

# Ozark Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous: November 21st, 2021 Business Meeting

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- Present
- + RCM: Ed- Present
- + RCM ALT- Brent S- Present

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

- + AASC Chair: Melissa W- Present
- + H&I Chair: Open
- + PR Chair: Open
- + 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- (Webb City)- Present
- + Stray Katz (Joplin)- Present
- + 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition (Joplin) – Present
- + Living Clean (Pittsburg)- Present
- + A New Way (Neosho)- Absent
- + Native American (Joplin)-
- + Against all Odds (Pittsburg)-
- + Straightline (Grove, OK)-
- + Under Grace (Carthage)-
- + Clean & Serene (Joplin)-
- + Together We Can (Nevada)- No Longer In Service-

Minutes of last meeting absent- Secretary had Covid and was not given Area minute information with sufficient time to compile for current meeting. Minutes will be sent out to all contacts in the area contact list in separate email from the normal monthly minutes email.

## REPORTS:

### Treasurer's:

#### OASC-

- **Beginning Balance-** \$7,878.84
- **Deposits-** \$109.00
- **Expenses-** \$63.84 (\$63.84- Freedom Voice)
- **Ending Balance-** \$7,924.00

#### AASC-

- **Beginning Balance-** \$4,000
- **Deposits-** \$409.96 (Area Chili Cookoff)
- **Expenses-** \$3,072.01 (\$2,772.21- HOLP2022 Merch, \$60-Brianna Cupcakes for Cookoff, \$37.47- Walmart- Cookoff, \$73.52- Sam's- Cookoff)
- **Ending Balance-** \$1,466.69

**RCM:** Hello Ozark Area. I am Ed, serving as your interim RCM. I forwarded the minutes to G-Mommy Ginette from Region that I received from Region. I sent the Area donation in for our Area donation to Region. NAWS is having a webinar on sponsorship on 12-4 11am-1pm Pacific Time (2hrs behind us so 9am-11am). Mid Missouri Area donated a registration for 2 for Cabin Fever that was raffled off at the Chili Cook Off. In Loving Service, Ed H.

**RCMA:** Hello Ozark Area. My name is Brent serving as RCMA. I have nothing to report at this time.

**PR:** Three Area groups were represented at the PR subcommittee. Groups PR efforts were discussed which included the church knowing they were there, being listed on NA.org and on area meeting schedules. Having an IP rack at a recovery club. Pamphlet and information on NA's image was gone over. Groups will find out from their groups what they want the committee to get involved in next. Flyer days were discussed. In loving service, Pam M PR Chair (**Voted in during today's meeting**) 417-572-5721

**H&I:** No current chair-

**Website:** Matt not present

**Newsletter:** Newsletter for December is getting drafted up! The topic will be Unity. Please submit insights, literature quotes or other tidbits about the topic to Rufus P. as soon as possible.

**AASC:** Hello everyone, I'm Melissa W serving as your AASC Chair. Today we discussed the New Year's Eve function. We discussed having a card swipe for payments and our budget. We are excited to have our New Year's Eve function and hope everyone can come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. In Loving Service, Melissa W.

## GROUP REPORTS:

- **We Do Recover-** Hello Ozark Area. My name is Rufus P, interim GSR at We Do Recover. We have meetings 7 days a week. 12 noon Mon-Sat, every night at 8pm and midnight meetings on Friday and Saturday nights. We are settling into our new location at 829 Main Street and are currently working on setting up an area for the kids. We Do Recover will host an open house Thanksgiving Day from 11am-9pm with food and fellowship and the regularly scheduled meetings. Birthday night is this Friday November 26<sup>th</sup> with a potluck fundraiser from 6:30-8pm and everyone is invited. Celebrating clean time this month is Tim H- 1 yr Michael P and Tristan F with 2 yrs, Rufus P and Matt L with 3 yrs. In loving service, Rufus P.
- **Spiritual Principles-** Hello Area, I'm Mike W. serving as GSR. We are averaging 28 people per meeting. We have in person meetings at the Alano Club every Sunday morning at 9:30. We have no birthdays to report this month. We have a \$59.00 donation to Area. In Loving Service, Mike W.
- **But Do It-** But Do It meets at 414 Virginia on Wed. evenings at 6:30pm. It's an open, non-smoking meeting with an average of 10-20 addicts in attendance. Birthdays this month are Dennis D with 17 yrs and Angela G with 15 yrs. No donation this month. Service with a smile, Dale
- **Survivors-** Good Afternoon OASC- Survivors home group meets 4 times a week. We continue to have a steady attendance to all our meetings. We currently have 9 home group members. Matt L celebrated 3 years clean this month. We have Terry L and Andy L celebrating next month. Our donation this month is \$12.00. Gratefully, Teresa F
- **Traditional Recovery-** Hello Ozark Family. Im an addict named Rick, GSR of Traditional Recovery in Eldorado Springs. We meet at 300 S Main in the basement of the First Christian Church. Our meetings are Wednesday @ 7 and Sunday- eating at 6:15 open meeting followed at 7. Our attendance is down. Support is always welcome. We do not have a donation this month. In loving service, Rick
- **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 from 6pm-7pm. We have a \$20.00 donation this month to Area. Birthdays this month are Tim P (11-8-21) Jerry F (11-7-11).
- **Just For Today-** Im John an addict serving as the new GSR of the Just For Today group. We meet at 24706 St Hwy 171 in Webb City at 8PM on all but the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Our average attendance is between 40-50. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday we have our business meeting at 7PM in the front office at the same address. Please come out and be a part of. Last Thursday of the month is our birthday night. We have several this month. We have a \$20.00 donation for this month. Thank you for allowing us to be of service. John W.
- **Living Clean-** My name is Todd. Im GSR for the Living Clean group of Pittsburg KS. We meet Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at 6:30 PM. All our

meetings are open and non-smoking. We are glad to be back and to be a member of the Ozark Area. We meet at 3111 N Michigan Pittsburg Kansas.

