

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

Business Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2012

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 were read and the service motivator was read.

Housekeeping: The Chair called for all requests for funds and motions and also to turn in any money that needs turned in to the treasurer.

Roll Call: We took our first roll call at 8:15am and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday February 19, 2012.

Trusted Servants Present: Chair, Co-Chair, Reg. Delegate, Alt. Reg. Delegate, Treasurer and Secretary. 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 (late) and Wichita Metro.

Subcommittee Chairs: Activities, Archivist, Campout, Convention, Debit Card Adhoc, Hospitals & Institutions, Literature, P.O. Box, Public Information, Steering, and Soul to Soul. There is no Outreach Chair.

A. Approval of Minutes: The chair asked if anyone had any amendments to the minutes. There were none, the minutes were approved as sent out.

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. Everything is ready for the Annual Chili Bowl on February 25th. This function will be a CAR workshop, H&I workshop and a PI workshop complete with a speaker and good food. We have recently updated our phone line service to be more user friendly. This number will be available to the region via the website and our meeting cards. The number is 1-855-252-7326 (1-855-CKAREANA). We have renewed our PI efforts over the last quarter and are bring literature to facilities that were previously underserved. I have collected the votes for the regional motion. I have a motion regarding policy that he been submitted to the chair. I also have a \$150 donation

In Service,

Jake D.- RCM Central

Fellowship For Freedom Area:

Hello family,

Things are going okay in Topeka; we have added another meeting to the Area, it's called 21st street recovery and it meets on Thursday nights at 7:30 at 4015 SW 21st street. We also watched a meeting close its doors due to lack of support. We also had a group celebrate its 35th birthday on February 16th.

Activities: We have had 3 successful functions in the last quarter at this time there are no activities planned until our annual luau in July.

H&I: we are continuing to take meetings in to quite a few facilities and have some new meetings starting. H&I chose to buy literature for the facilities with the money that the Region donated to them.

We are in need of a phone line chair and a web master and we have been having a hard time filling these positions.

Also all of our sub-committee chair positions are open at this time except for activities.

I'm not sure if I reported this last quarter but our Area has voted to host the hospitality room for MARCNA and there have been some financial donations from groups and the Area and there have been a lot of volunteers signing up to help out. Any Areas wanting to help us out please see me on one of the breaks.

We are bringing a donation of \$100.00 and we voted yes on the motion from Steering.

That's all for now

In loving service, Jerry C.

Just For Today Area:

Hello Family,

My name is Tony and I am an addict. I'm very grateful to be representing the Just for Today Area as the new RCM, and to actually be an active participant in the Mid-America Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

JFT Area is still kickin' even though we went through a rough time recently, with a lack of participation form our groups and many service positions vacant, we have persevered through it and are still active.

We are having a Mirror or Miracles campout fundraiser on March 3rd in Burlington, KS at the 4-H Building in Kelley Park 625 S. 3rd St, doors opening at 2pm with a Texas Hold 'em tournament 3-5pm, Scrapbooking 3-5 pm, Potluck Supper 6-7pm, speaker 7-8pm, raffle, auction, dance and DJ. I hope to see some of you there.

I also have a \$50 donation to give, and will hopefully see all of you at convention in April.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Much Love, Tony W RCM – Just for Today Area.

Miracle Area:

Hello from the Miracle Area!

We've had good attendance at Area last quarter. Seven out of eight groups were represented in December. We had eight out of eight groups represented in January; low and behold the Eudora group showed up in February and we had nine groups represented. I want to thank the RD team for coming to Lawrence and giving a CAR presentation. Thanks again Misty and Daniel for your service. Thank you Larry B. for sharing your experience strength and hope at the MARCNA fundraiser that Miracle Area put on last week. We raised \$660.00 and I believe a fun time was had by all.

Area Chair/Alt - Michael S. continues to hold down the position as the area's chair, with Bob K. as co-chair. .

<u>**Outreach**</u> – We currently do not have an Outreach chair.

Literature – Our Literature Chair is Jack S. and we currently have an estimated \$1,900.00 in our literature account.

