

## **Ozark Area Minutes 3/20/2016:**

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer; Traditions and Concepts were read. February minutes were approved.

### **Administrative trusted servants:**

- Chair: Mike S.
- Treasurer: Tony N.
- RCM: Brian C.
- RCM Alt: Ed H. (absent)
- Secretary: Ali D.

### **Vacant Chairs:**

Vice Chair

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

- AASC Chair: Jacobb L.
- H & I Chair: Meri S.
- Literature Review Chair: Sandee A.
- PR/Outreach Chair: Amber L. (absent, Jocelyn B. filling in)

### **Sub-Committee Chairs absent:**

Website Coordinator: Debra B. (quarterly)

### **Groups in attendance:**

- A New Way
- But Do It
- Fifth Tradition
- Lifeline
- Miracles
- Point of Turning
- Spiritual Principles
- Straightline
- Survivors
- Together in Unity (inactive, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting back)
- We Do Recover

### **Absent groups:**

Against All Odds (1)  
Native American (2)  
Stray Katz (1)  
Unloaded (2)

### **Inactive groups:**

Day By Day (4)

## **REPORTS:**

**Chair:** No written report. Thank you Meri for taking minutes last month and doing the agenda again.

**RCM:** Hello Ozark Area—Ed and I would like to thank everyone that attended our CAR Workshop. We know it was a lot of information to soak in three and a half hours so thanks for bearing with us. (Thanks Ed for the excellent corned beef and cabbage). If you haven't got your votes on the CAR today, you have till April 8<sup>th</sup>. We leave for regionals between one and two o'clock pm. My phone # is 417-626-7301. If you want to get them to me call and I will come and pick them up or you can give them to me over the phone. Remember—go to NA.org and take the literature survey. You have till April 1<sup>st</sup> to take the literature survey. Maybe your pick will be some of our next literature. Also, SMRCNA XXVII will be Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, will be held in Jefferson City. GSRs, I have flyers if you need some for your group or if you want to attend. It has registration information. Also I would like to take any flyers your group or the area is having so I can take them to regionals in April. Thanks. Love and Service, Brian C.

**RCMA:** Hello Ozark Area. I'm Ed who formerly served as your RCMA. Due to my anger issues, with regrets I am stepping down from my service position. It was wrong the way I acted at the C.A.R. Workshop and I apologize for my behavior. I need to work on myself and get me together before I can serve others. In Loving Service, Ed H.

**Secretary:** Hello Ozark Area family! My expenses for the last two months totaled \$49.49. I was not here last month due to a work conference. Thank you Meri S. for being totally amazing and taking notes for me! I really appreciate it. If your contact information has changed, please let me know. Love, Ali D. (620) 687-0890

**Treasurer:** See attached report. Added: Two checks were written today: secretary expenses for \$49.49 and a check for food for PR Flyer Day (don't know the amount for the food yet).

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AASC:** Hello Ozark Area, The AASC met today and finalized our Area birthday. The event will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at Schermerhorn Park (availability permitting) with Sarah P. speaking. Fliers will be out soonish. The picnic is coming together great. In loving service, Jacobb L. I have just realized that our original date would conflict with the Spring Fling. I will meet with my committee and hope it's ok with the change of dates.

**H & I:** Hello Ozark Ara, we opened today with the serenity prayer, Traditions, and Concepts. We approved the minutes for last month. All meetings were met at City, Lafayette House, Women's House in Pittsburg, and New Directions. We missed 6 meetings at Jasper County, 2 were our fault. We have a date set for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual H & I Speaker Jam. It is April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Salvation Army from 2:30 to 5:30. Our speakers are Tara S. and Cory H. from Springfield. We will be serving nachos and we will donate 2 step guides to the 2 newcomers with the least amount of clean time. We also still have H & I tank tops available. If you're interested, see Jo W. Thanks for allowing me to be of service, Meri S.

**Literature Review:** Hello Ozark Area, I have not gone to Region but I will be going in April. I have called the chair and we will be getting together at region. In loving service, Sandee A.

**PR:** Hello Ozark Area, we opened with the Serenity Prayer. We went over our old business. We have a flyer day coming up on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be handing out flyers to the GSR for their home groups. Outreach will be going to Lifeline group in Grove on March 27<sup>th</sup>. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be going to Stray Katz and on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April we will be going to Fifth Tradition. We are searching for a new Outreach Coordinator and will be voting on one next month. We are asking for a check for pizza for flyer day as well. Our newsletter is doing well. We are up to 40 members subscribed and are receiving great feedback. Thank you for allowing us to be of service. Sincerely, Jocelyn

## **GROUP REPORTS:**

**A New Way:** Hello Ozark Area, I am Suzanne S. serving as GSR for A New Way group. A New Way group meets every Friday at 7 p.m. in Neosho MO at 209 North Valley Street. We are an open non-smoking meeting. We have been averaging 7 to 10 addicts per meeting. We have a donation of \$33.55 for area today. In loving service, Suzanne S.

