

# Ozark Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous: February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 3:00 pm. Opened with Serenity Prayer. 12 & 12 read.

## ROLL CALL:

### Administration Committee:

- + Chair: Crystal- Present
- + Vice Chair: Sarah- Present
- + Secretary: Ginette- Present
  - Secretary has a new group starter kit of key tags and white booklets if needed
- + Treasurer: Angela G - Present
- + RCM: Laura T - Present
- + RCM ALT- Ed- Present

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

- + AASC Chair: Laura- Present
- + H&I Chair: Brian C. – Absent
- + PR Chair: Sherard – Present
- + Website Coordinator: Matt L. - Absent
- + Newsletter: Rufus P - Present

### Groups: *Yellow highlight*- Group did not attend last area meeting and will become inactive if not at current meeting. *Teal highlight*- Group is currently inactive- if present will sit out votes in this meeting but become active next meeting if present

- + But Do It (Joplin) - Present
- + We Do Recover (Joplin) – Present
- + Spiritual Principles (Joplin)- Present
- + Survivors (Joplin)- Present
- + Traditional Recovery (Eldorado Springs)- Present
- + Just For Today- (New)- Present
- + Stray Katz (Joplin)- Present
- + A New Way (Neosho)- Absent
- + 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition (Joplin) - Absent
- + Native American (Joplin)- Absent
- + Against all Odds (Pittsburg)- Absent
- + Living Clean (Pittsburg)- Absent
- + Straightline (Grove, OK)- Absent
- + Under Grace (Carthage)- Absent
- + Clean & Serene (Joplin)- Absent
- + Together we Can (Nevada)- No Longer In Service

Minutes of last meeting presented by Secretary and approved.

## REPORTS:

## Treasurer's:

### OASC-

- **Beginning Balance-** \$3139.70
- **Deposits-** \$97.00
- **Expenses-** Ed H gas reimbursement for Regionals-\$40.02 Matt L website reimbursement-\$179.40 Freedom Voice- \$63.63 All Season's Signs-\$55.05 LoneStar (IP's)- \$392.00 Total-\$730.10
- **Ending Balance-** \$2506.60

### AASC-

- **Beginning and Ending Balance-** \$ 3,928.30

*In loving service, Angela G serving as your treasurer*

## RCM:

- ⊕ Hello Ozark Area. My name is Laura, addict serving as RCM for Ozark Area. I attended Region last month. **The amended motion that needs voted on is Motion # 101020-02, please bring the motion to your groups to provide for Area decision next month.** It is to pay for a Zoom subscription for the Show Me Region to use as needed. Amount not to exceed \$200 per year without further consideration of the Show Me Region body. Resumes for Regional Servant Positions are attached to this month's business meeting minutes' email along with other Regional information. **These need to be voted on by the home groups and votes brought to Area for final decision to bring to next Regional meeting.** William Schrader- Vice Chair, Angielee Guyton- SMRCNA BOD, Marvin Gerdes- SMRCNA Treasurer, Randy B- Regional H&I Chair, Valerie K- SMRCNA BOD, Matthew G- SMRCNA Chair, Diane P- SMRCNA BOD. Thanks for letting game be of service.

## PR:

- ⊕ Hello Ozark Area. I am a addict named Sherard serving as your Public Relations Chair. I would like to apologize to this Area for not being present at our scheduled Area meeting. Life on life's terms showed up and showed out. Our meetings for this subcommittee are at 12pm on the day of Area. We are currently in need of positions to be filled such as outreach chair, secretary and vice chair. **\*The following was edited by Secretary due to things that transpired during the meeting after report was written\*** Our website coordinator stepped down and Rufus was nominated and voted in. He will be assisting Rufus and teaching him the responsibilities of the position **\*End edit\*** For a while I was out of IP's but our Treasurer Angela did order them and I am back filling up racks and leaving them at these locations: Salvation Army, Community Clinic, Voc. Rehab, Starting Point, Boys & Girls Club, The ROCC, Probation & Parole, Preferred Family Health, Economic Security. If anyone wants to sit in or be a part of, ya are more than welcome to join us. Masks are not required but highly suggested. In loving service, Sherard.