- **5<sup>th</sup> Tradition-** Hello Area, I am Don C the GSR for 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition. The Halloween Party was a success. We almost broke even. We have a \$20 donation to Area. Meeting attendance averages between 6-10 people at our meeting that meets at 1901 Pearl, 6:30 PM on Mondays in the basement of the church. In loving service, Don C. PS The 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition Group is looking in to H&I & when we can get some H&I meetings going.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- **OASC Chair Vote-**
  - Sarah P nominated in October meeting- vote held- voted in as OASC Chair
- **PR Chair Vote-**
  - Pam M nominated in October meeting- vote held- voted in as PR Chair
- Discussion about PR literature needing to be distributed. Went over places that are currently on the list to bring literature to as well as discussed adding on the Stevens unit and Hawthorn center as well.

- **Budgets for positions for upcoming year (THESE NEED VOTED ON BY YOUR HOME GROUPS FOR NEXT AREA MEETING!!)**

- Secretary- Asking for \$50 increase
  - \$300- Ink (\$65x4) Paper (\$20) Staples (\$5) Incidental's cushion (\$40)
- RCM- No increase requested- current budget \$2,100
- H&I- No chair so no increase requested- current budget \$950
- Treasure- No current budget, group would like to add a \$50 budget for incidental's
- PR- No increase requested- current budget \$3,000
  - Phone line (\$32x12- \$384) Website annually (\$215.28) Travel (\$240) Literature orders (\$1953) Incidental's (remaining budget (\$207.72)
- AASC- Asking for \$500 increase
  - \$4500- Rooms @ HOL (\$1000) Food & Supplies (\$1000) Merchandise (\$2800)
- Group also asked for an additional \$200 dollars be added to the budget for Area incidental costs that may be incurred

**TOTAL AREA BUDGET REQUESTED FOR APPROVAL TO DETERMINE PRUDENT RESERVE- \$11,100**

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Nomination for Area Secretary- (THIS NEEDS VOTED ON BY YOUR HOME GROUPS FOR NEXT AREA MEETING!!)**

- Amanda D-
  - Resume submitted- Hello Ozark Area, My name is Amanda D and I am submitting my resume for Area Secretary. My clean date is 8/15/2006. I have done group service as Treasurer and GSR, Area Treasurer, AASC Chair and Merchandise Chair. I have taken H&I meetings into Lafayette House. I work steps with a Sponsor who works steps with her Sponsor. I have a computer and

internet access and am willing to be of service. In Loving Service, Amanda D.  
[amandadoubet@gmail.com](mailto:amandadoubet@gmail.com)

• **Nomination for Area Treasurer- (THIS NEEDS VOTED ON BY YOUR HOME GROUPS FOR NEXT AREA MEETING!!)**

- Karen C- VOTE NEEDED TO WAIVE CLEAN TIME REQUIREMENT ALONG WITH VOTE FOR POSITION
  - Resume submitted- Group service- GSR of Spiritual Principles (2 yrs) Treasure of Spiritual Principles (5yrs), Area service- none, Regional service- none, World service- none. Failed complete or been removed from service position?- no, Stolen or misappropriated funds?- no, Attend meetings?- yes (2 per week average), Sponsor?- yes, Knowledge of steps, traditions and concepts?- yes, Willing to uphold?- yes, Reviewed guidelines for position?- yes, Skills or training to assist in commitment?- BS & MBA in business, Considered impact on personal life?- Yes, Have the time and resources needed to complete service commitment?- yes, I will make time as any unpaid volunteer does! I have a computer, a good vehicle and extensive financial knowledge that will aid in serving.

• **Nomination for H&I Chair- (THIS NEEDS VOTED ON BY YOUR HOME GROUPS FOR NEXT AREA MEETING!!)**

- Ginette G.- VOTE NEEDED TO WAIVE CLEAN TIME REQUIREMENT ALONG WITH VOTE FOR POSITION
  - Resume submitted- Group service- Secretary of We Do Recover (over 1 yr) Area service- Secretary (over 1 yr). Regional service- none. World service- none. Failed complete or been removed from service position?- no. Stolen or misappropriated funds?- no. Attend meetings?- yes (4-5 per week average). Sponsor?- yes. Knowledge of steps, traditions and concepts?- yes. Willing to uphold?- yes. Reviewed guidelines for position?- yes. Skills or training to assist in commitment?- I have served on the H&I subcommittee prior to Covid. Have taken meetings into both Jasper and Joplin City jails. I am approved at and have been in contact with the Lafayette House as well. I think it will be important to have someone in this roll that has the ability to negotiate and build strong community connections back up again since the pandemic has had such a negative impact on being able to get out the NA message to those that really need to hear it and I know that I have those skills. We will also need to be able to teach those new faces in our own community how to properly carry in the NA message vs our own personal messages. I know that I have cultivated that skill in myself over my years in training and development as well as management in my professional life that I will be able to utilize in this roll as well. Considered impact on personal life?- Very much so. Have the time and resources needed to complete service commitment?- yes, I have carefully considered it for months. I will only take the position if the position I currently hold as Area Secretary is filled. I realize I am extremely active in NA and busy with home and work already but if I no longer have that service commitment it will increase the amount of time I can then focus on being of service in a new way.

## Next area is 12/19/2021 @ 3pm put on by Spiritual Principles @ We Do Recover

Motion to Close.

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## 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!**

