

Ozark Area Minutes 11/15/15:

To be voted on for the next OASC:

- **Two resumes for regional positions** (attached after NEW BUSINESS)
- **Mike S. as Area Chair** (see NEW BUSINESS)
- **Each group should have a discussion about donating money to hosting groups. Be ready to talk about it next month** (see NEW BUSINESS)

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer; Traditions and Concepts were read. October minutes were approved. **Two new groups were present to be recognized: Day by Day group of Fort Scott, KS and 3 G's Unloaded from Galena, KS.**

Administrative trusted servants:

- Chair: Dale S.
- Treasurer: Tony N.
- RCM: Brian C.
- RCM Alt: Ed H.
- Secretary: Ali D.

Vacant Chairs:

Area Chair
Vice Chair

Sub-Committee Chairs in attendance:

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

Sub-Committee Chairs absent:

Website Coordinator: Debra B. (quarterly)

Groups in attendance:

- Against All Odds
- A New Way (inactive)
- But Do It
- Day By Day
- Fifth Tradition
- Galena Gratitude Group (3 G's Unloaded)
- Lifeline
- Miracles
- Native American
- Point of Turning
- Straightline
- Stray Katz
- Survivors
- We Do Recover

Inactive groups:

Clean and Serene (6)
Together in Unity (3)

REPORTS:

Chair: Dale had problems with changing the area guidelines. He will get this done for next month. He won't be here next month but he will send the updated guidelines with another trusted servant.

RCM: We have two regional resumes to vote on for next month. They will be attached to these minutes.

RCM-AIt: Hello Ozark Area, I'm Ed serving as your RCMA. First off I would like to thank all who went online and completed the membership survey. Thanks for your service. Most of the stuff I am reporting today comes from the RD's report. Some of the NAWS staff were in Africa and sent an update as follows:

It is pretty remarkable what a little help has been able to allow them to do. At the first East African Convention 2 ½ years ago, the African zonal forum was created. The host community was Tanzania which had one meeting in Zanzibar, one in Dar es Salaam, and lots of what they call sober houses. There have been two trips by NAWS to Tanzania since then. On this trip they held their first RSC meeting. They have had regional assemblies but no decision making from groups. They had 8 groups from 7 cities in attendance each of which has multiple meetings. Not only did they have 100% group participation, their GSR's were prepared and gave thoughtful, meaningful reports. It was unbelievable—the love and commitment. The RSC was followed by a two day workshop put on by us with collaboration with the RSC and there were 72 in attendance and no one missed a session. They could teach my home community something!

Though you may not even recognize it, you all have helped to make this day possible. Your contributions, both financial and spiritual, indirectly contributed to NA's decision to try to expand recovery on the continent of Africa. God gets the glory, but he used you all to make it happen. It's been a struggle to get NA going in most parts of Africa, because of some pretty obvious road blocks (geography, poverty, culture, etc...), and language, as in so many dialects of, so all of this news is very exciting and a perfect example of how our donations and the purchase of literature directly helps carry the message to addicts all over the world who never, ever, would even have a chance to not only hear the message, but read it as well. In places like Africa it takes a lot of different unique kinds of effort. This is just unbelievable inspirational news. These addicts who may have died, at least have a chance to live.

An area convention in Iran looks like there were 10,000+ addicts in attendance. The message was carried much the same way there. It doesn't take much imagination to understand the obvious obstacles there were there, and now Iran carries the message into Afghanistan. It all starts with a donation in the basket or the purchase of a Basic Text, and/or other literature. I am including a copy of the SMRCNA report to Ali for the minutes so you can let your groups know what is going on with the planning of SMRCNA. That's all I have to report at this time. In loving service, Ed H.

Treasurer: See attached report.

Secretary: Hello Ozark Area Family! My expenses for last month were \$22.72 for copies and postage. If your contact info has changed, please let me know. Thanks for letting me be of service. Love & Hugs, Ali D.

