

Ozark Area Minutes 4/17/2016:

****AREA WILL BE HELD AT WE DO RECOVER on 5/22/16, NOT El Dorado Springs****

To be voted on before the next OASC:

➤ **Two area resumes for RCM and Literature Review Chair**

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer; Traditions and Concepts were read. March minutes were approved. A new group was present to be recognized: Recovery First from Nevada. They meet at the Nevada Regional Medical Center (800 S. Ash in Nevada, MO) on Sundays at 7 pm.

Administrative trusted servants:

- Chair: Mike S.
- Treasurer: Tony N.
- RCM: Brian C.
- Secretary: Ali D.

Vacant Chairs:

Vice Chair
RCMA
Secretary (next month)

Sub-Committee Chairs in attendance:

- AASC Chair: Jacobb L.
- H & I Chair: Meri S.
- Literature Review Chair: Sandee A.
- PR/Outreach Chair: Amber L.

Sub-Committee Chairs absent:

Website Coordinator: Debra B. (quarterly)

Groups in attendance:

- But Do It
- Fifth Tradition
- Miracles
- Native American
- Point of Turning
- Recovery First (1st meeting in attendance)
- Spiritual Principles
- Straightline
- Stray Katz
- Survivors
- Together in Unity (2nd meeting back, ACTIVE)
- We Do Recover

Absent groups:

Against All Odds (2)
A New Way (1)
Lifeline (1)

Inactive groups:

Day By Day (5)
Unloaded (3)

REPORTS:

RCM: Hello Ozark Area, The girls and I went to regionals last weekend. Roll call- 16 out of 19 areas in attendance. Northland Area hosting. Executive reports: Katie will be stepping down as chair in July. New business: Michael the vice chair is updating the guidelines. He put in his resume for chair. Cathy C. is running for secretary again, her resume was submitted, along with Kristen V. running again for treasurer. Karl put in a resume for Lit Review and Jamie for WSR. Positions open at region are Alt. Chair, Alt. Secretary, Alt. Treasurer, and Alt. Delegate. If anyone is interested in doing some regional service, get with myself or Ed.

I have the Treasurer's report if anyone wants to look at it, plus flyers of events going on in our region. Dave from Metro East said they're thinking of moving to Greater Central Ill. Region. More will be revealed. Saturday's workshop was on Foundation for Leadership. We broke out into groups and brainstormed ideas on what it takes for good leadership. Not I but we, sharing honestly with others, principles before personalities, experience, considering others' opinions, open-mindedness, inclusion of others, clear message, diversity, humility with action. It was a very informative workshop, like they all have been. Open forum: We spent a lot of time discussing how we can present the Conference Agenda Report better. A lot of talk about how we can better prepare RCMs so they can inform the areas better. We talked about lengthening the RCMs term to two years, announcing in Nov. the CAR is approaching, attending all workshops, including the regional assembly.

I would like to thank all the groups in our area for your participation in the Conference Agenda Reports. We had 12 groups at our workshop and I was able to collect 9 groups' votes to give to our delegates. Thank you all for your support. Drug court was also a topic in open forum, how to get information out and to who—professionals and members. Education is the key, flyer day workshops, etc. Also PR needs RCMs to bring meeting schedules for their different workshops.

Writing Steps for Recovery is back---Jamie B. has put her resume in. Requirements for step write is two years clean time and at least the first 5 steps done with a sponsor. Can start area subcommittee. Step writers will have to fill out a contract. Waiting on Jamie to send me some. I will have more info at May Area.

I have Campvention flyers: \$50.00 registration this year and registration will be online only. Ali will attach flyers to my report. We have 5 resumes and 1 motion to vote on. I should have them by May Area. We are hosting Regionals in July. I would like to see members of our area to come help support. Mid Mo is having a NA prom night and we had Tom R. as a speaker, should be good. If you want to be involved, get with myself or Ed. Thanks. Love & Service, Brian C.

