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- Ⓝ Daniel opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Ⓝ Tracy C. read the 12 Traditions
- Ⓝ Schatzie T. read the 12 Concepts
- Ⓝ First roll call – 9 areas represented. Western RCM, Spencer J., had medical emergency evening before and had to leave. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.
- Ⓝ Tim S. read August 2017 minutes, which were approved by consensus.
- Ⓝ Quorum was set - five (5) simple majority and six (6) 2/3 for business sessions.
- Ⓝ Area reports were read, followed by questions and or comments for each.

Nov. 19th, 2017 Minutes

Ⓝ **Central Kansas Area:**

Hello Regional family from Central Kansas Area.

Our Area has started studying a concept prior to the start of our business meeting each month. We read and answer the questions for the concept that corresponds to the month. We believe this is going to be a great learning tool and will also allow us to gain a better understanding of how each concept is implemented in our Area. I'm grateful for the group that made the suggestion and look forward to learning more each month. We have elected Rusty C as our new chair and Jenny E has re-upped as the secretary. Right now we have H&I facilitator and co-facilitator open but appreciate Dusty C continuing to keep things going. Co-chair and web contact are also open at this time. Hopefully all positions will be filled by the next RSC.

Most of our groups are reporting slightly lower attendance right now but we continue to keep the doors open and NA recovery available.

A new group in Kinsley has asked to join our Area and we are excited to welcome the Midway NA group who meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm at the Kinsley Community Building, 721 Marsh. It has to be an example of God's will that we had planned our December Area meeting to be in Kinsley even though, at the time, there was no NA meeting in the community.

Our Area continues to take an H&I meeting into Ellsworth Correctional Facility twice a month. Our H&I meetings going into the Barton County Jail are struggling for volunteers and it is uncertain if those will continue. More will be revealed. The Phoenix group provides H&I meetings to CKF and Valley Hope in Mound Ridge. They also continue to work on getting a meeting into the Saline County Jail. Pratt County Jail has permitted a literature rack into their lobby and if they had the room probably would have been open to a meeting coming in. It seems that most of their offenders are farmed out to other county jails.

Our PR workgroup continues to look for a booth opportunity in the Salina community. It has been frustrating that the smaller communities had options for us to have a booth but our largest town hasn't had anything that is open to us setting up. We will keep looking and if we don't find another option, we are going to have an NA booth at Comicon next June, if the price isn't outrageous.

Our Women's Retreat workgroup has chosen Living Water Ranch and are looking for a date in October 2018 for this weekend event. We will be holding a fundraiser on January 13, 2018 in Salina at the Carver Center (315 N. 2nd St) A flyer is available to pick up so please take some back for your groups and come join us for spaghetti and fun.

We have our annual Christmas Dreams function coming up on December 9 at the Kinsley Community building. Area will start at noon, dinner at 5, a visit from the North Pole will be just before the speaker meeting. Phoenix group will be holding their New Year's Eve celebration on December 31st. This event will be at a new location this year, so join us at the Friendship Center, starting at 5:30 pm.

We have a \$500 donation to the Region. We hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. See you all next year. LOL

This is my last RSC as the CKA RCM and as always it has been a great learning experience. I do hope that we, as a region, don't get too caught up in the "us vs them" that is going on in a few places in the United States NA regions.

In loving service,

Sally R & LT B

Fellowship for Freedom Area:

Greetings family FFFA is alive and kicking. As is to be expected for this time of year all meetings could use outside support. Women's Meeting has reduced to meeting only on the second Sunday of each month at 6:30 at 801 NE Chester in Topeka. FFFA has a New Year's Eve Bash 7010 Southeast Berryton Rd after Berryton United Methodist Church, doors open at 6, speaker at 7 there will be food, there will be an auction, raffle, DJ, dance.

Also on the group level Back to Basics will be having its 22nd Anniversary/ Spaghetti Feed doors will open at 5, food at 6, speakers at 7 this is a Speaker Jam so there will be 4 speakers also a raffle and auction.

In Loving Service

Chris J - (Stand-In RCM)

Just For Today Area:

JFT is alive and well. We have a couple of new groups since last RSC. Fredonia now has a meeting on Thursdays at 7 pm. Neodesha also has a new meeting on Saturdays at 6 pm. These have both been added to our area meeting list. All of this and more can be seen on our website at jftareana.net. The new meeting in Coffeyville is meeting on M-W-F at 1 pm, and T-Th at 6 pm. They haven't asked to be a part of the area as of yet. We are going to reach out to them and invite them to be a part of.

Pioneer group of Emporia and A Way to Recovery group of Parsons have both completed group inventories recently with members from other groups in the area sitting in on these.

The 1st Step group in Iola celebrated its 1 yr anniversary with a cookout and speakers on Nov. 4th.

Freebirds in Independence will be having a Recovery Fest meeting next Saturday Nov 25th at 2 pm with Thanksgiving dinner to follow. Please bring a side dish.

Our annual Mirror of Miracles campout was held in September. The weather was awesome, and the fellowship was even better. We had a good turnout and good fun in recovery was had by all who attended.

We are having an area H&I/MARCNA fundraiser February 10th from 12-5 pm at the 4-H building at the fairgrounds in Yates Center. More will be revealed. There is a flyer available.

JFT area would like to express to the RD team that we would like to see more transparency and accountability from the World Board's finances. I would also like to get the other area's thoughts on this topic. We have a \$200 donation today.

Thanks for letting me be of service,

Rich C JFT RCM

Ⓝ **Miracle Area:** *No report turned in*

Ⓝ **Never Alone, Never Again Area:** *No report turned in*

Ⓝ **Oz Area:** *No report turned in*

Ⓝ **Primary Purpose Area:**

Hello from PPA. We are still afloat and trudging along. Lyons Nightflyers had their fish fry and went well. Gift of Life had a Halloween dance and a good time was had. Newton HOW Turkey feed went well and was well attended.

Primary Purpose Area will be putting on our annual Blue Ball Ball which will be held at the Armory. There is a flyer out for this. It will be held Dec. 16th, 2017 and the theme this year is western. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

In Service,

Becky B., acting RCM

Ⓝ **Unity Area:**

Unity Area had their ¼ meeting in Concordia in October. The only change in the meeting list; the Abilene meeting moved to 203 W. 2nd St. for both meetings. Our next area meeting is January 14th, 2018 at Club 86 in Beloit, KS. at 1:00 pm. There are 8 meetings in the Unity Area. We have a \$100 donation to the region.

In Service,

Jon J.