 \underline{PI} – Dan S is currently working on giving presentations at Lawrence High School, FreeState High School and is still trying to contact a representative at the VA Facility in Leavenworth. PI has updated our Area's meeting list for printing along with more pull tab flyers to spread around the Area. The Area gave \$24.00 to PI that they requested from Area for 80 IPs to be placed in locations that they have given presentations.

H&I – The Area accepted Amy S.'s resignation as the H&I chair. We elected Jeffry L. as co-chair at the subcommittee meeting. Our Area Chair stepped in to help oversee the H&I responsibilities until we vote in a Chair in March. We are still taking meetings into the men's and women's pod in the Douglas County Jail. 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.

<u>Activities</u> –Kelly C. put together a MARCNA convention fundraiser on the 11th that raised \$660 for the convention. We will have a PI flyer drive for March 18th at Lotta Soul after the noon meeting. The Miracle Area Campout is scheduled for Sept. 14-16 at Bloomington West Campground, Clinton Lake. Mark your calendar! Friday night speaker/Saturday morning breakfast provided by Larrytown/Saturday afternoon activities (tie dye, etc)/Saturday evening speaker/dinner/raffle/auction. Kelly's term is up as the activities chair next month but we tentatively have one activity planned for each of the upcoming months. More will be revealed.

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:

My name is Fred and I'm an addict. Not much to report our area meeting was lacking. I'm filling in for the alternate RCM. Positions open in our area are co-chair, RCM, secretary, H&I, PI, Co-PI, Policy & Outreach. Our area will have a donation but will have to wait till our next area meeting till we have a quorum. Once we get it all figured out we'll mail it to the region.

Thank You

Unity Area Report:

Unity Area has a lot of positions open. We have 8 groups in our area; a new group for Abilene joined our area last week. Our area had a successful Halloween dance in October; as a result we are donating \$300 to region today. We now have quarterly meetings to coincide with region.

Jon J Unity Area RCM

Wichita Metro Area Report:

Hello Regional Family,

Wichita Metro Area is alive and well. Hope this report finds you well also. H&I in the area is struggling but seems to be turning (hopefully for the better). PI & Activities are growing somewhat right now.

A new meeting has cropped up since we last met, sorry don't recall the name but meets where Old South Midway met at church by 55th South & Broadway. NE HOW group has moved to KTC at Lincoln and Hillside in Wichita, KS is HOW group now.

Gave \$100 donation from WMA to madam treasurer. I'm absolutely positive there is more to report, however...brain is on stand by most of the time so if it comes available before I leave today will try to convey messages as they come through.

Thanks for putting up with me another day!! Thomas M WMA RCM

Western Area Report:

No Report – RCM absent – no report was sent.

C. Subcommittee Reports *Activities:*

Greetings Family,

02/19/12

Activities met yesterday and had a successful meeting.

CKA will have the Chili Bowl coming up on February 25th they are having a CAR workshop from 12 to 3 then doing an Outreach and H&I workshop then dinner and a speaker. CKA Campout is Memorial weekend at Lucas Group Park, save the date flier out for May 25 – 28, 2012. More will be revealed. Fellowship for Freedom just had some successful events over the holidays and for Valentine's Day. Their next planned event will be in July, their annual Luau. Just for Today will be having an area fundraiser in Burlington on March 3rd. Miracle just hosted a convention fundraiser and it was a big success. They have one item on the calendar right now and that is the Miracle Area Campout on September 14-16, 2012. Wichita Metro is having a skating party in Wichita on February 25th from 1 to 4 pm. Bowling activity is planned in March in El Dorado. Day by Day is having their annual May Daze on 5-5 at 1501 S Main. Their Area campout has been moved to September. Phoenix Group for Unity Area will be having their 40th Anniversary on July 28th.

Please make sure all your events are submitted to the webmaster for posting to the website. Also on that note if you notice something is broken or missing send an email to the webmaster to bring it to his attention.

We discussed doing a Calendar of Events to fill in all the known events going on in our Region or outside, for the next 12 months. This will serve as a resource for scheduling and knowing when the events are.

