



Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous

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Business Meeting Minutes

August 19th, 2012

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer by the Chair at 8:11am. The 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts were read.

Housekeeping: The Chair called for all requests for funds and motions and money to be turned in.

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

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

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

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

A. Approval of Minutes:

- The Secretary read the minutes from the May 2012 RSC Business Meeting – there was a motion to accept minutes as read and seconded. Minutes passed.

B. Area Reports:

Central Kansas Area:

Hello Regional Family from Central Kansas,

Our ASC meetings have been quite productive lately and we have been busy carrying the message. Several positions have been filled; Sarah M is our new co-chair, Dusty C. is the H&I chair with Tyler A as the co-chair, Christa D is the activities chair now and I was elected as the RCM and please welcome Cheryl C as the newest member to the RCM team from CKA. Her willingness to ask questions and find information in our literature, not just through opinion, will make her a valuable addition to this body. This still leave Policy, PI and Outreach chair positions open but we do have Sarah M as our PI co-chair.

We only have one announced function within our Area during the next quarter; the Larned Rib Feed will be September 15 at Schnack Park in Larned with the usual menu of county style ribs, potato salad and baked beans. Debby S will share her ESH with us. We welcome side dishes and auction items. Prior to dinner the Regional and Area H&I chairs will conduct training for all of our H&I volunteers. This training is open to any members who are interested in learning more about H&I basics. If you are interested in doing H&I

within CKA, H&I training will need to be conducted before you will be added to our volunteer list to go into any facility we currently serve.

Speaking of H&I, CKA is getting back to our primary purpose by enhancing our H&I and PI efforts. The area H&I committee is taking meetings into Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility, Barton County jail with two separate meetings, one for women, one for men, We began going into Ellsworth Correctional Facility on August 13. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to coordinate and cooperate with volunteers from others areas in this region to make this H&I efforts come back to life. Even though the effort at ECF has already begun, volunteers will have to attend the DOC required training on September 11th at that facility. Please contact Dusty soon if you would like to serve in one of the prison efforts so he can get you approved to attend this training. There is also discussion with Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility to begin H&I efforts there. If you are interested in helping out with any of these endeavors please contact Dusty C.

In addition to the Area H&I efforts, the Larned Just for Today group is also working to carry the message to the addicts in the Sunrise treatment Center. The group will begin taking a meeting in the first and third Monday's, starting tomorrow. This is a coed facility so a mixed gender panel will be the goal each time.

The Area PI co-chair will be setting up a booth on Saturday September 1st at the Annual Labor Day celebration in Hoisington. If you have never experienced Hoisington on Labor Day, there are lots of reasons to think this would be a good place to find some addicts. There are numerous literature racks in the communities within our Area that are being filled by willing members. Also since our toll free number is now up and working well several groups have been doing flyer drives to get the number out there. Most recently the Larned JFT group posted 45 pull tab flyers in that small community.

On the Regional motions, we voted yes on the motion to audit the "books". On the motion for a regional phone line, we voted No. There was much discussion on liking the concept and the idea but the motion we were asked to vote on included pieces we felt were not effective or responsible such as the potential \$200 a month cost. We also have concerns with who is going to be the single point of accountability to keep this up to date so that bad information is not further being put out in our state. There was strong opposition to the idea of a help line due to lack of willing, trained volunteers and the overall apathy about NA service within our region currently.

In closing I have some sad news; another group in CKA has closed. The Hoisington group made the decision to close last month. This leaves our Area with 4 active groups. There is still a meeting on Saturday's at 1pm in Garfield but they don't wish to be listed on any meeting lists, nor be involved in the service structure.

We do have a contribution of \$150.

That is all I can think of for now.

Grateful to serve,

The RCM team,

Sally R & Cheryl C.

Fellowship For Freedom Area:

Hello Family,

We have 13 active groups with Area at this time and 2 groups that are not able to participate due to lack of support. All groups are doing well at this time but there are a couple that need support. They are MOA on Monday and Thursday in Manhattan and North Topeka Underground.

Activities put on 2 functions in the last quarter. Both were not very successful and lost money. The Area had to step in financially to help them out. There is a lack of support at the function, a lack of support on the committee and not a great deal of ideas of what to do next. There is a MARCNA fundraiser being held on September 15th and there is hope that the function is better supported all around. At this time Activities is actually thinking about not having any more functions if things don't change.

H&I is still going strong carrying the message to those in treatment and jail. There are 16 meetings a week with a possibility of another one being talked about. The only negative is that the subcommittee does not have enough support at their monthly meetings.

Literature in our Area has been eliminated as of June. This is due to the financial impact that it has had on the Area. Groups are now ordering their literature elsewhere.

Outreach has not had a Chair or any members for a few months. However we did vote in a new Chair this last month and are looking forward to seeing what they can do.

PI has slowly but surely filled all of its positions in the last quarter. The Chair has been busy filling racks and reaching out to the community if there are other needs. We welcomed a new phone line chair this last month. They are busy keeping the phone line up to date as well as researching a new phone company to decrease our monthly expenses. We are considering Voice Nation. The webmaster has been busy putting the direction and ownership of our website back into our Area's hands. They are also in the process of updating the webpage... more will be revealed.

Steering has not been that busy this last quarter. They also voted in one new member.

Our administrative body has openings at Co-Chair, Asst Secretary and Asst Treasurer. We are hoping for these to be filled soon. We are doing okay financially staying just above prudent reserve. We have made a \$50.00 donation to the region this quarter.

As for the Regional motions...We voted on both motions but there were a lot of questions and concerns regarding the phone line. The biggest concern the Area had was if this motion passes today will we immediately put the phone line into action or will we continue to research? We emailed these concerns to the Regional PI Chair.

As for me, this is my last Region as the RCM for our Area. Thank you for letting me be of service.

In loving service,

Jerry C.

Just For Today Area:

Just for Today Area is still kicking, with some dedicated members stepping up, and making it work. We have a new Treasurer and also a new Activities Chair, Thank you Carla D, and Denny Q, for bringing their experience to the area. We still have a lot of positions vacant, but as I said, we're making it work.

Pioneer group of Emporia will be having their annual campout, September 21st, 22nd, and 23rd at Council Grove Lake, Ritchey Cove. Alive and Kickin' group of Ottawa is having a Unity Day event September 1st 1419 Eisenhower Road, in Ottawa, doors open at 5:30pm, having a cookout, please bring a covered side dish, if possible.

Free birds group of Independence has a Speaker Jam function in the works, hopefully in October, more will be revealed.

Our new web servant, Sandy B, from Pittsburg, has been working hard re-vamping our website, www.jftareana.net and it looks awesome. ☺

Our area still takes meetings to the treatment center is Girard (ATC) and H&I meetings still go to the Lyon County Jail, even though our area has no H&I chair.

I have brought a \$250.00 donation from the area, as well as a \$200.00 donation from Pioneer group.

I'm very happy to see you all once again at RSC,

In Loving Service,
Tony W
RCM
Just for Today Area

Miracle Area:

Hello from the Miracle Area!

I forgot to mention the seating of a new group Hope in the Jungle in our Area in the PI sub-committee yesterday, but I did add them to the meeting list that was passed around. That makes eight out of nine groups that are seated at our area with the exception of the Eudora group which is rarely represented. The Miracle Area will be donating \$200.00 this quarter.

Area Chair– Bob K. was elected as our Area chair in July, and is also filling in as the area secretary until we can fill the position.

Outreach – We currently do not have an Outreach chair.

Literature – Our Literature Chair is Jack S. is recovering from yet another surgery. We had formed an Ad-Hoc committee to come up with a solution for problems in keeping a literature stockpile. The committee came up with a suggestion that we have some literature fundraising activities to increase our stockpile from \$2,800.00 to \$4000.00. Also two motions to take back to our groups, one that the literature chair clean time requirement be increased from 3 to 5 years; the second being that the literature chair carry homeowners insurance along with a rider which the Area would provide if needed.

PI – Dan S is our current PI Chair. Our PI Subcommittee has been busy. We will have done four flyer drives this year. Two addicts from our area did an on air panel interview with two radio stations that was scripted of course. Dan has also given a PI presentation since the last quarter.

H&I – In March we elected Jeff L. as our H&I chair at ASC, and is doing a good job getting people scheduled to take weekly meetings into the men's and women's pod in the Douglas County Jail. We also

carry a weekly meeting to the Women's treatment center at the First Step House. We still struggle with getting any H&I efforts going in Leavenworth.

