

## **OASC 4/19/08**

Submitted for approval by OASC Secretary

Ozark Area met at 1330 S. Wall, Joplin w/ We Do Recover hosting (Thanks for the food)!

Meeting opened at 3:00pm w/ Serenity Prayer

Roll Call, Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts

**Officers Present:** Chair (Shelie V.) Treasurer (Jackee C.) Secretary (Andrea R) RCM (Renita G.) RCM Alt (David B.)

**Officers Absent:**

**Offices Vacant:** OASC Vice Chair

**Subcommittee Chairs Present:** H & I (Don G.), PI (David D.)

**Subcommittee Chairs Vacant:** Literature Review & Outreach

**Groups Present:** But Do It (Becky M), Miracles (Jeff H), Point Of Turning (Tina P), Spiritual Principles (Chrys B) Survivors (Stacy C.), Together in Unity (Andy M), We Do Recover (Doug B)

**Groups Absent:**

**Groups Inactive:** Butterflies Are Free (2), Under Grace (5)

**Quorum (5 of 8 active groups):** Yes

**Recognition of New Groups:** None

**Additions or corrections to last month's minutes:** None

**Motion to accept minutes:** Accepted

**Additions or corrections to Agenda:** None

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Chair Report:** Greetings Fellow Addicts

4/19/08

Welcome to our April OASC Meeting. It is good to be here with you today and to be a part of NA service. Thank you all for being here today. I attended the

H&I subcommittee meeting earlier today as well as my home group's business meeting. I was not able to locate the AASC meeting this month. I did attend my first Regional meeting this month and actually learned a lot from that weekend. I am grateful to have had that opportunity. 4 addicts from Joplin were in attendance and since this area is hosting the next Regional meeting we did go ahead and reserve 2 rooms in advance for July 11-13 at the Best Western in Columbia MO. One room is a smoking room and one is a non-smoking room. The confirmation numbers have been given to our treasurer. The Regional treasurer did report a PO Box has been opened to receive donations from members, groups or areas in the Show Me Region. The address is Show Me Regional Services PO Box 1221 St Joseph MO 64502. A receipt will be returned to the sender. As I understand it the Region will be held in 2009 at the same hotel in Columbia on the following dates that have been blocked for our meetings: 1/9/09-1/11/09, 4/10/09-4/12/09, 7/10/09-7/12/09, 10/16/09-10/18/09. Let's get started.

ILS, Shelie V

## Ozark Area Treasurer's Report April 2008 (Meeting of March 22, 2008)

Balance.....\$1,493.72	Balance ending March 22nd area
Total Deposits.....\$ 104.00	Donations and credits given in March 22nd meeting
Total Expenses.....\$ 373.67	Expenses since March 22 <sup>nd</sup> report and meeting
Current Balance..... \$1,224.05	Balance as of April 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 meeting

### DONATIONS

Point of Turning..... \$ 20.00  
But Do It..... \$ 54.00  
Survivor's.....\$ 30.00

### EXPENSES

\$ 15.00 HOLC Meeting/Ck#1525  
\$ 70.00 Renita G./Jan.Mil.Reg/Ck#1526  
\$ 232.72 Renita G. /April Mil/Rm/Ck#1527

\$ 54.95 Freedom Voice/Ck#1528

\$ 1.00 Bank Charges

**TOTAL DONATIONS...\$ 104.00**

**\$ 373.67 TOTAL EXPENSES**

**In Loving Service,**

Jackee C.

Area Treasurer

**RCM Report:** I attended RSC this month in Columbia Mo. We covered a lot of information so I will cover part of it this month and the rest next month.

After much discussion, we voted to prosecute the previous treasurer. A demand letter had been sent to her and a timely response was not received. She responded after 70 days and was asked to respond in 10 days. The response still didn't say how she intended to repay the money and in the first letter it stated that she would repay the money when she found a job. Since the RSC, she heard the rumor that we had voted to prosecute. She then contacted the RD and said she put two checks in the mail for \$260 each. These checks have not been received yet. The RD reported to the RCM's via a Yahoo group, that since she is attempting to make restitution, we may not be able to prosecute at this time. I have the printed copy of that correspondence which I will attach to this report.

We had a discussion about the gas mileage paid to Regional trusted servants. The region was basing mileage as the IRS states for business expenses which was .44 per mile. After much discussion, we voted to lower that to .25 per mile. The trusted servants felt this unfair because they only have one night in the hotel paid for and some have to drive a great distance and were paying the extra night out of pocket. So we voted to have two nights paid for trusted servants.