## H&I:

- ⊕ Hello OASC. Addict named Brian serving as H&I chair. Finally got the literature box from Ivy this month, and was able to take literature to the City jail, New Directions and I had Ginette take lit. to Lafayette House. Felt like we did a little H&I this month. Also, Ginette is passing around apps to get women cleared to take meetings back into the Lafayette House. Hopefully we will be taking meetings back next month. Definitely a positive start to a crazy year. Next month we will have a live sub comm. Meeting; time and place will be announced. (3/21/21 @1PM) That's it for now. Thanks to Ginette for her help.  
Love and Service Brian C.

**Website:** Absent-No report sent

**Newsletter:** No report

**AASC:**

- ⊕ Hello Ozark Area. My name is Laura addict serving as AASC Chair. We met this afternoon before Area. This year's High On Life Picnic will be July 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and August 11<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at Bucksaw Resort- SE 803 Rd Clinton, MO. We need art work submitted by March 7<sup>th</sup> for T-Shirts turned into myself, Amanda D Crystal C or any other committee member. Please bring up in your group meetings. We are in the process of organizing the Area birthday. I will let you know more information on that at the next Area business meeting. Our next AASC meeting will be March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2PM at We Do Recover. Thanks for letting me be of service. Laura T.

**GROUP REPORTS:**

- ⊕ **Spiritual Principles**
  - Addict named Mike W. Im entrusted with serving Spiritual Principles Group of NA as GSR. Our group meets via Zoom on Sundays @ 10:00AM. Our Zoom ID is 83102810743 and the passcode is Sunday, the S is capitalized. Our goal is to have a hybrid, zoom and in person, meeting beginning late spring/early summer. Possible barriers are Covid mandates and availability at our previous location (Alano Club). Our attendance remains steady at 10-14 people per meeting. Several members have celebrated clean time anniversaries: Suzanne S, Andrea R & Deb B. I have omitted the exact years for fear of wrong information. We have also entrusted Brian D. as alternate GSR. We have a \$25.00 donation for area. Thank you for the privilege of serving! –Mike W.
- ⊕ **Stray Kats**
  - Hello Ozark Area. My name is John Hawkins, I am the GSR for Stray Katz. We are located at 10<sup>th</sup> & Oronogo in Webb City. "WE"- our group meetings are from 6pm-7pm. We host from 40-50 addicts in attendance. We open and close our meeting in the standard NA way. Birthdays are being held on the last Saturday of the month. We have a Monday night book study meeting added that is from 6pm-7pm. Donation to Area is \$20
- ⊕ **Traditional Recovery**

- Hello Ozark Family. Im an addict named Rick, GSR of Traditional Recovery in Eldorado Springs. We meet it the basement of First Christian Church 300 S Main on Sundays at 7PM. We eat at 615pm followed by an open meeting. We currently opened a book study on Wednesdays @ 7PM. We are working out of Living Clean. We have a \$10.00 donation. We require members to sanitize in, masks are optional. Thanks for letting me be of service. In Loving Service, Rick

⊕ **Just For Today**

- Hello Ozark Area, my name is Troy serving as GSR for the Just For Today group. We meet every Thursday at 8pm at 24701 HWY 171 in Webb City. We are a group with lots of newcomers of both male and females that could use support for sponsors. We have no donation at this time. In Loving Service, Troy.

⊕ **We Do Recover**

- I am an addict name Sherard standing in for Dan, GSR of We Do Recover. Currently we have a function coming up that is the We Do Birthday Bash which will be a Speaker Jam on March 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be 6 speakers- Darwin from Springfield, Mike W from Joplin, Dwight from Tulsa, Rick T from Eldorado Springs, Sandy B from Pittsburg and Christina from Columbia. Entry is free, donations are accepted. Birthdays being celebrated this month on the last Friday of this month are: Ginette 1yr, Joe M 3yr, Scott N 1 yr, Briana N 1 yr, Preverence 10 yrs. Our meetings are Monday-Sunday at 8PM, Monday-Saturday at 12PM, Friday and Saturday at Midnight. Our donation to Area is \$20.00,

⊕ **Survivors**

- Hello Ozark Area. I am Terry an addict representing Survivors group. Survivors meets at the ROCC on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday at Noon and Fridays at 630PM. Masks are required. This month we had one birthday, Donnie L with 15 yrs. We have a donation of \$20.00. Thank you for letting me be of service. Terry L.