Activities – Angie R. is our newly elected Activities chair. The 2nd Annual Sponsorship Works Banquet is scheduled for next Saturday at First United Methodist Church 946 Vermont at 6pm. On Sept. 14, 15, and 16th the Miracle Area Campout will also be at Clinton Lake at the Bloomington Campground in an adjacent campground not far from where it has always been. October 27th Recovery is Possible will be having our 16th anniversary celebration at the 4-H building in Lansing Kansas.

We still face some challenges with unfilled sub-committee and service worker positions, which seems to be an ongoing struggle, but 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, Eudora, Baldwin City, Perry or Leavenworth. I have fulfilled my commitment as the Miracle Area RCM I really don't know what the future brings as far as being of service at the Regional level is concerned. I do appreciate the opportunity to be of service, it really is an honor and a privilege to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous at any level.

In Loving Service,

Steve G.

OZ Area:

Hello NA Family,

Oz Area is struggling with attendance and willingness. All groups in area are struggling with attendance also. Our treasury and secretary resigned in July. I accepted position as treasury and Tammy W. accepted position as secretary. As of now we have Chair, RCM, Treasury, and Secretary Positions filled; all other positions are still open. We have extended a hand of help to the Norton Group, but no response has been received from that group. Three groups voted yes on all three motions and one group did not vote. We are still in process of developing a policy. Colby New Hope is having a Picnic in the Park Function on September 16, 2012 and we can use support. Oz Area is asking for ideas to generate interest in service.

In loving service,

Chris B. RCM

Primary Purpose Area:

Hello Region,

Sorry I am not here in person but I got sick and went home.

Motion # 052012-01 Passed (phone line)

Motion # 052012-02 Passed (audit)

Debit card motion-failed

Primary Purpose area is having an Area function on October 6, 2012 in Lyons, KS. All the GSR's are up to speak, the voting will be a cash vote, the GSR with the most money gets to speak. There will be a covered dish, games, and fellowship.

Flying Free in McPherson is planning the Blue Ball Ball on Dec. 15th. Gift of Life is having a campout Aug. 31-Sept. 3 at Harvey Co. West, Walnut Grove Area. Lyons is having a family fun night the last Saturday of the month. GOL group will be having its annual Halloween dance on Oct. 20th.

Our area donated \$150 to region.

In loving service, Angie M

Unity Area Report:

Hello Regional Family, Unity Area is represented here today by myself and a newly elected Alternate RCM Robert C. from Junction City vicinity.

At our Area meeting last weekend we had representation by 7 of the 8 groups. By going quarterly we seem to have more representation. We will have our Annual Area Function the Halloween Dance on October 27, 2012, at the Friendship Center at Salina, KS.

I have been receiving interim minutes from the Convention subcommittee; however, received nothing from the Campout committee. By receiving this information and reports, I am able to take it back to the Area meetings informing them of the convention committee planning to bring merchandise (MARCNA 28) to the Regional meeting to see if anyone wanted it. As an Area, we decided to we would take as much as available.

Yesterday, we received 1/9th of the merchandise and I visited with the GSR representatives and called the rest. We had 8 of 8 of the group agree this merchandise should go to the Area for the Annual Area function the yearly annual function (Halloween Dance on October 27, 2012). We would like to thank the Convention Committee for their generosity and their donation.

We do not have donation to Region, as an Area, but received information that one of our groups made a donation to the Region.

The Area voted "yes" to all the motions.

In Grateful Service

Jon J.

Wichita Metro Area Report:

Hello Everyone,

WMA is moving along well at this time. However the co-chair, Treasurer and H&I chair is open with no willingness to fill those positions.

Here's what I have...

H&I – We currently do not have a chair person and continue to seek willingness to carry the message into facilities. Our groups are being asked to do a panel presentation within individual groups to try to attract more volunteers.

PI chair has been asked to come and do a presentation at Wellington High School. We're pretty excited about that. Still working our minor glitches in our local phone line but have many volunteers signing up to answer for one week increments, 12 hour shifts.

Our area campout is on schedule for September 14 thru 16 with many activities planned. T-shirts are being sold and bandanas are being ordered. Still looking for auction and raffle items.

The groups in our area seem to be thriving. The HOW group is discussing the possibility of adding a new meeting date to their schedule. While Day by Day actually dropped Saturday and Sunday night meetings for lack of attendance. The new group, South Side Serenity appears to have much support though and actually had GSR representation and this past area. Just for Today is planning a fun D raiser on October 6th in Augusta and working on getting a flyer out so, MWBR.

Motion #052012 – 01 – from PI regarding participation in toll free phone line – yes

Motion #052012 – 02 – policy change regarding yearly audit of regional “books”. Yes

There was much discussion on the Regional toll free line and the area discussed concerns about how that would affect our local hotline. Expressed interest in keeping our own number in the loop with regards to this matter and how that could be accomplished (if possible) should a Regional toll free line established. Questions regarding the \$200.00 cost.

WMA has been running along somewhat quiet and smooth with much more participation and cooperation.

The WMA has sent a donation of \$70.00 for Region.

In Loving Service,

Tracy C.

Western Area Report:

Greetings Family,

Since the last regional our area has held an area meeting in June at Dodge City. In July at Goodwell OK and in August in Garden City. Still lots of travel but its worth it! We still have all our area positions filled at the area level except some subcommittees. There is some discussion on changing some of the old Western Area policy. More will be revealed! Some new groups have been started and they have found locations. Ulysses group is growing again and old timers getting back involved. Goodwell OK has got a good regular core of members. Garden City group celebrated their 1 year anniversary on Sunday August 12th in Finnup Park. It had good attendance and there was a speaker from Hutch. They had the area meeting afterward. We got a good conscience on the regional phone line and it was positive even though the details of the phone line are yet to be worked out. The other motion was not covered but, but makes sense! There is not much H&I work going on, PI efforts are steady! We decided to have a spiritual retreat at Ford Co Lake on Labor Day weekend. Sorry I couldn't get a flyer yet. There still needs to be more outreach done to other groups in the

area such as Buffalo OK, Liberal KS and the Cimarron HOW group, I'm sure I'm forgetting something as I can't remember shit!

In grateful service,

Alan F

C. Subcommittee Reports

Activities:

Hello Family,

Activities met and Sara B. has been nominated as activities chair and it is being brought to the floor. There was much discussion about how to attract more people to region and fundraising. Activities will be bringing a motion to the floor about fundraising for the region. There was also discussion about a new flyer for Nov. RSC that would have a theme along the line of "Come show your Thanksgiving, Gratitude equals Action" it will be a pot luck with turkey and ham provided and a "best dessert contest". It was also suggested we have a gratitude meeting possibly instead of a speaker. We would also like to have a dance. We are asking that you please bring raffle and auction items and that you spread the word that we are in desperate need of financial and service support at the regional level. Activities still needs a co-chair and a secretary.

A desk calendar was provided to keep a running log of activities.

August

25th Miracle Area is having a Sponsorship banquet in Lawrence
Labor Day weekend GOL will be having their "Back to Basics Campout"

September

Alive and Kicking Group will be having a Unity Day celebration in Ottawa
6th-Just for Today Group is having a fundraiser
7th-9th-Soul to Soul
14th-16th- WMA campout
14th-16th MAC campout
15th- Rib feed in Larned, H&I training in the afternoon
22nd-Lyons Fish Fry
21st-23rd-Pioneer Group Campout

October

6th-PPA Function in Lyons
20th-GOL Halloween Dance
27th-Unity Area Halloween Function

Please make sure all events are submitted to the webmaster for posting to the website.
Mid-America Region will be hosting the Plains State Zonal forum meeting in September on the 28th and 29th.
It will be at the Rodeway Inn. We are requesting 454.60 in funds for rent and start up.
November RSC we are requesting 150.00 for DJ, 150.00 for start-up, 354.60 for rent.
The fundraiser last night was for H&I. The breakdown is as follows:

Money raffle: 27.00

Item raffle: 82.00
Basket: 110.00
Auction: 225.00
Food and Coffee donations: 10.90

Thank you campout for the donations of supplies.

