



Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous

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Business Meeting Minutes

Nov 20st, 2016

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence by the Chair at 8:00 am. The 12 Traditions were read by Rod D., and the 12 Concepts were read by Amber C. All Attendees introduced themselves.

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

Roll Call: We took our first roll call and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday

Administrative Officers Present: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Delegate, Alt. Regional Delegate

Area R.C.M.'s: Central Kansas Area, Fellowship for Freedom, JFT Area, Miracle Area, NA NA Area, Oz Area, Primary Purpose Area (arrived after start of Business), Unity Area, Wichita Metro Area
Western Area has missed 2 consecutive RSC Meetings, is not considered part of quorum.

Subcommittee Chairs: Archivist, Campout, Convention, Fellowship Development, P.O. Box, Public Relations, Restructuring Ad Hoc and Soul to Soul.

A. Approval of Minutes:

The Secretary read the minutes from the Aug. RSC Meeting. The chair asked if there were any amendments to be made.

A sign-in sheet was passed around.

Quorum is 8, votes needed are: 5 for simple majority, 6 for super majority. Mid-America Region welcomed a new area, Never Alone Never Again Area of Narcotics Anonymous. Discussion of new area, seating policy was read, vote was taken to seat new area immediately. NA NA Area is seated, will be eligible to vote in new business.

B. Area Reports:

Central Kansas Area:

Many thanks to all who supported the Larned Rib Feed. Much food and fellowship was had by all. We look forward to next year's event. We have a healthy competition going with our capture the banner activity in the area. Larned is pretty selfish and always seem to want to have the banners from all four groups. Each group has

had a good time traveling (yes, we actually drive for many miles at a time to travel across our area) to capture a banner...and see our friends.

Our annual Christmas Dreams function is on December 3rd at Schnack Park in Larned. Central Kansas Area Service Committee will meet at 12:00 that day at the same location.

Prior to the Phoenix Groups' New Year's Eve function, we will host a Public Relations training. This will focus on the do's and don'ts of doing a PR booth. Our Public Relations workgroup is working on finding events in each community to have a PR booth next year.

We are still taking meetings into the Barton County Jail once a month for men and once a month for women. Because we've had additional volunteers to help take in the meeting to the Ellsworth Correctional Facility, we've been able to increase the meetings there to twice a month. This is very exciting. Phoenix still has two H&I commitments; every 4th Sunday (and the 5th when there is a 5th Sunday) to Valley Hope in Moundridge, and once a month to Central Kansas Foundation in Salina.

Due to unexpected family circumstances, Larry B., our RCM II, had to step down. We appreciate his willingness to serve and send him prayers. Please welcome Sally R. as our new RCM II. This is my last RSC as the CKA RCM. It's been a pleasure serving with you all, but don't worry, I'll stick around in some capacity, I'm sure.

Regarding the regional motions, we vote yes on section 4 of policy, and had ties on the storage unit and regional assembly motions, so unfortunately we will abstain from these motions. We have the following feedback for the convention guidelines: The groups felt that 30 days clean time was sufficient for membership, which would allow someone to attend two months of meetings in a row. (If there were concerns about handling money, then we suggest some policy on money handling. For example, many members of our area have been asked to help with registration, raffle ticket selling, etc., without having to qualify ourselves. If the committee feels that someone isn't ready to handle money, then don't let them handle money. That shouldn't be used to exclude someone from committee membership.) It appears that the changes are reactive to recent issues going on. We felt that anything that is part of the program (including speakers, workshops, meetings) be solely Narcotics Anonymous, and we'd like to see this in policy. We don't have a problem with information booths or entertainment being otherwise.

Grateful to serve, Beth N. RCM

Fellowship for Freedom Area:

Hello, MARSCNA!

FFFA is doing well, at our last area meeting we had 12 groups in attendance, however after November we have a Secretary and RCM. I believe November's ASC will be the last month for our Treasurer. All other service positions are open.

As for our sub-committees;

P.R.; The meeting lists are getting out and the web site continues to be updated. Phone line is questionable.

Outreach; The sub-committee has a very willing chair and continues to come up with good group unity ideas.

Activities; This is our most well-attended sub-committee and we have our Xmas and New Year's Eve activities planned.

H&I; This is our most poorly attended sub-committee and there are only two meetings, one to one to the women's prison and one to a Mirrors Treatment center.

In wrapup, FFFA has its strengths and weaknesses but we continue to serve. The NA message continues to be spread throughout our Area. Are there any questions?

FFFA, Tim M.

Just For Today Area:

Hello Family,

JFT H&I continue taking panels into Girard Treatment Center every month and are continuing to put literature into facilities in our area. Currently H&I are working towards taking an H&I panel into Sedan to "City on A Hill".

First Step NA in Iola had their first Picnic In the Park on October 22nd. A flyer drive was held in conjunction with Iola's function and was a great success as was the function. The money raised by the function will allow their group to buy literature, a literature rack, money for their group and a nice donation to Area. If you haven't been to Iola to visit First Step, you can do so on Tuesdays at 7:00pm.

Yates Center has moved their meetings back to 301 Rutledge at Harvest Time Church. Meetings are on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6:00pm.

Pioneer Group in Emporia has changed Wednesday 1pm meetings to 12pm.

Mirror of Miracles, Just For Today Area's free annual campout, was held at Big Hill Lake in Cherryvale, KS on September 16th-18th. The campout was a great success. Lots of wonderful fun, food, and fellowship was enjoyed. All Just For Today Area groups brought captured flags back to the campout and returned them to their rightful owners to begin a fresh start to another bout of flag capturing.

