

Arkansas Regional Service
Committee Minutes
August 6, 2016

Hosted by
Arkansas River Valley Area of
Narcotics Anonymous

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Meeting called to order by Chairperson,

Carol Mc. Opened with Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read

12 Concepts read

ARSCNA Definition and purpose read

1st and 2nd paragraph of Tradition 2 read

Roll Call:

RCM:

Arkansas River Valley Area	Present
Central Arkansas Area	Present
Crowley's Ridge Area	Present
Foothills Unity Area	Present
Northwest Arkansas Area	Present
Ouachita River Area	Absent (x2)
Ozark Area	Present

Chair	Present
Vice Chair	Present
Secretary	Present
Secretary-in-training	Present
Treasurer	Vacant
Treasurer-in-training	Vacant
Regional Delegate	Absent
Regional Delegate Alt	Present

Subcommittees:

2016 Convention	Present
Literature	Vacant
Phoneline/outreach	Present
Policy and Procedure	Present
Public Relations	Absent

Secretary report:

Highlights reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer report:

Vacant –

Delores provided some information regarding account. Current bank balance is \$3674.39. Ledger is a mess. Much information is missing in ledger. Delores paid phone-line services 179.04. And 127.72. \$100 is drafted every month for message center. To the best estimate – there is no money missing. Just poor bookkeeping. Matt C. is here and is willing to help.

RD/RD alt report

Greetings Family,

I just returned from the Southern Zonal Forum. We reviewed & gave our input on a statement from the WSC2016 regarding NA intellectual property & the integrity of the NA message. I've attached a copy with my report.

We did not agree with some of the language/wording & have made suggestions to change parts.

1. 86% should read as, low cost English version.
2. Add current list of approved literature & position on previously approved literature.
3. 71% remove the statement of; even if it means shutting down the site. (just chasing tails, just remove the literature)
4. 63% although, some support, would benefit by having more discussion.
5. (Most commonly, the gray form or the baby blue) add as a point of information.

As always, the topic of taking medication in NA meetings was also discussed.

1. Some of us are being told that if we take meds we are not clean & should not share at meetings. Does this mean that those of us who suffer from depression should just disregard what our doctors are advising, even if we only take our prescriptions are prescribed? Do I even belong in this fellowship? All 3 groups agreed, yes you belong. You are a member when you say you are a member!
2. A member in our group is taking medication & sharing during a meeting. We're upset because we are afraid this will disrupt the atmosphere of the meeting. Should the group ask this person to refrain from sharing until the stop taking medication?
If sharing is in appropriate, then the group will take measures to maintain the atmosphere of recovery. Take member to the side & talk to him/her.
3. We have a member who is an addict & who is obviously mentally ill. When he is on his medication he is quite functional, but occasionally he stops taking his meds & all hell breaks loose. He thinks he's being totally abstinent will make him a full-fledged member. What should we ask him when he asks if he's clean?
You are a member when you say you are. Only requirement for membership is the desire to stop using. Be responsible, talk to sponsor & follow doctors' orders.

On another note, I have paid the phone line bill, 2 times. The phone line was disconnected due to non-payment. The Message center is automatically drafted from the account monthly & Pat P takes care of the PO Box. With a new treasure we need to have all bills automatically drafted from the checking account, thus solving this problem.

Dyanne helped me to check the balance & there was no funds missing! I know there's to be a system in place to prevent not knowing who's to do what in this situation but received no inquiries as to what was going on from anyone. This is very disturbing to me!!!! I hope today we can make sure, before we leave, that we do have a system in place to prevent this from happening again. Hell, we don't even know who's on the signature card at the bank! We all are responsible for our region & should care enough to ask, what's going on! Are we just filling positions with warm bodies???? This is not just from the regional level but I also see it at the area level, I care & I know y'all do too, what can we do to make service more attractive & how can I help?

Thank-you for allowing me to be of service,
ILS,
Delores W

Travel expenses for SZFNA

Motel	\$229.82
Registration	\$20.00
Tapes	\$25.00
Meals	\$25.11
Mileage	\$489.71
(1113 miles @ .44 per mile)	
Current rate is .54	
Total	\$789.64

RCM Reports

ARVANA:

Hello Family, Our area is doing great. Hangin in the Fort Convention Chair was elected and the new convention chair is Dyanne E.C. The committee had elections and elected the following:

Vice Chair: Mandi F.

Secretary – Bonnie Z.

Treasurer: Marc L.

Registration: Todd L.

Programming: Mark S.

Activities: Benn T.

Merchandising: Samantha H.

SFG is having La Fiesta Dance tonight, with a full serve taco bar. Cindy Mc from NWA. will speak at 7pm. September 24 is the Wing Ding Picnic in Poteau. The ARVANA Women's retreat is August 19-21. SFG Serenity Fall Gathering Campout is Sept 2-4, 2016 at Springhill Park, Barling, AR Cove Lake Campout is October 14-16.

Our donations will be mailed.

ILS, Tim F.

Central AR:

David H. - Vice Chair of area - gave report. He brought Regional Convention fliers. Our RCM resigned a week ago. We are working on our part of the convention. Our area is running fairly smoothly.

ILS, David H.

