

# GREATER SMOKY MOUNTAIN AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

**December 16, 2007**

**Clay opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, Charlie read the Twelve Traditions and Donna read the Twelve Concepts. Clay read the GSMANA Purpose and Definition. NEW VISITOR: Michael**

## ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Quorum was established. 17 of 21 voting groups were present.

GROUP:	GSR	JUN	MAY	APR	MAR	FEB	JAN	DEC	NOV	OCT	SEP	AUG	JUL
A Better Way of Life	Becky D.							P	P	P	P	P	P
Glow in the Dark	Debra L.							P	P	P	P	P	P
Giving it Back	Ken C.							P	P	P	P	P	P
Hugs Not Drugs	Mitch C.							P	P	P	P	P	P
Just for Today	Hugh S.							P	P	P	P	P	P
Last House on the Street	Kris R.							A	A	A	P	A	P
Little River Group	Sara E.							P	P	P	P	P	P
Nickel and Dime	Ann Y.							A	P	P	P	P	P
Peace And Surrender	Jeff B.							P	P	A	P	P	P
Primary Purpose	Kelly D.							P	P	P	P	P	P
Road To Recovery	Lester A.							A	A	P	P	P	A
Saturday Night Live	Miranda B.							P	P	P	P	P	P
Serenity in The Smokies	Steve P.							P	P	P	P	P	P
Solo Por Hoy	Roberto							P	P				
Solutions "R" Us	Jason T.							P	P	P	P	P	Aw/ notif
Spiritual Principles	Dixon C.							P	P	P	P	P	P
Thank God For New Beginnings	Leesa F.							A	A	P	P	P	P
The Long Road Home	Glen J							P	A	P	P	P	P
Together We Can	Nicci D.							P	P	P	P	P	P
Volunteer Group	Glance J.							P	P	A	P	A	P
W.O.L.F	Chris W							P	P	P	P	P	P

## TRUSTED SERVANTS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

POSITION	NAME	JUN	MAY	APR	MAR	FEB	JAN	DEC	NOV	OCT	SEP	AUG	JUL
<b>CHAIR</b>	Clay J.							P	P	P	P	P	P
<b>VICE CHAIR</b>	Charlie H.							P	P	V	V	V	V
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Jonathan D.							P	P	P	P	P	P
<b>ALT-SECRETARY</b>	Steven C.							P	P	P	V	V	V
<b>TREASURER</b>	Ethan W.							P	P	P	P	P	A w/ Notif.
<b>ALT-TREASURER</b>	Robert H.							P	P	P	P	P	P
<b>RCM</b>	Steve C.							P	P	P	P	P	V
<b>ALT- RCM</b>	Rex C.							A	A	A	P	P	V
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	Max C.							P	P	P	P	P	P
<b>H&amp;I</b>	Jeremy E.							P	P	P	P	V	V
<b>LITERATURE</b>	Jackie G.							P	P	P	P	P	P
<b>PI / PHONELINE</b>	Greg V.							P	P	P	P	P	P
<b>WEBSITE</b>	Josh F.							P	A	P	P	P	P
<b>ROR XII</b>	Christy L.							P	P	P	A	P	P
<b>VRC</b>	Jim F.							A	A	P	P	P	P
<b>AREA INV. AD-HOC</b>	Greg V.							P	P	P			
<b>ROR XIII AUDIT AD-HOC</b>	Jim F.							A	A	P			

- Motion to accept minutes made by the Spiritual Principles group and seconded by the Primary Purpose Group • PASSED

### Administrative & Subcommittee Reports

**Chair** – Clay J: No report given.

**Secretary** – No report given.

## **Treasurer -**

Hello family,

Our balance as of today is 2107.33 leaving us 146.01 below our prudent reserve. This should not be a cause of concern. Area donations were down last month due to the area meeting being early in the month. This problem should resolve itself this month.

