

Ozark Area Minutes

8/24/14

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. The 12 traditions and the 12 concepts were read.

A motion was made to accept last month's minutes and it passed.

Administrative trusted servants in attendance:

- Chair: Pam M.
- Vice-Chair: Mark J.
- Treasurer: Amanda R.
- RCM: Ed H.
- Secretary: Ali D.

Vacant Chairs:

RCM Alternate
Literature Review Chair
P.I. Chair

Sub-Committee Chairs in attendance:

- AASC Chair: Jocelyn B.
- H & I Chair: Brian C.
- Outreach Chair: Raymond M.

Absent Subcommittee Chairs:

Website Coordinator: Debra B. (quarterly)

Groups in attendance:

- A New Way
- But Do It
- 5th Tradition
- Last Chance
- Life Line
- Miracles
- Native American (inactive)
- Spiritual Principles
- Straightline
- Stray Katz
- Survivors
- We Do Recover

Absent groups:

Against All Odds (1), sent report
Clean and Serene (1)
Point of Turning (1)

Inactive groups:

Liberty (5)
One Promise (5)
Together in Unity (8)
Under Grace (1)

REPORTS:

Chair: As the current Ozark Area Chair, I need to let you all know that I won't do another year. Please think about leadership qualities when you choose any trusted servant. Just because someone is willing to do a position doesn't mean they should do the position. Sometimes it is actually better to leave a position open for a little while. In loving service, Pam M. Added: We do ourselves a disservice when we vote addicts in just because they are a warm body, when we have addicts serve in the same position for long periods of time, and when we "dope fiend" addicts into positions. Find someone in your home group who shows leadership skills and invite them to area business meetings.

Vice Chair: Hello Area, I made changes to our guidelines: One to our service area and to 5.4(2) and 5.5. Service area: Added "but not limited to"; 5.4(2): Took out where we removed them from our meeting schedule; 5.5: Change quorum to "a simple majority of the groups present on active list." I made changes to the phone line also. ILS, Mark J.

Secretary: Hello Ozark Area! Last month, my secretary expenses totaled \$28.77 for copies and postage. Please let me know if any of your contact information has changed. Thank you for letting me be of service. Love, Ali D. (620) 687-0890

Treasurer: See attached report. Added: \$2885.73 from HOLP/AASC subcommittee

RCM: Hello Ozark Area. I'm an addict named Ed serving as your RCM. I talked with the Joplin Health Department and they would be more than happy to let us put IPs and meeting schedules in their lobby. I also talked to Access Family Care and they too would be happy to have schedules and IPs in their lobby. H.O.U.S.E Inc. Outpatient would be happy to have our IPs and schedules too. I haven't got anyone to return my calls from the Community Clinic yet but I will still be pursuing them to try and get some NA literature in their lobby too! I do have one Regional motion that needs to go to groups for a vote that I will share in the sharing session. In loving service, Ed H.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H & I: Hello Ozark Area. Opened with the serenity prayer, read the traditions and concepts. Meeting went well. All presentations except one city jail meeting were made. We talked about maybe the possibility of a t-shirt. Looking forward to seeing some artwork next meeting. More will be revealed about the shirts. All is well with H & I. Love and service, Brian C. Added: Brian met with Jasper County about writing steps in recovery. Ed will go to the next meeting with Jasper County to discuss writing steps in recovery.

AASC: Hello Ozark area. We opened our meeting as usual. When I took the position of AASC Vice Chair, I was in a panic... Didn't think I would be capable of fulfilling the position of chair. I was wrong. I had an absolutely amazing committee that no matter what was going on we all pulled together as a team. That was what it was all about: Pulling the unity together and carrying the message while having fun along the way. We fulfilled our primary purpose and then some. I would humbly like to thank my committee for the commitment and service they provided to help make this past year a success on all accounts.

I feel such remorse of the incident that happened with one of our committee members at the HOLP. But in spite of it I'm so proud that we pulled together to help ensure the picnic was a positive place where the newcomer, old timers, the locals, the out of towners, and the out of staters could enjoy themselves and hear the message of HOPE. Grateful the owner of the resort owned their part and made amends to the best of their ability.

Narcotics Anonymous saved my life; that is putting it mildly. It was my honor and privilege to be of service and to give back what was freely given to me. I am super grateful this experience has helped me gain some knowledge and understanding just how our steps, traditions, and concepts can work in my life inside and outside of this room. It is my hope that all of you in the future allow them to work in your lives as well. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Jocelyn B. We are donating \$2885.73 from HOLP.