JFT Area is donating \$200.00 to RSC today. I also come today with consensus from JFT Area on motions sent back to areas after August RSC and with input on proposed Convention Guidelines policy changes.

In Loving Service, Matt M., JFT Area RCM

Miracle Area:

The Miracle Area continues to carry a strong message of recovery in northeast Kansas.

To help ensure that everyone has fun in recovery, the following events were hosted by the Area during the months of September and October:

- The annual Miracle Area campout was held in September at Clinton Lake. The event was a huge success and thanks go out to the Larrytown group for providing two meals at this year's campout.
- The 18th annual Baldwin Shindig was held on Sunday October 2nd at Baldwin City Lake. This is a free event hosted by the Not So Famous Group of Narcotics Anonymous. The Area sincerely appreciates the group's ongoing commitment to this annual event.
- A Howl 'O' Ween campfire meeting was held on October 22nd. Attendees enjoyed a bonfire and great fellowship.

The Miracle Area's After-Thanksgiving Day Feast and Game Day will be held next Saturday, November 26th, at the First United Methodist Church in Lawrence. Doors will open at noon and feasting will begin at 1PM. Turkey will be provided. Sides and desserts are needed. The meal will be followed by games, raffle and fellowship until 5PM.

Other events held by Miracle Area groups included:

- The Larrytown group hosted a Potluck Speaker meeting in September that drew a crowd of almost 80 members. Because this was such a big hit, a similar event was held on November 12th. Close to 70 addicts were in attendance to share great food and fellowship.
- The Recovery is Possible group in Leavenworth celebrated their 20th Anniversary in October. Their event included t-shirt sales, a taco bar, and entertainment provided by the Hippie Band.
- The Step X Step group continues to hold a monthly "wing-ding" on the second Monday of each month.

The Miracle Area responded as follows to Regional Motions returned to groups following the August RSC:

- Purchase Climate Controlled Storage Unit: Not Approved
- Remove Requirement for Annual Service Assembly: Approved
- Add Convention Guidelines to RSC Policy: Approved
- Revision to Section IV – Business Conduct: Approved

Other Area Business:

- Congratulations go out to Chris H. He has been elected to serve as the Miracle Area ASC co-Chair.
- The Convention Bid Ad-Hoc committee was disbanded at the September ASC meeting. The Miracle Area will not be presenting a bid for the 2018 convention.
- We are looking forward to hosting the Regional Service Assembly on Saturday, December 10th, at the First United Methodist Church. The event will include a variety of service workshops. For more information, please see the flier that is posted on the MARSCNA website.

Highlights from the November ASC Open Forum:

- Hospitals & Institutions has enjoyed recent successes. The number of women available to take meetings into the First Step women's treatment facility has increased from three to six. The number of women serving the women's pod at the Douglas County Jail has increased from two to six. Amber K. has done some networking with H&I Chairs from other Areas and has new ideas that she'd like to implement in the Miracle Area sometime soon. Thanks go out to Amber K. for her efforts on behalf of H&I.
- New Beginnings is really taking off. The group has forged a good relationship with the shelter and they are thrilled to have an NA presence on site. The group will be holding their first activity at the shelter in December. All Miracle Area groups will be invited to participate in a chili competition.
- Out of town people have been attending meetings lately. Area meeting lists, and information online, is getting out and it's good to know that people from other states are able to find us.
- Encouragement was extended to all groups to remember to welcome newcomers. Don't let them get out the door without a hug or a word of encouragement.

The Miracle Area is donating \$350 to Region. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Jodi J.

OZ Area:

G Good morning,

Oz is doing well this fall. Our groups are growing in a health manner, if not in attendance.

The Goodland group has a new meeting location, 1222 Main, Goodland Ks. The group had been struggling, but our Area Chair Robert B has made extra efforts to aid in the new location. We recently had a member loose her daughter in a tragic car accident from Goodland. Through the spirit and unity of the fellowship, she has stayed clean.

The St Francis group has been doing well with the new schedule of two meetings a week. Monday is a Closed NA meeting, Thursday is open. I do have meeting list updates for the website.

Burlington Colorado is still active, with limited attendance. They are soldiers for the cause, and their recovery is strong.

Norton is and always will be somewhat of a transition group due to the population of the treatment center in that town. We have also had some meeting changes, Tuesday at 7:30 has been added to the regular meeting list.

The Colby group continues to be solid. The hub meeting of the week has turned out to be the Sunday night Candlelight meeting. Regular attendance at that meeting has ranged from 20 to 30, averaging about 24.

The Area held a speaker event in September at Goodland. The turnout was excellent, there was lots of food, and the speakers were off the hook.

Robert and I both got our renewals done for H & I work at the prison in Norton. We've missed a couple of months do it through a lot of personal issues in our lives, we are still dedicated to the cause. We plan to attend next week for Thanksgiving and then again next month for Christmas.

New Hope has their annual fundraiser Christmas party scheduled for December 4th and Colby it's Community Building. We plan to have three different types of soup, Robert B will be making chili, Jackie D will be making an authentic Comanche recipe known as taco soup, and I will be making a home family recipe called Pioneer stew. In addition there will be Wings, they will be hot. We are still looking for speakers so any person of interest in this body who would love to share their experience strength and Hope would be more than welcome to do that and our function. Unfortunately through electronic error, I was unable to obtain a flyer. There is one in print, I will be mailing it in to get it put on the website. Again that is December 4th at Colby Community Building Colby Kansas, I believe the time is 3pm.