We discussed this Region hosting the Zonal meeting in late September. We talked about it falling on either of the last two weekends in September. I will get feedback from Zonal participants and make sure this works for the meeting. We talked about having the meeting in Salina at the same location RSC meets. I will discuss this with the Rodeway Inn and see if we can add the dates to our current contract and secure the dates and pricing. We also discussed that this would be a great opportunity to have our Regional Assembly in collaboration with the Zonal meeting. It would give members of our fellowship an extra reason to attend the Zonal meeting and learn all about the inner workings of Zonal as well as attend the workshops that will be held.

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

Door \$165.70

Money Raffle \$37

Activities Total <u>\$202.70</u>

Basket \$86.77

Item Raffle \$0

Auction \$390

Literature Total <u>\$476.77</u>

Grand Total \$679.47

Expenses \$39.17

Check for \$100 Turned back in \$60.83

Total turned in to Treasurer \$740.30

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

Our next RSC will be at this same location on May 19th and 20th.

With Gratitude,

Daniel C.

Activities Sub-Committee Chair

Archivist:

Hello family,

As expected I have already received information to update the history document, but haven't done so yet. I am hoping to continue to receive information so when I do update it isn't just a few sentences of additions. Ray and Glenda P. from Newton allowed me to access a box of personal archives as well as the folder of all minutes from Newton HOW dating Jan. 1979 through the '80s. With Glenda being a professional Secretary back then all minutes were typed and very thorough, taking me through the planning of the 1st 4th of July campout where our region was formed, to an inside look at the first Literature and PI sub-committees. One of the pieces of information that will be updated in the history is while at the 1979 4th of July campout, Kansas had two areas formed: North and South. Nebraska was split into East and West and later Oklahoma was also split East and West. I'm still looking for the formation of the Wichita Area, which evolved from the South Area and covered much of Kansas.

I'm still working on scanning documents like Central Kansas Area minutes that were in Ellinwood's Be Prepared Group archives and have still more speaker cassettes to convert. I did receive through email the mp3 files of the 1st Literature Conference; I was able to do some trading so there was no cost. Listening to these 3 files has shown that more got accomplished there then what was documented.

I am looking forward to setting up an archive display at MARCNA again; I get to see a lot of people without having to walk all over the place. That's about all I have for now. Thanks for letting me serve.

Tim S.

Campout:

Hello Regional Family,

We had a very productive campout meeting, and got a lot accomplished. The campout will be held at Wilson Lake at the Lucas Park group campground. The campout will start the 29th of June and end on the 1st of July. The gates will open at 2pm on Friday and will close at 2pm on Sunday. We have made up a flyer, it will be available on the regional website and there are also some on the back table that you can take back to your groups and areas. So save the date, ask for the time off, and come and join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

We are looking for groups or areas that would be willing to have a campout fundraiser please contact one of the committee members if that is something that you would be willing to do. On that subject we now have fundraiser shirts that we are selling. Our committee members may be showing up at your function and ask if we can sell our shirts after your auction and raffle, please support these efforts.

We have done the inventory of the storage unit and have a better idea of what we are going to need to buy. We will be providing the Saturday evening meal and have decided on the menu.

We have chosen our speakers, I am so excited to hear these people bring their experience, strength and hope to us.

We are still deciding on the entertainment for our campout, if you are a good singer or have a comedy act that you would be willing to donate please call Aaron and sing for him. We have not made any final decisions on the entertainment at the campout.

We had to change the contract for the campground, last year it was reserved for June 29th through July 2nd, we have changed the dates to June 29th through July 1st. There will be \$140 credited back to the regional debit card and would ask that this money be given back to the campout treasurer.

It came to our attention when we got ready to go to the storage unit that the key that was given to me by the previous campout chair does not fit the lock. I am requesting the proper key as we will need to have access to the storage unit.

Our next meeting will be March 17th at 1:30pm. It will tentatively be at the SOS building in McPherson, please come and join us.

Joyfully serving, Kim C.

Convention Report:

Greetings NA Family,

Well the time is fast approaching for the convention and the planning is going well. We have secured our 3 main speakers and the speakers for the workshops, entertainment is finalized, all the merchandise has been finalized, and we have secured all our vendors. Our registrations have been coming in steadily and had over 150 pre-registered before our meeting yesterday. If you have not pre-registered and wish to, today is the last day we will accept them. Please turn them in to Hallie. I also want to remind everyone to reserve your hotel rooms before March 22nd to guarantee the posted rate.