The next RSC will be Nov. 17th & 18th. Please come and bring a carload to support our dinner dance and service efforts

With gratitude,
Aaron B.
Regional Co-chair

Archivist:

Hello family,

I have updated the history to reflect the findings of Mid-America's start date and the events leading to it, as well as adding the resurrection of the OZ Area. I personally want to thank Ray and Glenda P. from Newton for letting me borrow their personal archives, as well as David from Great Bend for his Central Kansas Area archives. All has been returned and have help add to our history. I did not print copies of the new history as I have no budget for it, last time I donated the hard copies. It will be posted on the web site and emailed out in pdf after this RSC. I do have one copy to show today.

Now for what has been donated to archives, in 2008 a fundraiser was held by Outreach for Iowa's flood relief. Five special shirts were produced, each one numbered on the back. Through donations from Jeff B. from Great Bend and Dusty C. from Ellinwood we now have numbers one and two in archives. Tim J. from Beloit donated two MARCNA banners bringing the total to six in archives (*and on display during MARCNA*). Sue H. from Newton passed on a box full of speaker tapes, which are listed below. I have received Just For Today Area minutes and flyers from 2009 to present on a flash drive and a few buttons from past MARCNAs and the 1989 campout. I think that's it, if not it will be in the next report.

Here is my quarterly call for archives, please add me to your area email list so your minutes can be filed away. If you have or know of anyone that has minutes, reports, flyers, or scribbles on paper from the 70's and 80's please let me borrow them. Once scanned they will be returned to you unless you wish to donate them. That also goes for photographs, which is something I haven't asked for before. If you are loaning or donating photographs please ID them if possible.

I haven't done anything with the file cabinets this summer, way too hot. Most all archives that I have, including all media, is in one of the rooms in my basement where it is climate controlled. The rest is in my office waiting to be scanned or transferred to mp3 before going downstairs. It is still my hope that someday we can secure a reasonable priced office space that has utilities, and eliminate the storage unit all together.

The speaker tapes that have been added are: NA Recovery Literature 6 tape set; Tim B. MARCNA 1989, MARCNA sets 1997, 2000-2003; Dodge City Roundup sets 1996-2004, and main speaker cds 2006. There are also misc. tapes from Nebraska and Oklahoma in the box. I have many tapes in my personal collection that some will ultimately be converted to mp3 and added to archives, like MARCNA X 1993 tapes. That's about it for this quarter.

Gratefully Serving NA,

Tim S. - Archivist

Campout:

Good Morning Mid America Region,

It was a great year for the campout committee. Although I was not personally able to be there for the actual campout, the committee members and others have reported to me that fun was had by all. Thank you to all that stepped up and helped.

We (particularly I) learned a lot from being a part of this committee, one being don't order dark shirts for a July campout, and that everybody still loves tie dye. It has also been reiterated to me how important minutes are as memories are not always accurate.

As all of you that were at the campout know we were thrown a curve ball after we got there. The ranger let us know that we would be expected to pay \$12 for each extra tent over the allotted amount, this was pretty scary but after prayer and discussion we decided to let everybody know what was going on and that we would gladly accept donations to help cover this cost. Our members stepped up as they always do and we were able to cover the costs.

When we requested our special events permit 2 months before the event we found out that the people in charge have not been happy with some of the things that have gone on while we were at that camp ground. After taking a look at the things that they brought up and discussion they decided that they would allow us to be there but that we were going to have to police ourselves. We hate to do that! People were very understanding and we got a much better report after this campout. I think it would be a mut point to go over all of the things as we will not be having our campout at Wilson again. But we still need to be mindful of the rules and regulations of the park that we are in.

We have nominated Aaron B. to be our 2013 campout chair.

We have a balance of \$3,108.73.

Loving service, Kim C.

Hello Family,

Campout met yesterday and finalized the 2012 campout by discussing and reviewing the past campout. We received a letter from the Department of the Army stating that they will accept our reservation but they will not allow us to exceed occupancy any longer. Basically we can't return to Wilson. I will attach a copy of the letter in my report. We had learned of this awhile ago but after we had already reserved the Lucas Group Camp so we went ahead and did some investigating for another place to have it. We found Bloomington West at Clinton Lake and reserved it for a day longer and \$50 cheaper. We are excited for the move and new adventure. Because of this our theme for the campout will be "Change = Growth" which we need artwork for and the winning art will receive a T-shirt. Artwork needs to be turned in by the next RSC Campout subcommittee.

We had elections and I have been nominated for the chair position. Robert C. is the Co-Chair and Sara B. is merchandising leaving all the other positions open for the taking.

In making reservations an account has been created on Recreation.gov in order to make reservations at the lakes. The information for this account is to be added to the Chairs responsibility in the Guidelines and handed down from chair to chair.

We have turned in checks to cover both reservations and will be cancelling the Wilson Lake reservation and have the region reimburse us that refund as there will be a cancellation fee.

The campout committee is willing to provide start-up funds, as available, to any group or area who wishes to host a Campout fundraiser. Start-up funds will be repaid to the committee after the fundraisers.

ILS,

Aaron B.

P.S. The next interim meeting will be held at the Unity Area Halloween dance on Oct. 27th 2012 from 3 to 5 at the Friendship center 746 Comanche in Salina, KS 67401.

M.A.R. CAMPOUT N.A. 2012
TREASURER'S REPORT
16-Aug-12

Beginning Balance: \$1,641.99

Expenses:

6/17/12	ck 752	Dusty C. Cook pork	(\$60.00)	
	ck 753	USAED-KC special permit	(\$50.00)	
6/29/2012	ck 754	Menges tent rental	(\$485.10)	
6/30/2012	ck 755	NRRS camping overage 24	(\$288.00)	
	ck 756	Unity ASC basic		
		text	(\$11.00)	
	ck 757	Richard Collins Sat. band	(\$500.00)	
7/1/2012	ck 758	NRRS camping overage 5	(\$60.00)	
7/1/2012	ck 759	Dusty C. Dry ice	(\$33.56)	
8/16/12	ck 760	Allen Lee		
		bandanas	(\$189.38)	
		Total Expenses		(\$1,677.04)

Income:

6/23/2012	deposit	Shirt Sales	\$120.00	
6/23/2012	deposit	Refund from Corps of Engin	\$140.00	
7/5/2012	deposit	replenish startup funds	\$200.00	
7/5/2012	deposit	Sara B. reimburse bal of supp.	\$30.56	
		checks from		
7/5/2012	deposit	campout	\$779.00	*
7/5/2012	deposit	cash from campout	\$1,874.22	*
		Total Income		\$3,143.78

Ending Balance \$3,108.73

Bank Statement: \$3,348.11 (diff: ck 753 \$50 & ck 760 \$189.38)

*Income Breakdown of
7/5/2012:

Donations	\$645.22
Ice Sales	\$25.00

Merchandise Sales	\$1,003.00	
Saturday Auction	\$833.00	
Item Raffle	\$95.00	
Money Raffle (\$102-50=	\$52.00	
Total	\$2,653.22	(checks & cash)

Dated: 16-Aug-12

Prepared By: Deborah K. Stewart

**M.A.R. CAMPOUT N.A.
2011-2012 FINAL ACCOUNTING**

17-Aug-12

BEGINNING BALANCE:

\$3,302.83

EXPENSES:

ck 745	Corps of Engineers 2012 Dep Wilson Lake	(\$450.00)
ck 746	Sara B. tie dye shirts	(\$684.57)
ck 747	Allen Lee print on shirts	(\$251.08)
ck 748	Aaron B. gott coolers & print flyers	(\$110.65)
ck 749	Allen Lee short sleeve t-shirts	(\$1,054.43)
ck 750	Sara B. catering supplies	(\$900.00)
ck 751	Debby S. campout startup cash	(\$200.00)
ck 752	Dusty C. cook meat for campout	(\$60.00)
ck 753	USAED-KC special permit	(\$50.00)
ck 754	Menges tent rental	(\$485.10)
ck 755	NRRS camper overage (24)	(\$288.00)
ck 756	UNITY ASC basic text	(\$11.00)
ck 757	Richard Collins Sat nite band	(\$500.00)
ck 758	NRRS camper overage (5)	(\$60.00)
ck 759	Dusty C. dry ice for meat	(\$33.56)
ck 760	Allen Lee bandanas/print	(\$189.38)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **(\$5,327.77)**

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INCOME:

12/1/2012	shirt sales	\$105.00
2/20/2012	shirt sales	\$640.00
3/21/2012	shirt sales	\$500.00
4/28/2012	shirt sales	\$610.00
5/21/2012	shirt sales	\$135.00
6/23/2012	shirt sales	\$120.00
6/23/2012	refund from Corps Eng	\$140.00
7/5/2012	replenish startup cash	\$200.00
7/5/2012	Sara B--balance of supp exp	\$30.56
7/5/2012	checks from campout	\$779.00 *
7/5/2012	cash from campout	\$1,874.22 *

TOTAL INCOME: **\$5,133.78**

ENDING BALANCE: **\$3,108.84**

***Income Breakdown of 7/5/12 Campout Income**

Donations	\$645.22
Ice Sales	\$25.00
Merchandise Sales	\$1,003.00
Saturday Auction	\$833.00
Item Raffle	\$95.00
Money Raffle (\$102-50=	\$52.00
Total	\$2,653.22 (checks & cash)

Dated: 17-Aug-12

By: Deborah K. Stewart, Campout Treasurer

Convention Report:

Hello family;

The convention committee was able to finalize our artwork during our sub-committee meeting. There will be a couple of modifications to it i.e.: Trademark and making XXX- into Roman numeral XXX. (when Michelle sent our information into NAWS they told her they had to change the XXX to 30 because XXX was not

universally recognized). WE had discussed as a committee to changing it this year to 30 instead of the XXX but the committee as a whole decided to keep it as Roman numerals.