I do hope that all of you have a safe & Grateful Thanksgiving.

In loving service,

Nick K

Oz RCM

Primary Purpose Area

Hello, Family;

Primary Purpose Area is trucking along. We will be having a function on December 17th, 2016 in McPherson at the Community Center. It will be the return of The Blue ball Ball in honor of Flying Free. Newton H.O.W. had their Turkey Feed November 5th, and it was well attended. Gift Of life had their Freaker's Ball Halloween dance which was also well attended. All in all, things are going well. We are slowly getting back on track. At this time there are no meeting changes. H&I is going strong in our area. Our area voted yes on all the motions. In loving service, Becky B., PPA Chair, acting RCM

Unity Area Report:

Hello, Fellowship;

Unity Area is growing. We now have a new group in Herington, Ks., they meet at United Christian Church at 15 South 1st., on Fridays at 7:00. Contact George, Phone (620) 309-7770. Our Area had a Halloween Meal

and Dance in Wakeeney. What an amazing attendance, 50-60 people, 90% in costume! We now have 9 groups in our Area, listed are the towns the meetings are in: Abilene, Beloit, Clay Center, Concordia, Hays, Herington, Minneapolis, Salina, and Wakeeney. All three motions passed in our Area, no input on Convention guidelines. RCM, Unity Area, Jon J.

Wichita Metro Area Report:

Hello, N.A. Family;

Wichita Metro currently serves 9 groups at this time. Our groups carry the message at 59 meetings a week and are doing well in attendance. our P.I. is active and making contact with groups that have not made it to area recently. P.I. is seeking info on what the groups' needs may be and if P.I. can do anything to assist them. P.I. had a flyer blitz on September 17th and distributed flyers in the community of Winfield. They are planning another in the town of Augusta on December 17th at noon. Meet in the parking lot of 501-1/2 State Street. they have also been looking into getting P.S.A.s through cable tv and other venues to get info out to the addict or families of. They are pretty pricey. They are also wanting to have a presence at the Human Trafficking Workshop coming up on January 27th. In March will be the health fair at the WSU campus. H&I is doing well. They currently have 28 meetings per month at 6 different facilities serving an average of 200 addicts by 38 H&I volunteers. They are always looking for more qualifiers. our monthly campfire meetings have ended and were enjoyed by all. We will do this again next year when we go back to Spring and Summer. Living Clean Group in Wichita had a tailgate fundraiser in October and it was well attended. Everyone had a good time. Misery is Optional in El Dorado had their 7th Anniversary party in September, and Sowing the Seeds group in Winfield had their party in October. We will be celebrating the Celebration of Recovery in Winfield on January 21st. More will be revealed. The groups voted on the motions presented by the Region. Motion 1 was voted down on a controlled storage unit. Motion 2 of changes in Business Conduct was approved. Motion of removing RSC Service Assembly was approved. Motion of Convention guidelines was also approved. Regional Donation was \$500.00.

ILS, WMANA RCM, Mark S.

Western Area Report:

No Report

C. Subcommittee Reports

Archivist:

Hello, Family;

I am working with John S. to determine what and how Burnalee's archives get dealt with, some items will be donated to this Region but it is possible most will be put up for sale. Until John gets a thorough inventory no direction can be made. last quarter I gave an inventory that was also donated by Burnalee through Michelle. One item I failed to mention was an oversized sign-in sheet(s) from either the first MARCNA 1983 or an RSC meeting around that time frame. One name is the 1984 RSR from Oklahoma before they formed their own region, but if it's MARCNA, many names that should have been on their aren't. It's still a neat piece of Mid-America Region's history and will be treated as such. I will be receiving this years Soul to Soul archives and whatever else gets handed over today. If it needs detailed reporting I will update this report before the November minutes get published. That's all I can think of this quarter.

Gratefully serving N.A., Tim S.

Campout:

Campout Committee is doing well. We are on schedule. We filled three of our four open positions. Thank you to the following members for their service: Nate F. Treasurer, Chris H. Merchandise and Tracy C. Secretary (2nd year in a row) We still need a co-Facilitator and we have possible some interest from a member in the North Central part of Kansas.

We have some ideas for Graphics and Theme which will be ready for approval at a quick interim meeting on Dec 10th at the Service Assembly. We also have a full interim meeting on January 7th at 1pm in Lawrence, KS. We do have some significant merchandise left from last year. Let me know if you are interested in making a purchase.

In Service,

Jeffry L.

Campout Chair

Convention Report:

Hello, Region;

The Convention Committee got quite a bit done even with all the LOUDNESS yesterday. Hopefully we will get everything done in time for a recovery conducive Convention in March 2017. Our banners are done and our entertainment is basically figured out. We have workshops in the planning and apparently some recovery based speakers planning to attend and share their Experience, Strength and Hope. We made some decisions on our pre-registration clothing and items for our merchandise room. Also ordering some fundraising items so PLEASE if you attend a function where our fundraising chair is, PLEASE, PLEASE buy something to help financially support our fundraising efforts. It takes money to make this thing work, folks.

In Service, Tom M.

NAWS Contact:

No report

Fellowship Development:

Hello Family,

We had another successful Fellowship Development meeting yesterday. Thank you to everyone who participated. Here is what we worked on.