Ⓝ **Western Area:** *Not present, but Spencer left minutes from ASC meeting held Sept. 23, 2017. Elections revitalized the area with Bren B.-Chair; Spencer J.-RCM; Kat P.-Secretary; Tony K.-Treasurer; and*

Jeremiah D.-Public Information. The checking account was updated with two new signers and providing a transaction to unfreeze the account. There are no meetings currently in Garden City or Scott City, and letters were sent to Liberal, Ulysses, and Hugoton to invite back to the area, with no response. Members agreed to visit these groups to see if they are still going. The next area meeting is planned for Dec. 9th at 5pm in Cimarron. There will be a potluck celebration and 7pm speaker meeting after the ASC meeting.

Wichita Metro Area:

Good morning family,

Wichita Metro Area has several items to report. First, we are saddened to report the South Side Serenity group has closed its doors in Wichita.

Next, our Web Servant has created a new site at www.wmana.org It was approved at the last at the last ASC and is live. We encourage you to visit and check it out.

Celebration of Recovery (COR) will be held on Jan. 27th. Groups were encouraged to come to next ASC with viable options for a location, which will be determined at next month's meeting. I was asked if representatives from RSC would be interested in presenting a workshop. One of the topics of interest mentioned was on the Concepts. Would anyone be interested or available to present for COR?

H&I is still active and can always use reliable volunteers to help carry the message. We have open positions of ASC chair, someone stepped up but quickly resigned. A co-chair was elected to learn, but we will not know if he is interested in stepping up until next meeting. Co-Treasurer, PR, and Co-PR are also open.

We will resume winter bowling on the 3rd Saturday in Dec. and on the 2nd Saturday from Jan. through April. This will be at Seneca Bowl, a flyer is available.

WMASC is giving an \$80 donation.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Schatzie T., RCM

Subcommittee Reports:

Archivist -

Hello all,

This past quarter I digitized a few more speaker tapes, since these are time consuming I try to transfer speakers or workshops that are pertinent to our region, but as other members earn their eternity medallion I look there too. It used to be quite a chore to record speakers, at least for a quality recording. Now, with inexpensive voice recorders like I personally use, makes capturing your home group members effortlessly. Phoenix group in Salina now uses one to record their two monthly speaker meetings, and then uploads it to

their social media page, which I download for our region archives. Other groups or areas that want to do the same I would add those as well, as long as I have access to wherever it is uploaded.

I have also been digging through personal photos, mainly through the 1990s, and scanning some of those in. One of the reasons is I created a folder for photos of members that have earned their eternity medallion, and hope to add them to the memorial wall at MARCNA.

Thanks to the groups and areas that email me their minutes, I transfer them to my home pc folder, which is synced in a few places (MyCloud and Box), plus update the region flash drive, an external hard drive connected to my home PC, and once in a while another personal flash drive. I also have two laptops that have the bulk of the files, maybe not fully updated but only lacking a few files at any given time.

I have updated MARSCNA History to reflect the addition of the Never Alone-Never Again ASC, but won't change the version number. It will be noted by a new date and adding "b" to the current number. No changes have been offered to the existing document, other than current happenings.

That's about all I have for this quarter, this term will be up in May and if someone else is interested I could help with the transition.

Gratefully serving NA,

Tim S.

 **Campout:**

The campout sub-committee met yesterday, our Secretary has moved so we need a new Secretary and also merchandising has not been filled. We did come with our first flyer for the campout. Hopefully, before the end of today I will have 10 flyers for the RCMs. Also came up with a T-shirt design. Our interim meeting will be in Beloit, KS. on Jan 20th, 1:00 pm at Club 86, we will go to the park so all can see where we are having our campout. Bring location ideas or bids for the 2019 campout, also the 2019 chair will be elected at May 2018 RSC.

In Service,

Jon J., Chair

 **Convention:**

Hello family,

MARCNA 35 is moving along nicely despite a few bumps in the first and second quarters. However, when you have a great deal of new members, that is bound to happen. We are learning together.

Our registration flyers are finally out and getting mailed this quarter. The online registration will go up in the next week as well. Online registration will be available until February 28th. Make sure that you make your room reservations by April 1st, 2018; that is the cut-off date for the guarantee for the special rate. Also make sure you mention "MARCNA" when making your reservation. Your reservation comes with 2 paid breakfasts, additional breakfasts will be a small fee (I believe Linda quoted me #10).

We have finalized quite a bit of information and signed contracts for our merchandise vendors, entertainment, and taper. We have chosen our pre-registration merchandise and have finalized our merchandise to be sold. The merchandise team has been doing an excellent job.

Our fundraising person has been rocking her position! She has raised her own money for purchasing unique items for auction and raffle. Plus selling her tush off!!

Hospitality is ready to rock and roll..yahoo! The arts and graphics chair has done an excellent job this year thus far with all the flyers and getting the banner ready for print. Programming is getting the line-up ready...you will not be disappointed!

We still have 6 open positions: Asst. Sec., Asst. Treas., Arts and Graphics and Registration co-chairs, Entertainment chair, and fundraising chair. Overall I am pleased with the body of addicts serving this region to bring you a convention that will be a great time! I am pleased to be serving as their chair.

Thank you for allowing me to be of serving,
Michelle

Fellowship Development: Hello NA Family,

We have a lot going on in Fellowship Development. New groups/ meetings opening in Kensley- 7pm on Tuesday@ City Hall; Neodesha- 6pm Saturdays; Fredonia-7pm; and Coffeyville. We did unfortunately have one group close, Southside Serenity in Wichita.

We had Elections for MAN; Michelle C. expressed wiliness - qualified- voted in - Thank You Michelle for your Service. We are still looking for a Co Facilitator.

Events- We had a great Time last night with about 80 in attendance for dinner with much Gratitude expressed. Karaoke, Action and raffles a great success Raising a total of \$620, and winner of Recovery Idol 2018 Soul to Soul Registration was Denise From Newton. Nov 4th Service Assembly had about 14 in attendance between on site and Zoom. We are also are calling for Bids for 2019 Service Assembly in late summer/ early fall, due February Service Assembly. We are putting in request of funds November 4th Service Assembly rent and February RSC Key deposit, rent and supplies.

Motion 1 - for a new copier-laser printer, duplex. Looking at Epson. Not to exceed \$300

Motion 2 - to send a Representative from FD and PR to MZSS 2018, fully funded.

MAN- Request of Funds for Spring Newsletter

Soul to Soul- will be bringing their new elected chair to the Floor, Report to follow.

Thank for allowing me to be of Service,

Ben T.