SMRCNA is asking everyone to get their Pre-registrations in. Anyone who pre-registers gets a free ticket to the Comedy Show. There is a web site to purchase merchandise and I think you can also pre-register on line. They are also asking us to get our rooms booked in advance to keep the hotel cost down.

I have included motions in this report. I will go each one with you, and a copy will be attached.

Myself and two sponsees have volunteered to go to the next RSC to help the RCM host the next RSC. I have booked two rooms. I have all the Regional stuff we need to host this event. The region will reimburse \$300 which is more than enough.

ILS

Renita G. RCM

### **Correspondence on Yahoo Group**

On Tuesday evening I had received a call from our previous treasurer. She had been informed "through the grapevine" that our Region had voted to prosecute. She was calling to see who she needed to send a check to. I gave the info and told her to call when she sent payment just to let everyone know. As of this morning there are two checks in the mail to our Regional PO Box, both are for \$260. I will write some more later, (I am at work and need to get back to it) ILS, Kristin

Glad to hear she is making restitution. However, if the region did indeed vote to prosecute, that should still go forward. Also, on a personal note, I hope that no one feels the need to discuss this with her in a meeting. She has as much a right to recover as anyone in a meeting of Narcotics Anonymous. Let's help her do that.

I missed you all at the last RSC weekend. I heard it was fabulous! I look forward to reporting on my experience at the WSC when I see you in July.

Karyn

I'm not sure really how to start with this, so please bear with me. Due to the recent checks Laura has possibly sent, I feel it is important to let the RSC body know that there may be a glitch in our recent vote to prosecute.

I have talked with Larry and will be giving him the name of the St. Louis County Detective I had spoken with, when all of this began back in September. In the conversation with the Detective, he had stated that the prosecutor, once all information is given, will look over all the information and make a decision on whether to continue. They will look for willingness to make restitution first. However, if Laura agrees to make restitution, than there is no prosecution. Since Laura seems to want to make payments we may be out of luck. However, the Financial ad hoc will be verifying this information first in the next week or two.

I do want to add that Laura is in treatment as of yesterday and will be unavailable for at least 30 days.

ILS, Kristin

**RSC motions that the groups need to vote on (7 of 7) will be attached at the end!!**

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**WEBMASTER:** Hello Ozark Area

The web page is doing well as far as I know. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you see something wrong. Sometimes I am too close to the forest to see the trees. The schedules are up to date and I have this months printings. I have put some out of area activities on the web-page under other activities. If there are any functions that you want on the site you need to get them to me. I have nothing for April, May or June, and I am sure there is something going on these months in the Area. I need your flyers! I have made some guidelines for your approval. Please know that I will be glad to come to area meetings and answer any questions at your request but see no reason for me to be there every month. The web site host has changed platforms and I am getting to know it as I go, so far so good. I was able to upload the minutes for Feb and will have the schedules by the time you get this.

Thank You in Loving Service, Kenny C

**H&I:** Dear Ozark Area,

My name is Don G. an addict humbly serving as your H&I Chair. Men's' & women's' jails are going well w/ no meetings missed. All meetings went in at Ozark Center, but there have been some confusions. There was one meeting missed at the Lafayette House and was addressed by the liaison. Otherwise all is going well. Don G. was nominated for H&I Chairperson by Donnie S. and seconded by Doug B. and approved by the sub-committee. Donnie S. was voted in as Vice Chair. Robyn V. was voted in as Secretary. I talked to Joplin Police Chief & director of the jail, they have agreed to a couple of meetings a month at the city jail. I will get an appointment for David D. (PI Chair) and myself to meet w/ Shane Doty (Director of Police) this week and hopefully get our first meeting in by the end of April. I have talked w/ Brian C. about the city jail and hope that maybe he will step up and help spear it off. It was also brought up that the H&I subcommittee re-assess the guidelines and see if any revisions should be made. The next H&I subcommittee meeting is set for May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm at We Do Recover. In ending I would like to graciously say Thank You to all the H&I

subcommittee members that volunteer their time every week for chairing and attending at the jail, Lafayette House and Ozark Center.

In Loving Service

Don G.

**PI:** David D is going w/ Don G. to talk w/ the Director of Jail about the meetings. They need schedules for the committee. The committee is planning a Flyer Day and would appreciate your support.

### **Group Reports**

**But Do It:** Hello Ozark Area,

But Do It meets Wed. @ 6:30 and is closed. We had record #s for our new location at our last meeting. Birthday Nite is the last Wed of the month. This month Yvonne G. will celebrate 21 years! We have a donation of \$80.25.