**But Do It:** But Do It meets at 6:30 pm on Wednesday at 414 Virginia and this is a closed meeting. We have a book study the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month in Living Clean. Our business meeting is the Wed. before Area. The last Wed. is birthday night and this is an open one. We have one this month: Ali D. with 8 years. Come join us. We have a \$15 donation. ILS, Mark J.

**Fifth Tradition:** Greetings Ozark Area, My name is Pete I. representing 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition group of Narcotics Anonymous. We meet every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 6:30 on the corner of 19<sup>th</sup> and Connor. The last Thursday is a speaker meeting. This month is Jo W. and the last Tuesday is birthday celebration we have 2 this month. Our business meeting has moved to the Monday prior to area and we have had a surge in new members who are showing up for our business meeting. Meeting attendance is strong—we have between 60-70 on Mondays and 25-40 on Tuesdays and Thursday is still a slow day but all in all attendance has been great. We have a \$20 donation for area. Lynette B. has been the Alt GSR and will be taking over very soon for me. Thanks for letting me be of service!! Pete

**Lifeline:** Hello Ozark Area! I am Jenn, GSR representing Lifeline of Grove. Our meeting times are still the same, Wed. and Fri. at 9 am, Sunday at 3 pm. Sunday meeting attendance is usually around 10 addicts. Weekday attendance is still struggling. Casey has been elected as secretary. We have a \$10 donation at this time. In loving service, Jenn P.

**Miracles:** Hello Ozark Area! I'm Meri S. filling in for our GSR and representing the Miracles Group of Narcotics Anonymous. Our meetings are held every Friday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at 2231 Annie Baxter. Our meetings are open and non-smoking. We average 30-60 addicts per meeting. Our business meeting is held the Friday prior to Area and we celebrate birthdays the last Friday of the month. We have no donation at this time. Thanks for letting me be of service, Meri S.

**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. This month Toni H. will celebrate 18 months, Marty A. celebrated 4 years and Lucas Q. celebrated 5 years. We will have a speaker the last Sunday of the month with a dinner starting at 4:00. Meeting attendance is improving having 6-20 addicts at a time. I have a flyer for our Annual Spring Fling for all GSRs. Our group is doing well financially so we have a \$50 donation to give. Thanks for letting me be of service, Tina PT

**Spiritual Principles:** Hello Ozark Area, my name is Daniel. I'm an addict serving as GSR for Spiritual Principles. We are located at the Alano Club here in Joplin every Sunday at 9:30 am. We celebrate birthdays the last Sunday of the month except this month when we will celebrate April 3<sup>rd</sup> due to Easter. We have 3 birthdays this month: Dakota P. with 1 year, Daniel A. with 2 years, and Karen C. with 10 years. Unfortunately we do not have a donation for area today. Our meetings average 5-10 addicts. In loving service, Daniel A.

**Straightline:** Hello Ozark Area. My name is Chad and I am an addict. I'm serving as GSR for the Straightline Group. Our meetings are Thursday and Saturday at 8 pm. Thursday is an open meeting and Saturday is a candlelight meeting except for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month which is a speaker meeting. Next month's speaker is Jason S. from Bartlesville (April 2<sup>nd</sup>). Also a Tuesday night meeting was started. It is at 9 pm and it is an open/step study working out of the flat book. Our meeting attendance is good. Straightline would like to say thank you to the outreach committee for their support. In loving service, Chad

**Survivors:** Hello Ozark Area, Survivors meets at the shared location with W.D.R. at 1330 S. Wall in Joplin, MO. We had our business meeting yesterday after our noon meeting with 4 people in attendance! Our meeting varies in attendance from 5 to 20 people with, as far as I know, all meetings being chaired. We have a \$14.92 donation for Area. In loving service, Jacobb L.

**Together in Unity:** Our meeting location has changed to the First United Pentecostal Church at 524 N. Lynn St. in Nevada, MO 64772. Our meetings are on Saturday at noon and 7 pm, Mondays at 7 pm. We hold a business meeting the last Saturday of the month. We have a \$20 donation for area. —Guthrie J.

**We Do Recover:** We had a great time last night at our Rockin' 80's party. Thank you to all who attended and brought food. There was a lot of good food. Our disco ball trophy was won by Bobbie for the best 80's costume! Thanks to Pete I. for speaking in place of Ray S. who was unable to make it. Vickie has decided to complete this term as her last as our activities chair so that position is now open. Thank you Vickie for all of your service to We Do! We are still working on changing over all of the treasurer's signatures, however we are having difficulty with everyone being able to get together to get that done.