Events:

Last night's event went over as a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped cook food and helped set up. We had our annual Thanksgiving feast, Gratitude meeting followed by ASC Family Feud. It was a great time! During the Events breakout session we talked about Feb RSC. We are planning on playing NA Bingo. We also discussed May RSC, and discussed having a campfire meeting. Some members from Salina are going to do some research and see if we can find a location in Salina to do this. More will be revealed on that. If there is inclement weather in May we will have a backup plan to go and support the local NA meeting. The service assembly was also discussed. The event is going to be in Lawrence on December 10th. There will be a workshop on the following topics: Group Service, Area Service, Regional Service, and P3. There will be a

request for funds today on the floor to purchase thumb drives with the handouts on it to participating members. This will be cheaper than printing out all the documents. We are asking for a request for funds today for the facility rental of \$50.00 and refreshments for \$100.00. A Facebook event will be created for the Service Assembly. Please come and support this event! If you have any auction and raffle items please bring with you!

MAN:

We now have a newsletter editor!! We are very excited for this. Thank you Michelle for stepping up for this position. It was decided to use Microsoft Publisher instead of the current software program. They stayed busy on working on articles during their breakout session. She got 2 articles turned in yesterday! As always keep sending in the articles to newsletter@marscna.net.

Soul to Soul:

Soul to Soul met today and finished their elections. They also decided to wait until November RSC to do more of their co-chair elections so that they can get more regional involvement. Soul to Soul would also like to get their event on the webpage and get online registration started. They have selected a theme and need artwork by Feb RSC. Soul to Soul will have a more detailed report in a bit.

Thanks again for all your hard work and thanks for allowing me to serve!!
ILS, Amber C

P.O. Box:

Hi All,

We didn't get very much mail this quarter, but here's what we got:

H&I received a letter from the Winfield correctional facility. I sent a digital copy to Alan B. as soon as I received it.

Phoenix group in Salina received a letter from an inmate in the Saline County Jail, I gave this to the Phoenix group.

Four letters were returned that Daniel sent out to Western Area groups - Syracuse, Beaver (OK), Hugoton, and Moscow)

We got an insurance invoice from Alliance Agency, which I gave to the treasurer.

Thanks, Beth N., PO Box Chair

Public Relations:

Hello Regional Family,

What is happening in PR at this region is so amazing, A member pointed out that over 30 addicts were in attendance at yesterday's workgroups and the outcome of that is incredible progress. I am honored to get to be the person to report on that progress, so here we go.

Media – Megan reported that the only group from Western Area that she has heard from was Garden City. Daniel sent letters to each group currently listed on their meeting list with a request that they contact him either by mail, email, or phone. He received no contact and 4 of the letters were returned as undeliverable. Due to this, the committee is requesting that all Western Area groups except Garden City be removed from all regional meeting list locations, digital, hard copy, and phonenumber until we have verification those meetings are taking place. Media and Phonenumber work together to get information updated for both.

Hospitals & Institutions – Alan shared about some H&I trainings that took place this quarter in Lawrence and Winfield, both were well attended and served the purpose of preparing people to participate in H&I

commitments. There is another training planned for December 18th in Topeka, hosted by the Never Alone, Never Again Area. Alan hopes to make it to each Area this quarter to find out their needs in the H&I realm. Please let him know when your Area meetings will take place each month by posting to the Regional Social Media group with date, time and location and tagging Alan B.

Phoneline – 34 calls were received this quarter but we are unable to verify how many of those chose the live addict feature. The workgroup will be extending to 9 hours per day of having an addict to answer the phone and hopes to expand to 12 hours before the next RSC. Beginning in February there will be a brief phoneline volunteer training each quarter.

Web – The new site is close to being ready to go live. Ed and his team have done lots of work and the “find a meeting” option has been tested by members of the workgroup and others. The BMLT will likely eliminate some of the duplicated work as it will be possible to make a correction in one place and have it auto-correct the other databases. I am going to ask that Ed give a quick update in his own version of Greek, because I will mostly likely confuse us all if I try to explain this too much.

Presentations – Beth talked about sharing the work done by this workgroup during the MZSS, she also received some input and suggestions on ways we could improve what we are doing here. The PR booth in Wichita at the Governors conference for missing and exploited children was a great success with many contacts being made. There are currently 3 active projects going on in this workgroup; a PR booth at the WSU training on Human Trafficking on Jan 27th in Wichita (Schatzie), the PR presentation prior to the convention in Wichita / Park City, and the PR presentation prior to the convention Topeka in 2018. Work is being done to update the slide show and incorporate information asked for during previous presentations. The next interim (remote) meeting will be Dec 15th at 7:30pm.

As you can tell there is a lot of incredible work being done by these addicts. We do have a few requests for this body.

1. We are requesting \$100 for booth rental at the WSU event in Jan 2017
2. We are requesting \$350 for the presentation in March 2017 prior to convention.
3. We would like feedback from the regional floor about whether we should be considering the purchase of a high quality projector, the cost to rent this item from the hotels is very expensive and the one the region currently has does not meet our needs when doing these presentations.
4. We would like to present a motion to add to policy the position “Presentation Coordinator”. Qualifications, Responsibilities, & Term Length are attached to the motion form.
5. Request to have all Western Area meetings, except Garden City, be removed from all regional directories at this time.

I hope everyone got a chance to see the next table and cover we purchased. I have turned over the receipts and the unused funds to the treasurer.

I am sure there are important points I missed as so much is being done on Saturday but I hope I got the high points in this report.