I had brought back information regarding questions we had on the hotel contract. Everything I asked has been answered so far however there is more clarity that is needed for “define what a snack is” for our hospitality room. There were other things the committee wanted to double check on- I have prices for AV costs but needed some clarity on phone lines and extra table costs for the merchandising room.

Our programming chair Michelle C has created a schedule already and passed around workshop topics to be voted on. She also created a survey that the committee has decided to place in the pre-registration bags. She has two bids for tapers right now- one we know is a very reliable and reasonable contractor. Michelle will contact the other one and ask for activities they have done so we can check references. We believe we have a Saturday night speaker but this is not confirmed yet.

We have ordered and received long-sleeve t-shirts for sale for fundraising purposes. We are selling them for 15.00 apiece. (See Michelle C if you want one this weekend)

Ed C has created an events calendar, some are specific MARCNA fundraisers and others are not but he has received permission to sell MARCNA items at them i.e.: Sponsorship banquet in Lawrence, Plains State Zonal Forum, Dodge City Round-up, Halloween Dance in Salina. JFT area is hosting a fundraiser sometime in January for MARCNA and FFF will host a chili feed on September 15.

Our menu has been decided for convention—the cost to us for the banquet will be 25.76 and for the brunch will be 14.16. We sell dinner for 25.00 and breakfast for 15.00 which is a .76 cent loss on the dinners but a .84 cent profit on breakfast. WE will put the menu on the registration forms again this year.

We will have bids for vendors and entertainment and a 1st draft pre-registration flyer next month.

Tom M. is our new entertainment chair. He had already secured bids for this committee and he will bring all of the bids on one paper next month. Congrats Tom M.

Sadly Jerry C. had to step down from his position of hospitality chair due to obtaining a new job. Fortunately Debbie C was interested in the position, stepped up and qualified herself and was voted in. Congrats Debbie.

This committee has discussed multiple times what to do with all of the leftover MARCNA 28 merchandise. It had been asked at last regionals by a member to donate all of it to his area. This committee decided to split the items eventually between the 9 areas to use as they see fit in the hopes that it would help out our groups and areas which in turn will hopefully come around to help out the region.

John S. III was asked if he was still going to take care of the memory table. For those who don't know or don't remember we will have a memory table so people can bring pictures of our brothers and sisters in recovery that are no longer with us. They need to be 4x6 or smaller and if you want them back they need to be retrieved Sunday morning.

It was asked if this committee was willing to give seed money to groups that might want to host a fundraiser but have no money. It was decided if this happens and there is a group that wants to do a fundraiser they will need to contact the committee and then a decision will be made.

It was also brought up about the alternative store times. Michelle has placed it on the schedule for BOTH Saturday night and Sunday morning. This member mentioned his group used to sell their merchandise out of their room and pay for their way to attend and he didn't understand why we had to have time constraints. It was explained if we allow that it takes away from MARCNA and so we compromised and created an alternative store with set hours.

Our beginning balance was 5495.04—we had 815.00 in expenses (shirts and rent) and our current balance is 4680.04.

In loving service;

Shelley W.

Hospitals & Institutions:

Hello Regional Family,

I think the subcommittee mtg went well. I seemed to be very unorganized for some reason this time but will try to improve on that. We had several areas present and a lot of good discussions on H&I happenings around the region. We still have people checking with correctional facilities to try to get at least one facility to allow a Unity Day speaker line connection for 2013 world convention. We seem to be collectively as a region, be going into with H&I panels, 10+ county jails, 5 state prisons and numerous treatment facilities. Several institutions around the state want meetings so if you know anyone interested please contact your are H&I rep or come to region H&I subcommittee. Anyone in surrounding areas interested in helping out with the newly formed Ellsworth Correctional meeting please contact Dusty at (620) 617-7031. We have a request of funds for \$125 of H&I escrow to be donated to Oz area to help with their H&I efforts. As we donated that amount to the other seated areas earlier at a previous Regional Mtg there will be an H&I learning day held at the Larned Rib Feed Sept 15th. Please attend and support if possible. I don't know what else to report as my secretary wasn't feeling well so she headed home before I was smart enough to ask for minutes. I do know we took in \$16.00 through 7th tradition donations. We raised \$417.00 at function last night also. Thanks for the support.

Thanks for allowing me to serve

P.S. I'm sorry I didn't come more prepared for H&I fundraiser this region. Will try to improve on that as well.

Humbly,

Tom M
Regional H&I Chair

Literature:

Hello Family,

We had a real good turn out at the literature committee meeting. There have been a few changes since last quarter.

Tim S brought the printed summer issue of the Mid America News letter, which we were all grateful to see. At this time Tim has resigned as the MAN editor. He still has willingness to help the new editor. There was discussion about forming a work group and Tim also had willingness to help with that.

Thank you Tim for all your hard work over the past years as the MAN editor. Hopefully we will find someone for this position who will display the kind of passion and commitment that you have given us so freely.

The committee also talked about the different ways we might be able to get the MAN publishes without and editor for the fall edition. We decided it would be best not to publish the fall edition at this time instead gather articles for the winter edition. Our reasoning for doing this is not to have to hurry and have fall edition done poorly but instead hopefully to have the winter edition done before the November RSC.

We held elections and now have a new co-chair. Thank you Flo H at this time Tracy C has been our secretary since May 2011, so we are in need of a secretary. There is no willingness for editor of the MAN at this time.

FYI – Living Clean: The Journey Continues will be out this fall in both soft and hard cover @ \$8.75 each and a commemorative limited edition for \$30.00 in December.

The NA Way will be having a special edition out soon also. That's about it for now, but as always, I'm sure more will be revealed.

In Loving Service,

John W
Literature Chair.

NAWS Contact Report:

NAWS Contact is an open position – No report.

Outreach Report:

Hello Family,

We still have no willingness for any positions on Outreach.

We also have several areas without area chairs for Outreach.

We did discuss donating \$850 from Outreach Escrow to the General Fund. Outreach does still have shirts left. Inventory showed 33 total. We donated 2 to the fundraiser last night and have members willing to consign some shirts and sell them in their areas.

ILS,

Daniel C.

P.O. Box:

Hello Everyone,

I'm checking mail every other week as well as the Friday before RSC; we've received more advertisements and "junk mail" more than anything. Insurance and storage bill as well as donation form PP was received and disbursed to Janet.

We received NAWS News and a newsletter from "Hole in Wall" group in Salem, OR as well as pre-registration forms for So. California Region Convention and submission cards for speakers for San Diego Imperial Counties Regional Convention asking for Cd/tapes.

That's all this quarter.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Tracy C.

Public Information:

Hello Family:

The meeting was supported by many addicts and there was representation from: FFF, CKA, Unity, Miracle, OZ, Western areas and the Web Servant and Co-Web Servants. We took a show of hands on the motion that was sent out to the groups in the May RSC minutes. There is definite support for pursuing the phone line for the region. SO, to be pro-active, we did have much discussion about "a" phone line and some things we need to research:

- 1) find the most cost effective system to fulfill the needs of the region
- 2) make this an information only line, not a help line
- 3) check to see if the system is capable of handling 2-layer
- 4) research various companies
- 5) and the most important, the system should be easy to use and not bunglesome---after all we are trying to reach the addict that has not walked through the doors of NA yet

We decided to have an interim meeting on September 15 at 3:00 pm in Larned, KS (before the Rib feed). Please bring information about different phone lines to that meeting so that so that we can evaluate where we are.