Ⓝ **NAWS Contact:** *No Report*

Ⓝ **PO Box:** *Not present, no report*

Public Relations: Phone Line:

Audio scripts are not up to date. Due to changing affiliations between cities and Areas, phone line will begin using automated text-to-script feature of the phone line web site. Phone Line needs more volunteers! Miracle Area has arranged for their existing phone line to be automatically re-routed to the Regional Phone Line, for a cost of \$5.00 per month. Other ASCs can also do this. Phone Line Coordinator read policy document which P.R. Facilitator will present to Floor for approval as Policy.

H&I

Working on getting contract info for county jails for our Basic Text project. We want to send a letter to all county jails asking if they want a soft cover Basic Text for their library. If they have one, or do not want one, we don't want to send them one and waste money if they are not going to be used. Also, if any group or area would like a workshop or orientation, contact me at (316) 680-3967 alan_bansemer@yahoo.com We are still looking for donations of soft cover Basic Texts or money to purchase same.

In Service, Alan B, H&I Coordinator – I'M NOT GIVING UP!!

Web Site

Web Servant Report

Hello, Family!!

As many of you know, (drum roll, please...) the new Mid-America Regional Web Site LIVES!!! The site went live last month, and there are the usual hiccups, headaches and speed bumps. Despite these, the site is up and serving the Mid-America Region! Events are displayed on the calendar, and are up-to-date as of Wednesday, 15Nov17. Pages have been created for printable Meeting Lists, for the Basic Meeting List Toolbox "meeting finder" utility, for Mid-America Newsletters, for our Region, Group, and Area history pages, a "contact" page for incoming requests, and MORE!!

Initially, there are some issues which need addressed immediately. Several members in the Mid-America Region have brought to light some problems with the BMLT meeting finder utility. Up front, let me assure the Committee that the problems are NOT resulting in incorrect information from the BMLT. Under certain circumstances, the BMLT will return a skewed selection of meetings, e.g. it will find every meeting of one group, but not find the meetings of another group in the same search area. I can explain this in more detail, but we ("we" being the BMLT gurus Tom K. and Chris M.) are working on the issues. Ahead of this, however, the Convention Preregistration page needs updated and uploaded. I am, as I type this, sitting in the Convention Committee Meeting, and at close, I hope to have a plan for moving on this. The

newsletter page will have the current newsletter displayed on the page, rather than as a link. That page will have a link to the Archives. Minutes from RSC will be similarly done.

I am documenting the procedures used to upload all information which will be used to maintain the page. This will be available to all on a need to know basis. For the present, we would like to do the updating of meetings, lists, events, etc. as a committee, rather than having groups, areas, or addicts do this. We are open to discussion on this. All information for the Web Page should go to info@marscna.net. Committee members will direct e-mails to the correct box, and will update any information *as requested*. Note, if you are sending a request to update information on the Web Site, PLEASE MAKE THAT CLEAR UP FRONT!! We don't want someone to forward an e-mail and find out later that there was an event or a meeting change that was discussed towards the end of the e-mail.

When the issues discussed above are tended to, we will begin adding prettiness and new features. With the Basic Meeting List Toolbox, we also gain the ability to coordinate the printed Regional Meeting list and the NA World Services meeting list with our Web Site, and we will be looking at this immediately. We also will be welcoming new members to the committee, as Mike G. of Wichita has joined the charge. On this, we will welcome any and all assistance, support, well-wishes and well-wishers, and others who want to help the Web Service Sub-Committee – geeks are especially welcome!! Suggestions are welcome as well, and if you, or anyone in your circle see anything on the site which does not work or is not correct, SPEAK UP!! This is especially pertinent when discussing *incorrect information*. Keeping the BMLT meetings and the downloadable meeting lists current and correct will be the most daunting task for the Fellowship. When you request a posting on the web site, *follow up!* If you do not hear from the Committee within 7 days, maximum, contact the committee!! When the information is uploaded, we will reply to your e-mail as such. Please *check your information!!* Only YOU know if your information is CORRECT!! More will be revealed, hopefully MUCH more, concerning the Web Site!

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Fellowship, Ed B., Web Servant, Mid-America Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

P.R. Presentation to Professionals

Presentation at Governor's Conference in Topeka went well. We need more presence from members in the Area where the presentations are being held! Had no one from either local Area at this one. Also, if you wish to be included in communications regarding the Presentation at the MARCNA Convention, get your contact info to Beth N. Convention Presentation is 27April, 2018.

Open Positions

Public Relations Sub-Committee needs Co-Facilitator, Phone Line Coordinator, and Media Coordinator.

Ⓝ **Restructuring Ad-hoc:** Beth N. resigned as chair for ad-hoc, stating also that many changes need to be implemented that the RSC would need to make, not through an ad-hoc.

Ⓝ **Soul to Soul:**

Dear NA family,

I apologize for my absence as I have a Dr.s appt. in Topeka today. Soul to Soul 2017 was a success; we had 43 people in attendance. Our caterer did an awesome job on food. The activities were the hayrack wagon ride and horseback, both were lots of fun. Pre-registration T-shirts were delayed

because of Hurricane Irma, however they were delivered as soon as they became available. In closing, we nominated new people for open positions and I'm sure they'll do a great job.

Thank you letting me be of service this past year.

Wayne, C., outgoing chair

Incoming Chair Report: I am turning in a copy of our final treasurer report (*attached toward end of minutes*). Bottom line our groceries cost us 680.71 to feed 43 people for the weekend. That's 5 meals plus snacks at a cost of 2.96 per meal. Camp cost us 1000.00, horseback rides were 200.00 which was paid by the individual riders, and 50.00 for hayrack ride. We are keeping 1293.92 to start 2018 and turning over 1500.00 to region.

Our theme for 2018 is Soak it up at soul to soul 2018. Dates will be September 21,22 and 23, at Camp Chippewa,Ottawa Kansas. We will be doing beach towels as our pre-registration item for this one. We need artwork by February RSC please.

Our committee chair positions are filled but could use Co chair for treasurer. I, if accepted will be your chair. Matt M is our Co chair. Flo is our secretary. Ben T is our treasurer. Jan K and Andrea are our catering chairs. We do need to get to bank and change our signature card. Removing two and adding two.

ILS

Shelley W.

Ⓝ **Office/Storage Ad-hoc:** Two places were brought up to check on, Marquette school building and the Masonic Temple in Salina. The school is closed, and like many others is planning to rent class rooms out very reasonably. I found out I would have to present our request to city council during one of their monthly meetings, and that didn't happen this quarter. The Masonic Temple was recently donated to an organization that is in the process of developing the property for non-profits and short-term rental space. I followed their progress but didn't meet with anyone. Thanks to Jon J., he stopped by Saturday and found the right person at the right time, and we have a viable potential space for storage and meetings. It will be discussed in old business.

