

Ozark Area Minutes

3/16/14

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 and it passed.

Administrative trusted servants in attendance:

- Chair: Pam M.
- Treasurer: Amanda R. (absent, Jackie P. filling in)
- RCM: Mike O.
- RCM Alt: Ed H.
- Interim Secretary: Ali D.

Absent Chairs:

Vice Chair: Mark J.

Vacant Chairs:

Literature Review Chair
P.I. Chair

Sub-Committee Chairs in attendance:

- AASC Chair: Jocelyn B.
- Outreach Chair: Raymond M.

Absent Chairs:

H & I Chair: Kim M. (Absent, Jocelyn filling in)

Groups in attendance:

- Against All Odds group
- A New Way group
- But Do It group
- Clean and Serene group
- 5th Tradition group
- Freedom group
- Liberty group
- Miracles group
- Native American group
- One Promise
- Point of Turning group
- Spiritual Principles
- Straight Line group
- Stray Katz group
- Survivors
- We Do Recover group

Absent groups:

Last Chance group, sent report (1)

Lifeline group, sent report (1)

Under Grace (1)

*A consensus of the members present decided that, although two absent groups sent reports, they will still be counted absent.

Inactive groups:

Together in Unity (3)

REPORTS:

Chair: Nothing to report, but does have some things to bring up in the sharing session. Pam also went to the CAR workshop and said that everyone involved did a great job putting the CAR workshop on.

Vice Chair: Absent.

Interim Secretary: Hi, I'm Ali serving as your Interim Secretary. My expenses last month were \$31.03 and I have receipts for copies and mailing. I also have a contact information sheet to pass around. Please circle whether you would like a printed copy or an emailed copy. Also, please correct any of your contact information, if needed. Thank you so much for letting me be of service!

Treasurer: See attached report. Treasurer still has check from Together in Unity for \$40 from January. Jackie has voided the check because she is unsure if they wanted area to have that check because they sent two other replacement checks.

RCM: Greetings Ozark Area. At the time this was written, I have received CAR/CAT votes from only four groups. Time is running out to get these much needed group conscience votes in and it is imperative that we make our collective voice count on these matters. It is my desire to have all of our groups votes tabulated in the next week or so in order to be prepared for the Regional Service Committee meeting in April. If any GSRs need me to attend their business meetings, I would be glad to. Just get with me before I leave ASC today. Additionally, if GSRs need tally sheets, I have a few available today and can make copies to bring to business meetings as required. I have receipts for reimbursement of CAR/CAT purchases of \$29.19. Thanks for letting me be of service, Mike O.

RCM Alt: Hello Ozark Area. I'm serving as your R.C.M.A. I would like to thank Mike O. for all the time and effort he put into the CAR workshop. I think that was the best workshop I have ever been to. Thank you Mike O. for your service. Ed H.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H & I: Hello Ozark Area. I'm Jocelyn, an addict filling in for Kim M., who had to work. The committee spent \$427 on literature covering H & I and 2 other groups. Liaison for city jail was absent but he asked Blair C. to take over April and plan his panels. Jasper County jail has had good attendance with 2 men's meetings missed. Waiting to have a meeting with Lt. Carney to touch base. Lafayette House said only 1 meeting was missed. New women have been stepping up so some training has went on. Ozark Center said all meetings have been met. Brian and Danny contacted Rick Davis and got 3 more people cleared: Sheri E., Jackie P. and Ed H. They are just waiting for AR to call. More will be revealed. Our 4th annual H & I Speaker Jam Celebration will be on 4/19/14 at New Creation Church. Experience, strength, and hope will be shared by our own Kelly Y. and Charlie W. from Springfield. Taco bar will be available. It's free food, free fun, and free fellowship. Flyers out soon. In loving service, Jocelyn B.

AASC: Hello Ozark Area. We opened with serenity prayer and read 12 concepts and 12 traditions. All is on course with our area birthday with Karen from Pittsburg. As for our HOLP, our committee will come up with workshop topics and ask groups if they want to participate. We re-amended a motion regarding cutting cost with rooms for speakers. We will now return to how it's always been minus the chair room. Hoodies are still for sale. Asking for suggestions on possible Friday night, Sat. afternoon, and Sunday speakers. Jackie is gracious enough to call Bucksaw point to train new girl on HOLP and book rooms. In loving service, Jocelyn.

Outreach: Hello Ozark Area. My name is Raymond M. I am the Outreach chairperson. We opened with the serenity prayer, 12 traditions, and 12 concepts. Due to the bad weather we have not done any outreach. I have an outreach schedule made out for next week. Thanks for allowing me to be a part of something bigger than me. In loving service, Raymond M.