Other discussion:

- 1) PI fliers: we want to come up with a universal design to be used throughout the region. Looking for consistency across the region---please bring copies of your fliers that are used for posting in your community to the Nov PI Sub-Committee meeting.
- 2) New regional meeting lists are here and most areas have theirs. If you do not, please take a stack of 150 off of the table (after the close of business on Sunday, there were approx 150 meeting lists left--I have them, contact me if you need some)
- 3) Web-Servant has a reminder that RCM's need to get updates in prior to Nov 1, Feb 1, May 1 and Aug 1 (each year) in order for updates to be made for the regional meeting lists. Rod extracts this information and uses it to update the meeting lists. If they are not in prior to the 1st of those months, updates cannot be made to the meeting lists.
- 4) Web-Servant is asking for the areas to **PLEASE SEND IN FLIERS FOR AREA ACTIVITIES TO BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE. THE CALENDAR WILL BE UPDATED TO**

REFLECT THESE. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO LET EVERYONE IN THE REGION KNOW OF A FUNCTION COMING UP IN THE FUTURE!!!!

- 5) A request from Unity Area on concerns on how to approach professionals at the St Francis facility for teens (close to Salina) to start NA meetings in that facility. They were guided to review the PR Handbook and formulate a letter from the example to be sent first. More to be revealed.
- 6) Recovery Fair is Sept 8, 2012 at CKFR-Pathfinder Recovery Center, Salina, KS. PI will be having a display and information booth with pamphlets available. PI is requesting \$150 out of our escrow account of \$980.31 to purchase IP's. Left over IP's will be used for future events.

In Loving Service,

Debby S.

PI Chairperson

PS----awesome first meeting. Thank you to everyone attending!!!!

Restructuring Ad-hoc:

Hello family,

The committee has been getting quite a bit of work done. We met twice during the last quarter. We are seeing where Fellowship Development, Public Relations, and Consensus Based Decision Making could move our Region into a more positive and productive future. We have gathered some information and compiled it to fit the needs of this Region. We have brought a proposal today, to try as an experiment over the next 2 RSCs. This could be a step in a new direction.

Over the next quarter we are going to work on Consensus Based Decision Making and a workshop around Fellowship Development.

ILS,

Daniel C.

Restructuring Ad-hoc Chair/Alt. Delegate

Steering:

Hello Family,

Steering met yesterday and got quite a bit accomplished really. First off Kathryn had contacted me and resigned from the committee. So once again we are 3 strong. Tim was unable to make it this weekend so there ended up only being 2 members present yesterday. In hopes for involvement I asked if there was any willingness to become a committee and to my surprise there wasn't any. So PLEASE take back to your groups Steering needs members!!!

We accomplished looking and finding term lengths, which will be presented in a motion. We also discovered that in Feb. of 2010 which had a motion pass to increase the RD and AD escrow from \$1500 to \$2000 which we have neglected to uphold. We need to correct that. We also established that May is NOT election month for all positions just the reaffirming of the steering committee. So we need to establish an election log and

term dates to be kept so we can stick to the spirit of rotation and that one person doesn't hold a position longer than another without their approval.

As this was my first meeting as the chair I was rather shocked of the involvement that was required but thrilled at the same time, so grateful to be a part of. Thank you for your patience during the meeting and for allowing me to serve.

ILS,

Aaron B.

P.S. As a reminder November RSC is when convention bids are due for 2015.

Soul to Soul:

Hello Family,

We're down to the final weeks before Soul to Soul. Pre-registrations are due this Sunday August 19, 2012, so if you are wanting to go and you want to receive the coffee mug and shirt, I need them ASAP!!!! There are registrations printed up and on the table. You can still register after the 19th, but you won't get the mug and the shirt. We have several newcomers that will be attending this year. As a reminder to all, we will be at Camp Chippewah in Ottawa, KS.

Our fundraiser went well and we had 6 teams in the Volleyball tournament. They endured 100+ temperatures, and the winning team received 3 shirts. Bob grilled up some burgers and dogs, some fresh tomatoes some tater salad. MMMM good!!!! Betty from Wichita blessed us with her experience, strength and hope. Thank you Betty!

We will be having our final planning meeting at the Pioneer meeting hall in Emporia, KS at 3:30pm on Saturday August 25th 2012. We will be making all the final plans and tying up all the loose ends. Remember, it only costs \$70.00, and that includes food, lodging and all the spiritual bliss you can soak up. WHAT A BARGIN!!!!!!!!!!

In the spirit of rotation after 2 years as chair, I will like for the minutes to reflect that Soul to Soul chair be posted in your groups. I will return in November at the RSC with a nomination from committee. Thank you for having Faith in me and for all the guidance, Love you all, and look forward to seeing you all in November.

In Loving Service,
Tim P
Soul to Soul Chair
Aug RSC

P.S. We also donated a t-shirt to H&I fundraiser last night.

Hello Family,

As of August 17th, 2012 our balance in our account is \$1116.25. Our money for the Soul to Soul fundraiser is as follows:

- Fundraiser t-shirts cost us \$438.09 and is paid.
- Shelter rental was \$40.00 and is paid
- Fundraiser groceries were \$138.66 and is paid.

The total expense came to \$616.75

We made:

- Food \$136.00
- Auction \$115.00
- Raffle \$129.00
- Pre-reg Giveaway \$88.00
- Volleyball Tournament \$90.00
- T-shirts \$300.00
- Total made – 858.00

Since fundraiser an additional \$90.00 in t-shirts has been sold. Pre-registrations are looking good, I have not totaled or counted them as of yet, because pre-registration won't close until after I have written this report. Well I think that is about all.

Love you all!!

In Loving Service,
Rich A

We took a break from 9:56am – 10:14am.

D. Officers Reports:
Regional Delegate Report:

Hello Family!!

The last quarter has been much slower than the previous few. Since the end of the conference, I have had the opportunity to network with other RDs and Trusted Servants Worldwide as they finish up their WSC reporting and begin the new conference cycle.

There have been 2 issues of NAWS News since we last met with updates from the World Board. The Living Clean: The Journey Continues will be available October 2012 for \$8.75 for either hard or soft cover. There will be an electronic version of the Basic Text available in September for \$8.90 through Amazon or iTunes store. In addition, there will be other digital media available in the near future.

The Issue Discussion topics for the upcoming conference cycle are Supporting Our Vision, Group Conscience, Delegation, and Accountability, and Collaboration (Principles Before Personalities) There was a great deal of information presented at the conference geared towards having these discussions with our regions. The session profiles have not been posted yet but will be presented in the future and posted at na.org.

The WB is actively searching out service bodies that would like to participate in “Field Testing” proposed parts of the Service System Project: GSUs, LSU’s, etc. to help frame a transition plans to be presented to WSC 2014. Any service body interested should contact the WB at worldboard@na.org. Updates will be posted at na.org/service system.

NAWS is currently expending their use of Webinars as a way to network information and bring areas of service together: H&I, Convention, PR. If you are interested in participating in this type of service and

sharing ideas with others doing please send your name, email address, trusted servant position, area or region to events@na.org for convention, HandI@na.org for H&I, and PR@na.org for Public Information.

The PSZF is meeting here in Salina the weekend of Sept. 29th & 30th. We will be work shopping several topics that were discussed at the WSC. The Zonal forum will be meeting on Sunday. There is a flyer available. Please get involved and find out what's happening in your fellowship.

On a more personal note, it is with a heavy heart that I have to resign as Regional Delegate. I will be moving out of state before the end of September. The last 8 years that I have spent as a part of the committee and in particular, the last 4 ½ years as RD, have been the most fulfilling of my life. I would have never imagined 14 years ago that I would have been sitting around a table at the WSC with members from around the World and that I would call those people my friends and family. My world is so big! It has been my honor to serve with you and represent the Mid-America Region. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be of service!!

In Loving Service,

Misty K. (RD)

Alt. Delegate Report:

Hello Family,

Although I could have very little to report, I do have some things I would like to share. NAWs launched the new website, along with a new mobile version as well. This is nice and makes it easier to access from your phone or other device. The World Board has also been experimenting with a push only social networking page. This could be beneficial in ways of communicating directly to the fellowship.

