

Ozark Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous: December 18th, 2022 Business Meeting

Called to order at 3:00 pm. Opened with Serenity Prayer. 12 & 12 read. Minutes from last month approved.

ROLL CALL:

Administration Committee:

- Chair: Vacant – Dale S. - absent
- Vice Chair: Vacant
- Secretary: Amanda – present
- Treasurer: Karen – present
- RCM: Brent S - absent
- RCM ALT: Don C - present

Sub Committees: *Please announce date/time/location for next meeting even if at ASC location*

- AASC Chair: Donnie (interim) - present
- H&I Chair: Ginette - present
- PR Chair: vacant
- Website Coordinator: Matt L. – absent
- Newsletter: Rufus P – present

Groups: * - *Group is currently inactive- if present will sit out votes in this meeting but become active next meeting if present*

- 5th Tradition (Joplin) PRESENT
- A New Way (Neosho)- PRESENT
- Breaking the Cycle (Nevada) PRESENT
- But Do It (Joplin) PRESENT
- Clean & Serene (Galena) ABSENT - no vote until 2 consecutive meetings
- Just For Today- (Webb City) PRESENT
- Living Clean (Pittsburg) PRESENT
- No Matter What (Miami) ABSENT
- Spiritual Principles (Joplin) PRESENT
- Straightline (Grove, OK) ABSENT
- Stray Katz (Joplin) ABSENT
- Survivors (Joplin) PRESENT
- Traditional Recovery (Eldorado Springs) PRESENT
- Under Grace (Carthage) * (inactive) ABSENT
- We Do Recover (Joplin) PRESENT

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report attached.

RCMA: OZARK AREA – Hello Area, the RCM has pneumonia and will not be present today so I am here to pick up all the votes for region and if there are any concerns or need for our area let me know so I can give them to Brent, our RCM, to region. In Loving Service, Don C.

H & I: Hello Ozark Area. I am an addict serving as your chairperson, Ginette. Lots of excitement happening in the H & I world right now! We have been able to take in 2 women's & 2 men's meetings so far into Jasper County. We are also now in contact and have approved to get back into Joplin city jail. Taking applications now! If you are interested, reach out to Jacob C or myself for applications. More info to come but meetings will be Sundays at 8pm. We are also really close to getting back into New Directions, we will probably need to do an 8 hour class to come in but more information to come after Brian speaks to their HR department. We also discussed the need for ideas to be brought to the table next month for the H & I speaker jam coming up in April. In loving service, Ginette G.

AASC: Hello Ozark Area, My name is Donnie L. serving as your AASC chair. Final arrangement for the New Year's Eve party have been made. Please – asking GSR's for raffle donations. Doors open at 5pm. Chili needs to be in by 5:30 for judging.

Newsletter: No report. Updated meeting schedules are available. Any suggestions please let me know ozarkarea@gmail.com.

Website Coordinator: Absent - no report given.

GROUP REPORTS:

5th Tradition – Hello Area, I am Don C. GSR for 5th Tradition, we meet on Mon & Tues at 6:30PM in the basement of the church at 1901 Pearl – ally entrance, Joplin, MO. Meeting attendance is good. We have a \$53.00 donation to area this month. In Loving Service, Don C.

A New Way – Hello Ozark Area, my name is Kenney B. I'm an addict serving as GSR for A New Way group of NA. We meet at the Kelly Club 209 North Valley Street in Neosho, MO every Friday at 7pm. We average 10-13 addicts. We have a \$15.00 donation at this time. Thank you, Kenney B.

Breaking The Cycle – Hello Ozark Area, this is Eric the GSR from Breaking the Cycle in Nevada. We meet every Friday at 6 at 301 S. Pine and we have a \$10 donation.

But Do It – Hello Ozark Area, my name is Dennis and I am an addict serving as GSR for the But Do It Group of Narcotics Anonymous. We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm at 414 Virginia. All of our meetings are Open nonsmoking or vaping. The second Wednesday is our book study, the last is our birthday meeting, and our business meeting is after our regular meeting on the Wednesday before Area. We are celebrating 1 birthday this month, Brandi L. with 7 yrs. This month we have no donation. In loving service, Dennis D.

