

Ozark Area Minutes

9/28/14

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.

FOR NEXT MONTH'S OASC: Vote on:

- **Motion about Treasurer's Guidelines**
- **Angela S. for P.I. Chair**
- **Motion to move High on Life Picnic**

Administrative trusted servants in attendance:

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

Vacant Chairs:

RCM Alternate
Literature Review Chair
Outreach Chair
P. I. Chair

Sub-Committee Chairs in attendance:

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

Absent Subcommittee Chairs:

Outreach Chair: Raymond M.

Groups in attendance:

- Against All Odds
- A New Way
- But Do It
- Clean and Serene
- 5th Tradition
- Last Chance
- Life Line
- Miracles
- Point of Turning
- Spiritual Principles
- Straightline
- Stray Katz
- Survivors
- We Do Recover

Inactive groups:

Liberty (6)
Native American (1)
One Promise (5)
Together in Unity (8)
Under Grace (2)

REPORTS:

Chair: Thank you, Ozark Area, for providing me another way to give back to the program which has saved my life. I believe deeply in this area and in our group's dedication to the addicts who still suffer. As a service committee I only hope that we can give Ozark Area's groups half as much dedication to the tasks we are asked to do as the groups in this area give to carrying the NA message. In loving service, Pam M.

Vice Chair: No report.

Secretary: Hello Ozark Area! Last month, my secretary expenses totaled \$18.44 for copies. 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: Several checks were written today. AASC's prudent reserve is short \$152.24 from the \$2700 budget. Amanda also found out how much each subcommittee has spent so far this year and gave this to each subcommittee chair, the area chair, and the secretary. This is also attached to the minutes. Next month, subcommittees bring their budget to the area business meeting to vote on.

RCM: Hello Ozark Area. I'm Ed, serving as your RCM. Upon reading the Ozark area guidelines for 2014, it states in Article 11: Budgeting and Prudent Reserve 11.3 OASC funds above Prudent Reserve at the end of each OASC meeting prior to the Regional Business Meeting be sent with the RCM to the Show-Me RSC. I will discuss this more in new business.

We will be going to region October 4th, 5th, and 6th and they will be doing a workshop on the new traditions workbook that will be printed at some point in time. If anyone is interested in going to region and being a part of this workshop you are welcome to go.

As far as I know, the regional treasurer and H & I Chair positions are still open so if anyone is interested in doing some service work at the regional level, now is your chance to step up and be a part of. I will be attending the Writing Steps in Recovery subcommittee meeting while at Region to get more information of WSR for the Ozark Area and the Jasper County Jail so that maybe we can form our own subcommittee right here in the Ozark Area and maybe we can start writing inmates in the Jasper County Jail to better carry the message to addicts that are incarcerated here in the future or other county jails in our area. More will be revealed on this. I did put IPs in the probation office, Department of Health and the Community Clinic along with meeting schedules. I am still unable to make contact with Access Family Health but I haven't given up on this. Thank you Amanda R. for letting us know the IPs so promptly. In loving service, Ed H.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H & I: Hello Ozark Area, We opened our meeting today with the serenity prayer, read Traditions and Concepts. Read and approved last month's minutes. Meetings missed: Lafayette-1 meeting, Jasper County 1 men, 1 women missed, New Direction and City Jail no meetings missed. I would like to thank the area for approving our guidelines. Anyone may have one upon request. Ed and I had a meeting with Lt. Karns to talk about writing steps. The Lt. is on board with the idea. This coming weekend we're going to regionals and Ed will try to get some more into W.S.R. so the Lt. can submit the information to his boss. I would like to have a H & I workshop sometime before the first of the year. We tossed around some ideas, more will be revealed. I would like to thank everyone involved with H & I for all your hard work. H & I rocks. Love & service, Brian C.

AASC: Hello Ozark Area, I am Terry L. serving as interim AASC Chair. We have established a place and date for the Chili Cook Off. It will be Nov. 8th at Galena Senior Center. Chili needs to be in by 5:30 to be judged, function starts at 6:00. Sheri E. will be speaking at 8:00. Flyers to come. Thank you for letting me be of service. Terry L.

