reserve \$1000.00

Working balance of \$475.13

Thanks for allowing me to serve
Shelly W.

We took a break from 9:18am to 9:34am. At 9:34 we opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. We then took another moment of silence for the members of our fellowship who we have recently lost.

D. Officers Reports:

Regional Delegate Report:

Hello Region,

There hasn't been much activity during the last quarter for me. We are gearing up again for the World Service Conference. I am starting to receive information in anticipation of the CAR coming out on November 28th. Included in it will be the final draft of Living Clean, the Social Media Service pamphlet, FIPT motions, WCNA rotation, IDT's, Regional Proposals, and The Service System Project.

I will be available to do CAR workshops for groups and areas. If you are not able to schedule a full CAR workshop in your area, I might suggest that if there were a timeslot at your area meeting, we could do a shortened version of the CAR so your area could become familiar with the material. Your votes are important so please become familiar with the material and attend a CAR workshop and discuss it in your groups.

I apologize for not sending out the information from the last regional meeting. Life is happening.

In Loving Service,

Misty K. RD

Alt. Delegate Report:

Position Open – No report.

Secretary Report:

Nothing to Report

Treasurer Report:

**Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Treasurer Report - November 2011 RSC**

		Beginning Balance:			\$14,535.42	
Income:		Donations & Reimbursements	\$1,623.75			
		Total Income			\$1,623.75	
		Sub-Total			\$16,159.17	
Expenses:						
11/20/2011	ck #	Hutch Cor. Fac. - Regional Mtg Lists (1600)		\$208.50		estimates
11/20/2011	ck # 1238	Alliance Agency - Qtrly Regional Ins		\$1,408.25		estimates
11/20/2011	ck # 1239	Misty K, - H&I - Support P3		\$300.00		
11/20/2011	ck # 1240 - # 1247	Misty K, - H&I - \$125 for each area		\$1,000.00		
11/20/2011	ck # 1248	Misty K. - RD Team - Iowa Zonal in Feb		\$550.00		
11/20/2011	ck # 1251	Daniel C. - Feb RSC Start Up Funds		\$100.00		
11/20/2011	ck #	Tim S. RSC Chair - Newsletter		\$150.00		

11/20/2011	ck # 1253	Daniel C. - February RSC DJ Service		\$150.00	
11/20/2011	ck # 1252	Roadway Inn - February RSC Rent		\$364.50	
11/20/2011	ck # 1249	Reimb Nate for Toner Refill		\$12.78	
11/20/2011	ck # 1250	Amber Carris - Secretary Expenses		\$20.00	
11/20/2011	ck # 1254	Literature Excrow - Purchase Lap Top		\$500.00	
11/20/2011	ck # 1255	Misty Keen - Iowa Zonal - Additional for gas		\$100.00	
11/20/2011	ck #	Hutch Cor. Fac. -Newsletter		\$75.00	
					\$4,939.03
		Bank Balance			\$11,220.14
		Less: Prudent Reserve			\$8,857.00
		Sub-total			\$2,363.14
		Less: Escrows			
		H&I		\$137.44	
		Literature		\$264.93	
		Outreach		\$920.56	
		PI		\$550.00	
		Insurance (due November 2010)		\$1,408.25	
		Storage (due February 2012)		\$654.75	
		P.O. Box (due February 2012)		\$33.00	
		Web Page (due September 2011)		\$47.50	
		RDA (due February 2012)		\$1,250.00	
		Total Escrows			\$(5,266.43)
		Spendable Balance			\$(2,903.29)

Not to exceed \$75

Co-Treasurer Report:

Position Open – No report.

Chair Report:

Nothing to report

Co- Chair Report:

Nothing to report.