Just For Today – Hello Ozark Area, my name is Amee, I am an addict serving as GSR for the Just For Today group of NA. We meet at 24706 St. Hwy 171, Webb City, MO (meeting hall at House Inc.) We meet on Thursday at 8:00 pm except the 3rd Thursday of the month. Our business meeting is the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm at the same address in conference room in front of building. We celebrate birthdays on the last Thursday of the month with cake and medallions. December birthdays are Robert L. with 1 year and Will C. with 1 year. We have usually 65-75 addicts in attendance weekly with 3 home group members with an opening now available for activities chair. Come be a part of! We have a \$20 donation at this time. In loving service. Amee A.

Living Clean – We meet 7 days at week at 6:30pm and Saturday women’s meeting at 9:30 am. We have 7-20 people in attendance. We have no major or minor issues. We will have our meeting place open from 6pm – midnight on December 31st. We will have an additional meeting at 10:30 pm and there will be finger food for the evening. We will close at midnight. 3111 N. Michigan Ave. Pittsburg, KS. I have a guest with us – Tiffany – she is looking into learning the service structure. In loving service, Mo K.

No Matter What – ABSENT

Spiritual Principles – Hello Ozark Area, My name is Mike W. serving as GSR for Spiritual Principles. We are an open non-smoking / non-vaping meeting that meets at 9:30 am Sunday mornings at the Alano Club 1800 W. 30th St. We average 40 attendees and no birthdays this month. We will hold our meeting on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. We have a \$31 donation. In loving service, Mike W.

StraightLine - Hi, my name is Tasha, the GSR of Straightline in Grove, OK. Our meetings are held at COS Church in Grove located at 1600 Har-ber Rd. Meetings are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am. Average attendance of 5. Tuesday night at 7pm average attendance of 20. All meetings are open nonsmoking. We brought a \$20 donation.

Stray Katz - Hello Area, my name is Kelvin J. serving as Stray Katz GSR. We are located at 10th and Oronogo in Webb City at the Nazarene church. We open and close our meetings in the general way. Stray Katz is a nonsmoking meeting every Saturday at 6pm also a book study Monday at 6pm. Speaker on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Also, our business meeting is the 3rd Saturday of the month. Birthdays are celebrated the last Saturday of the month. This month we have Tony with 29 years. We host around 25-35 addicts per meeting. Stray Katz will be having a Spring Bash in March - more will be revealed. Also, Stray Katz has a \$20 donation for area today. In love and service, Kelvin J.

Survivors – Hello Ozark Area, my name is Terry, serving as alternate GSR for Survivors. Survivors meets every M/TU/SA at noon and Friday night at 6:30pm. We are celebrating 2 birthdays – Andy with 3 years and Terry with 18 years on the last Saturday of the month. We are starting to plan our annual Valentine’s Event - More will be revealed. We have a \$20 donation for ASC. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Traditional Recovery – Hello Ozark Area, I’m Jimmie and I’m an addict serving as GSR for the Traditional Recovery group of El Dorado Springs. We meet at 300 S. Main. We meet every Wednesday and Sunday

at 7pm and Sundays we have a dinner at 6:15. Last Sunday me and Tina P. had our birthday night – me with 3 years and Tina with 18 years. At this time we have a \$10 donation at this time. Thank you for letting me serve, Jimmie.

We Do Recover – Hello Ozark Area, my name is Rufus P. GSR for We Do Recover of Narcotics Anonymous. We have 15 meetings per week at 829 Main Street in Joplin. The 2nd Friday of the month is our speaker meeting and the last Friday of the month is our birthday meeting. Birthdays this month include Misty K. 1 year, Jackie G. 1 year, Jackie V. 1 year, Saralinn T. 18 months, Devin W. 3 years, Austin S. 3 years and Michael P. 3 years. We Do Recover will be open all day Christmas with food and fellowship from 11am -9pm. In loving service, Rufus.