Website Coordinator: The website is running fine. There was an “accident” last month where the website was down for about a week. *Ipower* (our host) had added on a new component that conflicted with *Wordpress*. It was fixed, however, with no loss of information. Schedule is updated as of June, as well as any flyers that were attached to last month’s minutes or those that were sent to me. The Google calendar is looking pretty full as far as events—a good thing! ILS, Debra B. debgoodlett@yahoo.com Added: On the website, Rob B.’s report is on there as well as the updated service committee guidelines. Addicts expressed that they can only sign on to the website sometimes and they experience difficulty at other times. Other addicts said that they have never had any problems accessing it. Also, Debra will update the wording on the boundaries of our area.

GROUP REPORTS:

Against All Odds: Good afternoon Ozark Area family, I’m an addict named Karen H., GSR for the Against All Odds group in Pittsburg, KS. Our open, non-smoking, non-vaping meetings are Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday nights at 6:30 pm at the Homer C. Cole Senior Center 3003 N. Joplin Pittsburg, KS 66762. We have a birthday speaker meeting the last Sunday of each month. We will be celebrating the following birthdays in October: Mark M. with 7 years, Chad H. with 5 years. We will be organizing a flyer drive in October, date to be determined. We have updated the Against All Odds meeting schedule on the NA.org website after receiving a complaint that it still showed our old location listed. In loving service, Karen H.

A New Way: Hello Ozark Area, I am Suzanne serving as GSR for the New Way Group in 209 N. Valley St. Neosho, MO 64850. A New Way group meets every Friday at 7 p.m. We are an open non-smoking meeting. This last month, we have had more newcomers and visitors in our meetings. We are averaging around 5 to 8 addicts. We have no donation at this time. In loving service, Suzanne

But Do It: Hello Ozark Area Amber L. 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 meeting is closed except the last Wed. of the month which is birthday night open to friends and family. Our meeting have about 30 in attendance and home group membership is strong. We have book study the second Wed. of the month in How It Works. This month’s birthdays are.... Mike D. with 5 years. Rick W. with 5 years, Terry L. with 10 years and Becky M. with 20 years. Donation of 50.00. In loving service Amber L.

Clean and Serene: Hello Ozark Area. My name is Mikey, I’m an addict serving as GSR for the Clean & Serene group. We meet on Saturdays at 6:30 at the Alano Club 1800 E. 30th St. Joplin MO. We are an open, smoking meeting. We average 10-15 addicts a meeting. The last Saturday of the month is birthday night. We continue to struggle with rent, but will keep the door open for addicts for as long as we can. We have no donation at this time. In loving service, Mikey M.

5th Tradition: Greeting! I am Scotty, the Alt. GSR for 5th Traditions Group. We meet at the New Creation Church at 18th and Connor. We are an open, non-smoking meeting. Our regular scheduled meetings are Mon, Tues, and Thurs at 6:30 pm. We have very good attendance with 30 to 50 addicts on Mon. and Tues. and 20-ish on Thursday. We will need some help with the Halloween function on November 1st, raffle items and bodies. Marty is the speaker. We have a \$60. Donation. Scotty S.

Last Chance: Hello Ozark Area. I'm an addict, my name is Marty. Last Chance NA group meets Tues and Saturdays at 7:00 pm at the Senior Citizen's Center at 816 S. Main. Meetings are open and non-smoking. Tuesday's meeting is a book study; Saturdays-1st and 3rd are JFT Topic meeting, others are a topic meeting. Group conscience is the last Saturday of the month at 6:15 pm. Birthdays are celebrated on Saturdays as they arise. Average attendance is 8-15 per meeting with Tuesdays having an upswing in attendance the past month. Group donation is \$50 this month. In loving service, Marty S.

Lifeline: Hello Ozark Area! The Lifeline Group of Grove, OK is still going strong. Our meeting times are Wed. and Fri. 9 am, and Sun. at 3 pm. Our group conscience is held the first Sunday of the month at two and we now have a speaker on the second Sunday. Our speaker for October will be Kyle D. Our meetings are growing with an average of 10 on weekdays and 15 on Sundays. We still meet at 430 N. 21st Street. Thank you Ozark Area! In loving service, Jenn S.

