

# Ozark Area Minutes

3/15/15

## To be voted on for April OASC:

### ➤ Two motions (see New Business)

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: Dale S.
- Treasurer: Amanda D.
- RCM: Ed H.
- Secretary: Ali D.

#### **Vacant Chairs:**

Vice Chair  
RCM Alternate  
Literature Review Chair  
Outreach Chair  
PR Chair

#### **Sub-Committee Chairs in attendance:**

- AASC Chair: Terry L.
- H & I Chair: Brian C.
- Website Coordinator: Debra B.

#### **Groups in attendance:**

- A New Way
- But Do It
- Clean and Serene (inactive)
- Fifth Tradition
- Life Line
- Miracles
- Native American (inactive)
- Point of Turning
- Straightline
- Stray Katz
- Survivors
- Together in Unity (inactive)
- We Do Recover

#### **Absent groups:**

Against All Odds (1)  
Last Chance (1)  
Spiritual Principles (1)

#### **Inactive groups:**

Liberty (12)  
One Promise (12)  
Under Grace (3)

## **REPORTS:**

**Chair:** No report. Dale has an Outreach subcommittee report.

**Secretary:** My expenses for last month were \$27.03 for copies and mailing. If your information has changed, please let me know. Thanks for letting me be of service. Love, Ali D. (620) 687-0890

**Treasurer:** See attached report.

**RCM:** Hello Ozark Area, I'm Ed serving as your RCM. I will be attending the 2015 Regional Assembly in Quincy Illinois on March 28<sup>th</sup>. I have some flyers with the information on them if you're interested in attending. This is something that you would have to pay for out of your pocket. I will also be attending the Regional Meetings in Columbia, MO in April. They will be having a workshop there on how to deal with the Professionals. Basically it is a PR/PI workshop. I would once again like to encourage the GSRs to ask their home groups to adopt another NA group in our area and commit to supporting that group at least once a month. In loving service, Ed H.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**H & I:** Hello Ozark Area. We had subcommittee meeting today at 2:00 pm. Opened with the serenity prayer. Read Traditions and Concepts. Read and approved last month's minutes. Thanks to Jack for his service to the committee as secretary. We elected Lynette as secretary. We missed a couple of meetings at Jasper County and one at City Jail. Lafayette and New Directions all meetings were met.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support and commitment to this committee. I am proud to announce that the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual H & I Speaker Jam will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at New Creation Church at 19<sup>th</sup> and Connor from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This is a free event open to the fellowship. We will have two speakers and a mock panel presentation. I ordered a rack and pamphlets for PFH. That order should be here next week sometime. Also, we will be getting a rack for City Jail. We'll be having a T-shirt. It will be \$15 pre-order. Any questions or to order a shirt see Brian, Meri, Jo, or Pete. Love and Service, Brian C.

**AASC:** Hello Ozark Area. I'm Terry serving as your AASC Chair. We are glad to announce that the resort at Roaring River has blocked all rooms and cabins for the High on Life Picnic. They have also reduced all rates. The rooms are now \$79.00 and all cabins are \$119.00. New flyers will be coming out with corrections and new prices. Area birthday has been set for May 30<sup>th</sup>. More will be revealed. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Outreach:** Outreach met today at noon with around 6 people and discussed meetings we'll attend. See attached flyer. In loving service, Dale.

**Website Coordinator:** <http://www.ozarkasc.com/>. Presently, the Ozark Area Service Committee Guidelines state that one of the duties of the website coordinator is to be responsible for updating and printing schedules for the Ozark Area. This was true for several years, but has not been true since I re-assumed duties in 2013, around June, I believe. In addition, we no longer create and make available email addresses. This, too, should be deleted. It is possible to do this with the website, but in the past it was tedious, complex, and frankly, seldom used and so we stopped.

### **7.7 The website coordinator also known as web-master duties include:**

**Requirements:** Two years clean time. Access to or own a personal computer with Virus protection and a Firewall, and internet connection.

**Term=2 years from October to October (even numbered years)**

- a) Maintain the Area website (verify workable links, consistent backups, etc.)
- b) Make all updates to the online meeting schedule in a timely manner. (Monthly)
- c) Report area function information on the activities page.
- d) Upload approved area minutes to archives in a timely manner. (within two months)

- e) Check information of area minutes prior to uploading and remove all personal information such as last names, addresses, and phone numbers.
- f) Add or delete email addresses of trusted servants.
- g) Update NA.org website to reflect Area meeting changes.
- h) Send updated printed schedules to OASC monthly (Change to schedules should be given to the OASC secretary and noted in minutes)
- i) Give written monthly reports to the OASC.

My suggestion would be to remove 7.7.f, 7.7.h of the Ozark Area Service Committee Guidelines.