Secretary: Hello Ozark Area family! I spent \$19.80 last month for copies and postage. I apologize to a couple groups that received their minutes late last month. My term is up next month so if you are interested in becoming secretary, please put in your resume. Please announce this at your home groups. If your contact information has changed, please let me know. Love, Ali D. (620) 687-0890

Treasurer: See attached report. Tony is going to bring some budget sheets for subcommittees next month just to ensure accuracy. We did not make a regional donation last month like we usually do. Tony asked if we will be sending a donation to the next regional since we are hosting regionals next month. Brian made the decision to not donate last month due to our financial situation. He forgot to get the check from Tony N. and then decided not to get a check. Note: This issue was resolved in new business

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AASC: Hello Ozark Area, I'm an addict named Jacobb serving as the AASC Chair. Our birthday celebration has been finalized and ready to go. May 14th at Schermerhorn Park in Galena. Please remember to announce and bring raffle items or give them to Jo if you won't be able to attend. The picnic is coming together nicely and have many passionate people with good ideas. T-shirts should be available soon, so be ready, they're nice. In loving service, Jacobb L. Added: Please bring a side dish to the area birthday party.

H & I: Hello Ozark Area! We opened today with the serenity prayer, traditions, concepts, and we approved the minutes from last month. Don't forget that our 6th Annual Speaker Jam is next Saturday, April 23rd at the Salvation Army at 8th and Kentucky from 2:30-5:30 pm. Our speakers will be Tara S. and Cory H. from Springfield. We will have a mock panel and will give 2 step guides to two newcomers.

All meetings were met at New Directions, Lafayette House, City Jail and the Women's House. We missed 4 meetings at Jasper County through no fault of ours. The subcommittee nominated Amanda D. for H & I Chair, who is a great choice! Thanks for allowing me to be of service. Meri S.

Literature Review: Hello Ozark Area, I went to Columbia last weekend for Regionals. I had a great time and I learned a lot. Carl, Regional Literature Chair, and I met as a Subcommittee. We are going to be working together in revising the "Spiritually IP." We both have some good ideas that we feel will go together to create some good information. As of this point, it is just Carl and I working together as a team but anyone would like to join us in our endeavor. We would welcome everyone or any comments. Anyone would like to share, you can visit with me any time. My phone number is Sandee A. 417-483-1849. In loving service, Sandee A., Ozark Literature Chair

PR: Hello Ozark Area, Amber A. Serving as your Public Relation Chairperson. We opened with the serenity prayer, the 12 traditions, 12 concepts, and the PR statement. We had flyer day this last Saturday. We had 8 addicts in attendance and so very grateful for those 8. We had some good clean fun! Food was amazing-- Big thank you to E.D. for his service work. We will be doing the Flyer Day quarterly and would love more support. We voted to approve the guidelines, we also voted Sarah P. as vice chair, Sandee A for the secretary and Daniel A. for outreach chair person. We will be doing our mid monthly meetings @ 7:30 on May 3rd at Denny's on Rangeline. Our newsletter is doing well we are still waiting for next month's entries. We do not have an outreach schedule today but we will soon. I went to drug court conference representing Narcotics Anonymous. Was a great experience. Met with a lot of professionals and it was an honor to be able to be of service. Narcotics Anonymous is a valid source for recovery.

In loving service, Amber A.

We passed out half the meeting schedules to H&I. We passed out about 45 IPs to Point of Turning and Together in Unity.

GROUP REPORTS:

But Do It: Hello Area, But Do It meets at 6:30 pm Wednesday at 414 Virginia and we are a closed meeting. The Wednesday before area is our business meeting and the last Wednesday of the month is birthday night. This is open for friends and family. We have two this month: Anna S. with two years and Yvonne G. with 29. Come join us. Our donation is \$30.00. ILS, Mark J.

