

## Ozark Area Minutes October 20, 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.

<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>• Vice Treasurer Amanda R.</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: Jocelyn B.</li><li>• Website Coordinator: Debra B. (absent)</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>• One Promise</li><li>• Spiritual Principles</li><li>• Native American Group</li><li>• Stray Katz</li><li>• Survivors</li><li>• Against All Odds</li><li>• Clean and Serene</li><li>• Together in Unity</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Absent Groups:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Under Grace</li><li>• Straight Line Group</li><li>• A New Way</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inactive Groups:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>

### **Reports:**

#### Chair Report:

The Chair expressed the need to have a single account of responsibilities for meeting schedules. We will discuss in sharing session.

#### Secretary Report

Hello Ozark Area, my term has ended. I am willing to fill in until after the December.

#### Treasurer's Report

Report is Attached.

#### RCM Report

Report is attached.

### Alt.RCM's Report

Report is attached.

## **Sub-Committee Reports:**

### Hospitals and Institutions Sub-Committee:

Hello Area-Kim M., addict. We opened our meeting with the serenity prayer, 12 traditions and 12 concepts. All committee members were present and 31 people attended the meeting today! Yay! Reports: LH-all meetings were met and Angela S. is now 3rd week chair and Crystal W. 4th week. JAIL-couple of meetings missed but through no fault of NA, but due to unpredictable jail situations. In fact the LT would like us to bring more meetings in so now the women will go in every Tuesday and men every Thursday. OZARK- all meetings met with a nice rotation. Hopefully, adding more Monday and Friday until we have 3 of each. We made a motion to request \$800 for our budget and passed it. New Business we discussed the Regional H&I budget Kim elected Regional H&I Alternate chair. Jocelyn & Anna will be speaking at a speaker jam at St. Jo in Dec. We had a mini workshop at our Regional meeting about how to deal with distractions in H&I meetings. Joey shared that we don't have a monopoly of recovery but what we are here for is to talk about Narcotics Anonymous. We made a motion and passed waiving the 1 year clean time requirement for secretary and then nominated and elected Jack P. as secretary. We discussed breaking our budget down by 1/4 we need for IP's and white booklets. We had a discussion about going into the Joplin City Jail. We previously tried to get in but the contact person never returned our calls. Meri S. is going to follow up with this. Jerry let us know that there is still now word from Hawthorne or Stephen's Unit. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Kim M. P.S. I also have receipts to submit for reimbursement for schedule copies I had made for our meetings totaling \$18.45.

### Ozark Area Activities Sub-committee:

Hello Ozark Area, we opened in the usual manner with Serenity Prayer and read 12 concepts and 12 traditions. Our Hug Patrol will now have committee members of Anna and Amber L. doing Hug Patrol at all area Parties. **Our Chili Cook-off is 11/9/13 at New Creations Church, flyer attached.** Our New Years Eve Party will be held at Galena Senior Citizen's center-more will be revealed. We chose our artwork for HOLP. Our merchandise chair Jo W. will get all info for next meeting where we will plan to submit our order. Our HOLP account is currently \$2,685.65. Amanda and Jackee is taking care of the bank situation of signers be changed on account. Love being of Service, Jocelyn B.

### Website Coordinator Report:

No report at this time.

## **Group Reports:**

### But Do It

I'm Mike D., GSR for But Do It of Joplin. Our group meets every Wed. at 414 S. Virginia at 6:30 p.m. Our non smoking meetings are closed except the last Wed. of the month which is birthday night open to friends and family. This month Brian C. is celebrating 19 years, and Anna C. 4 years! Our meetings are currently getting about 25-30 addicts in attendance, & our home group membership and support is strong and growing. Today, we have a \$40 donation for our area. In loving service, Mike D.

