09/19/2020

Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Roll Call

Last months minute's read

Motion to accept last month's minutes read. **MSP**

Concept 9 read & discussed

GROUP REPORTS
A Way to Recovery: See Report
Clean & Free: No Report
Freebirds: See Report
Never Alone Group: See Report
Pioneer: See Report
Recovery in Progress: No Report
Second Chance:

Treasurer's Report: See Attached Report. Motion to accept Treasurer's report, **MSP**
H&I Report: See Report
PR Report: See Report
RCM Report: See Attached Report
Alt-RCM Report: Verbal Report
Activities Report: See Report
Literature Chair Report: See Report
Literature Co Report.
Outreach Chair:
Secretary Report: No Report
Area Chair Report: No Report

OPEN POSITIONS
Co Chair-open
Co Treasurer-open
Co Secretary - open
Activity Co-open
Literature-open
Outreach Chair-open
Outreach Co-open
PR Co-open

OLD BUSINESS
NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 08162020-02 (see RCM report) needs to go back to groups

Website BMLT
Web master makes changes to the website this is automatically changed to region.
Which format does the groups want the tri fold or other (see attachment)
Meeting Finder: Would like to know if we would like it linked to the jftareana.net. Everyone agreed

Tradition four: was covered during PR's report

Motion to send $500 to NAWS. Motion passed 5 with 1 abstention

Purchase CD for H&I to send to treatment center: CDs are 200 for $35

Motion to buy two sets of 200 cd's for $35 each: **MSP**

Vote for policy change 5 yes with 1 abstention motion passed

Andrea P. is stepping down from Activities Chair

Sarah W is stepping down from Literature Co as well as Outreach Chair

Next area meeting October 11, 2020 @ Yates Center

Quenton C from Emporia- Has willingness for P.O. Box. Voted yes. Congrats Quenton C!

Motion to close **MSP** 12:26pm

Take back to groups
Open positions
Motion 08162020-02

Group	P	A
Never Alone Group	x	
Recovery in Progress		
A Way to Recovery	✓	
Clean & free - cherryvale	✓	
Pioneer	✓	
2nd chance	✓	
Freebirds sent report		x

Agend on BACK! x!

Chairs		P	A
Out Reach - Sarah		✓	
LitCoChair - Sarah		✓	
Lit Chair Scott		✓	
Webmaster - Scott		✓	
Treasurer - Craig		✓	
Activities - Andrea		✓	
H&I CO - Jan		✓	
H&I chair - Mark		✓	
Alt-RCM - Joshua		✓	
RCM Travis		✓	
PR Chair Suzie		✓	
Area Chair - RichC		✓	
Area Co - Open	—	—	—
Co Treasurer - Open	—	—	—
PR Co. Open		—	—
Activities Co. - open		—	—
P.O. Box - open		—	—
~~[illegible]~~			
Secretary			✓
Co-Secretary - open		—	—
Outreach Co - open		—	—

JFT Area - Sept 2020

All is well at A Way to Recovery. We still have two meetings a week, omitting Saturdays still due to covid-19. We are all optimistic that our attendence will rebound soon and can resume Saturday meetings. This month we celebrated two birthdays, Janet J. with 30 years!! yay and Alex S. with 2 years.

In loving service,

Craig P

Policy yes

Donation to world yes

Report:

1 message

Kelly Thiessen <kelly.thiessen@yahoo.com> Sun, Sep 20, 2020 at 3:52 PM
Reply-to: kelly.thiessen@yahoo.com <kelly.thiessen@yahoo.com>
To: sarahjane000204@gmail.com <sarahjane000204@gmail.com>

Dear Area Homies/family
Here at the freebirds group all is well. Our group attendance has been fair with an average of 5 people. All our bills are paid and up to date. We had one person celebrating a monument. Charles H. With 9 years. It was a pleasure to be of service.

Miss Awesome aka Kelly T (lol)

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

TT

Hello Area.

All is well at Never Alone Group. We have a new location now. The First Baptist Church in Sedan, on Fridays @ 7. We continue to hand out white key tags. The policy looks great. yes! yes! yes! We agree with making a $500 donation to WSIC. Thanks for Allowing me to serve

We have $1000.00 Donation

Jared W.

GSR

Hello Just For Today Family,

There is plenty of recovery going around at Pioneer Group. We have celebrated a bunch of birthdays recently. Quenton, Lauren, Larry, Christina, Jeremiah, Hailey, and Ashley celebrated 90 days. ~~Tammy celebrated 6 months, Brent and Bill 18 months~~ Tammy and Sharl celebrated 6 months, Brent and Bill 18 months, Clay 3 years, Tyler 10 years, and Rich A. 15 years.