(620) 687-0890.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AASC: Hello Ozark Area, The AASC committee met today at 1 pm. We made a few changes to our committee. We have voted on our artwork for the picnic. Keep Calm and Carry the Message. I will have a print out of it next month. We had our chili cookoff on Saturday night. Jenn P. from Grove carried a strong and clear message of NA. Everyone that missed it missed out. We didn't make much money but our primary purpose was fulfilled. Committee as of today--- Chair: Jacobb L.; Vice Chair: Krystal S.; Hospitality: Kasey M.; Secretary: Sandee A.; Registration: Brandy J.; Entertainment: Meri S.; Merchandise: Angela S.; Hug Patrol: Lee W. In loving service, Jacobb L.

H & I: Greetings Ozark Area! We opened today with the Serenity Prayer, Traditions, and Concepts. We approved the minutes from last month. Yesterday we held a workshop and had a good turnout. Our thanks to the AASC for allowing us to piggy back on their function. All meetings were met except Jasper County- where we made 3 out of 5 meetings through no fault of ours. New Directions is still working on getting one male approved.

We will be having a learning day sometime before our speaker jam next April. We still have H & I shirts for sale. The cost is \$15 if anyone is interested. Please announce this in meetings. Thanks for letting me be of service. Meri S.

PR: Hello Ozark Area, Amber A. serving as P.R. Chair. We opened with the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. Outreach will meet Monday the 23rd and will be going to Carthage. And we are working on plans for December Outreach. We are planning a workshop for the drug replacement therapy and Public Relations in the month of Jan.

There are 23 people signed up for the area newsletter. For those wanting to subscribe email Ozarkareanewsletter@gmail.com. We discussed putting in a disclaimer stating that once the work has been submitted it's no longer their property. It becomes the property of P.R. The intent is to be able to make changes such as grammar and punctuation. Its integrity will remain the same. We are looking into the cost of advertising on TV, radio, and newspaper advertising. We will also be doing a workshop before the New Year's function on public image. In loving service, Amber A.

Added: One addict stated that they used to have a public service commercial that was free, so they might want to check into that. The commercial would have our phone line number. Also, PR will be having a workshop before our area's New Year's Eve function.

GROUP REPORTS:

Against All Odds: Hello family! I'm an addict named Karen, GSR for Against All Odds group in Pittsburg, Kansas. Our average attendance is 15 addicts at our 2 meetings held at Homer Cole Senior Center, 3003 N. Joplin, on Thursday and Sunday nights at 6:30 pm. The last Sunday of the month is our speaker birthday night. We want to remind everyone, Mark J. from Joplin will be our speaker November 29th. Our December 27th speaker will be Rick W. from Joplin and we will have 1 birthday in December, Bob N. with 6 years.

We want to thank everyone for joining us at our annual 8th Turkey Bowl. Next year we will be sure to order more chicken & noodles if you will keep coming back. ☺ We would like to donate \$25 to area. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Karen H.

A New Way: Hello Area, My name is Suzanne S. serving as GSR for A New Way group. A New Way group meets every Friday at 7 p.m. at 209 North Valley Street Neosho, MO 64850. We have been averaging 7 to 10 addicts. We have our birthday night on the last Friday of the month, and business meeting generally the third Friday of the month. We have no donation at this time.

But Do It: Hello Area. But Do It meets at 414 Virginia at 6:30 pm this is a closed meeting. Last Wednesday is birthday night; this is open. We have one this month: Dennis D, 11 years. Our donation is \$35.00. In loving service, Mark J.

Day By Day: Hello Ozark Area, my name is Jessica M., an addict serving as GSR for Day By Day group. Our meetings are non-smoking and we average 5-15 addicts per meeting. We celebrate birthdays the last Thursday of each month. We meet at 8 pm Mondays and Thursdays at 6th and Little in Fort Scott, KS. No donation at this time. Jessica M.