GROUP REPORTS:

Against All Odds: Hello Ozark Area family! Karen H., GSR for Against All Odds Pittsburg Group here. Based on the information logged for February, Against All Odds averaged 9 addicts a meeting. We are enjoying our new meeting place at the Homer Cole Senior Center, 3001 N. Joplin in Pittsburg. We have changed our meeting times: Tuesdays at 7:00 (the first Tuesday of the month is at 8:00), Thursdays at 7:00, and Sundays at 6:30. The last Sunday of the month is birthday night and speaker night. In February the following people celebrated their birthdays: Sandy B. with 21 years, Scott P. with 18 years, and Patrick M. with 8 years. We want to thank everyone from Ozark area who helped us celebrate and came for our birthday meeting. We are excited about our upcoming 7th annual Pajama Jam on Saturday, Mark 29th. We will have a raffle, 50/50, dance and two speakers: Anna C. from Joplin and Flo H. from Independence. Please come out and enjoy the pancake feed and fellowship. Against All Odds will be donating \$25 to Ozark Area this month. In loving service, Karen H.

A New Way: Hello Ozark Area. I am Suzanne, I am an addict. A New Way Group meets Friday and Monday nights at 209 N. Valley St. (Kelly Club) in Neosho, MO at 7 pm. Both meetings are open and non-smoking meetings. We are a small group but have a few dedicated group members. We have no donation at this time. In loving service, Suzanne S.

But Do It: Hello Ozark Area. I'm Amber L., Alternate GSR for But Do It of Joplin. Our group meets every Wed. at 414 S. Virginia at 6:30 pm. Our non-smoking, non-vaping meetings are closed except the last Wed. of the month which is birthday night, open to family and friends. Our meetings are getting around 30 addicts in attendance and our home group membership is strong. Today we have a \$40 donation for our area. No birthdays this month. In loving service, Amber L.

Clean & Serene: Good afternoon Ozark Area. My name is Mikey M. and I'm an addict serving as GSR for Clean & Serene. We meet on Saturdays at 6:30 at the Alano Club in Joplin. We are an open smoking meeting. Meetings seem to be getting a little larger this last month with 15-20 addicts in attendance. We celebrate birthdays on the last Saturday of the month. We have one birthday this month—Dewayne S. celebrating one year. We would also like to thank Mike O. for showing up to our business meeting to assist with our CAR votes. At this time we are unable to contribute anything to area. Your loving servant, Mikey M.

5th Tradition: Hello Ozark Area. My name is Brandy G. serving as GSR for 5th Tradition group. We meet every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 6:30 pm at 1831 S. Conner Ave Joplin, MO. Tuesday nights are now candlelight meetings. We are an open non-smoking meeting. The 2nd Tuesday of the month after the regular meeting is our monthly business meeting. The last Tuesday of the month is birthday night. We have approximately 40-60 addicts in attendance at each meeting this past month. We have a \$60 donation this month. In loving service, Brandy G.

Freedom: Hello Ozark Area, my name is Miles, serving as GSR for Freedom group. We meet at Harbor on 114 R NE in Miami, OK on 12:00 Thursdays. The last Thursday of the month is our birthday with cake. We have an average of 20-25 addicts in attendance. We have a \$10 donation. We have one birthday—Joan with 2 years. In loving service, Miles P.

Last Chance: My name is Chuck W. Sorry I couldn't make it. Last Chance Group of Jay, OK. Group meets on Tues at 7 pm and Saturday at 7 pm. Tues. is Living Clean book study, non-smoking open meeting. 1st and 3rd Sat. are JFT and all other Sat. are open topic, also non-smoking meetings. Group conscience is last Sat. of the month at 6:15 pm. Birthdays are as they come. We are following the traditions. Group has \$20 for area. We have an average attendance of 12-14 and a couple of newcomers. Again sorry. In loving service, Chuck W.

Liberty: Hello, my name is Marcey R. GSR for Liberty Group. Meetings are held at 116 B St. S.E. Miami, OK on Thursday nights at 7 pm. Meetings are mainly open topic discussions and Just for Today. We regularly have an average of 10-20 addicts at each meeting. Meetings are open. Very proudly serving, Marcey R.

Lifeline: Hello Ozark Area! I send my apologies for not being here in person. Lifeline is still going well. We are about 6 members strong, sometimes more. We have no birthdays this month. We still meet on Wed. and Fri. at 9 am and Sunday at 3 pm. We have started a Living Clean book study. If possible, we would gratefully appreciate being put on the schedule for Outreach. There isn't anything new to report. In loving service, Jennifer.

