

Ozark Area NA Bulletin



OCTOBER 2023

The Ozark Area Newsletter

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**5th Tradition, A New Way, Breaking the Cycle, But Do It, Clean & Serene,
Just For Today, Living Clean, No Matter What, Spiritual Principles, Straightline,
Stray Katz, Survivors, Traditional Recovery, Under Grace, We Do Recover**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanks for sending cleantime birthdays,
group news and announcements to:
ozarkarea@gmail.com

5TH TRADITION HALLOWEEN BASH

RAFFLE SPEAKER COSTUME CONTEST
SATURDAY OCT 28TH 6PM-???
DECORATE AT 3PM
SALVATION ARMY 320 E. 8TH JOPLIN, MO

BREAKING THE CYCLE FISH FRY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3RD 5-8PM
SPEAKER AMEE A.
301 S. PINE NEVADA, MO

OZARK AREA CHILI COOKOFF

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH
4-9 PM KELLY CLUB
209 N. VALLEY NEOSHO, MO
CHILI ENTRIES BY 4:45PM
CHILI JUDGING 5PM
CHILI EATING AND FELLOWSHIP 5-6PM
RECOVERY COMEDIAN MILES K. 6PM
SPEAKER COLIN F. 7PM

OCTOBER CLEAN TIME BIRTHDAYS!

KIM M 15 YEARS
JEFF F 1 YEAR
DAVE M 2 YEARS
SHELIE V 10 YEARS
MARK M 16 YEARS

HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!

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news and meeting changes to:
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OUR MESSAGE

"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 our promise is freedom from active addiction."

Ozark Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
10/22/2023

- ✓ Open with Serenity Prayer.
- ✓ Read: 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts.
- ✓ Approve last month's minutes

ROLL CALL:

Administration Committee:

- ✓ • Chair: Anee
- ✓ • Vice Chair: Shelie
- ✓ • Secretary: Jackie
- ✓ • Treasurer: Karen
- RCM: Ginette **ABSENT**
- ✓ • RCM ALT: Colin

Sub Committees:

- AASC Chair: vacant
- H&I Chair: Mike **ABSENT**
- PR Chair: Vacant
- Website Coordinator: Matt L. **ABSENT**
- ✓ • Newsletter: Rufus P.

Groups: * - Group is currently inactive- if present will sit out votes in this meeting but become active next meeting if present

- 5th Tradition (Joplin) **ABSENT** 2nd month
- A New Way (Neosho) **ABSENT**
- Breaking the Cycle (Nevada) ✓
- But Do It (Joplin) ✓
- Clean & Serene (Galena) ✓
- Just For Today- (Webb City) ✓
- Living Clean (Pittsburg) ✓
- No Matter What (Miami) ✓
- Spiritual Principles (Joplin) ✓
- Straightline (Grove, OK) ✓
- Stray Katz (Joplin) ✓
- Survivors (Joplin) ✓
- Traditional Recovery (Eldorado Springs) ✓
- Under Grace (Carthage) * (inactive) **ABSENT**
- We Do Recover (Joplin) ✓

REPORTS:

- ✓ Treasurer: OASC & AASC
- RCM: **ABSENT**
- RCM ALT:
- ✓ AASC:
- ✓ H&I:
- Website: none
- ✓ Newsletter:

GROUP REPORTS:

- 5th Tradition **absent**
- A New Way **absent**
- Breaking The Cycle ✓
- But Do It \$ 46 donation
- Clean & Serene \$ 10 donation
- Just For Today \$ 30 donation
- Living Clean \$ 20 donation
- No Matter What \$ 50 donation
- Spiritual Principles \$ 60 donation
- Straightline \$ 20 donation
- Stray Katz \$ 50 donation
- Survivors \$ 250 donation
- Traditional Recovery \$ 10 donation
- We Do Recover ✓
- Under Grace **absent**

• **OLD BUSINESS:**

• **SHARING SESSION:**

• **NEW BUSINESS**

- Vote: **SHELIE - OASC CHAIR** **PASSED**
- MOE - OASC VICE CHAIR** - vote next area b/c he was absent
- CRYSTAL - AASC CHAIR** - **PASSED**
- TERESA - PR CHAIR** - **PASSED**
- JACKIE - SECRETARY** - **PASSED**