Fifth Tradition: Hello Ozark Area, my name is Lynette serving as your GSR for Fifth Tradition. Our meetings are held every Monday, Tues and Thursday from 6:30-7:30 at 1831 S. Connor. Our business meetings are held the Monday prior to area. Birthday night is the last Tues of the month and the speaker meeting is the last Thurs. of the month. Pat D. will be celebrating 33 years. Fifth Tradition's attendance has been thriving and is doing great. We have a \$20 donation. In loving service, Lynette

Miracles: Hello Ozark Area, Miracles group meets at 2231 Annie Baxter at 6:30 pm on Fridays. It is an open meeting. Regular attendance is 20 to 40 addicts. Bringing the picnic back in Sept. More will be revealed. The group voted Joe S. as Alternate GSR—welcome Joe! No donation this month. ILS, Jeffrey

Native American: Hello Ozark Area, My name is Bobbie and I'm an addict. The Native American New Life Group meets Mondays at 8:00 pm at the Alano Club here in Joplin. We are an open, non-smoking, non-vaping meeting. We have three birthdays that we will be celebrating on the last Monday of the month. Our speaker next month will be Gary K. from Joplin on the second Monday of the month. Our business meeting is the first Monday of the month at 7:30. Our attendance is up and averaging 30 addicts. We are finally able to pay our

rent and no longer having members pay out of pocket for birthday night. We have no donations at this time. In loving service, Bobbie M.

Point of Turning: Hello Ozark Area, My name is Jacob serving as Alternate GSR for the Point of Turning group in El Dorado Springs. We have six meetings a week and are as follows: Mon, Tues, and Fri at 7 pm- Wed at 8:30 pm, Thurs at 8 and Sun at 5 pm. Meetings are located in the bottom of the park building. This month Althea W. is celebrating 31 years on Thursday April 28th. We will have a speaker the last Sunday of the month, with a dinner starting at 4:00 pm. Meeting attendance is improving having 10-20 addicts. We are getting excited for our Spring Fling on the 21st of May, please let us know if you need more flyers. We also have a \$10 donation to give. Thanks for letting me be of service, Jacob E.

Recovery First: Hello Ozark Area, I am Steve, an addict serving as Treasurer and Alternate GSR for Recovery First Group out of Nevada. We are currently meeting at the NRMHC Hospital at 800 S. Ash St. in Nevada, MO. We meet Sunday at 7 pm. Our average attendance is 5-10 people.

Spiritual Principles: Hello Ozark Area, My name is Daniel and I am an addict serving as Chairperson for Spiritual Principles. We meet every Sunday morning at 9:30 am at the Alano Club. We celebrate birthdays the last Sunday of the month. This month we have none. Our meetings average 5-12 people. We have a 25.00 donation for the area today. Thank you for letting me be of service, Daniel A.

Straightline: Hello Ozark Area, My name is Casey. I am Alternate GSR for Straightline in Grove, OK. Our group members is strong- 40+ people on Thurs and Sat. Our Tues night 9:00 flat book meeting has been 10-15 people. Meetings are Tues 9:00 pm (flat book), Sat 8:00 pm (candlelight) and Thurs 8:00 pm (open). 1st Sat is speaker meeting. May's speaker is Amber from Dallas. We don't have a donation this month. We are trying to get together enough money to help our church stay open. They have been our home for seven years and we need to help them keep the lights on. Be on Fire Bonfire May 21st 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Smores and hotdogs, popcorn meeting.

Stray Katz: Hello Ozark Area, My name is Lowell T. acting Alternate GSR for the Stray Katz Group of NA. Our meetings are held every Sat. at 6:00 pm til 7:00. We average 20-25 addicts each meeting at House Inc. 24706 St Hwy 171 in Webb City non-smoking. We're very grateful to be given the opportunity to carry the message of NA to the newcomers during their first two weeks restriction in the Airport House. We have no birthdays this month and have no donation. Thank you.

Survivors: Hello Ozark Area, I'm Angel, an addict serving as the GSR for Survivors. We share the meeting hall with We Do Recover at 1330 S. Wall. We meet every day at noon except Sundays. Our meetings still need chairs for a few days but as far as I know meetings are going well. We have a \$6.00 donation at this time. In loving service, Angel H.

Together in Unity: Hello Ozark Area, I am Guthrie, an addict serving as GSR for the Together in Unity Group out of Nevada, MO. We are currently meeting at First United Pentecostal Church at 524 N. Lynn St. in Nevada, MO. We meet on Mondays at 7 pm and Thursdays at 7 pm and Saturdays at 7 pm. All are open meetings. Our average attendance is 10-12 people. We have a \$10 donation to Ozark Area this month. In loving service, Guthrie

We Do Recover: Again we are excited about our growing financial stability and continue to find the safeguards we have put in place are working well. We increased our prudent reserve to assure we are solid and can cover key tag purchases in the future. We continue to refer people to other meetings to purchase literature. We feel this is conducive to a spirit of unity. We are still researching the cost of a banner for our

members who passed away clean. Any group that would like to participate in this endeavor, please send a representative to our business meeting.