We failed to go over the new Area policy at our last GSM so we will abstain from the vote to approve it. As a group we voted to keep masks optional at the meeting hall. We have gradually been opening up more of our in-person meetings. Come and share with us! And don't forget about our zoom meetings!

I am grateful to see so many faces at our Area Campout!

In loving Service,

Joshua B.
Pioneer GSR

Just For Today Area of NA Treasurer's Report **September Report**

Saturday September 19th, 2020

Date	Description	Check No	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
9/19/20	Starting Balance				**$3412.34**
8/9/20	Mark S. (breakfast mom)	2079	$50.00		**$3362.34**
8/9/20	Sarah W. (activities mom)	2080	$100.00		**$3262.34**
8/31/20	Sam's Club (food mom)	debit	$217.66		**$3044.68**
9/18/20	Group Don (Chanute 80)			$80.00	**$3124.68**
9/19/20	**Total Balance**				**$3124.68**
	Literature Escrow	$167.42			$167.42
	H&I Escrow	$794.21			$794.21
	M.O.M. Camp out Escrow	$822.88	$367.66		$455.22
	Prudent Reserve	$300.00			$300.00
9/19/20	**Spendable Amount**				**$1407.83**

Craig P. Area Treasurer

H & I Report

I have talked with Representative from Burlington jail. They are wanting us to bring in mens and womens meetings. We as a group need to sign up anyone that wants to attend and we will try to establish some date & time. They have certain dates we can't be there. Requirement wise they never really established min guidlines so we will use H & I handbook.

Restocked IP rack in Cowley County Corrections.

Mark S

1. Maybe have zoom to discuss and establish our H & I.

2. Get sign up sheet started for list.

3.

PR Report Sept 19, 2020

Hellow Area Family.

I hope recovery is alive and well with everyone in the area, I come today seeking suggestions, I attended a group conscience last month. I was given ~~the~~ permission to speak and then without even being allowed to finish my question, everyone started yelling I was told to shut up and discussion was over and the vote was called. The group was presented with a motion which was simply ~~why~~ would the group choose to follow a city ordinance by posting a sign on the door stating mask requirements. Not that we are forcing individuals to do this, just that we are doing our part as a group, to protect the fellowship or NA as a whole.

This being said, as PR Chair, I am struggling with this. No longer is my position about attracting the Public to the idea of our fellowship being a positive resource in Our community, but now possibly the PR NIGHTMARE of communicating to the public that NA Groups are a safe ~~B~~ place for people to go for help with addiction.

With this health pandemic, we have a real crisis. We have had groups that were found to be a source or cluster, I don't know what to call it, but members died from the disease and by the grace of

god, NA was not put on the news or in the paper, they only used the term 12 step meeting.

Should this blow up, the pandemic, and we get contacted as an AREA as a Representative of N.A., how do you want me to represent an area or group that collectively decided not to follow a city ordinance.

How do we defend a group whose action directly ~~vo~~violated tradition 4 if ~~my~~ I'm defending Narcotics Anonymous whose traditions are not negotiable, yet I'm trying to defend a group in direct violation of the 4th tradition.

Because next time when a cluster of this pandemic happens there will be no defence for the entire fellowship. and all groups & will fall under the headline that will read COVID CLUSTER IN NA Meetings. we will all suffer & so will the new comers

In loving Service

Suze Q

Open Forum:

- Website Meeting updates:
  Ben T. asked if we could have any functionality, on our website that sends an automated email to the committees, RCM's, the webmaster, etc. when there is a change to the meeting lists. Does it also programmatically update those?

  There was much discussion on the functionalities of the website and how the meeting listings are updated. If a change is submitted, the web servant or Curt S. will reach out and confirm that that person is submitting verified information before making the change to the website.

  The BMLT has the functionality to provide meeting guides to each individual area if that's something we would like to setup, and if the areas sites are based on WordPress we can give them a plugin that they can put on their site so that it pulls data from the BMLT specific to their area. We are currently using the BMLT operated by the Plain States Zonal Forum, and we made this choice so that the surrounding regions, areas and groups, can pull the data from our region and provide it to their members as well. PR is willing to help each area independently to get some of this new functionality if the areas want that.

  The policy was quoted that each area is supposed to have a designated member who regularly communicates with the regional web servant so that we don't have to worry about confirming when information is submitted.

- Policy Updates
  Travis C. brought up that there were concerns in the JFT area on how often we waived policy, and trying to follow policy.