Fifth Tradition: Alan F. sitting in for 5th Tradition Group. Fifth Tradition holds regular scheduled meetings at 1831 S. Connor Ave Joplin. Our meetings are open, non-smoking every Mon, Tues, and Thursday @ 6:30. Attendance has been very good up to 45 addicts participating. The Annual Halloween Party was a great success—thank you to all for the help and participation. We made enough to cover the expenses for 2016. 25 bucks to donate. Alan

Galena Gratitude Group (3 G's Unloaded): Hello! I am Sonia M. and I'm an addict. I am representing 2 G's Unloaded Galena Gratitude Group-Unloaded; our NA meetings are Mondays at 6:00 pm @ the Galena Community room—211 W. 7th Galena, KS 66739. Open/Non-smoking/vaping. Donating \$10.00 today (my 2nd meeting). 2nd Mon—book study, 3rd Mon.—speaker. In loving service, Sonia M.

Lifeline: Hello Ozark Area! My name is Jenn, addict representing LifeLine. Home group attendance is still strong with 6-20 addicts in attendance. Meeting times are still Wed & Fri 9 am, and Sunday at 3 pm. Sunday is book study, with the exception of the 2nd Sunday which is a speaker meeting. December is Frannie. In loving service, Jenn P.

Miracles: Hello Ozark Area, John, addict GSR!!! for Miracles Group. We meet every Friday from 6:30 – 7:30 pm and not 1 minute later. Our address is 2231 Annie Baxter St, Joplin, MO (3 blocks from the corner liquor store). Our meetings are \emptyset smoking and we average 25-45 persons/meeting. Our business meetings are held @ 7:45 pm on the Friday prior to area. We celebrated Kelly's birthday again due to not having any others. We have a \$20 donation. Sincerely, John S.

Native American: Hello Ozark Area. My name is Bobbie and I'm an addict acting as GSR for Native American New Life Group. We are an open, non-smoking meeting which meets on Mondays at 8:00 pm at the Alano Club in Joplin. Our average attendance is thirty. We currently have seven home group members. We have two birthdays for the month of November: Walt L. celebrating 18 months and Melissa C. celebrating one year. We celebrate birthdays on the last Monday of the month. Our business meeting is the first Monday of the month at 6:30. Our speaker meeting is the second Monday of the month. December's speaker is Craig from Joplin. At this time we have no donations. In loving service, Bobbie M.

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. Meetings are located in the bottom of the park building. We celebrate birthdays on the Sunday following the clean date with homemade cake. Trenda L. is celebrating November at the end of this month, and our December birthdays are Amy M. with 18 months, Lynn H. with 3 years, and Tina PT with 11 years. Our meetings are going good even though attendance is low and there is a lack of people to open. We also have a \$10 donation to give. Thanks for letting me be of service, Tina PT

Straightline: Our meeting schedule is the same. Newcomer attendance is strong and we have 25-50 addicts per meeting. We have a \$20 donation. Thank you, Casey

Stray Katz: Hello Ozark Area, Addict named Lowell T., humble servant and GSR for the Stray Katz Group of NA. Our meetings are held every Sat. at 6:00 pm til 7:00 pm at 24706 St. Hwy 171 Webb City at House Inc. main meeting rooms open non-smoking meeting. We average from 20-30 addicts. We pride ourselves for being given the opportunity to carry the message to the newcomer during their first two weeks restriction at The Airport House. We have Basic Text meeting every 1st Sat. of the month, a speaker meeting every 3rd Sat. of the month, and celebrate birthday night every last Sat. of the month. We had one birthday this month: Jerry F. with four years.

Survivors: Afternoon Ozark Area, Krystal S. an addict serving as GSR for Survivors. We are an open, non-smoking or vaping meeting held at noon everyday but Sundays. Meetings are going well with 10-15 addicts in attendance. We discussed the sweetheart dance. It will be Feb. 13 at Galena Community Center. Tina P. from El Dorado will be speaking. We have a 5 dollar and some change for donation today. In love and service, Krystal S.

We Do Recover: Greetings Ozark Area, I'm Shelly serving as GSR. 8 pm 35+ attendance, 9:30 pm Tues and Thurs 6-8 attend, 12 midnight Fri and Sat 5-10 in attendance. We would like to thank the Area for providing us with the key chips. We have had a positive response to the chips, so much so that We Do has decided to continue to purchase them. We are now investigating ways to protect the key tags from theft. We had been suspicious about key tags being stolen, especially white and black, after receiving the key chips we counted them on Sunday and \$20 worth of tags were already given out or missing. We are working on a solution, first of which is contacting the landlord to change the locks and redistribute keys to trusted servants and have a few for chair people which they return to trusted servants when they no longer chair. We are now flush financially because of Area's help, however we will not be purchasing literature to sell until we meet our prudent reserve and are encouraging those in need of literature to attend other meetings to purchase anything they need. It's all about Unity and carrying the message.