### Clean and Serene

My name is Brady M. GSR of Clean and Serene. We are an open/smoking meeting. We meet every Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Alano Club of Joplin. We are currently averaging 12-15 people per meeting and are able to pay our monthly rent through the contributions from our meeting members. At this time, we are unable to contribute a donation to the Area in order to pay rent to the Alano Club. We had two, two year birthdays myself (Brady M.) and Mikey M. We would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support and guidance given to our group from our fellow NA members. Thank you again for all of your help as we continue to grow and reach out to our fellow addicts. In loving service, Brady M. Clean and Serene

### Point of Turning

Hello Ozark Area, we hold our meetings in the bottom of the park building on spring and main in Eldorado Springs, MO. We meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. (Candlelight). Thursday at 8 p.m. Friday at 7 p.m. (Candlelight), and has been opened back up. Sunday at 5 p.m. All meetings are open meetings. We are averaging 10-25 addicts per meetings, and the message is being carried. Tina T. has stepped down from GSR after serving 7 years to fill other positions. Royce P. has stepped up to GSR. Rick T. has stepped down from treasurer after serving 5 years to fill other positions. Marty A. has stepped up to treasurer. There are no upcoming birthdays. We are planning our 2nd Annual Spring Fling on March 8th 2014. Point of turning is giving a \$10.00 donation. Thank you for letting me be of service, Royce Plain, GSR

### Survivors

Hello Ozark Area, I'm Angela, serving as GSR for Survivors Group of NA. We had our business meetings today at 12:30 with 5 members present. We have discussed talking with We Do about having another meeting added to our schedule. We have a member donating coffee and we are helping out with Key tags for our building. We will not be able to donate anything to Area this month. Our meeting attendance has increased so hopefully next month we will be more financially stable. Thank you for letting me be a part of. In loving service, Angela S.

### Together in Unity

Report given orally: They are trying to figure out how to boost attendance. Asking for patience and tolerance with attendance. Meetings still the same nights and on the agenda. Recovery is the topic.

### A New Way Group

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 15 to 25 addicts. We have two virthdays this month, Mark \_\_ 2 years and myself both with 2 years, and no new business. We have a \$ 11.00 donation this month. In loving service, Scott W.

### We Do Recover

Hello Ozark Area, My name is Crystal W. 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 are range from 8-20 people. Second Friday of the month is a speaker meeting nonsmoking, and November's speaker is : Darlene H. Last Friday of the month is our birthday night also nonsmoking. This month birthdays are: Crystal W. 18 months, Lowell T. 18 months, Josh H. 20yrs, Pierre J. 20yrs. In loving service, Crystal W.

### Under Grace

Absent

### Stray Katz

My name is Lonzie, I'm a member of Stray Katz on 24706 State highway Webb City. We meet every Sat. 6 p.m. We currently, average about 20-25 members a meeting. We have basic text reading on the first Saturday of every month. We sell literature and have free pamphlets. We celebrate birthdays at the end of each month, and have a donations of \$20.00. Lonzie J.

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

Hello Ozark Area, my name is David an addict serving as GSR for 5th Traditions. We hold open non smoking regularly scheduled meetings every Mon. Tue. & Thursday from 6:30-7:30 at New Creations church on the corner of 19th and Connor. Our business meeting is the Tuesday prior to area. We have a donation of \$60.00 to area. I am pleased to announce we are holding our Halloween party next Saturday on Oct. 26th at 6:00 pm at New Creations church. It starts at 6 p.m. Our speaker will be Tara K. Three dollars a person five dollars a couple no addict turned away. Please come and be apart of the fun. Thank you, sincerely, David Slone

### Native American New Life

Hello, I'm Jamie the GSR from the Native American New Life Group, we meet at 8 p.m. on Monday nights at the Alano Club of Joplin at 1800 E. 30th Street. We currently have any where from 25 to 40 people at the meeting. We have our business meeting at 7:30 p.m. the 1rst Monday of the month at the Alano Club right before the 8 o'clock meeting. We are a non-smoking meeting. We have on birthday this month Joe is celebrating 3 years. We are still looking for some outside support. We close our meetings with the 3rd step prayer, we version of the serenity prayer or the gratitude statement. We have no donation at this time. In loving service, Jamie G.

### Miracles

Hello Ozark Area, My name is Blair C, serving as 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 80+ addicts in attendance at each meeting this past month. We have a \$25.00 donation for Area this month. In loving service, Blair C.

### One Promise

Hello Ozark Area, my name is Johnny G. serving as GSR for the One Promise Group. We meet at 817 E. B.J. Tunnel 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. of the month which is birthday/speaker meeting. This month is a speaker and eat at 7 p.m. Attendance at our Wednesday meeting is 10-15 addicts and our Friday meeting averages 20-30 addicts. In loving service Johnny G.