In grateful service, Sally R.

Discussion of Western Area Groups

All Western Area Groups to be removed from the Regional Meeting List except Garden City, pending receipt of current information.

Restructuring Ad-hoc:

No report

Treasurer Oversight Ad-hoc

No activity this RSC. Ad-hoc Committee has one member who is not participating, need to replace this member.

Soul To Soul:

Dear Family,

We had a total of 41 attendees this year, the girls dorm was completely full and even had to have an extra cot added in. As their section was quickly filling up, it was discussed that the men may have to give up their smaller room in order to house all the women. We had a nice mixture of people young and old in their recovery. Unfortunately, the horseback riding did not happen, because it conflicted with the corn maze, pumpkin patch and other festivities that were going on at Camp Chippewa. Our treasurer recommended that we donate \$1200 dollars to region and that was motioned, seconded and passed, leaving \$1055.61 in the account. Once the statement arrives a final balance will be calculated.

All of our positions are filled and were attended at our meeting yesterday, we elected a catering chair, catering co-chair and a co-treasurer. The date for Soul to Soul 2017 has been booked for September 22nd, 23rd and 24th of 2017. We have discussed the idea of postponing all the elections, besides Chair, which are normally done at the closing meeting of soul to soul, till November RSC. We decided to go ahead and elect our chairs, but keep co-chair positions open in order to snag some fresh members while we are at RSC. We want to keep the spirit of rotation alive along with more participation throughout our region.

Since we have started using paypal this year, we were approached about making registration available online, it was motioned, seconded and passed. To help with this we decided to add a co-treasurer to our elections. We have one outstanding check to a member in Newton, we have a committee member who is going to try to track that person down, if they are not located we will void the check. We are asking for artwork for our theme this year, Unplug, Know Retreat, Know Surrender. Artwork is due by RSC in February. There are still plenty of fundraising t-shirts and other merchandise from last year's fundraisers. There will be a generic flyer out soon with this year's theme on it, so people who haven't attended region will get it. Horseback riding will be available this year, we marked it on the contract and we will be more prudent with the camp to ensure it's availability, we still need a minimum of 10 people and charge \$15 dollars a piece, which was not hard to attain in 2016. There is a soul to soul Facebook page, but it is for committee members only. We plan to notify convention of our intentions to sell alternative merchandise by their deadline of February RSC and we may also be able to sell merchandise at the Celebration of Recovery event in Wichita in January. We had a motion to share P.O. Box cost with just for today area, this was seconded and passed. January interim meeting is to be decided. It has been an honor to serve the region.

In Loving Service, Sean E., Outgoing Soul to Soul Chair

Treasurer's Report

Hello Family,

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, I am grateful for the life Narcotics anonymous has given me. Soul to Soul 2016 was a spiritual success, with 41 people in attendance. We had to cancel the horseback riding because the camp was busy with another project and didn't have the help to provide the service. Maybe next year. We spent \$772.02 on food for everyone and that comes out to \$3.66/meal. Good job Catering Crew! Rod D. returned \$27.98 I reimbursed everyone for the horseback riding except Chawna H. from Wichita/Newton area.

I have been unable to reimburse her and I have a check for her. Deposited \$1772.00 on 9/6/16 and our balance was \$4553.86.

Checks written:

#1080 Tim Parkman, reimbursement for mugs.	\$184.79
#1081 written 3 years ago (out of numerical order) by Rich A.	
#1082, 1083, and 1084 voided at the same time	
#1085 Rod Davis for food for Soul to Soul	\$800.00
Deposit pre-reg. w/horseback 9/16/16	\$90.00
#1086 Allen Lee printing/shirts	\$261.44
#1087 Shelley W. reimb. 2 horseback	\$30.00
#1088 Chawna H. reimb. horseback	\$15.00
#1089 Tracy C. reimb. horseback	\$15.00
#1090 Rich C. reimb. 2 horseback	\$30.00
#1091 Ben T. reimb. horseback	\$15.00
#1092 Annette V. reimb. horseback	\$15.00
Deposited	\$327.98
#1093 Camp Chippewa 2016 rent	\$850.00
#1094 Camp Chippewa 2017 deposit	\$500.00
Leaves us with a balance of	\$2255.61

I recommend we donate \$1200.00 to the Mid-America Region. This would leave us with a balance in checking of \$1055.61. Three pre-reg. money on hand, \$225.00. Looking forward to next year!!! I will do a final bank balance when the next bank statement arrives.

In Loving Service, Tim P., Soul to Soul Treasurer

D. Officers Reports:

Regional Delegate Report:

Report appended below

Alt. Delegate Report:

Report appended below

Secretary Report:

Hello N.A. Family!

I begin with an apology for the late and incomplete transmittal of the August RSC minutes. My computer spent a two week period finding new and innovative ways to mess with me. As always, I beseech thee to get me your reports as soon as possible, thank you. My term as Secretary is up after the February RSC and I regret to say I will be unable to continue in this capacity due to some medical issues. I do wish to thank the RSC for the opportunity to serve as your scribe, and for your continued support. I will be happy, indeed, tickled pink to assist another addict in learning the whys and wherefores of this service position, I do plan on completing my other service commitments to this body and I plan on continuing to attend RSC after completion thereof.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Fellowship,

Ed B., Secretary, Mid-America Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

Treasurer Report:

Report Appended below

Co-Treasurer Report:

Open position, no report

Chair Report:

Hello, Family;

I mailed 9 letters to the groups in the Western Area. Received 4 back [as indeliverable]. No response by the deadline from any group. Since, I have confirmed two meetings and have members that have said they will send me information.