OASC TREASURER REPORT**10/22/2023**

Beginning Bank Balance		\$ 3,671.07
Donations:		
5th Tradition (Joplin)	\$	-
But Do it (Joplin)	\$	9.00
Breaking the Cycle (Nevada)	\$	-
Clean and Serene (Galena)	\$	-
Just for Today (Webb City)	\$	30.00
Living Clean (Pittsburg)	\$	-
New Way Group (Neosho)	\$	-
No Matter What (Miami)	\$	20.00
Spiritual Principles (Joplin)	\$	51.00
Straight Line (Grove)	\$	-
Stray Katz (Joplin)	\$	50.00
Survivors (Joplin)	\$	20.00
Traditional Recovery (El Dorado Springs)	\$	10.00
Under Grace (Carthage)	\$	-
We Do Recover (Joplin)	\$	-
Total Donations & Deposits:	\$	190.00
Adjusted Balance:		
		\$ 3,861.07
Expenses:		
Freedom Voice - Sept billing	\$	32.07
Freedom Voice - Oct billing	\$	32.10
iPower Website annual fee	\$	298.92
Drury Inn - Columbia (RCM room 2 nites)	\$	277.92
Drury Inn - Columbia (Alt. RCM room 2 nites)	\$	277.92
Total Expenses:	\$	918.93
New Balance OASC:		\$ 2,942.14

AASC TREASURER REPORT**10/22/2023**

Beginning Bank Balance		\$ 4,500.00
Deposits:	\$	-
	\$	-
	\$	-
Total Deposits:		
Adjusted Balance:		\$ 4,500.00
Expenses:		
	\$	-
Total Expenses:	\$	-
New Balance AASC:		\$ 4,500.00

2022-2023 Budget Line Item Expenses

+ 207 proceeds
146 donations

H & I:		
October 2022:	Function Supplies	\$ 646.77
January 2023:	Supplies for Committee	\$ 239.84
April 2023:	Supplies for H&I Function	\$ 630.49
September 2023:	White books	\$ 158.00
	Supplies (Crystal)	\$ 13.70
	Cost for year:	\$ 1,688.80
	Budget Amount:	\$ 950.00
	OVERAGE	\$ (738.80)
Public Relations: (Includes website)		
October 2022:	iPower monthly fee	\$ 19.88
	iPower annual hosting fee	\$ 215.28
	Freedom Voice (Sept & Oct)	\$ 63.92
November 2022:	Freedom voice monthly bill	\$ 31.92
January 2023:	Freedom voice monthly bill	\$ 31.97
February 2023:	Freedom voice monthly bill	\$ 32.01
March 2023:	Freedom voice monthly bill	\$ 32.00
April 2023:	Freedom voice (March & April)	\$ 63.73
June 2023:	Freedom voice (May & June)	\$ 63.92
July 2023:	Freedom voice monthly bill	\$ 31.94
August 2023:	Freedom voice monthly bill	\$ 31.99
	Cost for year:	\$ 223.58
	Budget Amount:	\$ 1,500.00
	DIFFERENCE	\$ 1,276.42
RCM (Includes hosting Regions in April 2023):		
October 2022:	Two rooms, two nights Drury	\$ 474.60
November 2023:	Gas - Ginette	\$ 99.65
	Gas - Brent	\$ 108.54
April 2023:	Four rooms, two nights Drury (cost was \$277.92/room)	\$ 1,111.68
	Supplies for hosting regions	\$ 436.21
May 2023:	Gas - Melissa (hosting region)	\$ 103.00
	Gas - Donc C	\$ 132.03
	Gas - Ali (hosting region)	\$ 124.22
	Gas - Ginette	\$ 107.68
July 2023:	One room, two nights Drury	\$ 258.30
August 2023:	Gas & Copies - Colin	\$ 85.57
	Cost for year:	\$ 3,041.48
	Budget Amount:	\$ 2,100.00
	OVERAGE	\$ (941.48)
Secretary:		
No expenses for the year	Cost for year:	\$ -
	Budget Amount:	\$ 75.00
	DIFFERENCE	\$ 75.00
Treasurer:		
No expenses for the year	Cost for year:	\$ -
	Budget Amount:	\$ 50.00
	DIFFERENCE	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous - Area:		
November 2022:	Checks for OASC	\$ 13.37
	Donation for new group	\$ 75.00
	Rent to ROCC	\$ 15.00
January 2023:	Rent to ROCC - Nov & Dec	\$ 30.00
February 2023:	Rent to ROCC	\$ 15.00
March 2023:	Annual Post Office box rental	\$ 166.00
April 2023:	Area rent for Feb & March	\$ 30.00
May 2023:	Rent to We Do	\$ 15.00
July 2023:	Reconciliation error	\$ 0.50
	Cost for year:	\$ 359.87
	Budget Amount:	\$ 500.00
	DIFFERENCE	\$ 140.13
Regional Donations:		
October 2022:	Check 1045	\$ 100.00
April 2023:	Check 1056 (2 months)	\$ 200.00
August 2023:	Check 1063 (3 months)	\$ 300.00
	Cost for year:	\$ 600.00
	Budget Amount:	\$ 800.00
	DIFFERENCE	\$ 200.00
AD Hoc (Put in budget in June 2023 I think):		
No expenses for the year	Cost for year:	\$ -
	Budget Amount:	\$ 1,000.00
	DIFFERENCE	\$ 1,000.00