Officer Reports:

Ⓝ **Regional Delegate [RD]: Plains States Zonal Forum**

Funding for SBTW. They need about \$1300 for 2018. Current zonal policy isn't really setup for a long term, large scale program and the Zone is looking for guidance on how the Regions would like to change the zones guidelines. Funding Motion for \$1310 passed.

SBTW – Flyer that was sent to prisons, and introductory letter was asked to be hung by prisons. The letters are in English and in Spanish. If you know of bi-lingual members who want to be a sponsor, that would be great. Working to

translate other documents to Spanish. Anything in written documents that needs to be talked about? Just need a check in from the regions to make sure they are going in the right direction. Question was asked if annual refresh training will be online. This is one of the duties of the regional liaison to set that up based on Human Resources. Discussion on how they will track to make sure balls aren't being dropped. Budget: \$1310 is being requested. There was discussion on how sponsors will provide literature.

Proposal for \$1000.00. Would like to see a number of what will get through to February, and would like an annual budget. Suggested to set up a guidelines workgroup. Minimum needed thought Feb would be \$350, but \$1310 is what is needed for a year. If regions oppose the full amount, she can give money back in February. Suggestion to go ahead and give the full \$1310. Budget may change from year to year. Proposal will be in New Business.

SBTW – Proposal to give \$1000 to SBTW for annual budget. Amendment was made to give \$1310 and bring back what she doesn't use. – Proposal Passed. Discussion on putting together guidelines and to think about on how the money can be handled for this going forward. Too early to put together guidelines, once the project gets established, will put together a workgroup to put together policy. Take back to regions, what does your region want on input on what services the zone is doing.

Proposal: Talk to regions and ask if they are okay with us creating guidelines that allows the zone to budget for ongoing projects that are approved by the regions. – No opposition to take this back to Regions.

Close Encounters is offering a dial in number for the Saturday afternoon speaker specific for the "Addiction/Prison" audience. Also, for people that area shut in. Streamed by Zoom? Contact through the website. Bring to next Zone

Proposal: *Zonal Guidelines which allows the zone to budget for ongoing projects that are approved by the Regions*

Zonal Representation Motion – 0-6 Vote. Motion Failed to send Zonal Representation to WSC. Facilitator will contact NAWS to let them know we will not be sending anyone.

BMLT for Zonal Website – Vote – 4-0-2 – Motion passed.

Next Zone – Lubbock, TX – Feb 2-4, 2018. Will be a CAR workshop event. Facilitator has already sent in the request to NAWS for be there. It was asked if it is okay to do speaker meeting. It was discussed that a lot of the time the NAWS representation is the speaker. PR Presentation will be on Friday, but other than that there will not be any other presentations.

PSZF to revisit in February about zonal representation at the WSC.

Fall 2018 Meeting @ MZSS. Discussed having zone at Omaha after MZSS due to being such a busy year w/ the conference, WCNA and MZSS all in 2018. It would be Iowa's meeting on rotation. Iowa would be willing to swap out in rotation w/ Nebraska. Dates are November 2-4, 2018 for MZSS. Suggestion not to have Iowa or Nebraska give up their zonal slot, but it would mess up the CAR meetings in Regions. Keep in mind elections will be at this zone. It was decided to have zone at MZSS.

See RDA report for WSC updates.

 **Alt. Regional Delegate [AD]:** *See attached*

Ⓜ **Treasurer:** *See attached*

Ⓜ **Treasury Oversight:**

Mid-America Region Family,

I am in the process of procuring access to the four region bank accounts I have been tasked to oversee. I have very recently obtained access to view the Region bank account which has given me access to the Campout account as well. I have requested access to Convention account but do not have that access at this time. I have coordinated with the incoming Soul 2 Soul Treasurer and will be receiving copies of statements since August RSC to begin audit of that account.

My intentions are to have an explanation of how I intend to audit all accounts as well as a current audit of each account at February RSC. I will continue coordinating with each account treasurer during this next quarter to finalize account access or statements where needed and begin auditing accounts. Currently my plans are to provide an audit of each account at each RSC that reflects bank balances at the end of business of the preceding RSC.

I am open to suggestions on the best practices to consider for this new position that I have been tasked with and I will be reaching out to previous treasurers in the coming weeks for suggestions as well. I am looking forward to the opportunity. More will be revealed!

In Loving Service,

Matt M, Treasury Oversight

Ⓜ **Open Forum:** Jon J. asked if the weather strip has been replaced on our storage unit. Daniel said he could call Monday. If a move is coming for storage in the near future then it won't be necessary.

Old Business:

Ⓜ **Elections –**

Co-Secretary – *No willingness*

Co-Treasurer – *No willingness*

Soul to Soul Chair – Shelley W. nominated out of committee, Shelley qualified and was elected in, congratulations!

Ⓜ **Estate Items:** Much discussion on items donated by Brent K. estate for fundraising. There is too much for one committee to liquidate. It was thought to utilize these at functions that draw larger crowds for the best opportunity to raise funds. Other options were to hold, and advertise that Brent's items would be available for an auction, at a future RSC. MARCNA and the Region 4th of July Campout were

pointed out many times as a viable choice. The RSC was added, helping support meeting space, refreshments, etc. Tim S. pointed out that until everyone sees the full extent of the inventory, deciding how to divide it or who to divide it to is pointless. We broke for lunch and continued the topic after returning. The facilitator and co-facilitator decided they will go to the storage unit before next RSC and inventory and divide it all, either two ways or three ways, then distribute it.

- Ⓝ **Office/Storage Adhoc:** Tim S. turned it over to Nate F. and Jon J., who, with Jeff R. toured the Masonic Temple (336 S. Santa Fe) last night, thanks to Jon J. for making a contact earlier that day. With some negotiating, the price for two small closets, one approximately 6'X6'X10' and the other 6'X15'X10', plus a large room for RSC meetings, is \$2,000.00 annual. It breaks down to \$800.00 per year for the two storage spaces and \$300.00 for the large hall per RSC meeting. We currently pay \$912.00 annual for storage and meeting space fluctuates, depending on where we meet. That price is quoted for the first year only though. The building sits downtown with a large parking lot adjoining it. Fast food and other restaurants are nearby as well. There were concerns about children being unattended during our meetings and functions, being a 90 year old temple there are very nice things in it.

Since no policy is affected, and policy stipulates RCMs determine meeting location unless of an emergency then a motion was formulated by Central Kansas Area and 2nd by Convention to pursue it. **(motion #111917-001)** passed 9-0-0. If contract is approved, we will need to plan a time with resources to move all contents, file cabinets, etc. to its new location. Nate F. has a truck and trailer, and will be the single point of accountability. Dollies and a good group of strong members will be needed for this move.