Also, I would like to see something added that would direct updated schedules to be sent to the Website Coordinator in a digital form. I do not see the job of creating and disseminating schedules under any of the Trusted Servants' Duties.

Last month, a component of the website that utilized a sliding header became outdated. Instead of continuing with the sliding header, I changed the header to a static one. If there are any suggestions as to any modifications needed to the website, then feel free- I have taken a fair amount of license as to the organization and design of the website, but it is Area's call. Just wanted to let everyone know that.

I added a link of approved NA literature. The Narcotics Anonymous of Northwest Arkansas site has this and it seemed like a good idea. <http://naofnwa.org/pages/literature.php>. The NA approved text, in pdf format, cannot be printed out unless you obtain a hack, but it can be viewed online. Most of the other items, such as the materials needed for a meeting, such as the How and Why and Why We Are Here readings, for example, can be printed.

Added: One of the links that the Arkansas site has that NAWS site does not have is a link to the Basic Text 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. It is a readable version of the basic text. Debra wants to know if she should leave this link on this. Also, Deb's term is up in October of this year. The website is much more user friendly than it used to be. If anyone is interested in becoming Website Coordinator, then get with Debra if you want to learn how to be Website Coordinator.

## GROUP REPORTS:

**A New Way:** Hello Ozark Area, my name is Suzanne and I am addict serving as A New Way GSR. A New Way Group meets at 7 p.m. Friday nights on 209 North Valley Street in Neosho, MO. We are an open non smoking meeting. Our attendance ranges from 8 to 10 addicts. We celebrated several birthdays this month. We have a twenty five dollar donation this month to Area. In loving service, Suzanne

**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 now open to the public. Our birthday night is the last Wed. of the month. 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 It Works, How and Why. Business meeting is held the Wed. before area. This month's birthday is Ali D. with 7 years. Donation of \$60.00 In loving service, Amber L.

**Clean and Serene:** Hello Ozark Area. My name is Mikey and I'm an addict serving as GSR for the Clean and Serene Group. We are an open, smoking meeting. We meet on Saturdays at 6:30 pm at the Alano Club 1800 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St. Joplin, MO. Our business meetings are now the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month at 5:30. I apologize for my absences from Area. We have elected a new Alt. GSR Donald D. to our group. We have anywhere from 7 to 20 addicts in attendance. We also continue to struggle to pay rent, although no one from the Alano Club has

said anything to us in regard to this. We also are unable to purchase key tags. We will strive to keep the door open for the addict seeking recovery. At this time, we have no contributions. In loving service, Mikey M. Added: Clean and Serene is in need of support. They're out of key tags from 6 months and up. One idea an addict had is for Clean and Serene to get an Activities Chair to create a function to raise some money. But Do It will donate some key tags. Also, questions about possibly moving the meeting to a cheaper place and also making the meeting non-smoking. Amanda is already ordering white booklets and But Do It could possibly put in an order for key tags to save on shipping-they will take care of this after the OASC.

**Fifth Tradition:** Hello Ozark Area, my name is Scotty and I am serving as GSR for the 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition Group. We hold regular meetings at 19<sup>th</sup> and Connor, the New Creation Church in Joplin every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We average around 15 to 30 addicts per meeting. Birthdays are celebrated the last Tuesday of the month. Our business meetings are held the Tuesday prior to Area. We have a \$14 donation this month. Thanks for letting me be of service. Scotty S.

**Lifeline:** Hello Ozark Area! My name is Jenn, GSR for Lifeline NA in Grove, OK. We are still located at 430 N. 21<sup>st</sup> St. behind Dollar General. Our meeting times are Wed. and Fri. at 9 am, and Sunday at 3 pm. Group conscience is the first Sunday, speaker is second Sunday, and the last 2 Sundays are Living Clean book studies. April's speaker will be Crystal W. Home group attendance is strong and today our group donation is \$20.00. In loving service, Jenn S.

**Miracles:** Hello Ozark Area, my name is Meri and I am serving as GSR for the Miracles Group. Our group meets every Friday night at 2231 Annie Baxter at 6:30 pm. Our meetings are open and non-smoking and we average 40-60 addicts per meeting. Our group conscience is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month and we celebrate birthdays on the last Friday of the month. Our group has adopted the Against All Odds Group in Pittsburg. We have a \$20 donation this month. Thank you for letting me be of service. Meri S.

**Native American:** We meet Mondays at 8:00 pm at the Alano Club at 1800 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St. in Joplin, MO. Our business meeting is the first Monday of the month and we have a speaker the second Monday of the month. Our attendance is 30 addicts. James, GSR.

**Point of Turning:** Hello Ozark Area, my name is Tina serving as 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. Our meetings are going well but attendance is low for some nights. We are excited for our annual Spring Fling and have a flyer with more information. We also have a \$10 donation to give. Thanks for letting me be of service, Tina P.