### Straight Line Group

Absent

### Against All Odds

Hello Ozark family! My name is Ali D., serving as the alternate GSR. Our meetings are held at 514 N. Broadway Pittsburg, KS 66762. Mon. 7:00 O,D. Tues. 7:00 C,B. Wed. 7:00 O,D. Thurs. 7:00 O,D. Fri. 6:30 O,D. Sat. 6:30 O,D, Candlelight. Sun. 6:30 O,D, Last Sun. of month is B-day and Speaker night. We are having our 6th annual Turkey Bowl on Nov. 2nd. Doors open at 5 p.m. Turkey Bowl will feature turkey bowling, raffles, turkey dinner, and Ed H. (Joplin) as the speaker. It will be at our meeting hall 514 N. Broadway in Pittsburg, KS. Please come out and support us! We had one birthday in September-Nicole C. with one year. Our group is struggling financially but we have a \$20.00 donation for area. In loving service, Ali D. P.S. We might be moving because our rent is increasing. We are currently looking for other locations that might be more affordable.

### **Sharing Session:**

- Discussion on meeting schedules. Solution: Jocelyn is willing to be the person of accountability. Jocelyn voted in to be the person of responsibility for the printing of meeting schedules.
- Discussion on a GSR serving as PI chair. Solution: this would be considered as having dual hats and conflicts of interest.
- Discussion on banking issues, getting the accounts changed over because the accounts are outdated, funds are there for HOLP \$2,685.65, and funds for the area is \$2,554.97. Verified by Pam and Amanda. The treasurer ordered checks.
- Discussion on Ozark Area starting a face book page that would fall under the Website Coordinator's duties. Questions were raised on anonymity, concerns over being a closed group. Chair will talk to Website Coordinator about this.
- Discussion on Administrative trusted servants open nominations this month.
- Ed H. is putting some road trips together to visit various groups in our area outside of Joplin. Get with Ed, if you are interested in going.

## **Old Business:**

- Discussion of the Budgets. PI remained the same \$900, Webmaster lowered to \$200, H&I remained the same \$800, RCM remained the same \$900, Secretary raised to \$200, Treasurer remained the same \$75, Literature lowered to \$0, Outreach lowered to \$100, General Expenses lowered to \$150, regional donations remained the same \$200. Total = \$3,525 Cut \$450. Needs to be voted on for next Area meeting.

## **New Business:**

- Amanda R. nominated for Area Treasurer: Resume OASC, my name is Amanda and I am an addict seeking to fulfill the Area Treasurer position. I have been clean since 8-15-06 and have completed the treasurer position for We Do Recover in the past. I have also served and completed Ozark Area Activities Committee Service positions of Merchandise and Entertainment Chair. I have done several different types of service work throughout the 7 years I have been clean. I work NA steps with my NA sponsor and she believes I am capable of fulfilling this position. I have been the Area Vice Treasurer and watched and learned from our current Treasurer while attending monthly area subcommittee meetings and Area meetings. I am willing to fulfill the position and also willing to ask for help, guidance and suggestions if and when I need help. In loving service, Amanda
- Mark J. nominated for Area Vice Chair: Resume: I am Mark J. running for Vice Chair. My clean date is 6-06-02. I was Vice GSR and GSR for Miracles 2003 & 2004. Vice Chair for HOLP 2005. H&I chair 2006. Alt GSR & GSR for But Do It 2007 & 2008. RCM 2009, and Area chair 2011. Have been on Phone line from the start.
- Raymond M. nominated for Outreach chair: Resume: My name is Raymond M. my clean date is 7-4-02. my home group is We Do Recover. I have a sponsor. I work my steps. I was We Do Recover's GSR. I'm the chair person for the midnight meeting, and like to go out of town meetings.
- Do we still want to have Service System Project learning day on Dec. 7th. Voted and Passed.

**NEXT OASC MEETING @ 517 E. BJ Tunnell, Miami, OK. On November 17, 2013 at 3 p.m. One Promise will be hosting.**

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

## **GROUP and AREA Up and Coming Events**

- Against All Odds's 6th Annual Turkey Bowl. November 2nd, 2013. Ed H. speaking, at 514 N. Broadway in Pittsburg, KS. Starting at 5 p.m.
- OASC Annual Chili-Cook off, November 9th New Creation Church 19th and Connor, doors open at 4:30 p.m.
- OASC New Years eve party. Galena Senior Citizen's Center. More to come.