Area Activities Sub Committee - AASC:		
EXPENSES:		
November 2022:	Hoodies	\$ 795.23
January 2023:	NYE Supplies	\$ 187.33
	ROCC rental NYE	\$ 100.00
	NYE Supplies	\$ 165.20
February 2023:	Food - HOLF	\$ 156.18
	Proceeds OASC from function	\$ 131.97
March 2023:	Flyers for function:	\$ 22.83
	Park Rental for function:	\$ 40.00
May 2023:	T shirts & banner	\$ 397.09
	Picnic supplies	\$ 276.78
June 2023:	Gas for Mark to regionals	\$ 67.00
July 2023:	Cups, T shirts and hoodie	\$ 2,388.99
	Food - HOLF	\$ 601.39
August 2023:	Name tags & lanyards	\$ 135.90
	Speaker gift bags	\$ 175.34
	Six rooms - Bucksaw	\$ 1,302.84
	Petty cash for event	\$ 177.75
	Cash paid out for ice, gloves...	\$ 179.70
	Cost for year:	\$ 7,301.52
PROCEEDS:		
December 2022:	Hoodie sale	\$ 35.00
January 2023:	Merchandise sales -Mark cash	\$ 230.00
	T shirt sale	\$ 25.00
	Proceeds from Function NYE	\$ 584.50
February 2023:	Merchandise sales -Mark cash	\$ 235.00
March 2023:	Merchandise sales -Mark cash	\$ 400.00
	Cash paid to Mark from cash recd	\$ 22.83
April 2023:	Merchandise sales -Mark cash	\$ 100.86
May 2023:	Merch sales -Mark & registration	\$ 475.00
July 2023:	Merchandise sales -Mark cash	\$ 940.00
	Pre-registrations	\$ 455.00
August 2023:	Cash proceeds from HOLF	\$ 4,488.34
	Cash paid out during event (ice etc)	\$ 179.70
	Proceeds for year:	\$ 8,171.23
	Difference cost-expens:	\$ 869.71
	Amount paid to OASC:	\$ 869.71
	Budget Amount:	\$ 4,500.00
	Account Balance - Oct 2023	\$ 4,500.00
SUMMARY:		
Total OASC Donations from Groups:	October 2023:	\$ 255.00
	November 2023:	\$ 180.00
	December 2023:	\$ 327.50
	January 2023:	\$ 199.00
	February 2023:	\$ 226.00
	March 2023:	\$ 213.00
	April 2023:	\$ 132.50
	May 2023:	\$ 177.00
	June 2023:	\$ 125.18
	July 2023:	\$ 221.00
	August 2023:	\$ 197.75
	September 2023:	\$ 137.09
Total OASC deposits from function:	February 2023 - from AA:	\$ 131.97
	May 2023 - from Speaker	\$ 207.00
	September 2023 - From A:	\$ 869.71
	Total Proceeds - OASC	\$ 3,599.70
Total OASC Expenses during year:	October 2023:	\$ 1,490.56
	November 2023:	\$ 1,138.71
	December 2023:	\$ -
	January 2023:	\$ 301.81
	February 2023:	\$ 47.01
	March 2023:	\$ 198.00
	April 2023:	\$ 2,472.11
	May 2023:	\$ 374.28
	June 2023:	\$ 93.78
	July 2023:	\$ 290.74
	August 2023:	\$ 417.56
	September 2023:	\$ 171.70
	Cost for year:	\$ 6,996.26
	Proceeds for year:	\$ 3,599.70
	Budget Amount just OASC:	\$ 6,975.00
	DIFFERENCE	\$ (3,396.56)

(Cups = \$1123.34, Tshirts = \$1197.32)

-H&I

RCM Report October 22nd, 2023

Hello Ozark Area-

I am an addict named Ginette serving as you RCM. I apologize for my absence at Area today, I am participating in the Pumpkin Run in Carthage today that my work is sponsoring to benefit Community Support Services here in Joplin.

Lots of great things worked out at this quarters Regional meeting. The outcome of the votes we took back from the previous Region are as follows:

All position applicants were voted in except for Martin D for literature chair. He removed his resume for consideration.

Motion 1 regarding position changes and bank account changes happening prior to the following RSC from being voted in **passed**.

Motion 3 regarding adding bank account information to the Region FB account was actually **rescinded** by the RSC body due to inaccuracies in how it was made to appear that it was a requirement by FB to do so to have control of the page and that not being the case.