**Spiritual Principles:** No report. Donation of \$20, given to Amanda D.

**Straightline:** Hi Ozark Area, my name is Kyle and I'm an addict. I am representing the Straightline Group as GSR. Our meeting times and place are still the same... located at 430 N. 21<sup>st</sup> St. in Grove, OK. We meet Thurs. and Sat. nights at 8:00 pm. Thurs. is usually the Just for Today as topic and Sat. is a candlelight meeting. All meetings are open non-smoking/non-vaping meetings. Our group conscience is held the last Sat. of the month at 7:00 pm and we have a speaker meeting the first Saturday of every month, with free meatballs, fun, and fellowship. Meeting attendance seems to be gradually increasing, averaging about 30 addicts per meeting. We had a few birthdays this month with Jenn celebrating 3 years and Ray M. celebrating 24 years. We have a donation of \$20. Thank you for letting me be a part of.... In loving service, Kyle D.

**Stray Katz:** Hello Ozark Area. I'm an addict named Lowell T. acting as GSR for the Stray Katz Group. Our meetings are held every Sat. at 6:00 till 7:00 at 24706 Hwy 171 in the Big Meeting Room of House Inc. We

average 30-40 addicts a month. We have a speaker meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month, Basic Text 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of the month, and celebrate birthdays every 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of the month. We have one birthday this month-Lonzie J. celebrating 3 years. Thank you.

**Survivors:** Hello Ozark Area, I'm an addict named Jacobb. I'm the GSR for Survivors Group. Our meeting meets at 1330 S. Wall everyday but Sunday at noon. We had a pretty successful business meeting yesterday as we elected a secretary and Alt. GSR. Our Alt. GSR will be attending Area with me to be taking over my position when my term is up. We have a donation of \$20.38. In loving service, Jacobb L.

**Together in Unity:** Hello Ozark Area, my name is Trendera. I am an addict here for the Together in Unity meeting in Nevada, MO. Tues. at 7 pm and Thurs. at 7 pm at 101 S. Cedar. On Wed. we have a candlelight meeting at 301 S. Pine that starts at 8 pm. Our meeting attendance is low and our group is struggling to carry the message. Most of our group are newcomers. We also have a business meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month following our regular meeting. In loving service, Trendera

**We Do Recover:** Hello Ozark Area. I'm Raymond M. serving as GSR for We Do Recover. We are located at 1330 Wall St. right there in Joplin, MO. Our business meeting was last Sunday; we opened with the 12 traditions and 12 concepts. We have at least 10-24 addicts in attendance at our meetings. Mondays is our book study and is non-smoking. Tuesdays-Sundays are open, smoking meetings at 8 pm. Friday and Saturday we have a midnight candlelight meeting. Second Friday of the month is our non-smoking, speaker meeting. Next month's speaker will be Melissa W. from right there in Joplin, MO. Last Friday also non-smoking is our birthday night. This month we have: Daniel A. - 3/6/14-1 year, Mike P. -3/22/14- 1 year, Bruce A. -3/16/01- 14 years, Gary K. -3/24/96- 17 years, Shelly W. -3/23/85- 30 years, Vickie R. -3/17/83- 32 years. We Do Recover with 26 years. Come help us celebrate 122 years of experience, strength, and hope.

P.S. Please help in welcoming We Do Recover's new Alt GSR-John E. and secretary-Daniel A. At this time, we have no donation. Thanks for letting me be a part. Raymond M.

## SHARING SESSION

- Should we leave the link to the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Basic Text on our website? The area thinks that we should keep the link of the website.
- There is a calendar of events on our website and all the events are tied in to google map.
- Questions about schedules and who will make copies if we take that responsibility off of the Website Coordinator's service guidelines. The P.I. guidelines say that the P.I. Chair is responsible for the meeting schedules. Jocelyn will continue to make the meeting schedules.
- Ed needs IPs for the probation office. We need to get the box of literature back from Angela. Jocelyn will get the box back. We can also check the P.I. Guidelines at this time.
- Ali would like to not include "extra stuff" at the end of the minutes in copies for subcommittee chairs and administrative positions. The "extra stuff" includes such things as motions and resumes from Region and flyers. The GSRs' copies of the minutes would remain the same. This is to try and save the area some money on copies. Some people thought that flyers should still be included. Others thought that each home group already has the flyers and they are available on the website. Everyone agreed to the proposed changes to the copies of the minutes.
- Suzanne heard there is a new NA group in Neosho on Mondays at 7 pm at the Kelly Club. They might need information and people to go check out this new meeting.
- Please encourage your home group to adopt a home group. You can just attend the meeting once a month or so. It's about getting out and going to other meetings. Carthage needs some support.