- Ⓝ **Open Positions, take back to groups:** Co-Secretary, Co-Treasurer, 2019 4th of July campout location/bid

New Business:

- Ⓝ **2020 Convention Bid:** Only one bid was presented, the Double Tree in Wichita, KS. for April 17-19, 2020. The room rate is \$109.00 per night, at 70 rooms per night. The block would be released Nov. 18th, 2019, or 5 months before the convention date. There is a \$7,500.00 (*before admin fee and sales tax*) food and beverage minimum, and all meeting rooms will be waived if met. All food and beverage must be supplied by the hotel, even in a hospitality suite or function room. If cancelled early, the fines go off what they consider liquidated damages, or \$23,850.00 which will be billed to a card on file (*mandatory*). **It was recommended for all to seek a new bid and return in February.**
- Ⓝ **Area support:** Discussion on ASCs requesting support, mainly Western and FFF. Jeff R. discussed his visit with Western and continued support, he stated their last area meeting was the first they were

able to be fully self-supporting. Chris J. gave a brief report about the Fellowship For Freedom area, and Jacob K. talked a little about the Never Alone-Never Again area, both based in Topeka.

- Ⓝ **Questionnaire for Members:** Two members of the Mid-America Region are seeking nominations to world services. Nate F. is seeking a nomination for the World Board and Tim S. is seeking a nomination on the Human Resource Panel. The questionnaire is more based on questions about the nominees; the nominations themselves will come from the HRP in March if moved to that level. Since the facilitator has been previously used as a reference for one of the nominees he removed himself from this. It was decided to appoint Amber C. as a single point to accumulate thoughts from each RCM, and fill out the “local committee questionnaire” to send in. The deadline, determined by Amber’s schedule, is January 31st to get form submitted.

- Ⓝ **Phoneline Policy/Guidelines:** Nate F., Phoneline Coordinator, submitted guidelines to be included in MAR policy. Discussion on how these should be classified and dealt with brought up many questions. It is listed as Policy/Guidelines but isn’t written as policy. Per policy, any policy change must go back to groups. Just For Today RCM submitted and Wichita Metro RCM 2nd motion **#111917-002** to add guidelines as an appendix, and a line stating “see appendix” will be added to page 26. Placed in “PR Duties, #10, b -”.

- Ⓝ **WMA Request:** Wichita Metro Area is requesting someone from the RSC to present a workshop on the 12 Concepts at their upcoming Celebration of Recovery (COR) function. Daniel said he would be willing since RD and RDA are quite busy that time of year.

- Ⓝ **PSZF Budget Policy:** Jeffrey brought up a request from the Plains States’ Zonal Forum as quoted in PSZF minutes: *“Take back to regions, what does your region want on input on what services the zone is doing. Proposal: Talk to regions and ask if they are okay with us creating guidelines that allows the zone to budget for ongoing projects that are approved by the regions.”* It was mentioned that currently the PSZF sends all but \$1,000.00 to NAWS after each function/meeting. For long term planning on projects that might require more funding, a change would need to be implemented. All projects are sent back to regions for approval and it was stressed that for guideline changes we didn’t need to micro-manage the zone, we elect our RD team to make these decisions on our behalf.

- Ⓝ **WSC Transparency:** Just For Today ASC brought up a discussion their area has been having about NAWS transparency, specifically with world convention books. This also ties in with a report Rod D. RDA has submitted from the South Florida RSC and NAWS. Much discussion went in to explaining the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) and the bulk finance reporting in the NAWS annual report, or their failure to give more details in that report. Miracle ASC has also had discussions with transparency and lack of reporting to the fellowship. It seems the real question is whether other RCMs feel NAWS should be more transparent too? In was agreeable that we support the possibility of Miracle bringing a motion in February, if RCMs can get feedback before the RD and RDA travel to

the world service conference. Preferably, have the discussion this quarter and be prepared “if” a motion is presented at February RSC.

- Ⓝ Items discussed and passed by show of hands during funds dispersion included \$300.00 to purchase a new laser copier. \$300.00 to the RD for purchase of conference agenda reports and conference approval tracks for upcoming workshops, which one each will be given to RCMs and the rest sold at cost, and \$900.00 for RD/RDA travel to PSZF in February. No motion forms accompanied these.
- Ⓝ Items tabled include moving \$300.00 from the general fund to PR escrow for upcoming April 2018 presentation and fully funding one PR and one FD member to the Multi Zone Service Symposium scheduled for Nov. 2018
- Ⓝ Motion to close showed no objections.
- Ⓝ Next RSC is February 17th and 18th, 2018 – location (in Salina, KS.) to be determined soon.

Tim S., Secretary

RD Alt Report

Howdy Folks

Let's recap what has been happening in the News

- 1) **South Florida Region has sent back to their Areas asking for conformation on the 10 points of inspection of the FIPT. The RCM's of the Region reaffirmed that they wanted to go ahead but they wanted to be sure the Groups were still behind the 10 points. They are as follows:**
 - a) **Concern:** That literature margins, developmental literature, developmental subsidies, and allowances are being overstated by recording the developmental items and allowances at values greater than cost. We wish to inspect all financial records, documents, and general ledger postings to developmental literature, subsidies, and allowances accounts. We also wish to inspect all records/calculations relating to the cost of literature.
 - b) **Concern:** That all World Board expenses are not being reported accurately and completely. We wish to inspect all financial records for the World Board posted to World Board or other general ledger accounts, and any reconciliations to World Board expenses in the financial statements included in annual reports.
 - c) **Concern:** That all commercial interests in literature distribution centers outside of the United States have not been disclosed or reported to the fellowship. We wish to review all documents, minutes (internal WB and EC) and financial records relating to ownership or interests in distribution centers around the world.
 - d) **Concern:** Customer discounts are not being applied equally to fellowship and non-fellowship sales. We wish to inspect a list of the twenty largest (in terms of annual sales) fellowship and non-fellowship customers as well as invoices to those customers.
 - e) **Concern:** That all travel expenses are not being reported correctly to the fellowship, and Trust financed travel is not being reimbursed according to the guidelines outlined in the Guide to World Services (GWSNA). We wish to examine all travel-related financial documents (general ledger details, expense reports, reimbursement request forms, travel receipts, etc.) as well as all Executive Committee minutes where decisions were made to exempt room-sharing.
 - f) **Concern:** That the Trustee is not performing its duties noted in the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust as it relates to the designation and separation of Trust and non-Trust property. We wish to inspect all lists, designations and separations of Trust and non-Trust properties.
 - g) **Concern:** Credit card guidelines as outlined on pages 34-35 of the 2016 GWSNA are not being followed. Records requested include all EC minutes approving the issuance of credit cards for WSC responsibilities; All signed condition of use forms; Invoices or other accompanying documentation for temporarily issued credit cards, credit card receipts, expense statement(s), and accompanying invoice(s) resulting in card use; and all EC reports resulting from their quarterly audits and/or reviews of WSC credit card activity.
 - h) **Concern:** That World Convention (WCNA) costs are not being reported accurately and completely due to the combining of non-WCNA expenses into them. We wish to review all financial records and backup receipts for all expenses reported for the world convention in Brazil.