We had another great fundraiser in Lawrence on February 11th and was given \$660.00 after their expenses were paid and sold another \$44 in merchandise. Thank you Miracle Area for your support and efforts! We have a couple of letters for the RCM's to take back to your Area's. They are for literature donations and the hospitality room. There will also be 20 letters and information going to local treatment centers next week. We would also like to remind anyone wishing to sell alternative merchandise to please submit a letter to the committee by April 6th.

The treasurer reported that we had a beginning balance of \$6,868.95 and after income and expenses we now have a balance of \$10,217.03. The last interim committee meeting is in Topeka at the Grace United Methodist Church at 2627 SW Western at 1 pm on March 18th. If you are interested in being a part of, please feel free to join us! Also, if you are

interested in being of service during the upcoming convention please contact me at 785-783-2061 or via email at <u>jst42day89@cox.net</u>.

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

Michelle

Hospitals & Institutions:

The H&I subcommittee meeting once it started yesterday was a nice change of pace as far as problem solving and discussion of difficulties in an area H&I endeavor was presented. Lots of good info shared and solutions presented in my humble opinion. Still currently no willingness for a secretary or co-chair at this time. So I will continue as HP sees fit. Can't blame anyone for not wanting to serve with me. I promise you I would not if I could figure a way to avoid myself. We collected 13.00 for our 7th tradition and that has been since given to madam treasurer.

Thanks for allowing me to service you Much love Thomas M Regional H&I Chair

Literature:

We had four (4) areas represented yesterday. Those present were Central, Miracle, Unity and Wichita Metro Area. There is still no willingness for co-chair, MAN editior or CO-editior. Please bring this back to your areas.

There was discussion on the groups of the region history project. There hasn't been much received as of yet on this project. We decided to send it back out again to the fellowship. We will include this in the next issue of the MAN & in the regional minutes. We also decided to get 600 copies of the History flyer printed up and asked the convention committee if we could put these in all the registration packets for MARCNA. We are requesting \$75.00 for the cost of these flyers to be printed up.

We discussed about what could be done in our Region to create interest in getting stores for the MAN. There was willingness from four members of the subcommittee to submit articles to the MAN. It was asked if it is possible to submit articles from individual group newsletters, absolutely. We also talked about working on the MAN at region in our subcommittee meeting; after all we have the new laptop that was purchased for the MAN editor. There are endless possibilities on material for articles for the MAN, get involved and submit something that has made a difference in your recovery. Deadline for the MAN at this time is February 29th.

At this time we are returning \$6.10 to the literature escrow out of the \$500.00 we requested for the laptop. Tim S. found us a really good deal on black Friday. The laptop is set up with all the software loaded on it to publish the MAN.

In Loving Service, John W. Regional Literature Chair.

Outreach Report:

Hello Regional Family,

Outreach met yesterday. The first hour was based on discussion from Andrea Ballhagen from Kansas Department on Corrections. She gave us information on the Mentor Program with DOC.

No willingness was shown for any positions at this committee. We discussed at length the need to reach out and show support to Western Area. Some members from that area have approached members of this region looking for help and direction with what lies ahead of them as an area. It was decided to send an email extending a helping hand.

One submission has been received for the history project. Further discussion was done later in the day at Literature regarding this project.

MORE WILL BE REVEALED!

In Loving Service,

Daniel C.

Alternate Delegate

P.O. Box:

Hello Family,

I have much mail from the PO Box and dispersed accordingly. Invoices and statements went to Regional Treasurer. There is a question regarding correct zip code as a piece of mail was returned undeliverable. I will check with the post office when I return to Wichita and let our regional secretary know.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Tracy C

Public Information:

There were 4 areas that gave reports @ Sat's subcommittee meeting, and a report from the web-servant. There was a discussion about Western area's meeting list and all of the changes that need to be made. (text and email were sent to members in that area) This was a lengthy topic and process.

Several areas either don't have a committee or chairs for a committee yet some good things are happening. Groups in the Central Kansas Area are maintaining IP racks in 11 or 12 locations JFT is having a flyer drive in Independence before the Recovery Fest (March 17th). Unity is just maintaining. Miracle is doing a flyer drive in March and has one professional presentation scheduled and 2 or 3 more in the works.