Our family fun day was a lot of fun with good but low participation. We made a total of about \$75 after expenses. We will be hosting Thanksgiving here from end of noon meeting until start of 8 pm meeting. All are welcome and donations of food throughout the day will be appreciated. We will have football on the TV and a few fun activities. Please share that information so everyone knows they have a place to go for Thanksgiving. In Loving Service, Shelly W.

SHARING SESSION

- Questions about the regional motions. In plain speak: the abstentions will not count in the total and will not count as a positive or negative vote; the 2nd motion will change the definition of abstentions in our regional guidelines; and the 3rd motion is about friendly amendments and how amendments, once made, belong to the regional body and not to the individual who made the motion. We will vote on these motions in old business.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Proposed budget** for the next year: **Passed.**
- **Regional Motion 101815-01: Passed.**
- **Regional Motion 101815-02: Passed.**
- **Regional Motion 101815-03: Passed.**
- **Motion to combine PR and Outreach: Passed.**
- **Sandee** was elected as **Literature Review Chair.** Congratulations Sandee!
- Discussion about changing the times for subcommittees because of the addition of a literature review subcommittee. This will be tabled until next month.
- Alan F. contacted NAWS about changing incorrect times/meetings that no longer meet and changes were made. Meri was able to change Miracles' information. Another addict said that you can fill out a new registration form with world if you can't find your group identification code in order to be able to change your group's information on NAWS.

NEW BUSINESS

- Brian C. nominates **Mike S.** for **Area Chair**.
 - **Mike's resume:** My name is Mike S. My clean date is 2/13/01. I work steps, have a sponsor, and sponsees. I attend meetings regularly, my Home Group is But Do It, but mostly attend Stray Katz. I have served as GSR for the But Do It group, as Ozark Area Vice Chair and Ozark Area Chair in the past.
- Dale appointed Mike S. as **Interim Area Chair** effective next month.
- Discussion about donating money to We Do Recover because they are willing to let us have area in their building every month; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. When using We Do Recover's facility, we cost them by using electricity, coffee, gas, etc. The basket was passed around and \$41 was donated to We Do Recover for allowing us to use their facility.
Groups may want to have a discussion about paying for the use of facilities for our area business meeting. Some options that people brought up:
 - Making a motion to pay \$15 or \$20 to We Do Recover when we use their facility when We Do Recover or Survivors are NOT the hosting group.
 - Some people said that we would also pay the \$15 or \$20 when we hold area at a different facility or out of town. Other people thought that when a group volunteers to host, they do not need donations since they are volunteering to host.
 - Another option is to pass the basket at area and the hosting group would get the donations. They could then pay We Do Recover for the use of their facility if they are hosting area at We Do Recover.
 - We could also pass the basket around and give the donations to We Do Recover any time we hold area there.

Next meeting: The next OASC will be held on December 20th hosted by Miracles at 1330 Wall Street in Joplin, MO. Subcommittees start at 12:00 and the area business meeting starts at 3:00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Outreach: Under Grace Group on November 23rd. Meet at We Do Recover at 6:30 pm.
- Thanksgiving Day at We Do Recover from 12-9 pm at 1330 Wall Street in Joplin, MO

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

Artwork for High on Life Picnic:

<http://eastendarea.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/keepcalmNA.png>



Ozark Area Treasurer's Report November 2015

Balance	3095.16	Ending balance as of October 2015 area report
Total Deposits	91.00	Deposits/Donations
Bank balance adjustment	40.80	Failed to record void ck 1051 (20 cent math err
Total Expenses	(586.47)	Expenses
Current Balance	<u><u>\$2,640.49</u></u>	As of November 2015 OASC meeting