Miracles: Hello Ozark Area. I am Blair, an addict, serving as GSR for the Miracles group that meets every Friday at 1601 Wall St. Joplin, MO. We are an open, non-smoking meeting. The Friday before OASC after our regular meeting is our monthly business meeting and the last Friday of the month is birthday night. We have had 80+ addicts in attendance at each meeting this past month. We passed out ballots to group members at the business meeting for individual voting on motions and proposals included in the CAR report. We have a \$25 donation this month. In loving service, Blair C.

Native American: Hello Ozark Area. My name is Jamie G. and I am an addict. I am the GSR of Native American New Life Group. We meet every Monday at 8 pm at 1800 E. 30th St. Joplin, MO 64804. Our group has been holding anywhere from 30-60 people in attendance. Although we are still struggling looking for more people to attend the group's business meeting. Our new speaker meeting has been a huge success the last couple months. 82 people in attendance last meeting. We welcome all newcomers with open arms. Our meeting is a non-smoking meeting. We close the meeting with the serenity prayer and have no donation at this time. Thank you. In loving service, Jamie.

One Promise: Hello Ozark Area, my name is Johnny G. serving as GSR for the One Promise Group. We meet @ 817 E. B.J. Tunnell Blvd in Miami, OK. Meetings are held at noon on Wed. and 8:00 on Friday. All meetings are open discussion except for the last Fri on the month with is birthday/speaker meeting. This month the speaker is surprise. It is also an eating meeting that opens at 7:00. Attendance at our noon meeting is building to 10-15 addicts and our evening meeting averages 30-45 addicts. In loving service, Johnny G.

Point of Turning: Hello Ozark Area, my name is Tina, serving as GSR for the Point of Turning group in El Dorado Springs. Our meetings are Sat. @ noon, 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. We are averaging 6-20 addicts per meeting, however our Sat. noon meeting needs support. Our group has two birthdays this month: Marty A. with 2 years and Lucas Q. with 3 years. We have a \$10 donation to give. ILS, Tina P.

Spiritual Principles: Hello Ozark Area, my name is Randy M. an addict and GSR for Spiritual Principles. We meet every Sunday at 9:30 am at the Alano Club. It is an open, non-smoking meeting and handicap accessible. Our meeting is well attended and growing, average attendance is 18-20 addicts. Every 3rd Sunday is our business meeting. The last Sunday of every month is birthday meeting. We have one birthday this month—Randy M. with 1 year. We have a \$20 donation for area. In loving service, Randy M.

Straight Line: Hello Ozark Area! Scott B., serving at Alternate GSR for the Straight Line Group. Our meeting location is 430 N. 21st in Grove, OK. We meet every Thursday and Saturday at 8 pm. Our meetings are open and non-smoking. Saturdays are candlelight. The first Saturday of the month we celebrate birthdays and have a speaker. The last Saturday of the month is group conscience at 6:45 pm. Our attendance has been low so we could use some support. We are donating \$20 this month. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Stray Katz: Hello Ozark Area! I'm Chuck D. serving as GSR for Stray Katz. We meet every Saturday at 24706 Highway 171 (House Inc.) at 6 pm. We have a book study from the NA Basic Text on every 1st Saturday and we celebrate birthdays the last Saturday of the month. Every 3rd Saturday is our group conscience. We average 25-45 addicts each week. We have speaker meetings every other month on the 3rd Saturday and our next one will be in May with Brian C. from But Do It as our guest speaker. We have a \$20 donation today. Thanks for letting me be of service, Chuck D.

Survivors: Hello Ozark Area, my name is Angela S. serving as GSR for the Survivors group that meets every day but Sunday at noon at 1330 Wall in Joplin, MO. We are an open non-smoking meeting. Our business meeting is the Saturday before area and the last Saturday of the month is our birthday night. We have approx. 20-25 addicts in attendance. We have no birthdays this month and do not have a donation for area at this time. Thank you for letting me be of service. In loving service, Angela S.

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 8-20 addicts. Second Friday of the month is a speaker meeting, non-smoking and March speaker is Angela S. We have our business meetings every second Sunday at 6:30 pm. Last Friday of the month is our birthday night which is also a non-smoking meeting. This month's birthdays are Bruce A. with 13 years, Gary K. with 18 years, and Ashley with 1 year. No donation. In loving service, Crystal W.