There was no willingness for co-chair during elections – no request for funds, no scheduled learning days, workshops the upcoming quarter.

The meeting list did not make it to Salina this weekend. We will get them to you somehow this week or next. We talked about PSA's and each member on our sign up sheet was sent the appropriate links for getting the PSA's and a reminder to go to PR handbook for the particulars.

No new business – we hope to set goals for the next year at the May RSC.

Positions open for election in May will be chair, co-chair, web-servant and co-web servant.

In Service, John S III (785) 865-9999

P.S. Lots of talk about the process for posting on the website – the content reflects what is submitted!!! And the inaccuracies is western's meeting list.

Steering:

Present: Kathryn, Janet, Aaron & Mike

I contacted the hotel for next year's convention and have a signed contract in hand. We had absolutely no willingness to serve on steering. It was noted that three (3) of the four (4) present members are from the same Area. We spent our first hour yesterday with Outreach so that we could be a part of the Department of Correction presentation.

All policies have been handed out to all officers, sub-committee chairs and RCMs. It was brought to my attention that the word "draft" had not been removed from the Guidelines. It is posted on the web-site as well and I will take care of correcting that. We will not reprint these at this time. We are still collecting forms to place at the end of the Guidelines for the convenience of members/groups.

We have a couple of motions we are bringing to the floor. We worked with two (2) Areas on motions they are bringing also.

I am not able to access online banking for the Region and turned that over to Tim. Our next meeting is March 10, 2012 @ 148 Florida Ave., in Salina (my house).

In Service,

Janet W.

Soul to Soul:

Hello Family,

It's been a busy winter so far, haven't made much progress. Suzanne S did send out several emails to some camps and we are starting to get a few replies. Today is the due date for the art work to be turned in. I would also like to see if any groups or area would like to help with a fundraiser. I would also like some ideas for getting more people to attend from different parts of the region. We had several different people attend last year and it was really nice getting to know new people. I also have one treasurer report from Rich A.

In Loving Service, Soul to Soul Chair Feb 2012 RSC

P.S. We will be having a subcommittee meeting in the next couple of weeks. I got some more camps to check into, Thanks for the info Nate. We will be working hard to get a location that way we can get a flyer out. Ideas are still appreciated for fundraisers; you can send them to my email.

Soul to Soul Treasurer Report Hello Family,

There is not much to report at this time financially. Our last financial transaction was back in November when Soul to Soul gave a donation of \$475.13. This brought our balance down to \$1000.00 which is our prudent reserve. Well that's all here.

Thanks for letting me serve

In Loving Service Rich A

Debit Card Adhoc:

Debit Cards

I. Regional Debit Card

A. Regional debit card expenses will only be used for pre-approved purchases

B. Regional expenditures will be approved by a simple majority vote of the RCM's at the RSC meeting

II. Subcommittee Debit Cards

A. Subcommittee debit card expenses will only be used for pre-approved purchases for Subcommittee expenses.

B. Subcommittee expenditures will be approved by a simple majority vote of that Subcommittee

III. Regional and Subcommittee debit cards are the respective treasurer's responsibility and will be for pre-approved purchases only.

IV. Any purchases made with the Regional debit card are to be specified in the Treasurer's reports at the RSC. Any purchases made with a Subcommittee debit card are to be specified in the Subcommittees' Treasurer's report during their Subcommittee meeting and reported on the Regional floor in their final Treasurer's Report.

V. Any unauthorized (non-pre-approved) purchase is considered misuse of Regional or Subcommittee funds. Misuse of Regional or Subcommittee Debit Cards will result in repayment of that expenditure pending review

VI. Any Subcommittee that has their own bank account has the option of obtaining a debit card for that subcommittee

VII. No member shall have signatory rights of more than one Regional debit card at one time – Regional debit cards include Regional Treasurer, Convention, Campouts or any other Regional Subcommittee that may acquire a debit card.

VIII. Once the treasurers term is up the debit card is to be returned within 30 days to the incoming treasurer/chair depending on the committee.

We took a break from 9:13am-9:26am, we then had another roll call.