  There was much discussion whether these were policy rules or just guidelines. It was clarified that these are listed as "MARSCNA POLICY". Many members spoke up about how policy works and the correct process in updating these policies. All policy changes need to go back to groups to be approved and the policies we currently have and practice have already been voted on and approved by the groups of the region, as trusted servants we should all follow these guidelines instead of waiving policy when it suits us.

  It was also discussed at length, that while yes we are in a difficult time with the pandemic right now we are concerned about what money we will need for the next year. Policy states that we forward money, it doesn't say "think about how much you will need for next year," it says we forward any money

leftover after the budget is decided in the May RSC. There was further discussion about what waiving policy means, if we want to crack down on policy as a whole we have to look at the clean time requirements and qualifications for service positions that are waived without hesitation.

It was also brought up that we have two different sets of the regional policy, this is due to the fact that policy has been updated in the past but has not been updated and passed out on each change of the policy. There was discussion on how policy stated one thing and we did not follow policy, and because of that one of our areas is questioning the service body as a whole and that needs to be addressed.

There was further discussion about making sure we are held accountable by the groups and take all changes back to our groups, or anytime we waive policy.

- Policy Updates

It was brought up that some groups are taking steps to keep track of any cases that come up with COVID inside of a meeting. One meeting is asking for people to voluntarily write their names down on a piece of paper which is put inside a sealed envelope and shredded after 30 days if not used. The purpose of the envelope is so that members can be notified if a positive case is discovered and somebody informs the group that they had attended the meeting recently. There has been one confirmed case in the Miracle Area, they are also asking for ideas on how to proceed with the changes to our fellowship during the pandemic.

If you have any specific suggestions please contact your RCM and have them bring that back at the next RSC.

Any interim meetings that occur MUST send their minutes to ALL RCM's, make sure to send the mail copies to those that need them as well.

Old Business:

- **Elections –**
  a) **Archivist** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*
  b) **Secretary** – *Has to go back to ASC for next region.*
  c) **Co-Secretary** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*
  d) **Co-Treasurer** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*
  e) **RDA** – Ben T. was nominated, has willingness, qualified himself. Much discussion on what the term would be, surrounding the COVID-19 crisis, because WSC is not on the same track that

it would normally be the term limit is not normal and could be longer than a normal term. Voted in.

f) **P.O. Box** – Tim S. showed willingness, qualified himself and was voted in.
   a. **It was asked if we are able to forward the PO Box so that someone can receive the mail without having to make it to Salina to check the mail.**

g) **Secretary for PR** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*

h) **PR H&I Facilitator** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*

i) **Fellowship Development Secretary** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*

j) **Fellowship Development Co-Chair** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*

k) **MAN Co-Chair** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*

l) **Campout Chair** – Carrie E. was recommended from the committee, qualified herself, and was voted in.

m) **Campout Treasurer** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*

n) **It was voted to give Soul to Soul committee a vote of confidence to proceed with their current committee and carry over to the next year as the event was cancelled.**

o) **PR needs volunteers for the phone line!**

- **Attention: All RSC elected positions are expected to attend and be available during the entire RSC business meeting on Sunday!** *MARSCNA Policy page 7, 6-C-2*
  This includes Convention, Campout, Soul to Soul, FD, PR, Ad-Hoc Chairs, Officers, and any other trusted servants elected on the RSC floor.

Old Business:

Donation to NAWS
There.

MOTION 08162020-04

Name: Miracle Area

Motion: To suspend regional policy, Section V, letter E, for one ~~year~~ quarter (amended to say quarter,) and hold 2 annual prudent reserve recommended amounts and forward the remainder as a donation per policy and return to policy as stated by August 2021.

Intent: To ensure Mid-America Region remains financially solvent beyond 2020-2021

Motion received a second.

Discussion:

It was brought up that if we are suspending policy it should go back to groups. There was an additional point that we should do this by quarter instead of implementing this for a full year so that we don't lock ourselves in. The area that made the motion said that they would be amenable to revise the motion so that it states per quarter and the motion received a second again.

The chair asked the subcommittee's to put together a budget for the next fiscal year, each committee gave their total, adding in the last years prudent reserve, the total was $12,950. Spendable balance today was $15,495.56. Matt M. holding the treasury oversight position, discussed the escrow's we currently have inside of the spendable balance we have today. There was much discussion on how the escrow and the yearly budget operate, going over each item from each committee and how that comes out of the account quarterly. It was asked if we needed to plan for any incremental increases inside of the yearly budget over line items, we can't control - i.e. insurance. MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Motion made by CKA (08162020-05 seen below)

Motion seconded by Miracle. Approved unanimously.

