

Ozark Area Minutes September 22, 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.

Administrative trusted servants in attendance:

- Chair: Pam M.
- Secretary: Suzanne S. (absent)
- Treasurer: Jackee P.
- RCM: Mike O.
- RCM Alt.: Ed H.

Vacant positions:

- Vice Chair

Sub-Committee Chairs in attendance:

- H&I Chair: Kim M.
- AASC Chair: Sheri
- Website Coordinator: Debra B. (interim)

Vacant Sub-Committee Chairs:

- Literature Review Chair
- PI Chair
- Outreach Chair

Groups in attendance:

- But Do it
- Point of Turning
- We Do Recover
- Miracles
- 5th tradition
- One Promise
- Spiritual Principles
- Stray Katz
- Straight Line Group
- Survivors
- Against All Odds

Absent Groups:

- Native American Group NA
- Clean and Serene (2)
- Together in Unity (4)
- A New Way

Inactive Groups:

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Reports:

Chair Report:

No Report at this time.

Secretary Report

Hello Ozark Area, I apologize for not getting the minutes out this last month in a timely manner. I have plenty of excuses, but that is what they are, only excuses. Today, I am at my families baby shower in Neosho. I have asked Amanda R. to take minutes for me. Thank you Amanda. I do need several people's addresses. So, if you all could write them down for me that would be great. Also, I need to purchase more stamps and pay for the copies that we have made. I need \$45.00.

Treasurer's Report

Report is Attached. Review Annual Budgets

RCM Report

Good afternoon Ozark Area Service Committee, I'm Mike O. an addict serving as your Regional Committee Member (RCM). I have made a list of abbreviations and what they mean to help us follow along with all the acronyms that are used in NA. I have been exhaustively trying to locate and read as much as I can about the Service System Project (S.S.P.) and the United States Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous (U.S.S.C.N.A.). As for the S.S.P., you can go to na.org and look under "for our groups", "projects and surveys", "service system project", and "third draft proposal" to get information on what World Services has in mind. Just a reminder, this is only the pros. To get a different perspective on the S.S.P, I've gone on Face book and searched "stop the service system project" to see what others in NA think of it and it is mostly negative. I strongly urge everyone to get as well versed in this project as possible because it will have an effect on members and NA as a whole. The U.S.S.C.N.A is services which deal with situations and needs of U.S. groups, Areas, Regions, members, and society. Its basic purpose is communication, coordination, information, and implementation of services so our groups can more successfully carry the message of recovery. Basically, there are nine subcommittees such as Service Material Development and Distribution, H&I, and Budget and Finance that deal with the needs of NA. I've comprised a brief overview of these subcommittees, but I urge you to see for yourselves what this all about. Information can be found on the internet by searching U.S.S.C.N.A. Once again, I believe it would be useful to have a copy of "A Guide to Local Services in NA Regarding Regional Committee Members". 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 and he told me that to the best of his knowledge that they are going to have the workshop on the Service System Project on Saturday at noon at the regional meeting. That's all at this time. In loving service Ed H.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Hospitals and Institutions Sub-Committee:

Hello Area-Kim M. serving as H&I chair. We had a great subcommittee meeting with 17 in attendance! We opened with the serenity Prayer and Blair C. read the 12 Traditions and Meri S. read the 12 Concepts. We had a discussion about the importance of being in attendance if holding a trusted servant position! Meri S. gave Lafayette House report-one meeting was missed due to lack of participation and illness, three others were well attended. We have a new chairs for 3rd week (Angela S.) and 4th week Crystal W. Thank you for your service- She needs meeting schedules. We had a discussion about carrying a clear NA message and the possible need for a workshop. Robyn V. gave an Ozark Center report. Attendance is down to 2-4 addicts due to population at Ozark Center going down. Robyn will bring back info next month on possible additional chair people and results of discussing more addicts in the meeting! Ozark needs meeting schedules. Brian C. gave the jail report. Meetings were all well attended. Women are still on a ?? Week rotation. We have a BIG NEED for meeting schedules! The message is being CARRIED! H&I is rocking & rolling. Thanks everyone for attending. Thanks for being here and of service love you all, Kim M. P.S. I will gladly go and get schedules copied if needed. I know H&I.

Ozark Area Activities Sub-committee:

Hello Ozark Area as Interim chair. We opened with Serenity prayer. Read 12 Concepts and Traditions. We waived clean time for Hospitality and Merchandise due to experience. Our executive committee: Jocelyn B. (Chair), Terry L. (V. Chair), Amanda R. (Treasurer), Jo W. (Merchandise), Tara R. (Registration), Jake L. (Hospitality), Anna C. (Hug Patrol), Blair C. (Entertainment). Our Chili Cook off is 11/9/13 doors open at 4:30, speaker Jo W. Blair looking into DJ suggestions. Art work for HOLP needs to be announced-deadline 10/20/13. Looking for venues for New Years Eve. Blair C. will be speaking. More will be revealed. Loving 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 Becky M. is celebrating 19 yrs, Terry L. 9 years, Rick W. 4 years, and I'm celebrating 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

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. We meet Monday at 7, Tuesday at 7, Wednesday at 8:30 (candlelight), Thursday at 8 and Sunday at 5pm. All are open meetings. We are averaging 10-25 addicts per meeting and the message is being carried. We have a \$10.00 donation to give. Thanks for letting me be of service, Tina Pellegrin Tryon, GSR

Survivors

Hello Ozark Area, my name is Angela, serving as GSR for Survivors Group of NA. we meet at 1330 Wall st. Joplin, MO at 12:00pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays. We have had approximately 10 addicts in attendance at each meeting. We are in need of support. We do not have a donation for area at this time. We need addicts to attend our meetings, our attendance is low. In loving service, Angela S.