Insurance:

PROCEDURE FOR CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

In order for the Certificate of Insurance to be issued, supply the Insurance agency with the following information:

- 1. Name of the NA group this will be for
- 2. Mailing and location address for the NA group
- 3. Name and mailing address of the facility requiring the certificate of insurance
- 4. If this is for an event, please provide dates of the event and the location as to where it will be held.

Agency information to contact:

Alliance Agency Inc.

(877) 249-6208 or (620) 241-0213

The certificate will be typed and mailed:

To the group requesting the certificate

To the facility requesting the certificate

To the MARSCNA treasurer (policy kept on file and all certificates)

D. Officers Reports: Regional Delegate Report:

Alt. Delegate Report:

Hello Family,

2/19/12

It has been a busy quarter. I have been reading and trying to gain as much knowledge as I can about the Conference Agenda Report and Conference Approval Track. I have traveled with Misty to two CAR workshops, in our region, and hope to be of service at more. Due to a conflict with my schedule I will not be able to make it to CKA workshop.

I traveled to the Zonal meeting and CAR workshop in Iowa, along with Misty, Janet and Tim. It was a very educating trip and I learned several things about the way Zonal operates as well as information regarding the information for WSC 2012, along with background and information on the resolutions, straw polls, motions and proposals.

There were several things discussed at the Zonal Business meeting. Public Relations is planning on having a presence at the Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse. This is going to be in Kansas City, June 6-8th. There was some discussion on the USSC and USFA. The next Zonal meeting will be at the WSC. Our Region is up to host the Zonal meeting in the latter part of 2012.

It is an honor to serve this region and I look forward to attending the WSC this quarter.

In Loving Service,

Daniel C.

Alternate Delegate

Secretary Report:

No Report

Treasurer Report:

Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous

Treasurer Report - February 2012 RSC

	Beginning Balance:		\$11,038.57
Income:	Donations & Reimbursements	\$1,874.94	
	Total Income		\$1,874.94
	Sub-Total		\$12,913.51

Expenses:					
2/19/2012	ck #	Hutch Cor. Fac Regional Mtg Lists (1600)	not received yet	\$208.50	
2/19/2012	ck # 1258	Alliance Agency - Qtrly Regional Ins		\$1,374.50	
2/19/2012	ck # 1264	Hutch Cor. Fac Regional Guidelines/Policy		\$51.98	
2/19/2012	ck #	Hutch Cor. Fac Literature Escrow - History Flyer	not to exceed	\$75.00	
		Daniel C May RSC Start Up Funds		\$100.00	
2/19/2012	ck # 1263	Scott K May RSC DJ Service		\$150.00	
2/19/2012	ck # 1261	Roadway Inn - May RSC Rent		\$354.60	
2/19/2012	ck # 1260	Amber Carris - Secretary Expenses		\$20.00	
2/19/2012	ck # 1265	Daniel C Travel & expenses for WSC		\$1,320.48	
2/19/2012	Use of cc	Misty Keen - Airfare to WSC		\$462.70	
2/19/2012	ck # 1259	US Postal Service - annual PO Box		\$58.00	
					\$4,175.76
		Bank Balance			\$8,737.75
		Less: Prudent Reserve			\$9,121.00
		Sub-total			\$(383.25)
		Less: Escrows			
		H&I		\$150.44	
		Literature		\$682.80	
		Outreach		\$920.56	
		PI		\$550.00	
		Insurance (due May 2010)		\$1,408.25	
		Storage (due May 2013)		\$218.25	
		P.O. Box (due Feburary 2013)		\$-	
		Web Page (due September 2012)		\$95.00	
		RDA (due Feburary 2014)		\$-	¢(4.005.00)
		Total Escrows			\$(4,025.30)
		Spendable Balance			\$(4,408.55)

Co-Treasurer Report:

No co-treasurer – no report.

Chair Report:

No report

Co- Chair Report: No report.

We took a break from 10:17am-10:34am

E. Old Business:

- 1. *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. A vote was taken 5-0-2. Motion passed
- 2. *Motion 021912-001: (Debit Card Motion from Adhoc):* From Debit Card Adhoc: To present policy/guidelines for the Regional Debit Card to be accepted by the groups. The debit card Adhoc committee presented a proposed policy. This needs to be sent back to groups and areas to be voted on.