Absent Groups: Last Chance, Lifeline, Together in Unity, Under Grace

**Pam encouraged GSRs to ask their groups to "adopt" a struggling group from this area to support them, especially the Lifeline group and A New Way group.

SHARING SESSION

- We worked really hard to keep groups on the meeting schedule. Groups sometimes cancel meetings, etc. for weather or other reasons. Some members think that this is a real problem. Groups should develop a network of people that can open/chair a meeting. Other people can open a meeting, even if it's not their home group. Several people at this business meeting are willing to open/chair meeting to help out struggling groups. Many think that there should be more than one person that has a key for every meeting. We should always remember that NA unity is so important! A phone list was passed around of people **willing to help open/chair a meeting** here in Joplin. This phone list is attached to these minutes.
- The **phone line** was down for 2-3 days but it is now working.
- **Redefining our borders:** Some people think that if we have groups from other areas we should get rid of the boundary statement in our guidelines. Some said that our area borders should extend as far as any group who wants to join our area. Ed will ask region or world services to see if there are any

guidelines that talk about area borders. A boundary statement is included in Article 2 of the Ozark Area Service Guidelines but they may be out of date. See motion in new business.

- El Dorado Springs needed IPs. Amanda divided the IPs up among different groups and H & I. The wrong group may have been written down or an order may be missing. El Dorado Springs will take some of the IPs that were given to Lifeline. Lifeline will place a new order with Amanda. Scott will give the message to the Lifeline GSR.
- **United States Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous:** Developing services to provide services to NA groups in United States rather than going through NAWS. It is not technically NA (or under NA World Services at this time), but it is addicts who are trying to provide services to groups in the United States. Pam is willing to contact them to have an informational meeting in a conference room at the library or another neutral location. Ask groups if they would be interested in having an informational meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion to create a central location for OASC meeting was voted on. **This motion did not pass.**
- CAR vote tallies: Mike O. will be visiting a couple of groups in the next week or two to help them understand the motions. Some of the proposals, like Proposal D, combine more than one idea and there is not a clear intent. We also need some clarity in the proposals because they are not clearly defined. For example, Proposal A asked to place a moratorium... for two to four years. This is an unclear statement. Mike O. stated that World Services does not have the authority to change regional proposals. Some members said that the proposals did not meet the criteria for creating a new proposal. Mike O. wants to make a motion at the regional meeting to keep these proposals from the floor because they are not clearly defined. The GSRs present voted to support Mike O. and his motion.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion:** To redefine Ozark Area borders as “any groups who wish to join the Ozark Area.” The intent is to clarify the Ozark Area boundaries. Take back to groups to vote next month.
- Jocelyn wants to get the High on Life Picnic in the NA Way. Register your event with world by going to their website and registering the event. Mike will assist Jocelyn.
- Are the guidelines on our website or has anyone given those to Debra? Ali will mail the guidelines to Debra to include in our website.

Next meeting: April 27, 2014 at El Dorado Springs hosted by Point of Turning at 3:00. Subcommittees will start at 12:30 with Outreach, AASC is at 1:00, H & I at 2:00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 19th: 4th Annual H & I Speaker Jam at New Creation Church in Joplin, MO
- May 17th: Area Birthday at Leonard Park in Joplin, Mo at 2 pm.’
- May 16-18: 24th Annual Pig Roast in Stockton, MO
- July 25-27: 35th Annual High on Life Picnic in Truman Lake, MO

PHONE LIST OF PEOPLE WILLING TO OPEN/CHAIR A MEETING:

Crystal W.	(417) 540-4825
Angela S.	(417) 434-6809
Amber L.	(417) 540-4666
Johnny G.	(918) 533-7765
Chuck D.	(417) 622-7087
Randy M.	(417) 365-2438
Mikey M.	(417) 622-0951
Jesse Y.	(417) 540-0674
Ed H.	(417) 621-1161
Blair C.	(417) 291-6063
Jocelyn B.	(417) 437-5397
Ali D.	(620) 687-0890

Ozark Area Treasurer's Report

MARCH 2014

(Meeting of February 16, 2014)

Balance.....	\$3104.15	Balance ending February 16 th area report
Total Deposit.....	\$ 341.00	Donations and credits February 16 th area report.
Total Expenses.....	\$ 586.22	Expenses since February 16 th report
Current Balance.....	\$2,858.93	Balance as of March 16,2014 meeting