Insurance Report:

Hello Family:

I have been quite busy this quarter working on insurance quotes for the Show-Me Region of Narcotics Anonymous. During my working on this I have found out a few items that I thought would be of interest to this region:

1) Professional Liability

There is a premium charge on the policy for this that cannot be removed. Professional Liab is coverage for the professional services (counseling) that you provide to people who attend meetings. As the host of meetings and by providing a venue for people with past history's of substance abuse, the organization is exposing itself to a professional liability exposure. They are held to a higher standard of care by providing information to meeting attendees and are considered skilled in the area of counseling people in the methods of staying clean. REMEMBER: a court of law determines the final ruling. Even if your literature states that you are not professionals, the law prevails, and a judge will determine the judgement. This company (Philadelphia Insurance Company), does not offer the policy without the professional on any non-profit organization. The exposure is incidental, however it still exists. To cover them correctly, the company needs to make the insured aware of the exposure. While they may not offer traditional counseling, the organization still provides a forum for a unique group of individuals to socialize and share experiences. A court would classify them as professionals and they would be held to a higher standard of care. While it is true that certain people who attend meetings may not be the most stable to begin with, there is still the exposure. Example: if someone leaves a meeting and is disgruntled and then acts on their feelings (harms someone else or themselves), this group could potentially be brought into a suit. Without the Professional Liability, the organization may face liability and have to defend themselves at their own cost without the benefit of an insurance policy.

2) Business Personal Property

The policy currently carries coverage for property in the amount of \$5,000. There is an endorsement on the policy--Elite Property Enhancement endorsement. In this endorsement there is coverage for property off premises. I have learned that we can extend coverage to property of the groups. We can schedule the location on the policy and there would be extended coverage for the property there. There may be an increase in premium, but I would need to know more specifics in order to get a quote. Right now, \$5,000 is the limit on an annual basis.

3) Crime/Dishonesty coverage

We can get a quote to cover for theft of funds, etc. We would need to get more information in order to quote this.

4) Bell Endorsement & Crisis Management

There are many beneficial coverages under this endorsement. One of them is the \$50,000 limit to help restore and counsel in case there is someone that would tarnish the name of the region, area or group. \$50,000 Identity Theft Expense--coverage which reimburses the expenses of any director or officer who becomes a victim of an incident of identity theft. \$50,000 Business Travel--coverage for Business Travel Accidental Death Benefit to the Named Insured if a Director or Officer suffers an "injury" while traveling on a common carrier for business.

The more I work with this policy, the more information I find out. This is an extraordinary policy. It is still amazing that the liability for this policy not only covers the Regional events and meetings, it also extends to each and every group in this region. Remember if we did not have this policy, most places require that a group have their own insurance in order to hold meetings there, and if they wanted to have a dance somewhere, that is another "Special Event" liability policy. A liability policy for a group would start at \$500 annually, if you can find it. Most of the time they are \$750 annually. Then a "Special Event" policy would cost around \$350 plus fees and tax, for a one-time event. Right now----that is all taken care of with this regional policy. Just call me for a Certificate of Insurance that does show there is liability coverage in place.

Basic rules for requesting a Certificate of Insurance:

- 1) need complete name and address of the entity requiring the certificate (also a fax number if possible)
- 2) need complete information of when and where the event is being held, name of the event and the group or area that is hosting the event
- 3) call this information to: Debby Stewart, Alliance Agency, Inc. 877-249-6208
- 4) if your group needs a copy of the certificate for their files, please supply a mailing address or fax number.

In Service,

Debby Stewart

E. Old Business:

1. Regional Policy:

Regional Policy (Motion 0515-002) May 2011 RSC

Motion: to send to groups and areas of the Mid America Region the draft of the new MARSCNA policy and guidelines for approval at the 8-21-11 RSC. This will be a yes or no vote for approval or not. (as was decided by RCM's Feb 2006)

Intent: to let the MARSCNA fellowship decide if this set of policies and guidelines is to be implemented.

Amendments: change the date to November 20, 2011; Passed

There were suggestions from Wichita Metro Area that were passed on to the Steering Committee to be taken into consideration. A vote was then taken. 4-1-2. Motion Passed.

A member questioned if the suggestions will be taken into consideration. It was explained that the vote was a yes or no vote, and there will be changes made later to the new policy

2. Copier Toner –

This was last minute business last quarter. The member who volunteered to refill the empty cartridges last quarter brought them back and has been reimbursed; also the new cartridges that were ordered came in, so we now have 5 ink cartridges available. The Secretary has these at her house since it is climate controlled and keeping them in the storage unit is not climate controlled.