Look for Living Clean to ready by October in hard and soft cover for \$8.75 with a Commemorative Edition in December for \$30. They will also be producing electronic formats of the Basic Text, It Works, and Sponsorship. The Basic Text should be available by the end of September for \$8.90. The new Service Pamphlets will start coming out when current supply is depleted. The new Pamphlets will have "Service-related material not intended to be read during recovery meetings" on the cover.

We should also see Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics come out soon. This is exciting and will be great material for workshops and learning days around the Region. The Service System Project is moving forward and their will be talk of field testing and finding a way to communicate with some communities that are willing to try the ideas for the project. World Services is also looking to expand its use of online webinars. The areas of focus are Convention, H&I and PR.

We should see some information about WCNA 35 coming out soon. The dates for the Convention are August 29 – September 1, 2013.

Also World Unity Day is September 1st. At 12 Noon you can have a moment of silence and say the Serenity Prayer with addicts all over the world in unity.

On a more local note, the Plains State Zonal Forum Meeting will be coming up fast. The dates are September 29th and 30th. This will be held at the Rodeway Inn in Salina. This is a conjoined effort for our Regional Assembly and the Zone. It will be a great opportunity to learn and to see how the Zone operates. The Zone does play an important role in our Service Structure. Workshops for that weekend include: Inspired by Our Primary Purpose, Communication and Collaboration, Planning Basics, and Consensus Based Decision

Making and Our Group Conscience. I am excited for this and hope you all are as well. I look forward to seeing this be one of our better attended assemblies.

I am also going to request for funds to attend the Western States Learning Days. This is a learning convention put together by the Western States Zone, and has World Participation. It is being hosted by the Colorado Region and is in Denver. Room rate is \$89 per night and registration is \$20. I would also need funds for gas and per diem. There will not be Worldwide Workshops during this cycle and this will be one of the cheaper events that I can attend to gain information for our Region. They have an extensive list for programming and would be of great benefit to our Region to have this information.

ILS,

Daniel C.

Alt. Delegate

Secretary Report:

No Report

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Report – May 20, 2012 RSC

	Beginning Balance			\$ 9,381.49
<u>Income:</u>	Donations & reimbursements	\$ 6,436.33		
		<u>140.00</u>		
	Total Income			6,576.33
	Sub-total			\$15,957.82
<u>Expenses:</u>				
02/28/12 cc	AD airfare WSC		462.70	
05/20/12 #1267	HCF – history project (lit. escrow)		18.50	

05/20/12 #1268	Amber Carris – sect’y expenses		25.00	
05/20/12 #1269	Debby Stewart – office supplies		12.29	
05/20/12 #1270	Misty Keen – copies WSC		29.21	
05/20/12 #1271	Rodeway Inn – Aug RSC		354.60	
05/20/12 #1272	Daniel Crotinger – Aug RSC startup		100.00	
05/29/12 #1273	Access Storage		832.20	
05/20/12 #1274	Alliance Agency		1,408.25	
06/06/12 #1275	HCF – May meeting lists		<u>82.22</u>	
	Total Expenses			<u>-3,324.97</u>
	Bank Balance			\$12,632.85
	Less: Prudent Reserve			<u>8,857.00</u>
	Sub-total			\$ 3,775.85
	Less: Escrows			
	H & I		\$ 554.86	
	Literature		264.30	
	Outreach		930.40	

	PI		980.31	
	Rent		354.60	
	Insurance (due Aug. 10)		1,408.25	
	Storage (due Feb. 13)		208.05	
	P. O. Box (due Feb. 13)		14.50	
	Web Page (due Sept.)		71.55	
	RDA (due Feb. 14)		<u>187.50</u>	
	Total Escrows			<u>- 4,974.32</u>
	Spendable Balance			\$(1,198.47)

On 10/18/11 there was a debit for \$190.80 to EIG Power for the web page. This was subtracted in the bank account but never put on any treasurer's report.

Co-Treasurer Report:

No Report – Position is currently open.

Chair Report:

No Report

Co- Chair Report:

No Report

E. Old Business:

○ **Elections:**

- **Treasurer** – No willingness or nominations – take back to your areas.
- **Co-Treasurer** – No willingness or nominations – take back to your areas.
- **Activities Chair** – Sara B was nominated out of committee – she qualified herself – she left the room, a vote was taken, she was voted in. Thank you Sara!!
- **Outreach Chair** – No willingness or nominations – take back to your areas.
- **Steering Members (3)** – No nominations out of committee. Take back to your areas.
- **NAWS Contact** – No willingness or nominations. Take back to your areas.

- **Campout Chair** – Aaron B was nominated out of committee – he qualified himself – he left the room – a vote was taken – He was voted in. Thank you Aaron!!
- There was discussion on why we don't have extra copies of the policy on hand for new RCM's and members who want it. A member volunteered to have copies printed at her office and she will let us know how much they will charge us. We will get 20 copies printed

We took a break from 11:07am – 11:23am

- **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.
A RCM Vote was taken and there was a tie.
CKA Motion: Resend motion 021912-001 back to groups.
Intent: Communication breakdown prevented an accurate group conscience to be determined.
RCM Vote taken – 6-1-2 – Motion passed.
- **Motion 052012-01**
From: PI Subcommittee
To take back to groups we would like to know if groups are interested in having or participating in a regional phone line at a cost of up to \$200.00 per month with the potential of having the options seen today (subcommittee meeting).
Financial Impact: Not more than \$200.00.
Intent: Having a regional phone line would unify all regional efforts to attract new members and those professionals serving future members. It could be set up for live calls or not and...
RCM Vote taken – 8-1-0 – Motion passed.
- **Motion 052012-02:**
From: Steering
The RSC books are to be audited yearly at the end of our calendar year which is May by an Adhoc committee duly appointed by the Regional Chair. That audit Adhoc committee shall consist of not less than 3 or more than 5 members. The audit shall be completed before the books exchange hands from the outgoing treasurer to the incoming treasurer. The audit shall be held with all members present along with the outgoing treasurer present for questions. A letter with the results shall be signed by the committee members. If there are any discrepancies they shall be brought to the attention of the RSC. This letter shall be made a part of the treasurer records. The treasurer shall create an online access that can be logged into by the regional chair. The bank statements shall be available for anyone who wishes to view them at the business meeting on Sunday at each RSC.
Amendment: In the last sentence change the word “anyone” to any member of the Mid-America Region.
RCM Vote Taken – 8-0-1 – Motion passed.

F. New Business:

- **Motion 081912-01**
From: Adhoc Restructuring
The Restructuring Adhoc committee proposed that we utilize the Outreach time slot for a Fellowship Development committee and Activities time slot for Restructuring Adhoc Committee on a temporary basis in November and February.
Intent: To create a trial committee for the purpose of Fellowship Development which will be project and purpose driven utilizing consensus based decision making. We want to be inclusive of all services regarding the fellowship in the Mid-America region.

Discussion: The Adhoc committee chair gave information about the motion and explained the motion – there was concern the Soul to Soul chair wouldn't get time. The Soul to Soul chair shared he usually comes and gives a report during their timeslot, not much planning takes place during that meeting, most of the planning is done at their other committee meetings. A member shared to keep in mind Activities and Outreach is fellowship development. There was concern shared that this was not discussed in either Outreach or Activities subcommittee yesterday. The Adhoc committee chair explained the reason it didn't get brought up during the committee meetings because the committee didn't want to campaign the motion. It was suggested to meet during the lunch hour instead. Another member shared what we are doing now isn't working, and this is being used in other regions and it is working there. Soul to Soul chair spoke to a couple members on that committee and they are willing to give up their time slot temporarily. A member shared this could unify our committees.

There was then a call to question– call to question failed.

It was suggested to have both the Adhoc Restructuring meeting and the Fellowship Development committee meet at the same time, so everyone had the opportunity to participate. The Restructuring Adhoc committee chair explained the reason we wanted to meet in different time slots is because the Adhoc committee felt it beneficial that they attend both meetings. It was shared that change is scary but we need to do something new. The committee is willing to change this to February and May if everyone feels they need to take this back to their areas. The chair asked if there is a reason we would need to wait. It was also suggested to flip flop November and February Adhoc and Fellowship Development meetings so everyone would get the opportunity to attend both meetings before the trial is over. It was also suggested to meet between 6pm-10pm, but it was explained that the Activities committee already has a meeting planned during that time in November. There was also concern that we are giving a time slot to a committee that isn't even recognized by this region yet. It was brought up that the Public Relations handbook has a chapter on Fellowship Development; our region just doesn't have a committee for that yet. It was also shared that this won't dissolve any committee.