In service, Daniel C.

Co- Chair Report:

No report

Break

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Roll Call:

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E. Open Forum:

Discussion of getting members involved in service:

Lots of apathy at the group and member level regarding RSC Policy, Convention Policy, etc. Some members are at a different place in their recovery, these issues aren't important.

Some areas offer lodging, rides to RSC for members

Pool of members in service is small, most people wear many hats

Back in the day, we had parties, etc. to attract members

Our responsibility is to carry the message with enthusiasm

Stress that this helps us stay clean

Discussion of noise level during Convention Sub-committee meeting at November RSC

Can Convention Sub-committee meet at 9:00 along with Campout for November RSC?

Discussion of minutes posting on Web Site

Can we post minutes immediately, then update later?

Love to get minutes immediately

Suggest we post minutes immediately with a disclaimer that they are unapproved, then after revision/approval, remove disclaimer.

Need to remove names of members from minutes to respect anonymity. Name will appear in minutes when a trusted servant is elected, no other time. Discussion will include only the information discussed, not the names of the speakers. When referring to a trusted servant, use the name of the position.

Break for lunch

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Roll Call:

Administrative Officers Present: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Delegate, Alt. Regional Delegate
Area R.C.M.'s: Central Kansas Area, Fellowship for Freedom, JFT Area, Miracle Area, NA NA Area, Oz Area, Primary Purpose Area, Unity Area, Wichita Metro Area

Western Area has missed 2 consecutive RSC Meetings, is not considered part of quorum.

Subcommittee Chairs: Archivist, Campout, Convention, Fellowship Development, P.O. Box, Public Relations, Restructuring Ad Hoc and Soul to Soul.

F. Old Business:

Quorum is 8.

Elections;

All candidates should have:

- 1) A working Knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous
- 2) A willingness to serve along with time and resources to fulfill duties required
- 3) Previous Regional participation or attendance
- 4) Duty related skills as appropriate, i.e. Secretary or Treasurer

Co-Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Jeff R. has willingness➤ Qualified self
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	➤ Jeff R. elected Co-Facilitator
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Co-Secretary	➤ No willingness ➤ No nominations
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Qualifications:

- 1) Minimum two (2) years continuous clean time
- 2) Participation in two (2) RSCs
- 3) Two year term length

Take to groups

Treasurer	➤ Beth N. has willingness ➤ Qualified self ➤ Beth N. elected Treasurer
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Co-Treasurer	➤ No willingness ➤ No nominations
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Qualifications:

- 1) Minimum five (5) years continuous clean time
- 2) Minimum of two (2) years involvement at the Regional level
- 3) Past experience with accounting, bookkeeping and/or treasuries
- 4) Two (2) year term length

Take to groups

NAWS Contact	➤ Jeffry L. nominated from Sub-committee ➤ Qualified Self ➤ Jeffry L. elected NAWS Contact
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Soul to Soul Chair	➤ Wayne C. nominated by sub-committee ➤ Qualified Self ➤ Wayne C. elected Soul to Soul Chair
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Qualifications read; 3 years continuous clean time, minimum of 2 years Regional participation, refer to page 12 “NAWS Contact Person”

Open Positions, take to groups:

Co-Treasurer

Co-Secretary

Secretary

Qualifications:

- 1) Minimum two (2) years continuous clean time
- 2) Participation in two (2) RSCs
- 3) Two year term length

Motion 082116-001; From: Unity Second: JFT	
Motion:	Purchase climate-controlled storage unit
Intent:	To protect sensitive Archive items
Financial Impact:	\$2079.55 Annually

Vote
Central – A
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – N
Oz – A
PP – Y
Unity – Y
WM – N
Passed 4-2-2
Motion fails

Motion 082116-002; From: Restructuring Ad-Hoc Second: none needed	
Motion:	To Approve Section IV “Business Conduct”
Intent:	None given
Financial Impact:	none

Vote (2/3 majority needed)
Central – Y
FFF – A
JFT – N
Miracle – Y
Oz – Y
PP – Y
Unity – A
WM – Y
Passed 5-1-2
Motion fails

Motion 082116-006; From: Regional Delegate Second: FFF	
Motion:	To remove from policy the requirement for an annual service assembly. Fellowship Development, p.19, #9
Intent:	To allow the Events Sub-committee to have a service assembly if and when it is requested
Financial Impact:	none

Vote (2/3 majority required)

Central – A

FFF – Y

JFT – N

Miracle – Y

Oz – A

PP – Y

Unity – Y

WM – Y

Passed 8-0-0

Motion failed

RCMs should give to the Convention sub-committee any input from groups regarding the Convention Guidelines

Treasury Oversight Ad-Hoc Committee

One member was removed from the Ad-hoc Committee and another member added

Restructuring Ad-Hoc Committee

Discussion of issues with rewritten Section IV: Business Conduct

Suggest submitting new Section IV to Areas

G. New Business:

Discussion of expenses categorized as housekeeping

Motion/RF\$ Fellowship Development	Not to Exceed \$500.00	Printing of M.A.N. for Area distribution and for distribution at Convention
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Vote