SHARING SESSION:

- We need to catch up rent to the ROCC for November and December area meetings - \$30. The NYE function rental deposit is \$100.
- Discussion about AASC merchandise invoice paid for with cash from prior hoodie sales and remaining cash given to treasurer. Going forward, all cash sales and invoice payments will go through the treasurer for transparency and clarity.
- CJ Celebration of Life in January at We Do Recover – if you have any questions please contact Rufus or Ginette.
- Ozark Area New Year's Eve and Chili Cookoff on 12/31/22 at the ROCC doors open at 5, Chili in by 5:30 – there is a \$5 chili contest entry fee, Speaker is Crystal C. \$3 per person or 2 for \$5 entry. No addict turned away. Need NA raffle items please.

OLD BUSINESS

- **No old business**

NEW BUSINESS

- **No new business**

Next area:

01/15/2023

@ 3pm is a Potluck @ The ROCC (14 & Main St.)

H & I @ 1 - AASC @ 2 - OASC @ 3

ALL @ The ROCC

Motion to Close.

Amanda D.- 417-438-6364 amandadoubet@gmail.com

Information your group may need to know:

- **AREA GUIDELINES-** If your group does not have a copy, please tell the secretary or chair and we will make sure you get one emailed to you. We will have a printed copy at each area. These are also available on our website: ozarkasc.com
- **Active** means you have been at 2 consecutive Area Business meetings.
- **Inactive** means you have missed 2 consecutive Area Business meetings. If you are inactive then your group will sit out of voting for ONE Area meeting, then the NEXT area meeting (in a row) your group is eligible to vote.
 - If you MISS the next area meeting, you are again inactive and must sit out another area business meeting.
 - Voting privileges are regained at the *second consecutive area business* meeting your group is represented at.
- **GSR responsibilities** are to attend area business meetings, the GSR alternate should also attend to learn the process. The GSR Alternate may represent the group in the absence of the GSR at the Area business meeting.
 - If a GSR and GSR Alternate are not available to attend an area business meeting, any trusted servant may be sent by the group to represent them at the area, bringing the group information and *returning with area information for the group*.
- **Any member of Narcotics Anonymous may make a motion** at the Area Business meeting, however a GSR *must second* the motion in order for it to be considered for a vote. If it is not seconded by a GSR the chair will call it “dead for lack of second”. This does not mean it cannot be resubmitted, it just means that it didn’t get the second that it needed to be considered for a vote by the area.
- **Review or make available** the entire minutes that you receive each month with your home group, make sure there isn’t anything missing in your information exchange to the area and from the area. If you have questions about the minutes, ask the secretary, chair or vice-chair, they will be happy to help you!

OASC TREASURER REPORT**12/18/2022**

Beginning Bank Balance		\$ 4,873.36
Donations:		
5th Tradition (Joplin)	\$ 67.50	
But Do it (Joplin)	\$ 40.00	
Breaking the Cycle (Nevada)	\$ -	
Clean and Serene (Galena)	\$ -	
Just for Today (Webb City)	\$ 20.00	
Living Clean (Pittsburg)	\$ -	
New Way Group (Neosho)	\$ 20.00	
No Matter What (Miami)	\$ 10.00	
Spiritual Principles (Joplin)	\$ 100.00	
Straight Line (Grove)	\$ 20.00	
Stray Katz (Joplin)	\$ 20.00	
Survivors (Joplin)	\$ 20.00	
Traditional Recovery (Eldorado Springs)	\$ 10.00	
Under Grace (Carthage)	\$ -	
We Do Recover (Joplin)	\$ -	
Total Donations & Deposits:	\$ 327.50	
	Adjusted Balance:	\$ 5,200.86
Expenses:		
Freedom Voice - Dec. billing (not posted yet -\$31.92)	\$ -	
Total Expenses:	\$ -	
New Balance OASC:		\$ 5,200.86