Miracles: Hello Ozark Area, my name is Blair C., I am an addict. I am serving as GSR for the Miracles group of Narcotics Anonymous. We meet every 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. Our attendance has been steady at 60 or so addicts each meeting. This month we had two birthdays, Meri and Donavan. Eight and one year respectively. We had our annual "Miracles in the Park" party yesterday. This was a free activity sponsored by our group, there was food, fun and fellowship. Our speaker was Ms. Meri and music was provided by DJ ED. We counted off 77 addicts in our circle at closing prayer. We have a \$25 donation this month. In loving service, Blair C.

Point of Turning: Hello Ozark Area, my name is Tina, an addict serving as GSR for the Point of Turning group in El Dorado Springs. Our meetings are Sun @ 5 pm, Mon, Tues and Fri @ 7 pm, Wed @ 8:30 pm, and Thurs @ 8 pm. Meetings are going well and the message is being carried. Our group attendance is growing again. We are averaging 10-20 addicts per meeting. We have a \$10 donation to give. ILS Tina

Spiritual Principles: Hello Area, Darlene H. here serving as GSR for Spiritual Principles. We meet every Sunday at 9:30 am. Spiritual Principles averages 15 people per meeting. We have a donation of \$20.00 for area this month. We had no birthdays this month. Our meetings are open, non-smoking at the Alamo Club 1800 E. 30th St. in Joplin, MO. The last Sunday of the month is birthday celebration with donuts!! As well as our group conscience meeting. Spiritual Principles is currently scouting locations for annual "Up the Creek" float trip and campout in 2015! More to be revealed...Darlene H.

Straightline: Hey Ozark Area, my name is Kyle and I am an addict. I am the GSR representing the Straightline Group. We are located at the Community of Christ Church in Grove, OK at 430 N. 21st St. behind Dollar General. Our meetings are open, non-smoking, non-vaping. Our meeting times are Thursdays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm, Saturdays are candlelight. Our group conscience is the last Saturday of every month at 7:00 pm and we have speaker meetings the first Saturday of every month with free meatballs, fun, and fellowship. Our October speaker is the one and only Jenn S.—which is this coming Saturday. We've had about 5 newcomers and an average attendance of about 25 addicts on Thursdays and about 15 addicts on Saturdays. Our birthdays were Scott B. with 7 years and Kyle D. with 3 years. Our 5th Annual Feed a Fiend group inception party is on October 25th, eating at 6, meeting at 7. Flyers for whoever wants one. Be there or be square! Our donation to area will be \$20. Thank you. In loving service, Kyle D.

Stray Katz: Hello Ozark Area. My name is Chuck D. serving as GSR for Stray Katz. We meet every Saturday at 24706 Hwy 171 in Webb City (House Inc.) 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 a speaker meeting the third Saturday of every odd month. We have no donation this month. In loving service, Chuck D.

Survivors: Hello Ozark Area, I'm an addict and my name is Jacobb. Survivors holds meetings Mon-Sat at 1330 Wall at noon. We had our business meeting yesterday at 11 am. We discussed our Sweetheart dance coming up in Feb. We also voted in Krystal P. as our Alt. GSR. Meetings have been going fairly well and we have a \$10 donation for Area. In loving service, Jacobb L.

We Do Recover: Hello Ozark Area. My name is Crystal W. I am the GSR for We Do Recover. We meet at 1330 Wall St. We have 30-60 addicts in attendance at our meetings. Smoking and open meetings are Monday through Sunday 8 pm to 9 pm. Friday and Saturday night candlelight meetings are held at midnight, which are also smoking and open meetings. Attendance for our candlelight meetings range from 40-20 addicts. Second Friday of the month is a speaker meeting, non-smoking and October's speaker is Rich P. from El Dorado. We have our business meetings every 2nd Sunday at 6:30 pm. Last Friday of the month is birthday night, which is non-smoking. At this time there are no birthdays on the board. We have no donation at this time. This is my last day... In loving service, Crystal W.

SHARING SESSION

- Jocelyn got a call from Bucksaw Point to ask whether we are still having the picnic there next year. Jocelyn hopes we make a decision of some kind today so that she can call them back tomorrow. We can choose to tell Bucksaw Point that we haven't decided yet.
- A consensus was taken about moving the High on Life Picnic. 9 groups said they would like to move the High on Life picnic, 1 group is against the move without forming an ad hoc committee, 3 groups didn't talk about it, and 1 group could go either way. Nothing has been decided yet. This consensus was just to see what our groups are thinking.