3. Elections:

Co-Treasurer: No willingness or nominations – our treasurer will not be here at May RSC, and her position is up in May.

MARCNA 30 Chair: No willingness at this time out of committee. Take back to groups and areas. **Outreach Chair:** No willingness or nominations – take back to groups and areas.

Steering Members (3): No willingness or nominations out of committee – take back to groups and areas. **Soul to Soul Chair:** Tim P was nominated out of committee – he qualified himself – there was Q&A – he then left the room – there was discussion – a vote was then taken – he was voted in. Thank you Tim for your willingness!!

4. Boxes for RCM's:

The person in charge of making the boxes for RCM's forgot to get this made over the past quarter. She will work on this over the next quarter. These boxes are going be used to pass out information to RCM's to save time.

5. Mentoring Program:

There was a presentation yesterday during the Outreach Subcommittee meeting. We had her come speak about her program to determine if we could buid a relationship as a region with the KDOC. There are concerns that this May violate traditions. One member shared concern the steering meeting was cut short due to the presentation. Several members shared that we need to develop relationship with professionals – this presentation was just informational. It was mentioned we may not be able to use their program as a region, but it has gotten our foot in the door and we may be able to develop a relationship with them. It was suggested that PI take the information and begin to create a working relationship with KDOC.

6. Bank Statements:

The chair has been to Sunflower bank and he has not heard anything from them. He has not received anything on how to access the statement online yet. Through Sunflower bank once this is set up it can only be accessed through the computer that it is set up on. There was concern that a couple checks have been sent out without an invoice – The Treasurer agreed she would make sure the invoices get sent out with the checks.

We took a lunch break from 11:40am - 1:00pm. We then re-opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

F. New Business:

1. Storage Keys:

The campout chair did not get the correct key for the storage unity. She contacted the previous campout chair and he has a key, but not 100% sure if it's the correct key. The secretary had an extra key. She gave that key to the campout chair. The secretary read off the list of the names of people who should have keys. She agreed to update the list.

2. Motion – 021912-01:

From: Central Kansas Area

Motion: Change policy under voting: Page 6; Item B; Line 1; sub line b. change to: An abstention vote is neutral, when an abstention vote is the majority, the motion will be sent back to the maker, or the groups for additional consideration.

Intent of Motion: Provide a true conscience in matters affecting MARSCNA and NA as a whole. **Discussion:** There was concern that the way the policy is written now the abstentions go with the majority, and it may not be a true group conscience.

This motion needs to go back to groups and areas to be voted on.

3. Motion 021912-02:

From: Steering

Motion: IV Business Conduct. G. Policy for the collection of funds owed by Region #2 last sentence to end with the word parties.

Financial Impact: None.

Intent of Motion: NA is not in the business of charging interest.

Discussion: There was a question about how many promissory notes have been given; the chair mentioned he didn't think there had ever been any promissory notes given.

Take back to groups and areas to be voted on.

4. Motion 021912-03:

From: Steering:

Motion: In policy III Meetings B. change "in McPherson, KS" to "designated by 2/3 majority vote by RCM's"

Financial Impact: None

Intent of Motion: Meeting location has changed but we wouldn't need to change policy again if the location is moved again.

Discussion:

Take back to groups and areas to be voted on.

5. Motion 021912-04:

From: Daniel C – Alt Delegate – Seconded by Co-chair

Motion: To create an Ad hoc committee to formulate a plan for the restructuring of our region.

Financial Impact: Depends of the outcome

Intent of Motion: To bring about improvements to our current structure. To improve the service structure to help better serve the region to become a project driven Region in regards to our subcommittees and service structure.

Discussion: The alternate delegate explained that we could become more structured like world. We could combine some of the subcommittees and possibly eliminate regional weekend to only 1 day instead of 2. It was discussed that we cold become more project driven. It was shared that several subcommittees ended early yesterday, and we need to take a look at this and see what changes could be done. The chair asked for a straw pole vote of all members to see who had interest in having this Adhoc committee created. Several members raised their hands. A vote by RCM's was taken to determine if the region wanted to form this committee. Vote: 6-1-0 Motion passed. The chair appointed the alternate delegate to be chair of this committee then he

asked who would be willing to serve of this Adhoc committee. There were 9 members who were willing to serve on the committee. This is an open committee and anyone is welcome to attend the Adhoc committee.