AASC TREASURER REPORT**12/18/2022**

Beginning Bank Balance		\$ 3,704.77
Deposits:		
Hoodie Sales - Ck to Karen C from Tara K	\$ 35.00	
	\$ 35.00	
Total Deposits:		
	Adjusted Balance:	\$ 3,739.77
Expenses:		
	\$ -	
Total Expenses:	\$ -	
New Balance AASC:		\$ 3,739.77

Sharing the Message



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The Ozark Area Newsletter

www.ozarkasc.com

24 Hour Helpline 1-888-359-3339

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**5th Tradition, A New Way, Breaking the Cycle, But Do It, Clean & Serene,
Just For Today, Living Clean, No Matter What, Spiritual Principles, Straightline,
Stray Katz, Survivors, Traditional Recovery, Under Grace, We Do Recover**

HELLO!

Hello and thank you for being a part of the Ozarks Area! The last couple of years have been interesting, to say the least! With the New Year on the horizon we hope you enjoy this issue of the Ozark's Area Newsletter. For a current list of area meetings go to our website at: www.ozarkasc.com. We hope you enjoy this issue and please feel free to send us your stories of experience, strength and hope, jokes, poems, artwork or anything else you would like to share!

EMAIL YOUR HOME GROUP NEWS,
INFORMATION AND CLEAN TIME
ANNIVERSARIES TO:

OZARKAREA@GMAIL.COM

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE & CHILI COOKOFF

DECEMBER 31ST

6PM-MIDNIGHT

@ THE ROCC

**1402 S. Main St. Joplin, MO
(CHILI ENTRY AT 5:30)**

Feb

CABIN FEVER

MARCH 3, 4 & 5, 2023

**LODGE OF THE 4 SEASONS
LAKE OF THE OZARKS**

HIGH ON LIFE PICNIC

JULY 28, 29 & 30

**BUCKSAW RESORT
CLINTON, MO**

OUR MESSAGE

"An addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live. You are welcome here."

OZARK AREA NEWSLETTER

THIS TIME...

This time back in the rooms I have learned what willingness really means. When I walked through those doors I was so broken. I was ready to give up on life. I was ready for something different. I didn't want to die, but I didn't want to keep living the way I was. At that time I was living on the streets with everything I owned in a Walmart bag. So I had to become willing to do whatever it took. I was willing to walk to meetings because I knew that's where I needed to be. I became Willing to pray even when I didn't want to. At that time I had no understanding of a higher power. I did it anyway because it was suggested and I was willing to try anything. I became willing to get a sponsor. I became willing to share honestly where I'm at. I became willing to read the literature. I became willing to work the steps. I became willing to be of service, even if it was picking up cigarette butts in front of the meeting hall. I became willing to be open minded. Most importantly I became willing to get totally honest with myself. So today, what willingness means to me is doing whatever it takes to get one more day clean.



JOIN OZARK AREA H&I!

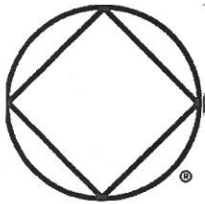
...BE A PART OF OZARK AREA H&I

CONTACT GINETTE G. 417- 540-5908

COMMITTEE MEETS 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**OZARK AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
& CHILI COOKOFF**

happy
new
year
2023



**SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST
6PM-MIDNIGHT**

**1402 S. MAIN ST JOPLIN (THE ROCC)
\$3 per person / \$5 per 2 persons
no addict turned away**

8pm Speaker ~ Crystal C.

Chili Entries at 5:30pm

Please Bring a Raffle Item

JUST FOR TODAY

KEYTAGS

WHITE KEYTAG - INTERNATIONAL COLOR OF SURRENDER

THIS IS FOR ANYONE AT THEIR FIRST NA MEETING, BACK AFTER A RELAPSE, OR JUST WANT TO SURRENDER THEIR DISEASE TODAY. ANYONE WANTING TO GIVE UP THE FIGHT AND PICK UP THE WHITE?

ORANGE KEYTAG - ORANGE YOU GLAD TO BE IN A MEETING?