⊕ **But Do It**

- Hello Ozark Area, But Do It meets Wednesdays at 6:30pm at 414 Virginia. Mask are required at our meeting. We are an open, non-smoking meeting. The second Wednesday of each month is a book study and the last Wednesday of the month is birthday night. This month we are celebrating 49 years of recovery between 5 members. We have a \$25 donation. Minutes will go to [brianna1271@gmail.com](mailto:brianna1271@gmail.com)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- ✚ Talk to H&I about why we are not allowed into Lafayette for meetings when other groups are being allowed to bring meetings in?  
 Brian said he is unsure why Lafayette is not giving us the ability to hold meetings if they are letting other organizations in. Normally Sarah was liaison for them since it is a women's facility. I

(Ginette) volunteered to reach out to them on Monday to try to re-establish a connection and mend/overcome whatever political things are going on and see if we can get back in there. Brian advised that I should reach out to Teddy or Renita because they may have more information, so I will do that as well.

Are we supplying Lit to the places we cannot go into due to Covid?

Brian said that we were still providing literature to places but he would reach out to ensure we are doing all we can to get the message out there to the people that need it since we cannot currently take in meetings.

Are we contacting the jails or anything monthly to be able to get back in there asap?

Brain said we were doing Zoom meetings with New Directions but the person that was facilitating that was unable to continue and no one else at New Directions has, at this time, stepped up to accomplish continuing that. Brian also said he would check with Jacob to see if we were continuing to contact the area jails to try to get back in with meetings ASAP. If it has not been being done, Brian said he will reach out to the contacts to make sure it is.

- ✦ People no longer serving in bank acct access positions need removed from accts (Doug and Melissa) and Laura T. (620) 215- 1415 and Sarah P. (918) 325-9609 need added to accts. Treasurer will contact and arrange meeting to get completed.
- ✦ Discussed new groups getting added onto the schedule- came to decision, based on the guidelines, that they must have a GSR and be at 2 area meetings to be added. Ed represented them this meeting, they have a business meeting to elect chair people this week. Should be able to be put on the March schedules when they go out, if everything continues as planned.
- ✦ Secretary brought up issue, that according to Area guidelines, she should have a “New Group Starter Kit” with keytags and literature but one was not provided. Group advised to check with Brian C or Shelie V.

I did reach out to both- Shelie advised that starter kit was given to Sarah P when she started a new group so new one will need to be ordered so I have one. Later, Angela G confirmed that she actually does have one. It has been given to Secretary.

- ✦ Matt L would like to give an opportunity for someone else to serve if they desire to do so in the position of Web Coordinator. Nomination for Web Coordinator by Crystal- Rufus- Gave resume- My name is Rufus, home group member of We Do Recover! I have 2 yrs clean. I am currently cleaning chair at my home group and have been newsletter chair for Area for the past year. I have a sponsor who works steps and has a sponsor. I work steps and I have 11 sponsees, most of whom are working steps. Thank you for this opportunity to serve!

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ✚ Updates to Regional contact list and Area contact list completed by Ginette. Can we get them added to the website? –Group decision was not to put that information out there.
- ✚ Concern raised about the depletion of the Area bank account. Possible ideas were brought to the table to do fundraising for Area-
  - Having pot luck and charging 7-10 dollars per head and having a speaker
    - Possibly have it at HOUSE with no cost (Area donates 1 basic text)
    - Jocelyn nominated Ginette to organize event- Ed, Jocelyn, Sarah, John H, Rufus, Sherard volunteered to assist with planning. Will be looking into possible ways to promote at different community events.
    - More info to come at next area meeting!

**Next area is 3/21/2021 @ 3pm put on by Stray Katz at We Do Recover**

Motion to Close.

Ginette Grider- 417-540-5908 [ginettegrider@gmail.com](mailto:ginettegrider@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 for the VICE CHAIR to use, if you need to see that copy, please ask Vice Chair's permission.
- ✚ **Active** means you have been at 2 consecutive Area Business meetings.
- ✚ **Inactive** means you have missed 2 consecutive Area Business meetings. If you were on the inactive list, 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.
  - We have **MOTION FORMS** to use to make motions, when one is used to make a motion, it will be attached to your area minutes, please review these with your home group, vote on them and return that vote to the next area business meeting. Check the rest of

the minutes for any motions that may not have a motion form because it was made in response to another motion or situation.

✚ **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!

✚ **If your group is in need of support, please reach out to PR and their outreach person will be happy to set up a time to get a group together to come visit your group! We are dedicated to supporting the meetings in the OZARK AREA!**