- i) **Concern:** That all commercial interests in literature distribution centers outside of the United States have not been disclosed or reported to the fellowship. We wish to review all documents, minutes (internal WB and EC) and financial records relating to ownership or interests in distribution centers around the world. **Concern:** That all World Service Conference expenses are not being reported accurately and completely. We wish to inspect all financial records for World Service Conference expenses posted to World Service Conference or other general ledger accounts, and any reconciliations to World Board expenses in the financial statements included in annual reports.
- j) **Concern:** There is an appearance that NAWS is targeting NA service bodies over non-NA entities in the enforcement of the FIPT as it relates to the online posting of our copyrighted literature. We wish to inspect all Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) takedown notices sent by NAWS over the course of the inspection period.

The WB reply to this request is as follows:

Hello Conference Participants, As you may know, the Operational Rules of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) describe a process whereby a regional service committee can request to inspect the records and operations of the Trust. Following this cover memo are three documents related to such a request we received from a regional delegate on behalf of his region. These documents are the request from the South Florida Region dated 17 April 2017; our response dated 29 August 2017; and an Addendum, which responds directly to each of the ten Concerns listed in the request. We are forwarding these documents to all Conference participants to keep you updated on this matter and because this is an issue we expect to discuss at the 2018 World Service Conference—both this particular request and the process for making and responding to these types of requests. We apologize for the legal tone of our response and the Addendum. We would prefer never to have to consult attorneys when responding to members or service bodies. We would much rather resolve issues and concerns within the Fellowship rather than resort to legal means, but when a request involving legal matters is made of World Services, a legal response is both prudent and appropriate. As the documents that follow explain, after consulting with both our corporate and copyright attorneys, we do not believe all of the Concerns described in the request fall within the purview of a FIPT inspection. We are also awaiting confirmation from the requesting region about their specific concerns. **We expect to have more to report before the 2018 World Service Conference, and we will request the guidance of the WSC.** We see our role as Trustee not just as a set of legal duties, but fundamentally in terms of spiritual principles. We have been charged with a legal “fiduciary” responsibility, which, simply put, means a position of trust, and we strive to honor that spiritual ideal. Clear reporting and communication are consistent with our commitment to accountability and integrity. **We would also like to have a more general conversation with the Conference about the process for requesting an inspection of the Trust.** The FIPT was drafted and approved in 1993, before the restructuring of World Services. When the FIPT was approved, the budget of the World Service Office was separate from that of the World Service Conference, and not under the control of the WSC. The financial structure adopted by the Conference during the restructuring of World Services does not lend itself to a quick and easy Trust inspection. We do not segregate Trust property in this way; we organize our financials according to the policies adopted by the Conference and as described in A Guide to World Services in NA. As the FIPT is currently written, a single region can request an inspection of the records and operations of the Trust, and such an inspection can be both time-consuming and costly. **We are not sure this part of the Operational Rules reflects the Conference’s current thinking.** A policy that allows a single region to make a decision involving the allocation of so many resources seems contrary **to our evolution toward a consensus-based Conference.**

This is one of those policies that we have known was outdated and unclear for some time, but have not wanted to drag the Fellowship through a detailed review. The recent inspection request, however, has made it clear we may be overdue to have this conversation.

I have included the whole packet we were sent. I found the time line very interesting as South Florida informed the World Board that their request was coming in December 2016. Giving formal request in April 2017 and the World Board finally telling all the Regions in August 24 2017.

I would also like to point out the bold print in the World Board response I did that because I believe it is not our (meaning the RD Team) place to make decisions about the FIPT. The literature and in turn the FIPT belongs to the Groups. And it is the Groups who need to response the World Board and their questions. So that is why I am boring you with all this muck because it is up to you the RCM's and the rest of the Regional Body to start having this conversations with the Groups.

1. 1st bold print; **We expect to have more to report before the 2018 World Service Conference, and we will request the guidance of the WSC.**
 - i) We will need to know what to tell the World Board hopefully they will talk to us before the Conference though we don't have any guarantees.
2. 2nd bold print; **We would also like to have a more general conversation with the Conference about the process for requesting an inspection of the Trust**
 - i) What does the Groups think should be the process for seeing where their money, ideas, and where their literature is going..
3. 3rd bold print; . **We are not sure this part of the Operational Rules reflects the Conference's current thinking.**

The Conference should not have been asked if "they" believe the Fellowship still affirms the rules we have agreed on in the FIPT.

4. 4th bold print; **to our evolution toward a consensus-based Conference**

This is the problem I see about a consensus-based Conference. We the delegates are asked to guess what the Groups think and then when the Conference makes a decision without any feedback from the Groups they (the Groups) are stuck with those decisions. Like the Conference (ie the Groups) think that the financial reporting by the NAWS is good enough. Plus the following from the third draft of the 2016 Conference page 14.

Do we believe that the Fellowship still affirms the rules we have agreed on in the FIPT?

- **96 (95%)** **yes**
- **5 (5%)** **no**

Should we register and list on the meeting locator, NA groups that clearly intend to use material that is not NA-Fellowship approved?

- **28 (26%)** **yes**
- **78 (74%)** **no**

Should we take action to remove NA recovery literature from ASC/RSC sites, even if it means shutting down the site? (This may require ongoing action if a new site is created.)

- 75 (71%) yes
- 31 (29%) no

FROM MOVING FORWARD SESSION

Do we want to say that NA groups use current editions of NA Fellowship-approved literature?

- 71 (63%) yes
- 39 (34%) no
- 3 (3%) abstain
- 4 present not voting

Are former editions of NA Fellowship-approved literature different in your mind than the hybrid versions that have been created and never approved in that form?

- 93 (83%) yes
- 12 (11%) no
- 7 (6%) abstain
- 6 present not voting

Do we want an additional statement from WSC 2016? Two straw polls were taken on this issue during the Moving Forward session.