Together in Unity

Absent

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 18 to 25 addicts. Our float trip was a disaster only myself and roommate showed. Too many other things that weekend, bad scheduling. We will do better next year. We don't have a donation this month. And I will check with Karen on the new meeting schedules. In loving service, Scott W.

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 are getting better ranging from 8-20 people. Second Friday of the month is a speaker meeting, nonsmoking. Last Friday of the month is our birthday night also nonsmoking. This month birthdays are: Sara F. 1 yr, Anthony 2 yrs, Jamin W. 3yrs, Kim M. 4yrs, Kelly H. 5yrs, and Dale R. ?. In loving service, Vickie M. P.S. October's speaker is TBA Thank you

Under Grace

Hello Ozark Area, My name is Danny C. and I am an addict. I'm the GSR for the Under Grace group. We meet every Monday evening in the basement of Grace Episcopal church which is located on the corner of Howard and Chestnut in Carthage at 7:00 p.m. this is an open , non-smoking meeting. Meetings are going good with between 5 and 10 addicts attending on a regular basis. We have a donation of \$10.00 for Ozark Area today. In loving service, Danny C.

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. Donations of \$20.00 at this time. This month Meri is celebrating 8 years and ?? Will have 18 months. Lonzie J.

5th Tradition

Hello Ozark Area, my name is David an addict serving as GSR for 5th Traditions. We hold 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. Our group is financially solvent with a max attendance of approximately 50 people. We have a donation of \$60.00 to area. I would also like to announce we will have our Halloween party on Oct. 26th at 6:00 pm at New Creations church. Our speaker will be Tara K. Anyone who wants to help set up doors will be open at 3:00. We also need raffle items. Thank you David Slone

Native American New Life

absent

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 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. Thank you to James G our speaker as well as the more than 80 addicts that supported our function. We do not have a 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 met 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 the speaker is Tony G. from Joplin. 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 20-30 addicts. Oct. 19 we will have a "weenie roast and hay ride". This will be in Baxter Springs, flyer to come by speaker meeting. We have a \$50.00 donation for area. In loving service Johnny G.

Straight Line Group

Hello I'm Victoria C. serving as GSR of the Straight Line group. . We meet every Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Community of Christ church located at 430 N 21st in Grove, OK. Open meetings Saturdays are candlelight. We have our group ???? the last Sat. of the month at 6:45 p.m. Speaker meeting and birthday celebrations on the first Saturdays of the month. We are going through a little growing pains but it is a good thing. Our attendance averages at 20. It has dropped for a bit because of the treatment center House of Hope is trying out another meeting. This has happened before and they always seem to find their way back. Straight Line is having its 4th Annual birthday celebration of the 12th of October at our regular meeting place. Star at 5 food at 6, speaker meeting at 8 pm. Will have new shirts for sale. We do have a donation for Area of \$20.00.

Against All Odds

Hello Ozark family! Against All Odds would like to be a part of Ozark Area. This our 2nd month in a row attending the Ozark ASC. In the month of August, Kristy P. celebrated one year clean. Against All Odds will be having our 6th Annual Turkey Bowl on November 2nd. Ed H. from Joplin, MO will be speaking. Turkey Bowl will have a raffle, 50/50, pilgrim costume contest, and turkey bowling! Flyers to come. In loving service Ali D. (alternate GSR) Against All Odds 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.

Sharing Session:

- Discussion on Regional donations, there were a few quarters missed in the past year by accident. We're sending \$50.00 this month.

Old Business:

- Vote for Debra B. for webmaster PASSED
- Show Me Region vote is moot. There was much discussion on this issue.
- Jocelyn B. for AASC chair PASSED
- AASC resume for chair in July PASSED
- Kaleb G. resigned his resume for Outreach chair.

New Business:

- No New business

**NEXT OASC MEETING @ We Do Recover, On October 20, 2013 at 3 p.m.
Survivors will be hosting. 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

- Straight Line Group's Fourth Annual Birthday Celebration. October 12, 2013 starts at 5pm. Eat at 6pm. Speaker at 8pm. Held at the Community of Christ church located at 430 N 21st in Grove, OK.
- The One Promise Group's 1st Annual Weenie Roast & Hayride. Saturday, October 19th, at 5:00 p.m. Speaker at 8 pm. 64399 E. 10 rd. Quapaw, OK
- 5th Tradition Halloween & Birthday Party at New Creation Church, 1831 S. Connor. October 26th at 6 p.m. till ? Speaker Tara K.
- Against All Odds's 6th Annual Turkey Bowl. November 2nd, 2013. Ed H. speaking. Flyers to come.