Last month the area directed the executive committee to meet with an accountant regarding our tax situation. Unfortunately we were unable to accomplish this with the months time. However we do have a date and time scheduled for the following month. It will be necessary for the alternates of the executive committee to be there; because if the area decides to incorporate with the state as not-for profit organization it will take some time. This process would probably take longer than the duration of our terms, and I would hate for the alternates start their term unprepared. The alternates would just be there to observe. I hope the area is comfortable with this.

There was a lot discussed about how the area is functioning with its activities last month. I hope everyone had time to read the literature and take it back to their home groups. I have faith we follow the literature and invite a higher power into this problem there will be a solution forth coming.

In loving service,

Ethan W.

## Income/Expense Monthly:13

11/18/2007 through 12/16/2007

12/11/2007

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Category Description	11/18/2007- 12/16/2007
<b>INCOME</b>	
Activities	0.00
Change Back From Minutes	13.38
Contribution	
Foundations	0.00
Glow In The Dark	0.00
Hugs Not Drugs	0.00
Just For Today	100.00
Last House On The Street	0.00
Little River Group	0.00
Nickle & Dime	100.00
Peace & Sumender	0.00
Primary Purpose	65.00
Road To Recovery	0.00
Saturday Night Live	0.00
Serenity In The Smokies	35.00
Solutions 'R' Us	46.00
Spiritual Principles	17.18
Spiritual Solutions	0.00
Thank God For New Beginnings	0.00
Together We Can	49.00
Volunteer Group	30.00
TOTAL Contribution	442.18
Contribution	
Giving It Back	0.00
TOTAL Contribution	0.00
Literature	1,739.97
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,195.53</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Uncategorized	54.65
Operating Expenses	
Printing or Copying	96.00
Rent	50.00
TOTAL Operating Expenses	146.00
P&I	69.14
Regional Contribution	1,491.20
Spanish Supplies	199.99
Start Up Kit	0.00
Subcommittees	
Activities	25.97
Hospitals & Institutions	
Other Subcommittees:Hospitals & Instituti...	389.90
TOTAL Hospitals & Institutions	389.90
Literature	
Operating Expense	5.97
Other Subcommittees:Literature	1,739.92
TOTAL Literature	1,745.89
Public Information	10.00
TOTAL Subcommittees	2,171.76

Income/Expense Year To Date:18  
6/24/2007 through 12/16/2007

12/11/2007

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Category Description	6/24/2007- 12/16/2007
<b>INCOME</b>	
Uncategorized	171.73
Activities	0.00
Change Back From Minutes	13.38
Contribution	
Foundations	0.00
Glow In The Dark	1,020.08
Hugs Not Drugs	70.00
Just For Today	700.00
Last House On The Street	18.00
Little River Group	151.84
Mystery Donation	1.56
Nickle & Dime	400.00
Peace & Surrender	25.00
Primary Purpose	236.00
Road To Recovery	48.00
Saturday Night Live	250.00
Serenity In The Smokies	135.25
Solutions 'R' Us	206.00
Spiritual Principles	1,375.95
Spiritual Solutions	0.00
Thank God For New Beginnings	450.00
Together We Can	272.00
Volunteer Group	30.00
TOTAL Contribution	5,389.68
Contributor	
Giving It Back	350.00
TOTAL Contributor	350.00
Left Over Money From Meeting Schedules	43.53
Literature	8,502.10
Money Left Over From Printing Minutes	4.35
Volunteer Group	120.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>14,594.77</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Uncategorized	518.64
Cash	521.59
Operating Expenses	
Misc	205.78
Phoneline	279.90
Postage	36.00
Printing or Copying	448.75
Rent	350.00
TOTAL Operating Expenses	1,320.43
P&I	218.93
Regional Contribution	2,975.08
Spanish Supplies	199.99
Start Up Kit	42.71
Subcommittees	
Activities	25.97

**Activities** – Mitch – all home groups need to paint their home group's names on the front of their flag for the Capture the Flag activity.