ILS,

Becky M.

GSR But Do It

**Miracles:** Hello Area,

My name is Jeff H. GSR of Miracles. We meet every Fri. night at 6:30 on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & Byers. Our monthly Birthday night is the last Fri. of every month. Our Annual Campout is going to be 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 08. Sorry we have no Area donation this month.

ILS,

Jeff H.

**Point Of Turning:** Hello Ozark Area family,

My name is Tina P. and I am honored to be the new alternate GSR for Point Of Turning. Our group still meets in the park on the corner of Spring and Main St.. Mondays and Saturdays begin at noon; these meetings are growing but still need support. Tuesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 8pm. All are open meetings. We will donate \$10 this month to area. Although all our bills are paid, our group remains low on funding.

ILS

TINA P.

**Spiritual Principles:** Hello Area,

Spiritual Principles is doing OK. Our meetings are Wed at 9:30am & Sundays at 9:30am. Attendance on Sundays is good. We need more support for Wed. Our Campout lost our place to hold our Old-time Campout. Have had suggestions we will checking into them. And again more will be revealed. We have no donation at this time.

In Loving Support,

Chrys B

529-2227

chrysb74@yahoo.com

**Survivors:**

Survivors Group continues to meet Monday thru Saturday at the HOLC located at 618 Jackson Street from noon to 1pm. Book Study's are held on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our next business meeting will be held at 11am prior to the Area business meeting in May. Our idea for High on Life Picnic workshop: Importance of the service symbol. Survivors group is willing to hold this workshop at the High on Life Picnic. We are pleased to make a donation of \$50.00 to the area at this time.

In Loving Service,

Stacy C.

**Together in Unity:** Hello Ozark Area,

Our meetings are continuing to do well. We are averaging 10 to 15 addicts per meeting. Our group has a \$20.00 donation this month.

In Loving Service,

Andy M.

**We Do Recover:** Greetings Area from We Do Recover,

We're doing great and recovery is alive & well in our meetings We still have nightly meetings @ 8pm and candlelight meetings on Friday and Saturday nights @ midnight. We are happy to be able to give a donation of \$ 100.00 this month to area

In Loving Service  
Doug B.

### Sharing Session

- We talked about hosting the Regional function next month and Jackee C will be the speaker.
  - We decided to table the web guidelines until next month.

### OLD BUSINESS

- The motion for the Area storage was tabled until next month.
- Voting on service position nominees was kept open until next month.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Don G. was nominated by the H&I subcommittee. His resume is as follows:

Dear Area,

My name is Don G. I am an addict. My clean date is 12/25/05. I am honored to accept the nomination for H and I Chair and will put my best effort to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous.

I attend and chair N.A. meetings regularly, work N.A. steps and have a N.A. sponsor. I also sponsor men in Narcotics Anonymous.

I have served in Narcotics Anonymous since I have been clean and are as follows:

Group alternate GSR (But Do IT) 2007



High on Life Picnic Registration-Chair 2007  
High on Life Picnic Registration-Chair 2008  
H and I Vice chair May 2007 to December 2007  
H and I Intern-Chair December 2007 to present

I believe the most important person in recovery is the new comer, especially the addict that's unable to attend regular meetings. I enjoy sharing my experience with suffering addicts trying to get clean and reap many rewards from doing so. I humbly say thank you, Narcotics Anonymous for allowing me to be of service in the Hospitals and Institutions Sub-committee and look forward to another year of doing so!

In Loving Service,  
Don G.

#### **MOTIONS TO BE VOTED ON: 7 of 7**

Area or Office: Ad-Hoc Guideline Committee

The motion reads as follows:

Update the Show Me Regional Guidelines To:

**4.1.8** Upon fulfilling the term of RDA, the RDA will assume the position of RD by a vote of confidence from the RSC.

**4.3.3** Upon fulfilling the term of Chairperson-Elect, the Chairperson-Elect assume the position of Chairperson by a vote of confidence from the RSC.

**5.12.3** Assume the position of Secretary upon completion of term as alternate Secretary by a vote of confidence from the RSC.

**INTENT:** To allow RSC to review the service record of the Alternate before they take office as the elect, ultimately allowing the RSC the ability to prevent an un-qualified elect to assume an office or term. "If" the Alternate does not receive a vote of confidence, the position would be considered "open" and sent back to Areas for résumé's. The original Alternate can re-submit their resume along with any others that are received.