There was then a call to question – call to question passed.

RCM Vote was then taken – 5-3-0 – Motion Passed.

○ **Motion 081912-02**

From: Activities

To temporarily suspend fundraising on RSC weekend for subcommittees, for no less than (1) one year until Region is more financially stable

Financial Impact: Unsure

Intent: To become more financially stable

Discussion: It was discussed that escrow money is regional money. It was also shared we should set up a policy on how to use our funds. It was also mentioned we should only have a 6 month prudent reserve instead of a year. It was discussed our escrows won't go away; our fundraisers would just go to the general fund instead of to the escrows. It was suggested we need to live within our donated budget, it was then mentioned this region doesn't have a budget. It was mentioned we are functioned from donations from convention to pay our bills. A member shared the stand alone committees are subject to give funds to the general fund to help pay bills. It was shared that we don't get a lot of area donations because our members

are struggling financially also. It was mentioned it's not financially responsible to give out money and not take any in.

RCM Vote was taken – 6-2-0 – Motion passed.

We took a lunch break from 12:57pm – 2:08pm

- There was a discussion about term lengths for subcommittee chairs and officers. They were in the old policy but accidentally were omitted in the new policy. It was discussed to just have Steering add the terms in the new policy. It was decided this didn't need to be a motion or we didn't need to vote on this. A member asked which pages this will affect. It will affect pages 8 & 9. It was suggested after it is added; a revised date should be added as well.
- **Motion 081912-03**
From: Outreach
To donate \$850.00 from Outreach escrow into the general fund.
Financial Impact: -850.00
Intent: To help the RSC Financially.
Discussion: The money will come from the Outreach escrow. It had \$940.30 in the account and Outreach still have t-shirts that still need sold.
RCM Vote – 8-0-0
- **Motion 081912-04**
From: Alternate Delegate
To send the Alternate Delegate to Western Service Learning Days
Financial Impact: \$451.00
Intent: To be able to participate in a Learning Day with World Participation and bring information back to the Mid-America Region.
Discussion: The Alternate Delegate explained normally this event is much farther west, and this is much cheaper than it would normally be. It has world participation. There was concern about sending him because we are struggling financially. It was mentioned normally we are sending our delegates to Zonal but since it is in Salina this time, we don't have to spend money on that this cycle. A member shared there will a lot of information shared that could benefit our region. The event is October 14th – 16th.
RCM Vote was taken – 0-8-0 – Motion Failed.
- We then took voted on whether we should go into prudent reserve to pay our bills. RCM Vote – 8-0-0 – passed. We then voted line by line if we should pay each bill.
 - Insurance - \$1416.00 – 8-0-0 – passed
 - Regional Assembly/Zonal Rent – \$354.60 – 8-0-0 – passed
 - Assembly/Zonal Start up – \$100.00 – 8-0-0 – passed
 - RSC Rent – \$356.60 – 8-0-0 – passed
 - DJ for RSC – \$150.00 – Withdrawn after a member who DJ's shared he would be willing to DJ at no cost for the November RSC.
 - Secretary Expenses – \$ 25.00 – 8-0-0 – passed
 - H&I Escrow – \$125.00 – 7-0-1 – passed
 - Literature Escrow – \$50.00 – 8-0-0 – passed
 - PI Escrow – \$150.00 – 7-0-0 – passed
 - Adhoc Restructuring for Meeting Location Rent - \$60.00 – 7-0-0

We took a break from 2:25 pm-3:26pm

- **RSC Meeting Facility:** Our contract at the Rodeway Inn ends at the end of November. They are willing to negotiate another contract. There was concern that we haven't had any internet connection. We don't know a price yet. It was suggested to bring back bids at the next RSC for meeting locations. A decision must be made by November RSC. It was mentioned not many meeting facilities are within our price range. It was suggested to talk to the hotel owner today and see if we can secure a location for the next year. The Activities chair and the Alternate Delegate are willing to talk to the hotel owner today.
- **Copier:** The drum is going out. It has been reset, so we don't need to replace it at this time.
- **NAWS Contact:** There is no term length. It was mentioned the person who takes this position has to sign a contract with NAWS – it was decided to allow the Steering Committee to address this.
- **Campout Concerns:** The outgoing Campout chair explained after she sent a letter asking for a special events permit she received a letter in response about several concerns Wilson Lake had about previous campouts we had there. She read the letter. It was discussed we need to make our members aware that our behaviors affect NA as a whole. We did receive another letter after the campout saying we did much better this year, however in order for us to return we much remain within capacity. It was shared if we are to be banned from Wilson Lake we would be banned from all Corps on Engineers lakes. It was suggested to meet with a park ranger before the campout and after the campout. It was mentioned this has been difficult because they are understaffed. It was decided both letters should be attached to the minutes, so members are aware of the reasons we will not be having our campout at Wilson Lake in 2013.
- **Meeting Location Revisited:** The hotel manager agreed to extend our current contract another year with the same price, with a price for the rooms in the contract. Internet will be fixed before our next RSC meeting. He will get a contract drawn up this week. He may be willing to extend it for 2 years. It was proposed that we sign a contract for 2 years if allowed. No opposition.
- **Prudent Reserve:** We don't have a new prudent reserve set, there was concern we can't do business without it. It wasn't set in May, because our treasurer was absent and she didn't turn one in. It was suggested to wait until we know what our accurate balances are. It was mentioned since it didn't get done in May then we can't change it until next May. It was discussed to table this until next RSC. No objections.
- **Audit Adhoc:** An audit Adhoc committee needs to be selected so we can get an audit of the books. 3 members volunteered to be on the committee. The chair appointed a chair of the committee to be Hallie T and she accepted. They will meet before the next RSC.
- **Restructuring Steering:** This will be tabled until November
- It was mentioned to please get reports turned in to the secretary so she can get the minutes out in time. It was mentioned if reports aren't turned in within the deadline to go ahead and send the minutes without those reports.
- The RD turned the projector in to the Alternate Delegate.

We closed the meeting at 4:39 pm with a moment of silence and prayer.

Take Back to Groups:

- **Open Positions:** Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, 4 Steering Members, NAWS Contact, Outreach Chair, Regional Delegate, Soul to Soul Chair
- 2015 Convention bids are due to the Steering Committee Meeting at the November RSC.



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Wilson Project Office Corps of Engineers
4860 Outlet Blvd.
Sylvan Grove, Kansas 67481

June 10, 2012

Project Manager
SE12-05

Mrs. Kim Cragg, Coordinator
Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous
900 E 5th
Hutchinson, KS 67501

Dear Mrs. Cragg

We refer to your recent request to conduct your annual campout at the Lucas Park Group Camp Area on June 29, 2012 through July 1st, 2012 at Wilson Lake.

This letter serves as authorization for you to conduct this event and include amplified music and exceed the 100 person occupancy limit at the Lucas Group Camp Area only on June 30, 2012. This authorization will be granted on a probation term. During the Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous most recent visit several Code of Federal Regulations Title 36 and state/local laws have been violated during their stays.

Previous stay violations were most notably trash/litter left at sites, and loud music during quiet hours. During the most recent stay from July 1-4, 2011 the following issues were observed and/or addressed:

- July 1
 - Exceeding group camp capacity
- July 2
 - Vehicles parked off authorized roadways throughout Group Camp
 - Woman's toilet plugged with large amounts of toilet paper
 - Fireworks being shot off in Group Camp – unable to determine violator
 - People launching water balloons with large sling shot and failing to pickup rubber from broken balloons.
 - Vessel cited for operating without proper safety equipment, no registration, violating posted restrictions "No Wake"
- July 3
 - 911 call for collapsed female on Rocktown trail – patient from Group camp. Suffering from diabetic implications/heat exhaustion/physical injuries
 - 911 call above and her group were later found to be cliff jumping at the Rocktown trail prior to the 911 call
- July 4
 - Verbal domestic violence call at site – with one woman swimming across cove without life jacket
- After departure inspection:
 - Large group 20 x 40 tent left at site – still present on July 6, 2011
 - 5 anchored tables moved around group camp – anchors required to be repaired

- Woman's toilet plugged again with toilet paper
- Fire ring missing at site 15 in Group camp
- Trash in several fire rings around group camp
- Sack of beer cans and firework wrappers and debris found along beach area
- Locust tree next to large tent trimmed up to 10 ft in height and many small branches broke off
- Cigarette butts around campsites
- Rubber balloon debris and trash around water hydrant

Continuation of violations of the Code of Federal Regulations Title 36 and state/local laws will result in denial of future Special Event Request.