We took a break from 2:32pm - 2:44pm

6. Motion 021912-05:

From: Steering

Motion: To add to policy: Once a month the RSC chair or someone designated by the chair will review the RSC account online. Once a quarter, the RSC treasurer will bring all the hard copies of the account to the RSC floor for review. A small report will be given one a quarter at the RSC meeting by the chair or the designee once a treasurers term ends a full audit will be done on the books. The audit will be done by an Adhoc committee formed by the chair of the RSC. This should be done before the books are handed over to the new treasurer.

Discussion: There was question on the wording of the motion. The treasurer shared that she already brings the past 36 months treasurer's report. There were several members concerned about the wording of the motion, after much discussion it was decided to have the Steering committee bring back this motion after it is rewritten.

Motion was withdrawn.

7. Motion 021912-06:

From: Jon J (Unity Area) – seconded by Michelle

Motion: Page 6 under Section V, Line B (insert) right after the word (check or debit card) to add the words accompanied by invoice).

Intent of Motion: To create a needed or required paper trail.

Discussion: There was concern because some bills are being mailed out without an invoice. The concern was that all transactions would require an invoice no matter what the bill is for – and the pile of invoices could become rather large. A member shared that they are concerned that if a check is mailed without an invoice there is a possibility our check could be applied to the wrong account. The treasurer agreed to make sure all checks get mailed out with an invoice. There was a call to question and a vote was taken. Vote: 1-5-1. Motion Fails.

8. Western Area:

Several members shared concern about the Western Area – they have not met for several month. Several groups met today in Colby and have decided to form a new area. They need help in creating policies and information on how to seat an area in this region. Their next ASC is March 18th in Thomas County Addack. The meeting list is not current on the website and there were members concerned on what we should do. We know some of these meetings are not correct. It was suggested to temporarily remove the link until we get the correct information. Another member shared concern about removing the link because we could be removing meeting that are accurate as well. Another suggestion is to add on the webpage the meetings that are not correct. A member contacted the group that was not correct and we got the correct address now. There are a few members willing to go support their area meeting.

Motion to Close – we then circled up and closed in the usual manner.

Take back to area:

• <u>Open Positions</u>: Chair, Co-chair, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, MARCNA 30 Chair, 3 Steering Members, Steering Chair, Outreach Chair, PI Chair, Activities Chair, H&I Chair, Literature Chair. May is Elections Month.

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In Loving Service, Amber C Regional Secretary



History Project - Volume 2

We want to do another volume of the history of the groups in the Mid-America Region.

Gather up some information and submit a story about your home group's history.

It has been nearly a decade since the history was updated. Please update your group's story.

Submissions are due by the May RSC.

Questions or Submissions to the following: Nate F. – <u>nanate1@yahoo.com</u> Daniel C. – <u>hopedealer@cox.net</u> Tim S. – <u>timandeb@cox.net</u>

THANK YOU in advance, MARSCNA Literature and Outreach Committees



MID AMERICA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE 2012 MAY QUARTERLY MEETING

<u>At the Rodeway Inn</u> 1846 North 9th, Salina, Kansas 67401

Reminder Elections will be held at this RSC

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, May 19

<u>9:00 am -11:00am</u>	Main Room Back Room	Campout Convention			
<u> 11:00am - 1:00 pm</u>	Main Room Back Room	Public Information Activities & Soul 2 Soul			
<u>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</u>	LUNCH BREAK				
<u>2:00 pm - 4:00 pm</u>	Main Room Back Room	Outreach Steering			
<u>4:00 pm - 6:00 pm</u>	Main Room Back Room	Literature Hospital & Institutions			
<u>7:00 pm – 8:30 pm</u>	Speaker Meeting				
<u>8:30 pm – 11:00 pm</u> NA A	DJ Dance - Auction & Raffle \$3.00 per person No addict turned away				

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING Sunday, May 20

General business, motions, request for funds.

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