Outreach: Hello Ozark Area. My name is Raymond M. I'm the chair person for Outreach for Ozark area. I have no report at this time. Unfortunately, due to work, I will be stepping down from Outreach for the simple fact that we may be moving to Norman, OK. Thanks for giving me the chance to be of service. Love you all, Raymond M. Added: Ed will follow up with the Regional Outreach coordinator. Raymond has spoken with her and she would like to come down in Sept. or Oct.

GROUP REPORTS:

Against All Odds: Hello Ozark Area! My name is Ali and my home group is Against All Odds in Pittsburg, KS. We meet 3 nights a week: Wed., Thurs., and Sun. at 6:30 at the Homer Cole Community Center at 3003 N. Joplin St. in Pittsburg. Thank you for all the support at our 7th annual Day in the Sun. We had many members of the Ozark Area come over and fellowship with us and we truly appreciate you all! Addicts played in a Bocce Ball tournament and we had an amazing speaker, Casey S. from Joplin. We had one birthday last month: Travis P. celebrated 2 years. Our speaker on August 31st is Jack from Joplin, MO. Love, Ali D. P.S. Please keep our GSR, Karen H., in your prayers. She is still coping with some health issues. Thanks!

A New Way: Hello Ozark Area, I am Suzanne serving as A New Way group's GSR. A New Way Group meets at 209 N. Valley St. (Kelly Club/Talkington Foundation) Neosho MO 64850 every Friday at 7 p.m. We are an open Non-smoking meeting. We have been averaging 4 to 8 addicts per meeting, however recently in the last two Fridays we have seen an increase in our attendance. We celebrated two birthdays this month, a member celebrating 5 years, and another celebrating 14 years. We have no donation at this time. In loving service, Suzanne S.

But Do It: Hello Ozark Area, Amber L. addict serving as GSR for But Do It of Joplin. Our group meets every Wed which is located at 414 S. Virginia at 6:30. Our non-smoking, non-vaping meetings are closed except the last Wed. of the month which is Birthday Night, open to friends and family. Our meetings have about 30 addicts in attendance and home group membership is strong. We have a book study on the second Wed. of every month on How It Works and Why. Business meeting is held the Wed. before area. This month's birthdays are... Jocelyn B. with 6 years, Amanda with 8 years, and Dale S. with 18 years. Can't Put a Price on Recovery Picnic in the Park is Aug. 30th at Leonard Park. Donation of \$30.00. In loving service, Amber L.

5th Tradition: Greetings Ozark Area, 5th Tradition is holding steady attendance at about 25 people each meeting. We meet on Mon., Tues., and Thurs. at 6:30. We have a \$60.00 donation. In loving service, Johnny Mac

Last Chance: Hello Ozark Area. My name is Marty S. and I am an addict. We meet on Tues and Sat at 7:00 pm at the Senior Citizen's Center 816 S. Main in Jay. Tues. is a book study, Sat. 1st and 3rd are JFT meditation topic and 2nd and 4th are topic. All meetings are non-smoking. Average attendance is 8-12 per meeting. Group conscience is the last Sat. of the month at 6:15 pm. We have a \$20.00 donation to area this month. In loving service, Marty S.

Lifeline: Hello Ozark Area! The Lifeline Group is still going strong. Our meeting times are still Wed. and Fri. 9 am, and Sun. at 3 pm. Our group conscience day has changed to the first Sunday of the month and we

celebrate birthdays as they come. Sundays are Living Clean book study. Our average attendance has grown, usually 10-15 people. We are still located at 430 N. 21st St. Today our group donation is \$20.00. We also have a new alternate GSR-Angela W. Thank you so much Ozark! In loving service, Jenn S.

Miracles: Hello Ozark Area, my name is Blair, I am an addict. I am serving as GSR for Miracles. We meet on Friday evening at 6:30 pm at 1601 S. Wall St., Joplin MO. We are an open, non-smoking meeting. The Friday before area we hold our monthly business meeting and the last Friday of the month is Birthday night. This month we have three birthdays, Tara, ED, and Blair. Three, six, and four years respectfully. We are having our annual "Miracles in the Park" party September 27 at Landreth Park. This is a free activity sponsored by our group. There will be food, fun, and fellowship. Our speaker will be Ms. Meri and music will be provided by DJ ED. We have a \$31.00 donation this month. In loving service, Blair C.

Native American: Dear Ozark Area, my name is Jamie G. and I am the GSR of Native American New Life Group. We meet every Monday at 8 pm at 1800 E. 30th St. at the Alano Club. We currently have anywhere from 20 to 50 addicts in attendance. We do have a speaker meeting every 2nd Monday of the month. We are a newcomer group and invite all to come check out our meeting. We are a non-smoking meeting. No donation at this time. Loving service, Jamie G.