Crowley's Ridge:

Hello family. I would like to thank you all for being here as I have attended this RSC. I've done my terms as RCM and RCM alt. This is my last RSC as RCM of CRANA. Thank you for a rewarding experience in NA service. I will continue to be of service at the Regional level wherever possible. The area is doing well with 4 home groups in our area, 5 when Blytheville returns. The meeting times on the website are all current and correct. We have \$277.07 donation. No needs at this time.

ILS, Josh D.

Foothills Unity:

Dear Family,

Foothills Unity Area is doing well. Our 3 groups in Searcy and one group in Heber Springs continues to grow and carry the message. The Batesville group has dropped out of area but continues to hold meetings. In addition, the Ward group has requested to be seated and is expected to become a part of Foothills Unity Area after our next business meeting. Our Winter Convention is coming up January 13-15 and will be back at the Wyldwood Retreat Center in Searcy. The \$60

registration fee includes lodging and all meals and, of course, no addict is turned away. Foothills Unity Area does not need anything from Region at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

ILS, Dan M. RCM Foothills Unity Area

Northwest Arkansas Area:

We are having an event on August 13 the speaker is from California. There will be tournaments for Horseshoes and volleyball and swimming at Beaver Lake. We are working on a learning day event. H and I has been going to the CCC treatment enter. We had a function to raise money to buy books. \$800. No needs at this time. We have a website – www.naofnwa.org. \$442.36 donation.

ILS, Karen S.

Ouachita River Area:

3rd absence.

Ozark Area:

Meeting attendance is down throughout the area. We are trudging along. H&I and PR are doing OK with more work to do than people to do it. The early release facility closed, but we are still taking meetings into 2 county jails and 1 rehab. We are working on Chili Dog Chow Down #26 that is going to be held Sept. 2-4.

We have 3 quotes for tie die T-shirts the cheapest quote being 1500.00 for 150. We would also like to get 48 11 Oz coffee mugs with spoons in handle for 231.87 or 4.83 Per. We would sell for 10.00, 5.17 profit per cup. This would put us 231.87 over our 1500.00 budget.

Thanx,
Craig B.

End RCM reports

Overview of consensus read by Carol Mc . (page 14 of Guidelines)

Consensus procedure read by Carol Mc. (page 15 of Guidelines)

Old business –

None

Open Sharing:

Subcommittee Reports:

2016 Convention Committee

See Previous Reports. Fliers are out.

Fliers are out. Hotel has blocked rooms for our function. Block is good till 10/1/16. All of downstairs is restaurant and bar. Speakers and workshops will be held at Convention Center. Hospitality will be covered by ARVANA. \$4700 and some change in account. Will give a check to Ozark for merchandise. We need to change signers on account. Current signers are Anthony C. Sheran A, Matt F. and Pat P.

Do we sell t-shirts immediately or wait till convention to sell? If anyone preregisters we need to hold those. T-shirts will be tye-dye.

Increase the merchandise budget by \$250? No problem.

T-shirt sizes available are S-4x. Not 3x. Leave fliers as is since we already have fliers out.

ILS,
Pat P.

Phone-line:

Hello family. I want to thank the RSC for the opportunity to be of service to the region. This makes my second term as Phoneline chair. I'm willing to complete another term if no one is willing. However, I have not done a workshop for phoneline this entire year. I'm scheduled to do a workshop next weekend in NWA and the Chicken Cook-off. Phoneline was turned off in May for 3 weeks due to non-payment.

24 calls to phone-line last month. 63 calls in June and 73 in July.

A total of 180 calls this quarter.

CAACNA asked for workshop.

ILS,
Josh D.

Outreach:

Vacant

H&I/PI

Absent. Sent verbal resignation

Policy and Procedures:

No new updates.

ILS, Pat P.

Administrative committee meeting held.

No motions.

Will appoint Matt C to audit the checking account and provide an updated treasurer's report.

No motions submitted.

Treasurer's request – discussed reimbursing Delores for traveling to SZF.

End Administrative Committee.

Re-Opened RSC with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Dispensed with re-reading 12 Traditions and Concepts.

Roll call. All present from this morning.

Quorum met.

New Business:

Matt C. appointed to audit treasurer's account and provide an updated treasurer's report.

We are a quarter behind in elections. Consensus is to fill positions today.

Nominations/elections:

Chairperson: Glynn Womack - acclamation

Vice Chairperson: Kristen J. Roach - acclamation.

Secretary: Karen Slater - acclamation

Secretary-in-training: none

Treasurer: Josh Dyer - acclamation

Treasurer-in-training: none

RD: Delores W. - acclamation

RD alt: Dyanne E.C. - acclamation

Signers on account:

Chairperson: Glynn W.

Vice Chairperson: Kristie R.

Secretary: Karen S.

Treasurer: Joshua D.

Matt will initiate the signature changes for account.

Subcommittee Nominations:

Public Relations: None

Phoneline: none

Literature Review: none

No new Loner groups/areas.

Treasurer's request:

Motion to reimburse Delores W. for traveling to SZF. Passed. Total reimbursement: \$789.64

Discussion:

Who do we send to MZF?

September 23-25. Milwaukee.

Motion: to send RD to MZF. Passed. \$1000 to be sent. \$2500 budget for 2. Will send 1 person.
Passed.

Motion to close.

Closed with 3rd Step Prayer

Next RSC will be held in Central Arkansas.

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