OLD 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. **This motion passed.**
- **Dale is nominated as Area Chair.** Congratulations Dale!
- **Terry L. is nominated as AASC Chair.** Congratulations Terry!

NEW BUSINESS

- We are \$1363 over prudent reserve. Per our guidelines, this needs to go to region. We need to pay the \$432.24 pop machine bill from the High on Life picnic.
- **Motion:** Take money from the OASC account (\$152.24) to pay into the AASC account for the pop machine bill. **This motion passed.**
- OASC balance is now \$4735.94. We are \$1210.94 over prudent reserve. We are going to send this money to region.
- **Motion:** Add to the Ozark Area treasurer guidelines that money for each function be counted by the treasurer and chair and signed by both parties. In the event that one of these trusted servants aren't available, the vice chair would fill in. **This motion to be voted on next month.**

- **Amber L. nominates Angela S. for P.I. Chair.** Angela's resume: Hello Ozark Area. My name is Angela S. My clean date is 5/5/12. I am in high hopes to become our area's P.I. Chair. I have been clean over 2 years, I did H & I for LaFayette House for a year and only missed one meeting. I currently still do county jail and was my home group GSR for little over a year. I have worked a full round of steps and am currently on my second round. I do have a good committee put together to help me. In loving service, Angela S. **We will vote on Angela S. for P.I. Chair next month.**
- **Motion:** To move 2015 High on Life Picnic to a different location and appoint the AASC for an Ad-Hoc committee to find a location to be set by Nov. AASC.

Next meeting: The next meeting is on October 19, 2014 hosted by Spiritual Principles at We Do Recover at 1330 Wall St. Subcommittees start at 1:00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 17th-19th: SMRCNA in Lake Ozark, MO at Lodge of the Four Seasons
- Oct. 25th: Straightline's Feed a Fiend in Grove, OK
- Nov. 1st: Halloween Function in Joplin, MO at the New Creation Church

Ozark Area Treasurer's Report

September 2014

Balance	1951.23	Ending balance as of August 2014 area report
Total Deposits	3112.73	Deposits/Donations
Total Expenses	(175.78)	Expenses
Current Balance	<u><u>\$4,888.18</u></u>	As of September 2014 OASC meeting

DEPOSITS

AASC - HOLP donation	2885.73
5th Tradition	60.00
But Do It	30.00
Last Chance	20.00
Life Line	20.00
Miracles	31.00
Spiritual Principles	23.00
Straightline	20.00
Stray Katz	20.00
Survivors	3.00
Total deposits	<u><u>\$3,112.73</u></u>

EXPENSES

41.26	ck 1084 Freedom Voice - phoneline
43.13	ck 1085 Jocelyn B. - meeting copies
35.69	ck 1086 Mark J. - guideline copies
28.77	ck 1087 Ali D. - Secretary expenses
26.93	ck 1088 Raymond M. - ink reimbursement
<u><u>\$175.78</u></u>	Total expenses as of August meeting

Budgets

November 2013 to September's Area Meeting

Prudent reserve is 100% of budgets

Sub-Committee	Budget	Spent so far	Difference
Public Information	900.00	1519.02 0.00	900.00 (619.02)
Web Master	200.00	131.88 0.00	200.00 68.12
Hospitals & Institutions	800.00	617.44 0.00	800.00 182.56
Regional Committee Member	900.00	1034.19 0.00	900.00 (134.19)
Secretary	200.00	257.74 0.00	200.00 (57.74)
Treasurer	75.00	59.81 0.00	75.00 15.19
Literature	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outreach	100.00	101.93 0.00	100.00 (1.93)
General Area Expenses	150.00	383.22 0.00	150.00 (233.22)
Regional Donation	200.00	200.00 0.00	200.00
	3525.00	0.00	3525.00

Straightline's 5th Annual
Feed a Fiend
Group Founding Party

Sat Oct 25

Cookout at 6

Meetin at 7

Bring a covered dish



430 N. 21st St.
Grove, OK