

## Ozark Area Minutes August 18, 2013

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts were read.

A motion was made to approve last month's minutes, motion was seconded. Last month's minutes were approved, with corrections. Concern over Stray Kats not getting minutes.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Administrative trusted servants in attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: Pam M.</li> <li>• Secretary: Suzanne S.</li> <li>• Treasurer: Jackee P.</li> <li>• RCM: Mike O.</li> <li>• RCM Alt.: Ed H.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vacant positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice Chair</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sub-Committee Chairs in attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H&amp;I Chair: Kim M.</li> <li>• AASC Chair: Sheri</li> <li>• Website Coordinator: Debra B. (interim)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vacant Sub-Committee Chairs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literature Review Chair</li> <li>• PI Chair</li> <li>• Outreach Chair</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Groups in attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• But Do it</li> <li>• Point of Turning</li> <li>• We Do Recover</li> <li>• Miracles</li> <li>• 5th tradition</li> <li>• Native American New Life Group</li> <li>• Spiritual Principles</li> <li>• Stray Katz</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Straight Line Group</li> <li>• A New Way</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Absent Groups:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Promise</li> <li>• Clean and Serene</li> <li>• Under Grace</li> <li>• Together in Unity (3)</li> <li>• Survivors (3)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inactive Groups:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

### **Reports:**

#### Chair Report:

I tried to reach Mindy P. Regional Chair, to see if there is any update on the RSO debt. I didn't hear anything, back. An old friend Bobby H. sent this message out on face book and I'm going to read it here. Bobby, along with many others including Bob R. helped start Show-Me Region. Robert Henson: to all my friends in the fellowship of NA. Our Region is in deep trouble. I and others like myself have turned a blind eye while the Region has acquired a huge amount of debt. I am not as concerned anymore with how it happened. I am more concerned about the N.A. name. I know that prayer works so I am calling on all my friends to observe a moment of silence during your home group the first week in September. If it be your group's will I am also asking you to send that weeks 7th tradition to the Region. Pass the word and expect a miracle.

#### Secretary Report

No Report at this time.

### Treasurer's Report

Report attached.

### RCM Report

Greetings Ozark Area Service Committee, I'm Mike O. and addict serving as your Regional Committee Member. I have no report for this month except that I believe it would be extremely useful to have A Guide to Local Services in NA Regarding Regional Committee Member. Thanks for letting me be of service, Mike O.

### Alt.RCM's Report

Hello Ozark Area, I'm an addict name Ed serving as your RCMA. I talked to Rob B. our regional delicate about the United States Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous and to the best of my understanding; this is a group of recovering addicts who formed this USSC. My understanding is they want to be in between NAWS and the Regions. I tried to check out the links to some websites that Pam M. has posted on Ozark Area website, but I do not really understand what are who the USSC are. Rob B. stated to me that they are kind of a group of rebels who don't always agree with NAWS. I will try and do more research on the USSC. Rob B. also informed me that at the next regional meetings that they will be having a work shop on the restructuring of the service system and what it will be and what it will do for NA as a whole. Hopefully, Mike and I will attend this work shop and have more information for the Ozark Area after the next regional meeting. If anyone would like to go and attend this workshop, Ozark Area does pay for two rooms, 1 male room and 1 female room. So I would encourage some others to go along with us to region. Rob B. did say he would come to our area and do a workshop on the new structuring of the new service system, or answer any other questions we may have. I suggest we wait till after region and see if the info Mike and I gather will be sufficient to answer any questions you may have. I also ordered about 400 lps for the rack at the P.O. office. That rack has every slot filled with a different lp and meeting schedules. In loving service Ed H.