F. New Business:

1. Elections –

Co- Treasurer – No willingness or nominations – take back to areas.

H&I Chair – No willingness or nominations – take back to areas.

Literature Chair – John W has willingness. He qualified himself, he left the room and a vote was taken. He was voted in. Thank you John for your willingness to serve! Congratulations John.

H&I Chair revisited – Tom M has willingness. He qualified himself and he left the room. A vote was taken. He was voted in. Thank you Tom for you willingness to serve! Congratulations!

Steering Members (3) – No nominations or willingness has come out of Steering subcommittee.

PI Chair – No nominations or willingness – take back to areas.

Outreach Chair – No nominations or willingness – take back to areas.

Alt. RD – Daniel C was nominated and John S also showed willingness. Qualifications were read, they both qualified themselves and they both left the room. There was discussion on both members and a vote was taken. Daniel C was voted in. Thank you both for you willingness to serve, and Congratulations Daniel.

PI Chair Revisited – John S has willingness. He qualified himself – he left the room, there was discussion and a vote was taken. He was voted in. Thank you John for you willingness to serve! Congratulations!

PO Box Chair – Tracy C has willingness – she qualified herself – she left the room and there was discussion – a vote was taken and she was voted in. Thank you Tracy for your willingness to serve! Congratulations!

Campout Chair – Kim C was nominated out of committee – she qualified herself – she left the room – there was discussion – a vote was taken. Thank you Kim for your willingness to serve! Congratulations!

We then took a break from 11:35am – 12:02pm

2. Motion 112011-001:

From Primary Purpose Area: To hold off voting on hotel bids for 2014 MARCNA until February RSC. Wichita Metro Area seconded.

Discussion: There is a bid from Salina for 2014, it was mentioned we need a better way to communicate that bids are due in November each year. The bids were due yesterday 11-19-11. It was mentioned that it has been in policy since 2007 that bids are due in November. A member also mentioned that there was nothing in the minutes stating the bids are due in November, so that's why we should extend this until February. A member shared that is should be mentioned in the minutes that bids are due in November each year. Another member shared if we extend it this year then this may be an issue that continues to come up each year.

Vote: 2-4-1 – Motion Failed.

3. Motion 112011-002:

From Steering: Meet at RSC's quarterly and change at one to if necessary at interim meeting(s) between RSC's to develop and organize projects. (Page 14 item 1 under steering duties)

Intent: If there is no business we should not have to meet.

Discussion: A member shared that between the last 2 RSC's Steering did not need to meet, but per policy they had to meet.

Motion needs to be taken back to areas & groups.

4. Policy Distribution: Motion 112011-003

From Steering: Print 30 copies of the new policy.

Financial Impact: up to \$75.00

Intent: Make policy available at RSC.

Discussion: We passed the policy today and it is approximately 20 pages double sided. We need to print enough copies for areas, subcommittee chairs and officers. A member shared that some members may not want a copy, and that some members will most likely go online to the website to view or print their own copy. It was decided to go ahead and order 30 copies of the policy so that it is available to our trusted servants, but we do want to make sure the date is updated and changed to the date the policy was passed.

Vote: 7-0 Motion passed

5. Newsletter:

The Chair volunteered to put out an issue – It will be the “best of” issue. It was been almost a decade since a “best of” issue has been out. It was mentioned the Literature chair could be someone to cross reference before the issue is published. Three members agreed they would be willing to look over the issue before it is sent to be published. It was reminded to those members to hit Reply All when responding to the Chair about the issue so everyone sees the comments being made.

6. Zonal:

The RD turned in an additional request for funds for \$100.00 to go to Zonal in February, so the RD team has enough funds to return from Iowa. No objections.