- We need to get our positions filled. Many positions end in May so if you want to be elected for a trusted servant position—bring your resume to the next OASC in April so it can be voted on and you can take up your position in May.
- Next time we have motions or resumes from Region, we should discuss the motions and resumes in the OASC before they go back to groups.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Tim C. for Regional SMRCNA board member: passed.
- Anne K. for Regional H & I Chair: passed.
- Brandon D. for SMRCNA BOD: did not pass.
- Regional Motion #: 100514-02 amended: passed.
- Regional Motion #100514-01: passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion:** 7.7.h in the Ozark Area Guidelines should be deleted. 7.7.h states that the Website Coordinator “send updated printed schedules to OASC monthly (Changes to schedules should be given to the OASC secretary and noted in minutes)”
- **Motion:** To remove 7.7.f from the Area Guidelines. 7.7.f states that the Website Coordinator “add or delete email addresses of trusted servants.”

**Next meeting:** The next OASC will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> hosted by Survivors at We Do Recover at 1330 Wall St in Joplin, MO. Subcommittees start at 12:00 and the area business meeting starts at 3:00.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- We Do Recover Group’s 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 21<sup>st</sup> in Joplin, MO
- 2015 Regional Assembly on March 28<sup>th</sup> in Quincy, IL
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pajama Jam in Pittsburg, KS on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NA Spring Fling in El Dorado Springs on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00
- Train the Trainer Workshop on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Show Me Regional Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual H & I Speaker Jam on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 in Joplin, MO
- High on Life Picnic: August 14-16 at Roaring River State Park
- Unity CampVention: Sept. 18-20 in Kaiser, MO

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

## OUTREACH ROAD TRIPS

- March 21<sup>st</sup>: Clean and Serene. Meeting starts at 6:30 at 1800 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St. Joplin, MO. Meet there
- March 26<sup>th</sup>: Baxter Springs. Meet at We Do Recover at 7:15.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Together in Unity. 101 S. Cedar, Nevada MO. Meet at We Do Recover at 5:45.
- April 18<sup>th</sup>: Stray Katz. 24706 State Hwy 171 Joplin, MO. Meeting starts at 6:00. Meet there.

## Ozark Area Treasurer's Report

### March 2015

Balance	3402.04	Ending balance as of February 2015 area report
Total Deposits	410.13	Deposits/Donations
Total Expenses	(82.37)	Expenses
Current Balance	<u><b>\$3,729.80</b></u>	As of March 2015 OASC meeting

#### DEPOSITS

AASC	180.13
5th Tradition	25.00
But Do It	20.00
Last Chance	100.00
Life Line	20.00
Point of Turning	10.00
A New Way	25.00
Spiritual Principles	10.00
Straight Line	20.00
<b>Total deposits</b>	<u><b>\$410.13</b></u>

#### EXPENSES

41.43	ck 1118 - Freedom Voice - phoneline
30.02	ck 1119 - Ali D. - secretary expenses
10.92	ck 1112 - Amanda D. - treasurer expenses
<u><b>\$82.37</b></u>	<b>Total expenses as of March meeting</b>

# **ROAD TRIP!**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> Clean & Serene**

**Meeting Starts @ 6:30**

**1800 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St. Joplin Mo. Meet There**

**March 26<sup>th</sup> Baxter Springs**

**Meet @ We Do Recover @ ~~6:15~~ 7:15**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> Together In Unity**

**101 S. Cedar, Nevada, Mo.**

**Meet @ We Do Recover @ 5:45**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> Stray Katz**

**24706 State Hwy. 171 Joplin Mo.**

**Meeting Starts@ 6:00 Meet There**



# 2015 Regional Assembly

**WHEN:** March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 starting @ 10 A.M.

**WHERE:** Eagles Nest, 300 South 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

Quincy, Illinois 62301

Special Room Rate of \$69.00 night

## **What's the Plan??**

10 am - GSR Workshop (All GSR's from ALL areas are invited to attend)

12:30 pm - Workshop - What is an Area?

3:00 pm - Mid-Missouri Phone Line Workshop:  
Anyone from Mid-Missouri, Primary Purpose, South Central or Quincy Areas that are interested in being on the phone line must have this orientation prior to being added to the phone line volunteer list.

5:00 pm - Carry in Dinner (Made Rites provided by Quincy Area) \$2.00 suggested donation; no addict turned away & kids under 12 eat free.

**AFTER DINNER - SPEAKER MEETING** Approx. 6:30?

**AND THEN -**

Trivia and Karaoke/Dancing until we fall over!!

All times are approximate!! You know us, either early or late! But we ALWAYS show up!!



# Ozark Area

5<sup>th</sup> Annual

## H&I Speaker Jam

When: Saturday, April 18, 2015

Where: 1831 S. Connor Ave. (Joplin, MO)

Time: 2pm ~ 5pm



### Free Food!

What is our message? That an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live. Our message is hope and the promise of freedom. When all is said and done, our primary purpose can only be to carry the message to the addict who still suffers because that is all we have to give.