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

NA NA – Y

Oz – Y

PP – Y
Unity – Y
WM – Y
Passed 9-0-0

Motion/RF\$ Public Relations	Not to Exceed \$400.00	Print Meeting lists for Area distribution and for distribution at Convention
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Vote
Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – Y
NA NA – Y
Oz – Y
PP – Y
Unity – Y
WM – Y
Passed 9-0-0

Motion/RF\$ R.D. Team	Not to Exceed \$300.00	Service Assembly expenses
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Vote
Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – Y
Oz – Y
PP – Y
Unity – Y
WM – Y
Passed 9-0-0

Motion/RF\$ Regional Delegate	\$600.00	Send Regional Delegate and Alt. Delegate Plains States Zonal
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Vote
Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – Y
NA NA – Y
Oz – Y
PP – Y
Unity – Y
WM – Y
Passed 9-0-0

Motion/RF\$ Treasurer	\$19.60	Stamps
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Vote

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

NA NA – Y

Oz – Y

PP – Y

Unity – Y

WM – Y

Passed 9-0-0

Motion/RF\$ Secretary	\$51.62	Reimbursement for printing costs and postage
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Vote

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

NA NA – Y

Oz – Y

PP – Y

Unity – Y

WM – Y

Passed 9-0-0

Motion/RF\$ Public Relations	\$350.00 from escrow	P.R. Presentation to Professionals expenses
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Vote

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

NA NA – Y

Oz – Y

PP – Y

Unity – Y

WM – Y

Passed 9-0-0

Motion/RF\$ Public Relations	\$100.00 from Escrow	Expenses for booth at Wichita State U. Conference on Human Trafficking
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Vote
 Central – Y
 FFF – Y
 JFT – Y
 Miracle – Y
 NA NA – Y
 Oz – Y
 PP – Y
 Unity – Y
 WM – Y
 Passed 9-0-0

Convention Bids for 2019 due at November RSC
 No bids tendered
 Take to areas need for bids for 2019 Convention

Motion 112016-001; From: R.D. Team Second: none needed	
Motion:	To approve a purchase by Plains States Zonal Forum of a subscription to “Go To Meeting” web conferencing service
Intent:	For use by all Regions, Areas and Groups in Plains States Zone on first-come basis
Financial Impact:	none

Vote
 Central – Y
 FFF – Y
 JFT – Y
 Miracle – Y
 NA NA – Y
 Oz – Y
 PP – Y
 Unity – Y
 WM – Y
 Passed 9-0-0
 Take to groups

Motion 112016-002; From: Public Relations Second: none needed	
Motion:	Add to Mid-America Regional Service Committee Policy the position of P.R. Presentations Coordinator
Intent:	Put standing position into Policy

Financial Impact:	none
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Vote
 Central – Y
 FFF – Y
 JFT – Y
 Miracle – Y
 NA NA – Y
 Oz – Y
 PP – Y
 Unity – Y
 WM – Y
 Passed 9-0-0
 Take to Groups

Motion 112016-003; From: P.R. Workgroup Second: none needed	
Motion:	Remove all Western Area meetings which have not made contact with RSC. Meetings can be restored as current information is received
Intent:	To avoid having incorrect or unconfirmed information on meeting list
Financial Impact:	none

Vote
 Central – Y
 FFF – Y
 JFT – Y
 Miracle – Y
 NA NA – Y
 Oz – Y
 PP – Y
 Unity – Y
 WM – Y
 Passed 9-0-0
 Take to Groups

Discussion of projector for P.R. Presentations

Public Relations workgroup requests a vote of confidence from RSC to investigate the purchase of a more powerful projector for P.R. Presentations.

Current projector does not have a powerful enough bulb to work in large rooms which are not completely dark
 Renting projector from facility at Convention costs as much as a new one

RSC votes to allow P.R. sub-committee to investigate purchase, will report at Feb RSC

Discussion of Storage Shed

If this expense is housekeeping, why did we send to groups?
RSC felt groups should have input due to greatly increased cost

Discussion of Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee duties and of Section IV of Policy

Typos and inconsistencies in Section IV

Keep Ad-Hoc in place, ask for representation from both sides

As implemented, current policy has Section IV as it was before 2015 rewrite of RSC policy

Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee members: Kim C., Tim K., Amber C., Daniel C., Sally R., Jeff R., John W., Ben T., Matt M., Chester S., Beth N. (Chair), Schatzie T.

Discussion of Trusted Servant information in RSC Minutes

Need position with date of service commitment

Doesn't need to be published

Just need positions for Trusted Servants at RSC business meeting, i.e. "Sunday positions"

Needs to be in minutes so members know what's coming up

Need names so members know who to go to

Secretary will add data table to minutes template: Service Position Title; Date of Election; Beginning Date of Service; Ending date of Service

Sign-up document will be sent to all members attending that RSC but will not be included in the minutes

Minutes will be sent to all members currently listed in the sign-up document, and will be posted on the MARSCNA web site as "Unapproved"

Need point of contact in Wichita Metro Area to coordinate MZSS 2018 in Wichita

Mark S. will act as point of contact

Open Positions, take to groups:

Co-Treasurer

Co-Secretary

Secretary

Motion to close

Second

Vote

Passed unanimously

Closed at 5:45 with Serenity Prayer

Appendix I – Terms of Office

Position	Elected	Service Beginning	Service Ending
RSC Facilitator			
RSC Co-Facilitator	Nov 2016	Feb 2017	Nov 2017
Secretary	Feb 2015	May 2016	Feb 2017
Co-Secretary	OPEN		
Treasurer	Nov 2016	Feb 2017	Nov 2018
Co-Treasurer	OPEN		
Regional Delegate (RD)			
Alternate Regional Delegate (RDA)			
Archivist	May 2016	Immediate	May 2018
Campout Sub-committee Chair	Aug 2016	Immediate	Aug 2017
Convention Sub-committee Chair			
Fellowship Development Coordinator	Aug 2015	Nov 2015	Aug 2017
N.A. World Services Contact (NAWS)	Nov 2016	Feb 2017	Nov 2017
Post Office Box			
Public Relations Coordinator			
Soul to Soul Chair	Nov 2016	Immediate	Nov 2017

**Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Treasurer Report – Year End Report 05/15 to 02/16**

11/20/16		Bank Balance Forward			\$ 11,171.31
Income:	8/21/16	Area/group donations	2,090.56		
		Subcommittee donations	2,000.00		
		returned monies/other	37.42		
		Total Deposits			\$ 4,127.98
		Starting Balance			\$ 15,299.29
Expenses:					
DATE	CHECK #	TO		AMOUNT	
11/21/16		Alliance Agency - insurance		\$ 1,405.75	
		Salina Public Library -		0.00	
		Amber - Key deposit		50.00	
		City Blue - MAN Feb - inc conv		500.00	
		City Blue - Mtg List Feb - inc conv		400.00	
		Ed B. - sec'y		51.62	
		Beth N. PR - PR Pres - 3/17 (Escrow)		350.00	
		PR - Event Booth @ WSU (Escrow)		100.00	
		Nate - Events - Svc Assembly		300.00	
		Nate - Rd Team - PSZF		600.00	
		TREAS		19.60	
		Total Expenses			\$ 3,757.37
		Bank Balance			\$ 11,541.92
		Less: Prudent Reserve			\$ 6,000.00
		Sub-total			\$ 5,541.92
Escrows:		Fellowship Development		\$ 1,238.76	
		Public Relations		591.45	
		Rent		316.30	
		Insurance (through Nov 15)		1,178.25	
		Phoneline (due Aug17) (ACH)		420.00	
		Storage (due May. 16)		444.60	
		P. O. Box (due Feb. 16)		70.00	
		Web Page (due Sept. 16)		300.00	
		RDA (due Feb. 16)		1,000.00	
		Less: Total Escrows			\$ 5,559.36
		Spendable Balance			\$ (17.44)

Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate Alternate Report

Howdy all, this has been a very busy quarter for the RD team.

Plain States Zone met in Lincoln Nebraska end of August. 6 Regions attended with a few Mid-Americans in attendance as well. Highlights of the two day event included:

Planning Our Future Workgroup - We are exploring the mission of our Zone, the role we are to play in the service structure going forward and Cindy and Jeffry are exploring how each of our member Regions voted at WSC 2016 to see how similar and dissimilar we are as a body.

Presentation to professionals - The local fellowship put on a presentation for professionals who encounter addicts in their work. The presentation covered who, what and why Narcotics Anonymous exists. It was attended by local fellowship members and professionals from and around the Lincoln, Nebraska area.

Open forum - where we discussed successes we are experiencing in our Regions and some problems. We discussed how to deal with Regional meeting lists and member ASC's that do not report. Good input and suggestions.

Following Daniel C.'s service footsteps, I was elected Plain States Zonal Facilitator. The position will last two years and I look forward to helping strengthen our ties and involvement to our Zone in my term.

Sponsorship behind the walls program - we voted to start the program with all Regions in favor. We allocated \$700 for startup funds and more information will be coming soon about how to participate in sponsoring addicts in institutions around our Zone.

The Zone has asked that we vote to approve using GO TO MEETING video conferencing service as a subscription that will be made available to all member Regions at a cost of \$30 per month paid by the Zone. I will be submitting a motion to this effect in our Regional business meeting.

The next Zonal Forum will be held in Glencoe, Oklahoma on February 3-5th. The cost for lodging and meals for the entire weekend will be \$60 per person. I will be taking a van with 5 seats available for anyone wanting to ride along. Contact me directly at 785-766-7850 to reserve a seat in the van. More information about the Zone can be found at www.pszfna.org

In September the RD team attended the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Over 230 people attended with RD teams, local addicts and World Board members. Some of the take aways from this event were:

The Future of the WSC workshop proposed that the WSC be transformed from a business meeting to a meeting where the Conference Agenda will be decided by the conclusion of the event. This idea has excited many and the RD team will put forward a motion in the coming months to support this concept and try to help it become a reality. There a lot of positives for making this change, chief among them is that it will allow 18 months to discuss and get informed conscience from member groups on the issues that face the fellowship worldwide. At present we have less than 4 months to get this accomplished.

A Narcotics Anonymous specific search engine that is being tested can be found at www.archsearch.org

this search engine can find very specific searches for NA literature, history, service material and trivia. Try it out!

The BMLT can be used to update our phonenumber! This is a major work saving and will provide for more accurate meeting information getting to those searching for a meeting. I look forward to making this work in our Regional phonenumber.

Jeffry and I tried to attend as many presentations as we could, but with 3 workshops happening simultaneously, we were not able to attend ALL the presentations. See the Alt. Delegate report for the workshops that Jeffry attended and his take aways.

The next MZSS will be held somewhere in our Zone. Bids are being entertained from Member Regions with likely proposals from Wichita, Omaha, Des Moines and Oklahoma City.

More information and the presentations that happened can be found at mzssna.org

In Service, Nate F., RD