7. Convention Bid 2014: Motion 112011-004

From Steering: 2014 Convention bid

One bid was turned in for the Ramada Inn in Salina. A copy was passed out to all the RCM's and it was discussed. Several members shared concern about the price of coffee not being locked in. They are giving us a 20% discount on the coffee. A member shared that we need to find out when we will know the amount of what the coffee will cost us. Another member mentioned that the Ramada wants us there, but they didn't feel comfortable pricing the coffee 2 years out. This was the only bid that was turned in. The member who brought the bid said he is willing to sign the bid, but wasn't sure if he was supposed to. The chair said that it doesn't matter who signs it, as long as it gets signed.

Vote: 6-0-1 – Motion passed.

8. Boxes:

It was suggested to create boxes for each RCM to save time passing out information to the RCM's. The RCM's would be responsible for checking their boxes. A member is willing to make the boxes and bring them next quarter.

9. Storage Unit:

It was mentioned that the storage unit is a mess; everything has been piled up by the door. A member shared she is willing to organize the storage unit when she goes in to do campout inventory.

10. Mentoring Program:

Department of Corrections – There is a Program Consultant who wants to come speak with us to see if we could create a working relationship with them. It was suggested to take this to PI, H&I or Outreach subcommittees. It was also shared a member cannot be a mentor of the same facility you are taking a meeting into. It was suggested to bring her into Outreach subcommittee. A member agreed to contact the program consultant and the Alt RD is willing to facilitate the meeting. The new PI chair is also willing to help.

Treasurer gave her final treasurer report

11. Bank Statement:

It was mentioned the treasurer is the only one who receives that bank statement. There is concern there is no accountability. There was discussion on what is the best solution. It was suggested to have the bank statement sent to the Chair, Co-chair and Treasurer. The Co-chair mentioned we have online banking. The chair said he willing to get online and view the statement. It was also mentioned we need to do an audit. The Chair will get together with the Co-Chair and Treasurer. It was also shared we need to keep in mind for the future when selecting trusted servants for our Treasurer position to keep an eye out for any red flags. There was a member who volunteered to bring this as a motion to change the policy.

Take back to areas & groups:

- Open Positions: Co-Treasurer, Steering Members (3), Outreach Chair, Soul to Soul Chair, Convention Chair (MARCNA 30).
- History Project Letter
- **Motion 112011-002:**
From Steering: Meet at RSC's quarterly and change if necessary at interim meeting(s) between RSC's to develop and organize projects. (Page 14 item 1 under steering duties)
Intent: If there is no business we should not have to meet.

Motion to close - we then closed the meeting at 1:41 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, www.marscna.net.

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. – nanatel@yahoo.com

Daniel C. – hopeddealer@cox.net

Tim S. – timandeb@cox.net

Mid-America Region



Outreach Sub-Committee

*We want to SUPPORT our
underserved Areas and
Groups.....Help US to Help YOU!!*

*For more information please Contact Nate F. at
nanate1@yahoo.com*

***PLEASE** come to your next Sub-committee
meeting on Feb. 18th, 2012 @ 11am at Sat.
Regional Mtg in Salina, Ks.*

Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous

Annual Regional Campout XXXIV Pre-flier

Serenity Under the Stars

June 29th – July 1st, 2012

@

Lucas Group Campsite at Wilson Lake



We are looking for artwork to go along with the theme “Serenity Under the Stars” chosen artwork receives Campout T-Shirt and if any groups wanting to host a Campout fundraiser or have any suggestions for speakers please email Kim C. at kstar1658@yahoo.com or Tracy C. at NAmonkey8@gmail.com



**MID AMERICA
REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
2012 FEBRUARY QUARTERLY MEETING**

**At the Rodeway Inn/Mid America Inn
1846 North 9th, Salina, Kansas 67401**

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, February 18

9:00 am -11:00am

**Public Information
Activities & Soul to Soul**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Outreach
Steering**

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Literature
Hospitals & Institutions**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Campout
Convention**

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm

DINNER BREAK

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Meeting

8:30 pm - 11:00 pm

**Regional Literature Fundraiser
DJ Dance - \$3.00/ person**

9:45 pm

Auction & Raffle

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

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, February 19

General business, motions, request for funds.

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