Spiritual Principles: Hello Area! I am Darlene, an addict and I am serving as Alt. GSR for Spiritual Principles. Spiritual Principles meets every Sunday at 9:30 am. We have 10 core group members and an average of 15 addicts in attendance at our meetings. Birthday meetings are the last Sunday of every month and business meetings are the 3rd Sunday of each month. We have an area donation of \$23.00. In service and gratitude, Darlene H.

Straightline: Hello Ozark Area. My name is Kyle and I am an addict representing the Straightline Group of Grove, Oklahoma. We meet at the Community of Christ Church located directly behind Dollar General in Grove. Our meeting times are Thursday and Saturday at 8:00 pm (both open) and Sat. is group conscience. Our group is doing a little better attendance-wise, averaging 25 addicts on Thursdays, 12 addicts on Saturdays and averaging a handful of newcomers every month. Our group conscience is held on the last Saturday of every month at 7:00 pm. Our birthday/speaker meeting is held on the 1st Saturday of every month, which includes free meatballs. Our speaker the 1st Saturday of September will be Wayne S. which is on Sept. 6th at 8:00 pm. Our donation to area will be \$20.00. We do have our annual group birthday get together coming up: The last Saturday of October, which will be called Straightline's 5th Annual "Feed a Fiend" with free food and fellowship. Flyers coming soon! Our one member birthday was Casey M. with 4 years. In loving service, Kyle S.D.

Stray Katz: Hello Ozark Area! My name is Lo Tee, serving as Alternate GSR for Stray Katz. We meet every Saturday at 24706 Hwy 171 in Webb City, from 6 pm to 7 pm. Our meetings are open/non-smoking. We have a book study the first Saturday of the month and celebrate birthdays the last Saturday of the month. We average 25-45 addicts each week. We have speaker meetings the third Saturday of every odd month. Lo Tee will be our speaker in September. We have a \$20 donation this month. In loving service, Lo Tee.

Survivors: Hello Ozark Area, I'm Jacobb L. an addict. Survivors GSR has decided to move into other service and I was voted in as GSR. We meet at 1330 Wall at noon, every day except Sundays. Our business meeting is held at 11 am the Saturday before Area. Our meeting attendance has declined from months past and are in need of dependable people to chair. We do have a donation of \$3.00 for area today. In loving service, Jacobb L.

We Do Recover: My name is Kaleb, Alt. GSR of We Do Recover. We meet at 1330 Wall St. We have 30-60 addicts in attendance. Smoking and open meetings Monday through Sunday at 8 pm. Friday and Saturday nights are candlelight at midnight. They are also smoking, open meetings. Second Friday is speaker meeting and is non-smoking. Last Friday is birthday night which is non-smoking. We have 6 birthdays: Kip P. - 5 years, Steve S.- 10 years, Jerry- 2 years, Melissa W.- 9 years, Levi W.- 2 years, and Kaleb G.- 2 years. We have no donation at this time. This month's speaker is Kelly W. In loving service and thank you, Kaleb G.

SHARING SESSION

- Pam said that she would get Rob's report from the Show Me region on our area's website. She has not done this yet, but she will get that done. Mark J. will bring some phone line booklets next month.
- Our OASC service guidelines say updated on Oct. 2014 because anything that is changed in the future will be in the 2015 guidelines. Pam will also send the guidelines to Debra to put on our website.
- In our guidelines, it states that we keep 100% of our budgets in our prudent reserve. We have a lot of money in our bank account so next month we may want to send a donation to region. Subcommittee chairs need to take a look at what they need to spend.
- Even though Raymond resigned, he is still willing to fill the Outreach chair person's duties until someone steps up. Raymond would like to see if the Outreach budget can be raised. He would still like to get t-shirts made and he needs more ink to print flyers.