We will be having our Freedom Days event on July 9th at Leonard Park—more details to come. Suzanne G. will be our speaker. We will be putting up a bulletin board to put function flyers on instead of spending 10 minutes a meeting reading flyers. Danielle D. will be our speaker for May. Our 8 pm nightly meetings have an average attendance of 25-30 with Tues night step study being the lowest for attendance. 9:30 pm meetings on Tues and Thurs are very poorly attended, however we do still try! Fri and Sat midnight meetings are the same. Non-smoking speaker meeting 2nd Fri and our non-smoking birthday meeting is the last Fri of each month.

We have a new Activities Chair. Kelly H. has assumed this position. Anyone interested in chairing a meeting at We Do needs to be here Sunday May 8th. We will be doing our spring clean and need all hands on deck. We will then have a chairperson workshop to review responsibilities. Then our regular business meeting. We look forward to seeing you there! In loving service, Shelly WW

Clean dates: Walt R. 2 years, Keith C. 2 years, Chrysta C. 4 years, and Pam M. 31 years.

SHARING SESSION

- Please make sure that you put out the newest meeting schedules at your groups. We need to be good stewards of area's money, since we spend \$37 a month on schedules. Also, some addicts said that we are doing our newcomers a disservice when we give out old meeting schedules. We Do Recover appreciates when you bring them your old meeting schedules and they can give out the old meeting schedules so newcomers at least get some information and the phone number. Other addicts think you should not give out old meeting schedules because we don't want to give out false information.
- One addict brought up that he came to a Survivors meeting and people were smoking before the meeting, even though Survivors is non-smoking. If you attend the noon meeting and see someone smoking, please step up and ask people not to smoke since this is a non-smoking meeting at noon. Somebody suggested to approach someone who is smoking by first introducing yourself and smiling. We need to make sure that people understand we can't smoke 30-45 minutes before a non-smoking meeting.
- An addict brought up concerns about people who are in service who are lying and using. They asked what we do in a situation like that. This is an issue that every group has to deal with. If you are in a position as a trusted servant, then it is your responsibility to deal another trusted servant using. If it is a male, get a couple male addicts together and take the person out for coffee so you can talk to them in a loving, caring way. If it is a female, then the females can confront that addict lovingly. If they are a person with access to the group's money, then we have to get that checkbook back. People shared their experience, strength, and hope about how they have dealt with it. Another addict stated that using is an automatic dismissal from your service position.

OLD BUSINESS—No old business

NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion:** To take the April 2016 Regional Donation of \$100.00 that has not been made and use those funds for the Ozark Area to host the July Regional meeting. **PASSED.**

- Shelly nominates **Amanda D. for H & I Chair**. **Since this area meeting, Amanda D. has decided to withdraw her resume for H & I Chair.**
- Jeff nominates **Meri S. for RCM**. **Meri's resume:** Hello Ozark Area! I would like to submit my resume for RCM. There are a lot of things going on in our Fellowship, such as new literature being discussed to address some of the issues with our members. At our regional level, we have new subcommittees such as Writing Steps to Recovery and Literature Review, so a link to our region is important. There are a couple of former RCMs that have reached out and said they would help me and I have been attending the regional meetings for a couple of years, so I know what to expect. I have held all group level positions. I have been liaison to Lafayette House and interim liaison for the City jail. I have been H&I vice chair and recently H&I chair. I attend meetings. I have a NA sponsor who I work steps with and I also sponsor women. I have the clean time required and I have the willingness to serve the best area in the Show Me Region. Thank you for your consideration. Meri S
- Mark nominates **Sandee A. for Literature Review Chair**. **Sandee's resume:** I am Sandee A. I would like to be nominated for Literature Review Chair. My clean date is 2-19-02. I have 14 years clean. I have done several area positions. I have chaired meetings. I have a sponsor that writes steps. I sponsor women. I have wrote several sets of steps. I help any addict at any time. I am on the phone line. In loving service, Sandee A.
- Brian has resumes and motions coming from regionals. He will have them next month to take to your home groups.
- **Motion:** Move area to May 22nd next month instead of May 15th. **PASSED.**