ORANGE THE COLOR OF CAUTION WE SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS AT 30 DAYS
AVOID OLD PLAYMATES, PLAYGROUNDS AND PLAYTHINGS

GREEN KEYTAG - GREEN MEANS GO. SO GO TO A LOT OF MEETINGS.

GREEN THE COLOR OF MONEY... WE AREN'T SPENDING IT ON DOPE ANYMORE.

RED KEYTAG FOR 90 DAYS. RED LIKE A STOPSIGN. STOP AND LOOK AT YOUR PROGRAM.
SHOULD HAVE RED YOUR BASIC TEXT BY NOW.

BLUE FOR SIX MONTHS.... HALF OF A CAKE... IT'S BLUE SO WE DON'T HAVE TO BE

YELLOW FOR 9 MONTHS.... YELLOW, THE COLOR OF THE SUN WE SEE IT WHEN WE
GET UP IN THE MORNING, NOT AFTER COMING IN AFTER A LONG NIGHT OF USING.

CLOW IN THE DARK FOR 1 YEAR HOPEFULLY YOU HAVE A HOME GROUP AND ARE WORKING
STEPS BY NOW. A HOME GROUP IS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CALL US ON
OUR SHIT AND BUY US A CAKE ON OUR 1 YEAR OR MORE....

18 MONTHS YOU GET BATTLESHIP GRAY CAUSE YOU STUCK AND STAYED

BLACK AND GOLD CAUSE YOU DID WHAT YOU'RE TOLD OR GOLD ON BLACK
CAUSE YOU KEPT COMING BACK.... FOR MULTIPLE YEARS OF RECOVERY

NEVER ALONE. NEVER AGAIN.

Clean Time Birthdays

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

5TH TRADITION
KELLY C. 28 YEARS

A NEW WAY
ANGIE F. 24 YEARS

BUT DO IT
DENNIS D. 18 YEARS

JUST FOR TODAY
MICHAEL R. 1 YEAR
ANITA R. 1 YEAR
JAMES M. 1 YEAR
MARK D. 18 MONTHS
WILL J. 5 YEARS
JERRY F. 7 YEARS

LIVING CLEAN
PAUL G. 1 YEAR
RON A. 10 YEARS
TERRYL K. 14 YEARS

SURVIVORS
ANDY L. 3 YEARS
MATT L. 5 YEARS
GEORGIA B. 6 YEARS
TERRY L 18 YEARS

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES
BRIAN D. 7 YEARS

STRAY KATS
ANITA R. 1 YEAR
WILL J. 5 YEARS
TIM P. 6 YEARS
JERRY F. 7 YEARS
TIM P. 6 YEARS
TONY 29 YEARS

TRADITIONAL RECOVERY
JIMMIE W. 3 YEARS
TINA P.T. 18 YEARS

WE DO RECOVER
MISTY K. 1 YEAR
JACKIE G. 1 YEAR
JACKIE V. 1 YEAR
SARALINN T. 18 MONTHS
DEVIN W. 3 YEARS
AUSTIN S. 3 YEARS
MICHAEL P. 3 YEARS
MATT D. 4 YEARS
RUFUS P. 4 YEARS

CONGRATULATIONS!

RECOVERY WORDSEARCH

N A L C O H O L I C S A N O N Y M O U S V H W C
 T N P H S R V W W R K F D R U G S O S N Y O D O
 F D O P Y Q G S J E D G F G X H V J I A M P C M
 K T Q A Q Y D Q U L H M Q B H W P N O P N E W M
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 U P V L G Y A H U Q E N O I N A H W I N M P T N
 S G E F D Y N S K T T D M F C N L Y O S M R N L
 S J A U A I B Y Q F Y E G S E Y R K N M N L E O
 Z R X P W H D C H I M R T X O T W G B P B E I X

wisdom
 growth
 Narcotics anonymous
 perfection
 surrender
 hope
 rehab
 overdose

experience
 change
 warning signs
 progress
 community
 addiction

joy
 unmanageable
 drugs
 process
 clean time
 twelve steps
 recovery

health
 devotion
 relapse
 faith
 motivation
 emotions