First Poll

- 73 (64%) yes
- 36 (32%) no
- 5 (4%) abstain
- 3 present not voting

Second Poll

- 79 (66%) yes
- 40 (34%) no
- 0 abstain
- 0 present not voting

- i) I don't remember the last time we (the Groups) were asked about our literature since we gave it away back in the 90's, though our delegates where asked what we thought.
5. 5th bold print; **This is one of those policies that we have known was outdated and unclear for some time, but have not wanted to drag the Fellowship through a detailed review. The recent inspection request, however, has made it clear we may be overdue to have this conversation**
- i) On page 30 of the 2016 CAR the board says "The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust itself is written in legalese and puts most members to sleep. But it is an expression of the hard-won experience and decisions by the Fellowship in response to many of the same issues that seem to be Resurrected today. Its purpose is to ensure that NA's property is held in trust for all of NA and kept safe for members yet to come, in keeping with our primary purpose."
6. **C.A.R. order form is out you can order a copy for \$7.50 November 29th Item 9140**

7. If it was known was outdated and unclear for some time why was the Fellowship not informed.

Okay I will get off my soapbox though you can see why I get up on it. We the Delegate Team needs to know what our Groups think.

A quick rewind on some of the motions we have heard about;

- 1) Ohio asking about making the Service Pamphlet "Social Media and Our Guiding Principles" changed to an Informational Pamphlet
- 2) Regions in the Asian Pacific Forum asking; presented by the New Zealand Region and Australian Region
 - a) to allow a delegate from current existing Zonal Forums to be seated as non-voting participant for one conference only. Expense of those Delegates to be responsibility of the Zonal Forum,
 - b) For the Conference to come up with a shared concept and understanding of Zones and what their role in the fellowship
 - c) Zonal representation by Zones if they desire
- 3) Northern New York asking
 - a) Direct the World Board to create a project plan to revising a piece of recovery literature directly addressing Drug Replacement Therapy (DRT) and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
 - b) A Service Pamphlet that states clearly the rights of groups to reprint Narcotics Anonymous recovery literature covered under the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust and its bulletins.
 - c) To replace the first paragraph under "What kinds of literature should we use" in the Group Booklet as follows
 - i) **Original Paragraph;** " NA World Services produces a number of different kinds of publications. However, only NA-approved literature is appropriate for reading in Narcotics Anonymous meetings. Selections from NA-approved books and pamphlets are usually read at the beginning of an NA meeting, and some meetings use them as the core of their format. NA-approved literature represents the widest range of recovery in Narcotics Anonymous.
 - ii) **Replacement Paragraph;** NA World Services produces a number of different kinds of publications. However, only NA-approved literature is appropriate for reading in Narcotics Anonymous meetings, ***and then only NA-approved edition(s) of literature that conveys a unified message as the most current edition(s). For Basic Texts, this would be the 3rd Edition Revised and newer. Older editions of our literature as well as approval drafts, while valid in history, and while they carry a message of recovery, all carry a message that in some way or ways contradict our current edition(s) of literature and are no longer in unity with the fellowship's conscience regarding our message of recovery.***

Selections from NA-approved books and pamphlets are usually read at the beginning of an NA meeting, and some meetings use them as the core of their format. NA-approved literature represents the widest range of recovery in Narcotics Anonymous. ***It is suggested that meetings that utilize older editions of NA-approved literature acknowledge the current editions of NA-approved literature for the sake of NA unity.***

**Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Treasurer Report – August 20, 2017 RSC**

	Beginning Balance			\$ 10,377.42
Income:				
5/21/17	Area/group donations	\$ 1,580.00		
	Subcommittee donations	\$ 3,850.00		
	returned monies/other	\$ 800.56		
5/25/17	key deposit	\$ 50.00		
				\$ 6,280.56
				\$ 16,657.98
Expenses:				
#1497 8/20/17	Insurance (Escrow)		\$1,248.25	
Debit 9/5/17	Web Site (Escrow)		\$334.80	
Debit 8/7/17	Phoneline (Escrow)		\$522.39	
#1498 8/20/17	FD - Key for Nov RSC - Amber C		\$100.00	
#1499 8/20/17	FD - Key deposit service assembly		\$50.00	
Debit 8/21/17	Rent - Feb RSC Indian Rock Center NTE		\$77.50	
#1505 8/20/17	FD - Supplies for ...			
#1504 8/20/17	FD - Supplies for ...			
#1508 8/20/17				
#1507 8/20/17				
#1503 11/18/17	City Blue Print - MAN NTE		\$225.75	
#1502 11/18/17	City Blue Print - Mtg List NTE		\$348.30	
#1501 8/20/17	Meeting List Postage Tracy C - NTE		\$100.00	
#1506 8/20/17	Archivist Flash Drive - Jim S		\$37.98	
#1500 8/20/17	RD Travel to SD - Rod Davis		\$800.00	
#1509 8/20/17	Restructuring Ad Hoc Printing - NTE		\$100.00	
				\$ 4,279.97
	Bank Balance			\$ 12,378.01
	Less: Prudent Reserve			\$ 6,000.00
	Sub-total			\$ 6,378.01
	Less: Escrows - After Aug 17 Exp.			
	Fellowship Development		\$ 588.76	
	Public Relations		324.48	
	PR - Basic Text Project		-	
	Rent		60.00	
	Insurance (through Nov 17)		1,248.25	
	Phoneline (due Aug 17) (ACH)		177.61	
	Storage (due Feb 17)		456.00	
	P. O. Box (due Feb. 17)		38.00	
	Web Page (due Sept. 17)		55.20	
	RDA (due Feb. 18)		2,000.00	
	Memorial Fund		500.00	
	Total Escrows			\$ 5,448.30
	Spendable Balance			\$ 929.71

MOTION/ REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Name or Committee: Central Kanas Area

Date: 11-19-17

Second by / Payable to : Convention

Pro: 9

New Old Amendment

Con: 0

Abstain: 0

Financial Impact/
Amount Requested: \$ 2000.00

Housekeeping Yes No

Escrow Yes No

BACK TO GROUPS: YES NO

Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

MOTION TABLED: YES NO

Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

Motion: (Please state motion/request clearly and accurately) Facilitator and co-facilitator will review the contract for the meeting space at the Masonic Lodge in Salina. If the contract is found to be in order, contract will be signed by the facilitator for 1 (one) year, beginning in February 2018 to meet at that location and to utilize the provided storage areas. The cost will be \$2000 which breaks down to \$300 for the meetings space on RSC weekends and \$800 for the year for the two storage closets.