Next meeting: The next OASC will be held on May 22nd hosted by Point of Turning **at We Do Recover at 1330 S. Wall in Joplin, MO.** Subcommittees start at 12:00 and the area business meeting starts at 3:00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 23rd: Speaker Jam in Joplin, MO from 2:30-5:30
- May 21st: Spring Fling in El Dorado Springs
- May 21st: Be on Fire Bonfire: Grove, OK
- July 9th: Freedom Days at Leonard Park in Joplin, MO
- July 16th: Day in the Sun in Pittsburg, KS
- August 12th, 13th, and 14th: High on Life Picnic at Roaring River State Park
- August 26th – 28th: SMRCNA XXVII in Jefferson City, MO
- September 9th – 11th: Unity Campvention in Lake of the Ozarks

See Ozark Area events and flyers at <http://www.ozarkasc.com/>, click on the Ozark Calendar/Flyers tab

April OASC Treasurer Report

Beginning Bal: \$1870.45

March Donations: 163.47

- 15.00 (facility usage)
148.47

Deposits:

3/21 148.47

expenses:

1183 - 3/20 - Sec expenses = \$49.49

1184 - 3/20 - Amber L PR event = \$32.28

1185 - 3/30 - Brian Regionals = \$247.11

1186 - 4/12 - freedom Voice = \$51.96

1187 - 4/13 - Mtg Schedules = \$37.74
Jacelyn

Ending Bal: 1353.23

BE ON FIRE

RECOVERY BONFIRE

May 21st 6:30 to 9:00

STRAIGHTLINE

430 N 21st St. Grove OK



Popcorn Open Meeting

Hotdogs and S'mores

For more info call Casey M.

(918)314-4819

May 21st 6:30 to 9:00

9th Annual Day in the Sun



July 16th at 5 pm

Lincoln Park in Pittsburg, KS

710 West 9th Street (South Shelter House)

Hoocce Ball Tournament
at 7 pm

Raffle and 50/50
at 8 pm while we can still
see

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
\$3 a plate/\$5 per couple
Please bring a side dish

Speaker:
Don C.
-Joplin, MO

Free fun!

For info, call: Karen H. @ (620) 224-6754 or

Mark M. @ (620) 704-5055



Unity CampVention 2016

September 9th- 11th

Lake of the Ozarks State Park Camp Rising Sun, Kaiser MO 65047

Full Registration (Online Only) - \$50

Full Registration includes lodging for Friday & Saturday night. Also includes food/beverages and admission to all activities.

Please register at <http://tinyurl.com/campvention>

(Use address bar only)

Registration Opens April 17th, 2016

Registration Closes August 31, 2016 or at 200 Campers

Single Day-Pass (On-Site Only) - \$10

Multiple Day-Pass (On-Site Only) - \$15

Single and Multiple Day-Pass(s) beverages and admission to all activities
(Does not include food or lodging).

Directions to Camp Rising Sun

Once you are at the lake take U.S. Hwy 54 to Hwy 42 go east on about 4 miles, turn onto Hwy 134 at The Lake Of The Ozarks State Park entrance, continue on Hwy 134 about one mile, turn right onto Whispering Oak Road (just past small log cabin information booth) continue on Whispering Oaks Road for about 3 miles. Turn left into Camp Rising Sun then you're there! Remember watch for the NA symbol signs that may help!

Speakers -workshops-dance -campfire

Basketball -volleyball-ping pong

Friday night talent show! Remember to bring your instruments or whatever you need for your talent!!!

Cabins have attached showers and restrooms so bring your bedding and towels! There is NO tent camping or merchandising. Also NO PETS OR WEAPONS! Fishing is not a Campvention activity. There are no life guards on duty so swimming is at your own risk!

Contacts For More Information

Campvention Chair Kara R: 636-208-8917

Registration chair Debi J: 573-303-6042