## **H&I** –

H and I had another successful meeting this month. We continue to need support to carry the message into the various facilities. We are having a H & I learning day on January 27, 2008, in the big room downstairs at 11:30 AM during the PI subcommittee meeting. Please get the word out, we will be passing out a flier announcing this as well.

Also, we have one motion to be taken back to the home groups. The motion is to increase the H & I literature budget by \$100, from \$400 to \$500. Thank you.

In loving service,  
Jeremy E. (Vice chair H & I subcommittee)

**Literature**– No report given.

## **PI/Phoneline**–

The Phoneline received 126 calls in November. We will soon be bringing a motion to significantly raise the PI Phoneline budget. We want to try to get the phone number in more of the phone books in counties covered by our area.

We just got the helpline phone number in the Knoxville Metro Pulse. Thanks David!

We have redistributed copies of the area's public communications plan and hope that this is made available to our membership.

The first wave of basic texts has been distributed to ten county libraries. Thanks Scott!

We are in the process of revising the PI and Phoneline subcommittee guidelines into one document. Thanks John! When complete this work will be presented to the area for review and approval.

We elected a new schedule coordinator. Thanks Casey!

We discussed changing the name of the subcommittee to Public Relations and have decided that for our area's purposes that the Public Information still works.

We are in the process of revising the some of the reference materials used by the Phoneline volunteers. Thanks Robert and Laura!

Due to some unfortunate circumstances we had to use last month's meeting schedules as the template for making copies this month. Next month we will have any changes to the schedule incorporated. Thanks to Phil and Steven for some quick thinking and willingness to go the extra mile!

This is my last report as the subcommittee chair. It has been exciting and fulfilling participating with this subcommittee. As you can see from this one report this is a "WE" thing. I can recall when this area's PI efforts were conducted by one person and there was little accountability for the members that carried the "beeper". How far we've come!

The PI/Phoneline subcommittee will be meeting again at 11:30 am on January 27 at the Square Dancers Inc facility.

In Faith and Service

Greg V. 363-3535

Monthly Expenditures	
Item	Cost
Meeting Schedules	\$65
Helpline Answering Service	\$117
Yellow Pages	\$60
Total	\$242

## **Website Subcommittee-**

Hello family,

The area website seems to be functioning well and is being used regularly. For the past year there have been 77,938 hits and 19,937 visits. That's an average of 213 hits and 54 visitors per day. Rest assured that what we are putting on the website is being seen by addicts, but at the same time keep in mind that it is also being seen by people who are not members of Narcotics Anonymous.

Over time the website has evolved, if not in appearance, then in the way it is maintained. From the beginning we made a choice to keep it simple. For example, rather than having to edit a fancy online meeting schedule, we simply upload the PDF version of the meeting schedule that the PI subcommittee creates each month. The H&I subcommittee periodically sends a schedule/contact list in Word format that is easily saved as HTML and again, updating it is a simple file upload. Some have argued for a fancier website. I disagree. Keeping it simple has allowed us to keep the information up to date in a timely manner.

My term as Website Subcommittee Chair is over after today. I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service, and will continue to be of service to NA. However, this is the end of my second term and I will not service as chair for a third term in a row. I thought there would be an addict the subcommittee would recommend for nomination, but she and her sponsor decided she should not be a part of Area service at this time.

That leaves the Website Subcommittee without a chairperson after today. However, I will continue to help keep the website up to date and functioning. John W will, I am sure, continue to answer the [help@knoxvillena.org](mailto:help@knoxvillena.org) e-mail requests.

There are a couple of items that need to be addressed the next month or so. The domain name registration expires 1/20/08 and we will need to pay for renewal before then. Also, the website hosting service expires 2/7/08 and will likewise need to be renewed. Fortunately, now that the Treasurer has access to a debit card to pay online, that should be relatively painless and quick.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In Loving Service,  
Josh F.