OLD BUSINESS

- **H & I Guidelines:** Vote to approve the H & I guidelines **passed. The H & I guidelines are approved.**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion from region:** To vacate the guideline change that has not been updated in the guidelines yet to go to a google-based group from a yahoo-based group and remain with the yahoo-based group, turning off the chat feature. Old motion: 10-1313-01. The intent is to streamline the ability for the Region to continue having a way to get information out. Due to the fact that we can't download files to the google group and therefore it won't work for us as a region. **Bring your groups' vote to next month's OASC meeting.**
- **Brian C. nominates Dale S. for Area Chair.** **Resume:** My name is Dale S. My clean date is 8-27-96. I have a NA sponsor that has an NA sponsor that has an NA sponsor. Anyhow, since I've been clean I've been H & I chair 1 ½ terms, Activity Chair 1 term, Area Chair 3 terms, RCM 3 terms, RSO Board committee, RSO Chair Elect (vice chair), RSO Chair for a total of 5 years. I've also been active with Outreach, phone line, and still involved with H & I. Service with a smile, Dale S.
- **Darlene H. nominates Terry L. for AASC Chair.** **Resume:** Terry L. 9 years, 11 months clean. I am an active member of NA. I work NA steps with an NA sponsor who works NA steps with an NA sponsor. I have served as vice chair of AASC in 2014 and Hug Patrol Chair in 2013. I currently help carry the message into Ozark Center, via H & I. I have served as GSR for my current home group and for Survivors. In past years I have also served as H & I secretary. I would feel truly privileged to serve as your AASC chair. Unfortunately due to recent events, both personal and otherwise, at Bucksaw Point, I will decline if we return to there. For GSR's or anyone unclear of what's happened, please feel free to ask me or other committee members for details. I am researching other places that are closer and offer the same amenities. Attached are some possibilities. Please feel free to look up and share your opinion. I fully understand if this area wants to stay at the current location. I thank you for your consideration.

- **Other options for High on Life Picnic:** See attached sheet
 - The information will go back to groups. Concerns were raised about the timeline for changing the HOLP location and whether we have enough time to make changes. Terry L. is willing to serve as interim AASC chair until someone steps up, if that is necessary. GSRs were given two separate pieces of information: Terry's resume and the list of other options for the HOLP location. GSRs should do the research for their groups about the options for possible HOLP locations. Some people feel that HOLP is our area's function so it should be moved closer to us so that more area members and newcomers can attend the HOLP.

Next meeting: The next meeting is on September 28th. We Do Recover will host at We Do Recover in Joplin, MO. Subcommittees begin at 12:30 and the business meeting is at 3:00.

FOR NEXT MONTH'S OASC: **Vote on:**

- **Motion from region in new business**
- **Dale S. for Area Chair**
- **Terri L. for AASC Chair**

Look at information about possible High on Life locations

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 30th: Can't Put a Price on Recovery picnic in the park in Joplin, MO
- Sept. 5th- 7th: Spirit Quest at Table Rock in Kimberling City, MO
- Sept. 19th-21st: CampVention at Lake of the Ozarks State Park in Kaiser, MO
- Sept. 27th: Miracles in the Park in Joplin, MO
- Oct. 17th-19th: SMRCNA in Lake Ozark, MO at Lodge of the Four Seasons
- Oct. 25th: Straightline's Feed a Fiend in Grove, OK

OPTIONS FOR HIGH ON LIFE PICNIC LOCATIONS

Bennett Springs State Park in Lebanon, MO

- Motel
- Duplex cabins and individual cabins
- 4 plex unit
- Campgrounds
- Fishing
- Pavilions- new one
- Nature Center
- Canoeing
- Fish Hatchery
- Store
- See virtual tour on

tourist information Directory.com/missouristatepark

Lake of the Ozarks

- *Cabins
- *Yurts—smaller sleeping areas with small amenities
- *Camping
- *Shelter with grill and electric
- *Cave
- *Fishing
- *Boating
- *Hiking
- *Canoeing

Roaring River State Park

- Camping
- Food
- Rooms/Suites
- Cabins—10
- Duplex/Fourplex—16
- Motel—26
- Fair pavilion

Gracies Canoe Campe in Pineville

- *Camping
- *12 cabins
- *Bunk House
- *No pavilion seen

Indian Creek Campground in Noel, MO

- Camping
- Cabins—variety
- Pavilion
- Fishing

Ozark Area Treasurer's Report

August 2014

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| Balance | 2570.19 | Ending balance as of June 2014 area report |
| Total Deposits | 259.00 | Deposits/Donations |
| Total Expenses | (877.96) | Expenses |
| Current Balance | <u><u>\$1,951.23</u></u> | As of August 2014 OASC meeting |

DEPOSITS

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| 5th Tradition | 60.00 |
| Against all Odds | 20.00 |
| But Do It | 40.00 |
| Point of Turning | 10.00 |
| Last Chance | 20.00 |
| Straightline | 40.00 |
| Survivors | 16.00 |
| Under Grace | 8.00 |
| Life Line | 45.00 |
| Total deposits | <u><u>\$259.00</u></u> |