DEPOSITS

But Do It	47.00
Miracles	20.00
Point of Turning	10.00
Survivors	13.00
Extra	1.00
Total deposits	<u><u>\$91.00</u></u>

EXPENSES

246.36	ck 1157 - Howard Johnson - RCM hotel rooms	
13.65	ck 1158 - Ali D. - secretary expenses	
41.25	ck 1159 - Freedom Voice - phonenumber	
43.13	ck 1160 - Brian C. - meeting shedul	ck 1153 - IPOWER - website
100.70	ck 1161 - Brian C. H & I literature reimbursement	
46.00	ck 1162 - Edward H. RCM fuel reimbursement	
77.00	ck 1163 - Postmaster - annual area p.o. box	
18.38	ck 1164 - Meri S. - H & I guidelines reimbursement	
<u><u>\$586.47</u></u>	Total expenses as of July meeting	

PROJECTED EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER 2015

43.13	Meeting schedules
41.25	Freedom Voice - phonenumber
25.00	Secretary expenses

\$109.38 **Total PROJECTED expenses**

SMRCNA Board Minutes—July 11, 2015

Meeting opened at 1:15 pm 5 people present.

Roll Call: Three Board members present; one perspective board member pending election; one guest.

Approval of Minutes— were approved as corrected. Correction: Treasurer's Report balance: from \$3,279.25 to \$8,279.25.

Treasurer's Report—Income \$0 Expenses \$100 Account balance July 11, 2015: \$8,179.25

Committee Reports:

Facilities Management:

Convention dates are firm: August 26-28, 2016 at the JC Plaza, in Jefferson City MO.
Total deposit will be \$3,050.90 of which \$1,525.40 will be made this month and \$1,525.50 will be made in February 2016.

We have a block of 205 rooms; a minimum of \$2,000 in room bookings for the convention; all rooms booked Thursday thru Monday will count; Room rates are \$77 per night with up to 4 people in a room and two free breakfast buffet tickets are included for each day room is booked (each ticket valued at \$11).

Program:

Theme is: A Time for Unity...Steppin' Thru Recovery; Need suggestions from all areas for speakers from their area; there will be 12 workshops; two speakers per workshop (one male; one female) and a chairperson is needed for each workshop. Possibly have a phone conference in August??? If we can Dave will arrange it.

Registration: We are working on a logo; Registration cost \$20; Late registration after July 1, 2016 \$25. Hope to have forms to RCM's by mid-November for distribution at their December ASCs; will make sure a copy is on the web-site.

Merchandise: Will have coffee mugs; t-shirt; zip-up hoodies; and thermal cups other items being discussed; want to hold a silent auction and raffle; are looking into jewelry vendor; there will be a booth for the recording people to sell cd of our convention as well as others; we hope to have a special box set available of convention.

Unfinished Business:

Budget: Secretary asked for a budget of \$100 for expenses. Approved.

New Business:

None

Adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Date: 10-17-15

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Show-Me Regional Service Resume

Name: Kara Rogers Clean Date: 6-19-2002

Home Phone: (636) 208-9917 Cell Phone: same

Email Address: kh12@att.net

Position Nominated for: Camp/Convention Chair

Please list all group, area, regional and world service positions you have held within the past five years and approximate dates for each period of service:

Group: Living In the Solution - Alt GSR, GSR, Treasurer, Chair, etc. 2009-2011
Tools for Recovery - GSR, Treasurer, Key Carrier, Chair, etc. 2011-2013
How It Works - GSR, Treasurer, Key Carrier, Chair, etc. 2013 to current

Area: St. Louis Area WSR (Writing Steps for Recovery) Liason/Delegate
2005-2007

MO. Area - Secretary 2009-2011, A.W.A.M. Treasurer - 2009-2011,
P.R. Treasurer 2009-2011, Area Vice-Treasurer 2014-15, Current Treasurer.

Regional: WSR Liason/Delegate 2005-2007
Camp/Convention Committee - 2010-current, Registration Chair 2012-2014
Vice-Chair 2014-2015, Secretary - 2 years

World: _____

If you have not completed a term as a trusted servant or have been removed from a service positions in the past five years, please explain: N/A

What resources and experience (school, work, volunteer, etc.) do you believe you can bring to the position for which you have been nominated?