Subject to the conditions listed on the attached Special Event Permit and with the additional following conditions:

a. You are required to reserve the Lucas Group camp area (site104) in order that you are guaranteed this location. Reservations can be made at the campground gatehouse or by contacting the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) at 1-877-444-6777 or on the web at www.rec.gov.

b. Due to the numerous power and water lines that run through the park, tent stakes may not exceed 1 foot in length. Where circumstances requiring the use of longer stakes, prior permission must be obtained by 3pm on June 29th, 2012. Maintenance personnel that can locate these lines will not be on staff during the event.

c. The Corps of Engineers cleaning contractor will clean and stock the toilets located in the group camp area once per day. You will be responsible for any additional cleaning or supply needs.

d. Removal of trash (specifically cigarette butts), is a time consuming process for our custodial worker. In an effort to address this problem, please place 6-10 cigarette can receptacles around the area. We know that this will not totally eliminate the problem; however it may provide some relief.

e. Roads through the group camp area must remain open to vehicle traffic at all times in order to facilitate the movement of emergency vehicles if needed. Please insure that no members of your group park at or swim in or around the boat ramp area.

f. As we discussed, you must make every effort not to disrupt the other users of the Lucas Recreation Area. If at any time we begin receiving complaints concerning the volume at which the DJ is playing, you may be asked to stop. Quiet hours in the recreation area begin at 10pm. At this time the DJ should be instructed to turn off the music as not to disrupt the other park users. The music will not be authorized to play past 10pm. At no time should you allow anyone to tamper with or alter any of the electrical outlets or services. The DJ must be able to use the existing services.

g. Private use of the project lands and waters will not preempt public use of project recreational resources.

h. The permittee shall clear grounds and water of all refuse and equipment. The areas will be restored to their original condition immediately following completion of the event.

i. Please notify the resident park attendants upon your arrival and again prior to your departure.

j. The permittee will be responsible for the health and safety requirements of participants. The United States Government shall not be responsible for damages to property or injuries to persons attending the event or which may arise from, or be incidental to, the exercise of the privileges herein granted, and the permittee shall hold the United States harmless from any and all such claims.

k. The permittee will be responsible for any damage to the facilities and/or grounds resulting from this special event.

l. To help us conserve water, please insure that water spigots are turned off when not in use.

m. No ATV's will be permit at anytime for any reason while recreating Wilson Lake.

n. Only one camping unit will be allowed to utilize (plugged into) electrical service at any given time.

o. All dogs must remain at all times on a leash six feet or under.

p. The permittee will be responsible for providing any additional picnic tables other than what is currently provided. **Movement of tables from individual sites will not be allowed.** All tables in the area have been anchored to the ground in their designated location.

q. Fees. A nonrefundable special event permit fee of **\$50.00** must be returned along with a signed copy of the Special Event permit to the Wilson Project Office. Checks should be made payable to USAED-KC.

To acknowledge receipt of this letter and to signify your agreement with the conditions outlined above, please sign and date both copies below and return one copy to this office. Keep the other copy for your records.

Thank you for your interest in conducting this event at Wilson Lake. Safety of our visitors is our primary concern; we encourage you to use Wilson Lake and its recreational facilities safely. Should you have any questions concerning the conditions of this permit, please contact me at (785)-658-2551 ext 3877

Sincerely,

Matt Beckman
Natural Resource Specialist

CONCUR WITH CONDITIONS

SIGNED: Kim Cragg DATE: 6/20/12
Mr. Kim Cragg, Coordinator



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2 July 2012

Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous
c/o Ms. Kim Cragg
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Hutchinson, KS 67501

SUBJECT: NA Group Camp at Wilson Lake, KS

Attention Committee Members,

I hope your recent stay at Wilson Lake from June 29th – July 1st was safe and enjoyable. I am writing as a courtesy follow up to your recent stay. As manager, I wanted to share some feedback I received from staff and contractors and communicate our policy and future direction for your campout.

As you are aware, I requested our staff document concerns and issues our staff was challenged with in 2011 and present those to the committee. The authorized special event permit was issued on a probationary term. The permit allowed amplified music until 10pm and to exceed 100 person limit during the program on June 30th. I want to express thanks to your committee because I received a much more improved report this year on litter removal, roadway clearance, and general order of regulations.

The challenge of group camp limitations continues to be a concern. We refer to the alerts on the recreation.gov website that advise our customers the following.

The Lucas Group Camp Site has: 15 sites, can accommodate a maximum of 15 campers or 30 tents. A combination of campers and tents will be allowed but kept at either 1 camper per site or 2 tents per site.

No live music or sound systems are permitted. A special event permit is required in order to exceed these limits.

Site Details

- Site Type: GROUP STANDARD ELECTRIC
- Site Reserve Type: Site-Specific
- Checkin Time: 2:00 pm
- Checkout Time: 2:00 pm
- Type of Use: Overnight
- Electricity Hookup: 30amp
- Min Num of People: 1
- Max Num of People: 100
- Pets Allowed: Domestic
- Max Num of Vehicles: 50
- Driveway Surface: Gravel
- Driveway Entry: Back-In
- Max Vehicle Length: 50
- Shade: Full
- Capacity/Size Rating: Single

Limitations are placed on sites to not overload our infrastructure and burden our decreasing budget with costly repairs. Limitations also protect the vegetation and natural resources to help maintain a quality appearance throughout the entire busy camping season. I am sure you can understand the need for these limitations. Occasionally an extra tent is requested by a customer and our rangers have the authority to determine if that is allowable. An additional \$12 is collected for each tent that exceeds the site limitations. This additional fee may appear to be quite high, but it actually serves as a deterrent to our customers wishing to exceed our limitations. In your situation our Rangers brought to your attention that your group exceeded the limitations by 24 extra tents on the night of the 6/29. Requesting these tents be removed was not a popular option due to the large amount of people in your group. An additional \$288 was collected for Friday night. That same amount should have been collected for Saturday night but our Rangers decided not to pursue do to obvious unpopularity.

It's important to address our concerns for your future campout before the planning stages for 2013 begin. Our facility cannot accommodate a group of your size. We will entertain a request for future permits for amplified music, but we will not authorize a permit that exceeds the capacity limits of 100 people and 50 vehicles. It is recommended that your committee further research a location that may accommodate such a large group. If you choose to return in 2013, we are requesting that you downsize attendance and make the necessary administrative changes for 2013 and do not exceed the site limitations. Doing so may require your committee to limit your invitations or take names on a first come first serve basis in order to downsize. It is not our preference to collect more revenue from your group. Additional revenue will not address the challenges of exceeding the carrying capacity for the group camp. It our desire to further protect the infrastructure and natural resources and address the site limitations that your group exceeds.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused, but this responsibility needs your attention. I request your assistance, and for future correspondence and communication, I request a single point of contact to represent your group. I can be reached at 816-389-3034 and email nolan.d.fisher@usace.army.mil

Sincerely,



Nolan Fisher

Supervisory Natural Resource Manager



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The Joy is in the Journey

MID AMERICA REGION CONVENTION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS XXX

Greetings from the Mid America Region Convention Committee!

We are contacting all of our fellow addicts in the Region to ask for assistance in the upcoming convention, taking place on April 5-7, 2013 in Lawrence, Kansas.

We are requesting donations of Basic Texts or any other books to give to the newcomers on Saturday night during the clean time countdown. Any help you, your group or your Area can give us would be greatly appreciated!

If you would like to donate to the convention, please contact Michelle C. at 785-383-2928 or via email at jst42day89@cox.net and we will make arrangements.

Thank you for your service to the Region. It is our unity that makes this convention a success!

In loving Service,

M.A.R.C.N.A. XXX Convention Committee



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

At the Rodeway Inn
1846 North 9th, Salina, Kansas 67401

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, November 17

<u>9:00 am - 11:00am</u>	Fellowship Development 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 Restructuring Ad Hoc
<u>6:15 pm – 7:30 pm</u>	Thanksgiving Potluck Meal
<u>7:30 pm – 8:30 pm</u>	Gratitude Meeting
<u>8:30 pm - 11:00 pm</u>	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 18

General business, motions, request for funds.

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