Motion 4 regarding the vice chair moving to chair after completion of term with a vote of confidence by the RSC **passed**

Motion 5 regarding extending the RD and AD terms to mirror WSC cycle commitments **passed**

Motion 6 regarding cleaning up guideline wording **passed**.

We still have some **open positions** at the Region level. Looking for people in this area that may want to step back into service work. Secretary is still open and very much needed as soon as possible. I plan to nominate Laura T from our Area at the next Region. She has service as RCMA and RCM as well as service on AASC and has held numerous positions within We Do Recover. She has agreed to put in her resume. The Region is also in need of a Literature Chair. The requirements are 3 yrs continuous clean time, an active member of NA with a working knowledge of the steps, traditions, concepts, the guide to local service and the Show Me Region guidelines. They would like that person to have been an active member of that subcommittee previously but it is not a requirement.

In new business we went over budget proposals for the upcoming fiscal year. All the subcommittees and executive committee members worked hard at lowering budgets in any way possible and, even with the continually rising costs everyone is experiencing, we were able to drop the budget from where it was previously at **\$65,636** all the way down to **\$45,612**. I still found several accounting errors in their budgeting however, which I plan to rework through next week to present for correction at the next Region (the actual number is even lower than the amount quoted above - more to be revealed).

There were new motions put in for the home groups to vote on and they are as follows:

Motion 20231015-01

The motion reads as follows:

To update guideline section 6.2.G which currently states "Copies of bank statements will be presented with the Treasure's report at RSC meetings" to reflect "Copies of any and all itemized financial statements are to be presented with the Treasure's report at the RSC meetings"

Intent:

To ensure there will be transparency for current amounts as well as future accounts that this body has previously voted to utilize or may utilize in the future that is not currently transparent.

Action: Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___

Motion 20231015-02

The motion reads as follows:

To change current guidelines to reflect an update on Section 9 heading. Current heading states "File Platform Sharing Guidelines" and the update will state "File Platform Sharing and Social Media Guidelines". An additional item also added which will be labeled "M" and will state "Any and all social media presence will be managed by the PR Subcommittee and will adhere to normal password and transparency guidelines as other Show Me Region Accounts."

Intent:

To have proper social media accountability and a single point of accountability in line with NA concept number five.

Action: Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___

Motion 20231015-03

The motion reads as follows:

To change current guideline 6.3.A which currently states "All expenditures made by the committee will be paid by check" to now state "No expenditures for the committee will be made in cash".

Intent:

Currently expenditures are being paid by check and debit card so this will clean up guidelines to reflect the need for traceability while avoiding the possibility of bad practices by trusted servants.

Action: Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___

A few other items I would like you all to back to your groups to present at the next Area meeting so I can channel the answers up to the Regional level:

Our Outreach Region Chair would like to know:

- 1) **What is one thing our Area does really well?**

- 2) **What is one thing our Area needs growth in or would like to seek assistance in?**

I would also like to have our Writing Steps to Recovery Region Chair to come down and give a workshop on that subcommittee. With the increasing interest in H&I efforts in our Area, I feel like this is a similar service work area that would benefit our Area members as well as those behind the walls interested in working steps. This process is about to get a whole lot easier than previous years also due to the influx of availability for tablets in different jails and prisons in Missouri. With the holidays coming quickly I thought maybe we could hold it at 12pm on the next Area meeting date in November and if not that date then we could wait until after the holidays and worst of the winter weather and hold it at 12pm before the Area meeting in February. So, if you don't mind holding a vote today during new business as to if you would like to have a workshop on this topic; then if that passes vote on the November or February date and let me know what the outcome of those votes are.

GSR's, please your home groups conscience on the motions and Outreach Chair questions completed and turned back into me either by email or in person on or prior to the December Area meeting.

In Loving Service,

Ginette G.
Ozark Area RCM

Kansas City Narcotics Anonymous Presents

Freedom to Change 2023-2024

Everything you need to know

Freedom to Change
Pre-Registration Drive

October 21st
5PM-9PM

**TRUNK
OR TREAT**

Oct 21
5-9PM

Trunk or Treat
Pre-Registration Drive
Lee's Summit NA
1200 SW Blue Parkway



Dec 1
6:30pm

Baby it's Cold Outside
Pre-Registration Drive
New Hope Church
1000 NE Englewood Rd

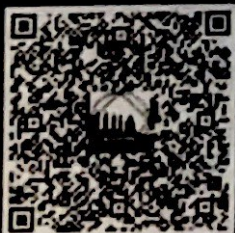


Dec 30-
Jan 1

Convention
Hilton Kansas City
Report
8502 NW 112th St



**Hospitality
Room Sign Up**



Room Block Available
Mention "Freedom to
Change"
Room rates available
12/29-12/31
816-891-8900



**Register and
Donate**