New Business:

- The three motions from PR are to 1) make sure that the information on the website is always up to date for any member or area to get the most up to date information, 2) to stop paying as a region to print meeting guides that the areas may not be using or may be inaccurate by the time of the next printing, and 3) to provide a quarterly budget to the areas so that they have the money set aside for them if necessary for them to do their own printing of the meeting lists.

MOTION 08162020-01

Motion Maker: PR Committee
Intent: To use BMLT functionality to create a printable version of our Regional meeting list.
Seconded by Miracle. Passed.

MOTION 08162020-02

Motion Maker: PR Committee
Intent: To end the quarterly printing and distribution of Regional Meeting Guide's, and instead have respective areas retrieve the PDF from marscna.net and print their own.

This is a change of guidelines. Miracle Area seconded. As this is a guideline/policy change it has to go back to groups. It was approved to be sent back to groups.

MOTION 08162020-03

Motion Maker: PR Committee
Intent: To retain a $200/quarter line item to provide regional funding to areas that may need assistance to print regional meeting guides.
Motion is tabled until the 08162020-02 is voted on at next region, this motion (-03) is reliant upon the (-02) motion.

MOTION 08162020-05

Motion Maker Central Kansas Area
Intent: Donate $546.06 to NAWS and the spreadsheet be included in the minutes
Motion passed.

- **Request for funds:**

  Motion by Central Kansas Area to approve the request for funds and housekeeping. Seconded by Miracle Area. Passed unanimously.

  - ✓ Request for Funds: $82.95 for Tim S. Reimbursement
  - ✓ Housekeeping: $1425.50 Insurance, Rent/Storage $400.00; PO Box $106.00

All requests for funds were approved unanimously.

RCM's take back to groups:

Open Positions listed above.

Motion 08162020-02 to be voted on at next region.

Insurance does not cover COVID-19 if we have a positive case at a meeting.

Bring back to next region.

Ad-hoc committee was created to go over the last few years of minutes to find any policy changes and bring a new form of the policy to next region.

Joshua B. - Travis C. - Tim S. - Curt S. - Chris W. – and Wayne S. (as the co-facilitator) all volunteered to be members of the committee.

November RSC (14th & 15th) will be held on zoom as well.

Motion to close, seconded, gratitude prayer, closed.

Grateful to serve NA,
McClain C., Secretary

Budget	1 year amount		
FD	$	2,000.00	
PR	$	3,450.00	
Insurance	$	6,334.00	
RDA	$	1,000.00	
Rent	$	1,600.00	
PO Box	$	106.00	
Zonal Travel	$	2,000.00	
Sub-total	$	16,490.00	
Escrows	$	2,700.63	less insurance, rent and PO box
Prudent	$	7,500.00	
Total budget	$	26,690.63	
Bank Balance	$	27,232.69	
Donation	$	542.06	

Annual Treasurer Report May 2019 - February 2020

Expense	Amount
Insurance	$5,688.50
Rent/Storage	$1,600.00
PO Box	$114.00
Phoneline	$533.11
Website	$300.38
PR	$425.00
FD	$397.07
Secretary/Supplies	$30.00
MAN	$1,040.22
Mtg List	$440.76
PSZF	$3,000.00
RD/RDA*	$875.00
Basic Text Project	$613.46
*Total Expenses	**$15,057.50**

***Totol does not include $2, 000 for RDA Travel or $350 for PR to Professionals (both Feb.)**

Income	
Area/Group Donations	$ 11,173.
Subcommittee Donations	$ 12,378.
Returned Monies/Other	$ 1,483.
Total Income	**$ 25,036.74**

Escrow/Prudent Reserve Recommendations:

1. **Adjust PO Box escrow to $26.50/Quarter (increase $1.50)**
2. **Keep prudent reserve at $7,000**
3. **Increase Phoneline to $137.5/Quarter (increase $12.50)**
4. **Increase Insurance to $1583.50/Quarter (increase $158)**

****Insurance - cost increase $158/quarter, $652/annual.**

Escrows 2020-2021		Quarterly	Annual	Due
Rent		400.00	1,600.00	Quarterly
**Insurance		1,583.50	6,334.00	Quarterly
Phoneline		137.50	550.00	Yearly Due August
P. O. Box		26.50	100.00	Yearly Due February
Web Page		37.50	150.00	Every 2 years, due Feb 2021
RDA		250.00	1,000.00	Every 2 years due Feb 2020