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

#### Hospitals and Institutions Sub-Committee:

Hello Area-Kim M. serving as H&I chair. We opened with the serenity Prayer and Jo read 12 Traditions and Lonzi the 12 Concepts. Then took attendance. Vice Chair was absent. Ozark Center (Robyn V.) Meetings going well, Terry L & Robyn V. alternate chairing the meetings every other week. Can't add new people at this time. Jail-Brian C. has some literature he can share with Robyn V. for Ozark meetings, going great kicking ass made four meetings in a row. Women are on a 6 week rotation. LH-Kim M. all meetings were made and going well. Need meeting schedules. Old Business-Jerry will find out about Stephens/Hawthorn unit and when we can go in. NA is on their schedule. New Business-Meri S. elected as Lafayette House liaison and chair 1rst Thursday of the month. Thanks to Robyn V. for filling in for me last month. Thanks to Blair for taking notes for H&I. Regional minutes attached. Thanks for being here and of service love you all, Kim M.

Ozark Area Activities Sub-committee:

Hello Area! I'm Sheri E. an addict serving as your AASC chair. Subcommittee met today HOLP carried the message to the newcomer and still suffering addict. If that's how success is measured we nailed it!! We have a \$479.05 donation for Area. Thank you for allowing me to be of Service, Gratefully Sheri E.

Website Coordinator Report:

Report attached.

**Group Reports:**

But Do It

I'm Mike D., GSR for But Do It of Joplin. We meet every Wed. at 414 S. Virginia at 6:30 p.m. Our meetings are closed except the last Wed. of the month which is birthday night open to friends and family. This month Jocelyn is celebrating 5 yrs, and Amanda R. 7 yrs!! We have a \$40 donation. In loving service, Mike D. (Our group picnic flyer will be on the website)

Clean and Serene

Absent

Point of Turning

Hello Ozark Area. We hold our meetings in the bottom of the park building on Spring and Main in El Dorado Springs, MO. All are open meetings. We are averaging 6-15 addicts per meeting and the message is being carried. We have a \$10.00 donation to give. Thanks for letting me be of service, Marty sitting in for Tina Pellegrin Tryon, GSR

Survivors

Absent

Together in Unity

Absent

Miracles

Hello Ozark Area, My name is Blair C, serving as Alt. GSR for the Miracles Group that meets every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at 1601 Wall st. Joplin, MO. We are an open non smoking meeting. The second Friday of the month following the regular meeting is our monthly business meeting and the last Friday of the month is birthday night. We have had approx 60-80 addicts in attendance at each meeting this past month. We reserved Pavilion One at Landreth Park on September 21st for our Miracles in the Park Picnic. We decided to charge \$2.00 for a plate of food and \$.50 for soda and water. James G. will be our speaker. Also, we decided to not allow vaping during our meetings. We do not have a donation for Area this month as we are in preparation for picnic. In loving service, Blair L. Corl

One Promise

Absent

### Spiritual Principles

Hello Ozark Area, I'm Scott W. serving as GSR for Spiritual Principles Group. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at 1800 E. 30th street. Meetings continue to be well attended with 20 to 30 addicts, with no birthdays this month. Our scheduled a float trip date was changed due to unforeseen issues. Our new permanent date will be Sept. 14, all welcome. Meet at Alano Club at 9 a.m. Carpool to Blue Hole near Quapaw. Please no Speed-O's. New flyers soon to be distributed. We have a \$50.00 donation for this month. In loving service, Scott W. Karen asked me to mention the NA meeting schedule if any changes please let me or her know.

### We Do Recover

Hello Ozark Area, My name is Vickie M. I'm the GSR for We Do Recover group. We meet @ 1330 Wall St. in Joplin, MO. We opened with the Serenity Prayer. Read the 12 traditions and 12 concepts. We have 20-40 addicts in attendance at our meetings. Smoking and open meetings are Sunday-Saturday @ 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday night @ midnight for candlelight meetings are open and smoking. Attendance for our candle light meetings range from 8-20 people. Second Friday of the month is a speaker meeting, nonsmoking, and September's speaker is Dale R. Last Friday of the month is our birthday night also nonsmoking. This month birthdays are: Levi W 1 yr, Kaleb G 1 yr, Kip P 4 yrs, Melissa W. 8 yrs, Steve S. 9yrs. No donation at this month. In loving service, Vickie M.