I worked for the Missouri Dept of Conservation for 5 years planning, preparing, presenting outdoor programs. In my current dental job I coordinate schedules, marketing, and finances daily.

Do you have an NA sponsor? Yes.

Do you work the NA Steps? Yes, currently on Step 6

Have you worked all 12 of the NA steps? Yes, have worked on all 12

Do you have an NA home group that you regularly attend? Yes, How It Works

Do you regularly attend NA meetings? Yes - and support Area Functions

Do you have a working knowledge of the NA Traditions and Concepts? yes

Do you have a working knowledge of the Guide to Local Services? yes

Do you have a working knowledge of the Show-Me Regional Guidelines? yes

Have you read the requirements/duties for this position and do you have the time and resources to fulfill this position? yes

Please include any other information which you consider relevant to your nomination: I like to serve

In addition, all positions that will or may include any responsibility over NA related funds and/or property shall be asked the following questions:

Do you have a stable source of employment? yes

Are you currently delinquent or past due in any financial obligations to any creditor? yes

Have you ever been convicted of a crime involving fraud, forgery or theft of funds? no

What other service positions have you held involving NA related funds and/or property? Flight to Freedom Teamwork

Have you ever misappropriated or stolen NA funds? no

I have read the attached letter and am willing to make the necessary commitment as a trusted servant of the Show-Me Region of Narcotics Anonymous, and if elected, pledge to perform the duties relative to my position to the best of my ability.

I understand that any committee or person handling NA funds is completely accountable for these funds at all times. I furthermore understand that the Show-Me Regional Service Committee has the authority to pursue legal action against any individual found misappropriating these funds.

Signed: Carl Powell Date: 10-17-15

Date: 10-17-15

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Show-Me Regional Service Resume

Name: Carl Purcell Clean Date: 5-8-89

Home Phone: (618) 548-4993 Cell Phone: 618-267-8145

Email Address: PurcellElectric@SBCGlobal.net

Position Nominated for: Lt. Chair

Please list all group, area, regional and world service positions you have held within the past five years and approximate dates for each period of service:

Group: GSR Carry the Message Group

Area: Lt. Chair

Regional: Lt. Chair, PE Chair

World: _____

If you have not completed a term as a trusted servant or have been removed from a service positions in the past five years, please explain: _____

What resources and experience (school, work, volunteer, etc.) do you believe you can bring to the position for which you have been nominated?

Done It Before!

Do you have an NA sponsor? yes

Do you work the NA Steps? yes

Have you worked all 12 of the NA steps? yes

Do you have an NA home group that you regularly attend? yes

Do you regularly attend NA meetings? yes

Do you have a working knowledge of the NA Traditions and Concepts? Yes

Do you have a working knowledge of the Guide to Local Services? Yes, Apply them Regularly

Do you have a working knowledge of the Show-Me Regional Guidelines? As they apply to Camp Venues
but will review them to get up to speed.

Have you read the requirements/duties for this position and do you have the time and resources to fulfill this position? Yes - As Vice Chair and Registration Chair I have closely worked with
three chair-people.

Please include and other information which you consider relevant to your nomination: I have attended
Campvention for 12 years. I was a Girl Scout and Cub Scout Leader.

In addition, all positions that will or may include any responsibility over NA related funds and/or property shall be asked the following questions:

Do you have a stable source of employment? Yes - Dental Assistant / Treatment Coordinator

Are you currently delinquent or past due in any financial obligations to any creditor? No.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime involving fraud, forgery or theft of funds? No

What other service positions have you held involving NA related funds and/or property? GSR,
Home Group Treasurer, A.W.A.M. Treasurer, MEMO Area Treasurer,
Vice-Chair Campvention

Have you ever misappropriated or stolen NA funds? No

I have read the attached letter and am willing to make the necessary commitment as a trusted servant of the Show-Me Region of Narcotics Anonymous, and if elected, pledge to perform the duties relative to my position to the best of my ability.

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Signed: Kara Rogers Date: 10-17-15