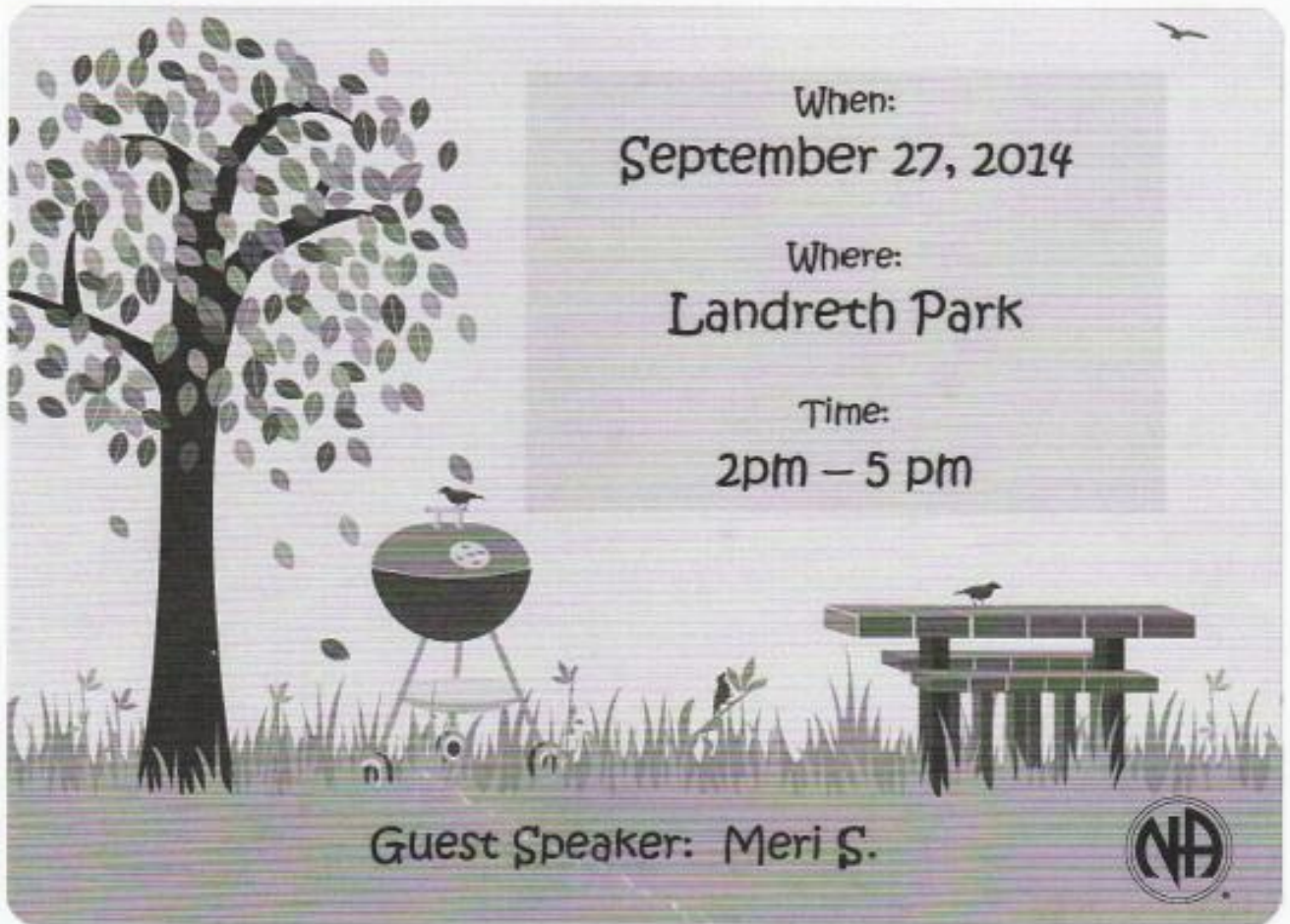
EXPENSES

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| 246.36 | ck 1075 Howard Johnson - Regional meeting |
| 41.24 | ck 1077 Freedom Voice - phoneline |
| 71.01 | ck 1078 Ed H. - Regional gas reimbursement |
| 38.70 | ck 1079 Ali D. - Secretary expenses |
| 43.13 | ck 1080 Jocelyn B. - meeting copies |
| 21.14 | ck 1081 Amanda N. - treasurer expenses |
| 37.50 | ck 1082 Brian C. - H & I white booklets |
| 378.88 | ck 1083 Amanda N. - H & I (73) and PI (305.88) order |
| <u><u>\$877.96</u></u> | Total expenses as of July meeting |

Miracles in the Park



"Another Year, Another Miracle!"



Free Food, Fun & Fellowship!

Music from DJ Ed!