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Area or Office: Ad-Hoc Guideline Committee

The motion reads as follows:

Update the Show Me Regional Guidelines To:

**5.13** Among the qualifications of the Treasurer are the following:

**5.13.1** The Treasurer should have at least seven (7) years continuous clean time and have previous accounting experience.

**5.13.2** Term of service is for two (2) years.

**5.13.3** Previous NA Treasurer service experience on the group or area levels.

**5.13.4** A good track record of responsibility to service commitments.

**INTENT:** To add additional qualifications for the Treasurer position.

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Area or Office: Ad-Hoc Guideline Committee

The Motion reads as follows:

Update the Show Me Regional Guidelines to:

**5.14A** Among the qualifications of the Alternate Treasurer are the following:

**5.14A.1** The Alternate Treasurer should have at least seven (7) years continuous clean time and have previous accounting experience.

**5.14A.2** Term of service is for two (2) years- two (2) as Alternate Treasurer and two (2) as Treasurer.

**5.14A.3** Previous NA Treasurer service experience on the group or area level.

**5.14A.4** A good track record of responsibility to service commitments.

**5.14A.5** Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, Guide to Local Services and Show Me Regional Guidelines.

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**5.14B** Among the duties of the Alternate Treasurer are the following:

**5.14B.1** Assist the Treasurer in managing all Regional funds and become acquainted with all financial policies of Show Me Region.

**5.14B.2** Assist the Treasurer in recording all transactions of the RSC including receipts of income and disbursements, invoices, checks, stubs and statements.

**5.14B.3** Assist the Treasurer with the annual financial report and the audit at the end of the fiscal year.

5.14B.4 In the absence of the Treasurer, retrieve the checkbook and financial report from the Treasurer and have them available at the RSC meeting.

5.14B.5 Assume the responsibilities of the Treasurer in his or her absence.

5.14B.6 Should the Treasurer resign or the position become vacant, assumes the position of Treasurer by a vote of confidence from the RSC.

5.14B.7 Assume the position of Treasurer upon completion of term as Alternate Treasurer by a vote of confidence from the RSC.

5.14B.8 The Alternate Treasurer **SHALL NOT** be one of the co-signers on the Regional checking account.

INTENT: To add qualifications and responsibilities to the recently created position of Alternate Treasurer position.

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Area or Office: Ad-Hoc Guideline Committee

The Motion reads as follows:

Update the Show me Regional Guidelines to:

6.5.2 Bank statements will be mailed to the Treasurer’s and RD’s residence. RD will make a copy of the statement and mail to the Alternate Treasurer.

INTENT: To remain fiscally responsible to the Areas and the addicts that we serve.

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Area or Office: Ad-Hoc Guideline Committee

The Motion reads as follows:

Up date the Show Me Regional Guidelines to:

**6.11**

An audit Committee made up of the RSC Vice Chairperson, Alternate Treasurer, RD and at least one Subcommittee Chairperson will examine the Treasurer's books and vouchers biannually one hour before the start of the January and July regularly scheduled RSC. The committee will state on its report "we do hereby certify that we have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and find them correct". The Audit Committee will also include the current balance on hand as part of their report.

The Subcommittee Chairperson will rotate on the following basis:

**Activities**

**Campvention**

**H & I**

**Literature**

**PI**

**Outreach**

If the Chair position is vacant, it will simply rotate to the next available Chair. It will be the responsibility of the RSC Vice Chairperson to notify and confirm the attendance of the Audit Committee one month prior to the audit.

INTENT: To remain fiscally responsible to the Areas and the addicts that we serve.

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Name: Brandon G. Area or office: South-West

The Motion reads as follows:

To allow RCM's to vote on Regional Trusted Servants without taking resumes back to the groups for a conscience.

INTENT: To allow people who have a working knowledge and/or have questioned the nominees to vote on them.

**Attend the next OASC Meeting  
On Saturday 5-24-08 @ 3:30pm  
At the HOLC 618 Jackson, Joplin, MO**

**The following OASC Positions are open:**

**OASC Vice Chair (2 yrs clean time required)**

No nominations at this time

**OASC Secretary (2 yrs clean time required)**

Andrea R. has been nominated

**Regional Committee Member (4 yrs clean time  
required)**

David B. has been nominated

**RCM Alternate (3 yrs clean time required)**

No nominations at this time

**Hospitals & Institutions Chair** (2 yrs clean time required)

Don G. has been nominated

**Literature Review Chair** (2 yrs clean time required)

No nominations at this time

**Outreach Chair** (2yrs clean time required)

No nominations at this time

H & I will be meeting on 5-24-08 @ 2pm at We Do Recover,  
1330 Wall, Joplin, MO