We have a homegroup member donating signs for the bathroom doors, men and women, to help with the designation of the best place to pee. We are discussing creating a memorial banner, using Dale R's artwork to be hung in the building to place pictures of those who died clean so we can have a place to remember them. We would like to invite all groups in the area to participate in creation of this as it will be for us all to appreciate. Since our change in trusted servants, we have now found ourselves a little more financially flush and are hoping to see continued improvement financially. We are planning a chairperson workshop on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. So all interested in chairing a meeting at We Do Recover please attend.

We have 11 meetings a week. Every night at 8 pm with an average of 25-35 people, non-smoking speaker meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. This month our speaker is Bill S. We have a non-smoking birthday meeting the last Friday of each month. This month there are lots of clean anniversaries on the board! We have a 9:30 pm book study on Tues. night, a Thurs. night 9:30 pm meeting and a midnight meeting on Fri and Sat. We look forward to seeing you there. March clean dates for We Do: Shelly W.—31 years, Bob G.—30 years, Kitty G.—32 years, Daniel A.—2 years, Bruce A.—15 years, Mike H.—1 year, Gary K.—20 years, James D. 1 year, Mike P.—2 years. In loving service, Shelly W.

## **SHARING SESSION**

- Mike asked if we made any progress about Sandee (Literature Review) being a part of the PR Subcommittee. Sandee said that at this time, she will remain independent and she will find out more at the April Regionals.
- Brian C.'s term as RCM is up in May and we are hosting regionals in July. Ed will not be serving as RCM. We need someone to step up and take over the RCM position. Brian is willing to stay on as RCM until July to help host regionals but he will be done after that. We do need someone to step up and be RCM. It is a very important position---we need someone to be the link between us and region and the world. Is there anyone who wants to step up to RCM—the clean time requirement is 4 years. The clean time requirement for RCM Alternate is 3 years—if there is someone who wants to step up into this position, Brian will help them for awhile and then we could potentially waive clean time if someone had 3 years and wanted to step up into RCMA and then RCM. Hosting regionals involves providing lunch, making coffee, and having a speaker; regionals will still be held in Columbia.
- PR Subcommittee needs 2 writers for the newsletter: One person to write on the seventh step and another person to write about humility.
- If you haven't given Brian your votes on the CAR motions, please call him and give him those votes.
- Brian gave Shelly W. \$15 for the use of the We Do Recover building for the CAR workshop. That money came out of Brian's pocket and doesn't need to be reimbursed or taken from any budget.

## **OLD BUSINESS—No old business**

## **NEW BUSINESS---No new business**

**Next meeting:** The next OASC will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

- April 10<sup>th</sup>: Chairperson Workshop at We Do Recover at 4 pm
- April 16<sup>th</sup>: Flyer Day in Joplin, MO—Meet at Garvin Park at 1:30 pm
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Speaker Jam in Joplin, MO from 2:30-5:30
- May 14<sup>th</sup>: Ozark Area Birthday Party in Galena, KS at Schermerhorn Park
- August 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>: High on Life Picnic at Roaring River State Park
- August 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>: SMRCNA XXVII in Jefferson City, MO

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

# March Area treasurer's Report 3/20/16

Beginning Bal: \$1,863.57

## Deposits:

Donations: \$180.00

- 15.00 (facility donation)

\$165.00 → deposited 2/29

## Expenses:

#1180 - Mtg Schedules \$43.13

#1181 - freedom Voice \$82.64

#1182 - Mtg Schedules \$32.35

Ending Balance: \$1870.45

## **Ozark Area Outreach**

### **March 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 Lifeline Group**

430 N. 21<sup>st</sup> Grove Okl.

Meet @ We Do Recover @ 1:45 P.M.

To Carpool Meeting Starts @ 3:00 P.M.

### **April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 Stray Katz**

24706 State Hyw. 171 Webb City

Meeting Starts @ 6:00 P.M.

Just Meet There

### **April 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition**

1831 S. Connor Joplin Mo.

Meeting Starts @ 6:00 P.M. Meet There



## **OZARK AREA NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS PUBLIC RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

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### **Flyer Day!**

The PR Subcommittee has flyers listing our 24-hour helpline number for anyone that may be struggling and needs to talk to someone from Narcotics Anonymous or trying to find a meeting.

We will be getting together and going throughout our Area posting these flyers and we would love for you to join us. We will be serving lunch as well, so come on out and be a part of!

When: April 16, 2016  
Time: 1:30 pm  
Where: Garvin Park (28<sup>th</sup> & Virginia – behind the McDonald's)

For more info contact: Amber A. (417) 540-4666



# Ozark Area

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual

# H&I Speaker Jam

When: Saturday, April 23, 2016

Where: Salvation Army  
(8th & Kentucky, Joplin, MO, 64804)

Time: 2:30pm ~ 5:30pm

- Food, Fun & Fellowship
  - Guest Speakers
  - Mock Panel
- Come out and be a part of!

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.

For more information, contact Meri S. (417) 439-0276