DONATIONS

But Do It.....	\$ 50.00
Stray Kats.....	\$ 20.00
Point Of Turning.....	\$ 10.00
Straightline.....	\$ 20.00
Survivor's.....	\$ 20.00
5 th Tradition.....	\$ 60.00
Under Grace.....	\$ 20.00
We Do Recover.....	\$ 50.00
Freedom Group.....	\$ 25.00
Spiritual Principles....	\$ 36.00
Last Chance.....	\$ 20.00
Life Line Group.....	\$10.00
TOTAL DONATIONS....	\$ 341.00

EXPENSES

\$ 43.14	Jocelyn B./Schedules/Ck#98
\$ 74.28	Ed H./Car Expenses/Ck#1041
\$ VOID	Ck#1051
\$ 41.30	Freedm Voice/Ck#1052
\$ 427.50	Amanda N./H&I /Gp Lit/Ck#1053
\$ 586.22	TOTAL EXPENSES

In Loving Service, Jackee P.

REGISTRATION FORM
 XXXVth ANNUAL HIGH ON LIFE PICNIC
 JULY 25, 26, & 27 2014



Bucksaw Point
 Truman Lake, Mo

Name: _____ Address: _____
 Phone: _____

Additional Names Registered: _____

	People	Total
Registration by July 1st: \$15.00 each (\$20.00 after July 1st)		\$ _____

	<u>Order Amount</u>	<u>Size/Color</u>	Total
Only white and grey clothing items			
T-Shirts _____ Sizes: S, Med, XL	\$13.00	_____	\$ _____
	2X, 3X	_____	\$ _____
	4X, 5X	_____	\$ _____
Coffee Mugs	\$5.00	_____	\$ _____
Pre-registration only items:			
Sweat Pants _____ Sizes: S - XL	\$22.00	_____	\$ _____
	2X	_____	\$ _____
	3X	_____	\$ _____
	4X - 5X	_____	\$ _____
Sweatshirts _____ Sizes: S, Med, XL	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
Hoodie's _____	2X, 3X	_____	\$ _____
	4X, 5X	_____	\$ _____
Zip up hoodies _____	All sizes	_____	\$ _____
Newcomer Donations _____			\$ _____
		Grand Total	\$ _____

HOLP Picnic Merchandise Higher At Picnic
 Make Checks or Money Orders Payable and mail to:

High On Life Picnic
 P.O. Box 2923
 Joplin, MO 64804

Bucksaw Hotel Reservations:
 660-477-3900
 For Information Call:
 Jocelyn B. 417-437-5397



**24TH ANNUAL
POSITIVE GROWTH
PIG ROAST**

Friday May 16th, 17th, & 18th 2014



Orleans Trail Resort

15857 S 1525 Rd, Stockton, MO 65785

Available Lodging

Orleans Trail Motel & Restaurant

15828 S. 1525 Rd, Stockton, MO
417/276-3566

Lake Stockton Motel

304 E Hwy 32, PO box 538, Stockton,
MO
417/276-5151

State Park Inn

215 South St, PO Box 218, Stockton,
MO
417/276-5422

Holiday Motel & RV Park

400 E Highway 32, PO Box 433
Stockton, MO
417/276-4443

Cedar Oak Lodge

20225 S. 1527 Rd, RR 4 Box 160B,
Stockton, MO
417/276-3193

Rockin' G Resort

14980 N Orleans Trl, Stockton, MO
417/276-5959

Owl Haven Motel

RB RD, PO Box 345, Stockton, MO
417/276-4907

Mt Carmel Inn

S Highway 215, Stockton, MO
417/276-3349

Scheduled Activities

Friday

- Speaker Ben P. 9 years (Springfield)

Saturday

- Speaker Ashley M. 2 years (OKC)
- Pot Luck Dinner (oink oink)
- Raffle
- Horseshoe Tournament
- 50/50
- Auction
- Campfire Meeting

Sunday

- 8am Meditation Meeting

Free Camping

\$5.00 dinner

No Addict Turned Away

Newcomer Donations Welcomed!

Directions from Springfield to Stockton

13 North to MO 32 Exit

Follow 32 West to South Street

Take a left on South Street, Left on Rb Road, Right
on County Rd 1525

From Kansas City

US 71 south to US 54 at Nevada. East on 54 to El
Dorado Springs. At intersection of 54 and 32, turn
right. Follow into town square of Stockton
(intersection of 32 and 39) turn right on 39, go 0.7
miles to County RB (just past the Middle School) and
turn left. Take the first right at the Gift Shop. At the
dead end (1 mile) turn right then immediately left.

From Joplin

Take I-44 East to 13 North to MO 32 Exit

Follow 32 West to South Street

Take a left on South Street, Left on Rb Road, Right
on County Rd 1525

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