### Under Grace

Absent

### Stray Katz

Lonzie J. from Stray Katz. We meet every Sat. 6 p.m. at 24706 state highway 171 Webb City, MO. On the first Saturday of every month we will have a Basic Text Book study all are welcome. We also have a GSR Alternate Chuck. Donations of \$10.00 at this time. Stray Katz

### 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition

Greetings Ozark Area. 5th Tradition meeting meets every Mon. Tue. & Thursday @ 6:30pm in the New Creations church Building at 1831 S. Connor Ave. Joplin. All of our meetings are open, non-smoking. Our meeting continues to have an excellent turn out with 9 to 40 in attendance with a solid commitment core members. Our Thursday meeting is doing well also with increased participation. Our group is financially solvent ~ we have a no donation for area at this time. Thank you David Slone Alternate GSR

### Native American New Life

Hello Ozark Area, I am Kaleb and I'm an addict. Native American Group of NA meets at 8 pm Monday nights at the Alano Club 1880 E. 30th street. We have a business meeting the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. before the 8 p.m. meeting. We are an open meeting non-smoking. We open with the Serenity Prayer and close with the We version of the Serenity Prayer and 3rd step Prayer, and the Gratitude statement. We usually have anywhere to 30 to 65 addicts. Birthday night is the last Monday of the month. We have no birthdays this month. We are still in need of support. We have a \$10.00 donation for area today.

### A New Way Group

Meets 7 p.m.-8 p.m. at 209 N. Valley Road at Kelly Club. Group attendance has grown from 4-5 addicts to 15 + addicts. The group contributions were stolen end of July beginning of August. The Kelly Club waved July's rent because of incident. The group has rebounded successfully from robbery. We are requesting people with experience to attend. The Kelly Club is very adamant about having an N.A. presence at their club. The group is becoming more organized as attendance has grown. In loving service, Matthew D.

### Straight Line Group

Victoria C. serving as GSR. We meet every Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at 430 N 21st street at church. Last Sat. at 6:45 p.m. business meeting. First Sat. at 8 p.m. speaker meeting and birthday celebrations. Group doing well. No donations this month. Next speaker Steve S. from Joplin.

### **Sharing Session:**

- Discussion on when the new chair (sub committee) takes over they should give their resume in July so they can jump right in, in August.
- Discussion on Area inventory: Pam M. got a guide and example from Atlantic Area-How well has area served groups, How can we do better next year?, and 2 other questions.
- Discussion on when GSR's and others leave the OASC business meeting early we do not have quorum to do any old or new business.

### **Old Business:**

- Old business was not able to be conducted due to lack of quorum. Debra B.'s nomination was tabled until September's meeting, along with the Motion for Show Me Region to host a service system project/USSC learning day bringing in speakers from both entities to educate members on the Show Me Region about the S.S.P. and USSC.

### **New Business:**

- Jocelyn B. was nominated and seconded for AASC chair. Resume: Hello Ozark Area, My name is Jocelyn, and I'm an addict. August 11 I celebrated 5 years clean. I have a sponsor and I work steps and traditions with her and I pass them onto my sponsees. I've been Alt. GSR and GSR at my home group But Do It. I've been Vice Chair for H&I then followed up as chair. I attended all Regional Business meetings that was required. I've been on hug patrol at HOLP as well as been hug patrol chair. I've helped plan, set up, and clean up most area parties. And I'm currently finishing up my term as AASC Vice Chair. With a lot of fear and a lot of encouragement, I'm asking you to please allow me to be of service as AASC Chair this year. In Loving Service, Jocelyn B.
- Motion: to have AASC Vice Chair put resume in July instead of August. Intent: So Vice Chair can move into place right away for new term.
- Motion to wave clean time requirement for Kaleb G. who has 1 year on August 30th for Outreach Chair.

**NEXT OASC MEETING @ We Do Recover, On September 22, 2013 at 3 p.m. No host. The committee decided to have a pot luck meeting. Please bring something to share.**

**Subcommittees meet before the OASC Area meeting starting at 1 p.m.**

**GROUP and AREA Up and Coming Events**

- September 14, 2013 Spiritual Principles float trip at Blue Hole near Quapaw. Carpool at 9 a.m. at the Alano club.
- September 21, 2013 picnic in the park hosted by Miracles. More information to come.