Intent of Motion: **To be in a stable meeting location and to have climate controlled storage.**

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Comments from Discussion/Amendments:

Accepted by Motioner? Yes No

For Treasurer's Use Only

Check #:

Signature of Recipient:

MOTION/ REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Name or Committee: JFT RCM

Date: 11-19-17

Second by / Payable to: Wichita Metro

Pro: 9

New Old Amendment

Con: 0

Financial Impact/
Amount Requested: \$ 0

Housekeeping Yes No

Abstain: 0

Escrow Yes No

BACK TO GROUPS: YES NO

Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

MOTION TABLED: YES NO

Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

Motion: (Please state motion/request clearly and accurately)

Apply phaneline ~~as~~ appendix to regional guidelines. Reference appendix location in duties section of the phaneline coordinator's position description. Pg 26 #10 item B insert

Intent of Motion: Describe the duties of phaneline coordinator position.

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Comments from Discussion/Amendments:

Accepted by Motioner? Yes No

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Check #:

Signature of Recipient:

Hello Family,

Soul 2 Soul was another success. A weekend of spiritual growth, and gift that keeps on giving. We had 35 people preregistered, and 11 registered on site. 3 people didnt show up & that makes 43 people that were able to get a spiritual recharge. We had several new people from different groups and 3 people from Oklahoma attended.

Our Checking balance as of:

8-17-17	2317.11
8-19-17 1102 Jan Koehn-groceries	800.00
8-26-17 deposit	1050.00
balance	2567.11
8-30-17 1103 Shelley Wright\reimb mugs	251.28
9-17-17 1104 Shelley Wright\reimb shirts	396.36
9-19-17 Pay Pal deposit	580.16
balance	2499.63
9\26\17 deposit	1544.29
balance	4043.92
10\31\17 1105 camp chippewah 2017	750.00
10\31\17 1106 campchippewah 2018\deposit	500.00
final balance	2793.92

Horse back riding was a big success, we had 13 people ride and also enjoyed our Hayrack ride.

Camp cost was	1000.00
horse back	200.00
<u>hay rack</u>	<u>50.00</u>
total	1250.00

Jan done an awesome job making sure we had plenty of awesome food to eat. She also done an awesome job managing her funds and keeping the cost down. She started out with 800.00 and only spent 680.71. This averaged out to \$ 2.96\meal. Good lob Jan. She returned 119.29.

We need to Put in the Minutes Co-cahair Ben Thomas full name & info, and that he needs to be added to the checking acct. as the treasurer.

We have 305.00 2018 prereg moneys that havent been deposited yet. I recommend that we donate \$ 1500.00 to MARSCNA. This will leave us with \$1293.92 for start up in 2018.

In Loving Service

soul 2 soul treasurer

Tim Parkman

November 2017

(855) 732-HOPE



**Mid-America Region
Narcotics Anonymous**

Mid-America Regional Phone-Line Policy and Guidelines (NOV 2017)

phoneline@marscna.net

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL PHONE-LINE POLICY AND GUIDELINES (NOV 2017)

INTRODUCTION: This Policy Guideline is intended to give clear guidance about how to manage and maintain the Mid-America Regional Phone-Line. It contains best practices, point of contact, general phone-line and information specific to our phone-line. Where specific practice and policy for a phone-line situation or event is not listed in this document, we refer to the Mid-America Regional Guidelines, Public Relations Handbook, PR Basics, A Guide To Local Services In Narcotics Anonymous, The Mid-America PR subcommittee, The Regional Service Committee and a Higher Power, in that order.

Our phone-line is an information line and NOT a hotline or crisis line. The mission and purpose of the phone-line is to provide timely and accurate information about Narcotics Anonymous in general and specifically where and when to find Narcotics Anonymous meetings in the Mid-America Region using a telephonic format. This information is made available to the general public and our membership inside and outside of the Mid-America Region.

HISTORY: Phone-line service began as discussion many years before fruition. At that time costs were prohibitive for a toll-free service. With the advent of relatively inexpensive internet answering services availability beginning in 2008, discussions moved toward action. After Motion # 052012-01 was ratified by the groups in 2012, construction began in 2013 and the Mid-America Phone-Line went “live” in early 2014.

PHONE-LINE FACILITATOR DUTIES:

Point of contact for phone-line logistics, “live-addict” volunteer recruiting and training, “live addict” volunteer shift assignments and update of phone-line information is the responsibility of the Phone-Line Facilitator. The facilitator is a conduit for information to and from the Mid-America Regional Public Relations Subcommittee. The facilitator will issue a written report to the Regional Service Committee through the Public Relations Subcommittee quarterly.

ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

The Phone-Line Facilitator will be responsible for log-in and password information for the Answering Service, change that information when necessary and make that information immediately available to the 1) RSC Facilitator

- 2) RSC Treasurer
- 3) PR Coordinator

The phone-line currently utilizes an internet based answering service provider to provide toll-free telephonic meeting time and locations in the Mid-America Region. Regular review of this provider should be conducted by the PR subcommittee and Phone-Line Facilitator to ensure efficiency, feature availability and best use of funds. This service presently utilizes voice recordings (MP3) and typed scripts with text-to-voice technology.

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL PHONE-LINE POLICY AND GUIDELINES
(NOV 2017)

1. **UPDATES** – NA Meeting location, day and time updates will be coordinated with the Mid-America Regional Meeting List Coordinator and occur not less than each RSC. Updates of “live-addict” volunteers and volunteer shifts will be reviewed not less than each RSC.
2. **VOLUNTEER TRAINING** – All “live-addict” volunteers shall have a minimum of ; one (1) year clean-time and active involvement in Narcotics Anonymous Service at the Regional, Area or Group Levels. All ‘live-addict’ volunteers will be assigned shifts of three (3) hours minimum and volunteer length of service is assumed to be one (1) quarter (RSC to RSC) minimum. All volunteers will be trained before assuming shift duties.

Training will include but is not limited to attending presentations of Phone-Line training at the RSC weekend or direct/and or remote communication, by email and/or telephone, with the Phone-line Facilitator. Training will include mock phone calls and practical examples of phone-line do’s and don’ts. Present information includes excerpts from the PR Handbook, (855)732-HOPE and MID-AMERICA PHONELINE Powerpoint presentations. All “live-addict” phone-line volunteers serve at the pleasure of the Regional PR Sub-Committee and can be added or removed at the discretion of the Phone-line Facilitator.

No Pets Allowed

No Fireworks Allowed



Mid-America Region 39th Annual FREE Campout

Chautauqua Park — Beloit, KS

July 6-8, 2018*

Lodging Available in Beloit, KS:

Backyard Lodge: 2988 US Highway 24 - Phone: 785-534-1777

Super 8: 3018 West Highway 24 - Phone: 1-800-536-1211

Contact: Jon J. 785-569-1284

***The park will be available to campers on Thursday, 07/05/18**