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Income*								
	Groups	Areas	MARCNA	Events	Soul 2 Soul	Campout	Returned/Other	Quarter Total
May-17	$100.00	$1,480.00	$3,822.35	$27.65			$350.56	**$5,780.56**
Aug-17	$300.00	$1,105.00					$458.06	**$1,863.06**
Nov-17	$100.00	$1,290.00		$620.00	$1,500.00	$3,236.00	$421.00	**$7,167.00**
Feb-18	$197.00	$1,480.00					$799.00	**$2,476.00**
May 17-Feb 18 Subtotal	$697.00	$5,355.00	$3,822.35	$647.65	$1,500.00	$3,236.00	$2,028.62	$17,286.62
May-18	$50.00	$1,080.00	$4,604.00				$550.00	**$6,284.00**
Aug-18	$100.00	$1,480.00		$334.00			$20.00	**$1,934.00**
Nov-18	$100.00	$1,580.00		$330.00	$1,500.00	$2,262.77	$689.01	**$6,461.78**
Feb-19	$230.00	$2,180.00		$201.00			$400.00	**$3,011.00**
May 18-Feb 19 Subtotal	$480.00	$6,320.00	$4,604.00	$865.00	$1,500.00	$2,262.77	$1,659.01	$17,690.78
May-19	$350.00	$2,280.00	$10,670.79					**$13,300.79**
Aug-19	$450.00	$2,880.00					$105.89	**$3,435.89**
Nov-19	$100.00	$3,053.90				$1,507.13	$28.03	**$4,689.06**
Feb-20	$1,700.00	$1,790.78			$2,340.20		$305.45	**$6,136.43**
May 19-Feb 20 Subtotal	$2,600.00	$10,004.68	$10,670.79	$0.00	$2,340.20	$1,507.13	$439.37	$27,562.17
May-20	$250.00	$350.00					$374.28	**$974.28**
Total	**$4,027.00**	**$22,029.68**	**$19,097.14**	**$1,512.65**	**$5,340.20**	**$7,005.90**	**$4,501.28**	**$63,513.85**
*Income received is reported on the following quarter's treasurer report								

OFF Area

Sept 2020

Hey ya'ALL I Thank you all for making my ~~[illegible]~~ fantastic, so far I this will be my last year for awhile serving you all in this capacity. Please someone take over this awesome part of service, Activity Chair.

In loving service,

Andrea P

September Literature Report

Hello Area,

I hope all is going well in your home groups. I received an email from NAWS that we now have a new informational pamphlet available, IP # 30 Mental Health in Recovery. If you haven't had a chance to check it out yet I printed a couple of copies for everyone to look at. I plan on ordering some for our area stock with the next order we place.

I have recently sold a few items from our area stock and should have the funds to place an order from NAWS soon. If your group is needing any items please let me know. We currently have an escrow of $167.42 and $1,252.34 in literature available for sale.

Thanks Scott F.

September Webmaster Report

Hello Area,

I hope everyone has had a chance to check out the website recently and see some of the changes. I originally created the Capture the Banner page as an online capture the banner page. Now that we are back to in person meetings it just shows each groups banners and the rules for obtaining another groups banner. I would like some input from the groups if they would like to see anything different or have any new ideas.

I have removed the Covid-19 tab now that we seem to be back to somewhat of a normal meeting schedule. As far as I know everything should be up to date. I would like to thank everyone who has kept me up to date on meetings opening back up and changes being made along the way. Please continue to send me your changes as they are made so we can keep our website accurate to visitors and the newcomers searching for recovery. I also added back the JFT Area meeting list PDF that can be downloaded and printed. Please check your home group listing and make sure all of the information is accurate.

There is now an Online Meeting tab on the website to provide information and to access online Zoom meetings in our Area and Region. There is also a few other resources on the page to access additional information about Narcotics Anonymous.

Recently I have been learning about the BMLT (basic meeting list toolbox). In a short version it's a simple way to keep meeting lists up to date in one database, provide printable meeting lists and use a meeting finder for the JFT Area. Our region is already using this software and is having good results. I

have been working with Curt S. to integrate that database in our website. We have a few options on the layout and graphics to personalize the printable meeting list, and how to access the meeting finder. Curt is ready to add the programs to the website if we decide to do so. If you would like detailed information on the BMLT Rod D. would be more than happy answer any questions you may have.

I have a few ideas for new features for the website. One idea is posting pictures of events. Please take that back to your home group to see what they think or anything else you might want on there. This is our website so lets make it look awesome.

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