## **Recovery on the Ridge-**

Hello Family,

We held our third sub committee meeting this past month and the following positions are still vacant; Alternate treasure, Registration, Secretary and Alternate Secretary. We will be having a New Year's Eve banquet on December 31, 2007 at the Bearden Banquet Hall. Tickets will be \$20.00 for the dinner and dance together and it will be \$5.00 for the dance only. We will also be having a speaker meeting in between the dinner and dance and of course there is no charge to get into the meeting. There will be flyers coming soon to help spread the word about the banquet and I ask that everyone please help to spread the word and also come out to ring in the New Year. The theme for this upcoming R.O.R will be "Our message is hope and the promise of freedom". Our next R.O.R meeting will be January 10, 2007 at the SNL meeting location at 5:00pm. If you have any experience, strength or hope that you would like to share with this committee or have any suggestions that you would like to share I urge you to please come and bring them. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In Loving Service,  
Christy L.

**ROR XIII Audit Ad-Hoc Committee-** No report given.

## **RCM Report-**

The Volunteer Regional Service Committee meeting was held Sunday November 12, 2007 at the Marriott in Knoxville. The meeting was opened in the usual fashion with the Serenity Prayer, the reading of the Service Prayer, the Twelve Concepts of Service, the Twelve Traditions, and the VRSC purpose.

Our VRSC Vice-Chair, Ricardo called the roll with all filled administrative positions being present, along with our regional delegate, PI subcommittee, Outreach subcommittee, VRC XXV subcommittee and ad-hoc VRCGRC. 9 out of 11 areas were represented and a quorum was established.

The following Regional service positions are currently vacant: VRSC Chair, VRSC Alternate Secretary, VRSC Alternate Treasurer, VRSC Regional Delegate Alternate, VRSC Activities subcommittee chair, VRSC H & I, VRSC Literature subcommittee chair, and VRSC Policy and Procedures subcommittee chair.

Our Regional Secretary, Todd M. gave his report. He thanked the VRSC members for promptly getting their reports to him, which in turn allows him to process them faster and make them available in a more timely manner. We were reminded that a Regional inventory had not been planned, discussed, or scheduled. It was also noted that the Central Tennessee Area would like to host the next regional inventory. He also reminded the committee that his term as secretary will be completed after three more regional meetings. It would be much easier for the next VRSC Secretary to learn at this point rather than later. A motion was made to accept the Secretary's report, all were in favor.

Our Regional Treasurer, Holly P. gave her report. She spoke on the motion to establish the prudent reserve at \$12,000.00 and that it may have been difficult to understand. Using the term "prudent reserve" to describe these funds was not an accurate description, the \$12,000.00 would cover six months of operating costs for the Volunteer Regional Service Committee. She also distributed financial reports and bank statements. There was a net income of \$9,545.44 after all expenses were paid and a \$10,000.00 contribution was sent to the WSO. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report, all were in favor.

Area reports were then given, included in the GSMANA's report was our decision to seek an accountant's to advise us in the sales tax matter. This topic generated a great deal of discussion, and during that discussion it was discovered that this is not a new issue. At least one area no longer sells literature in order to avoid any possible additional costs or fines. Our VRSC Vice-Chair, Ricardo asked the body if anyone would be interested in volunteering to chair an ad-hoc committee to investigate this matter. Apparently the word "volunteer" triggered some type of uncontrollable auto-response in your RCM, as I soon found my hand in the air. For the record, the issue of sales tax and non-profit organizations such as Narcotics Anonymous is fairly unique to the State of Tennessee. It was also pointed out that one of the contributing factors that led to another 12 Step fellowship's tax issues was the fact that they actually owned property. It was also reported that there had been an accountant's opinion rendered at the Regional level, and that opinion would apply to each area.

The representative from the West Tennessee Area, requested the VRSC's regional delegate make a motion during new business at the WSC to not change the basic text, but rather make a compilation/anthology of stories. She related the following items as cause for this request:

- 1) The approval draft is significantly different than the review draft in that 10 additional stories are included that the fellowship was not given the chance to review. From the CAR "We are releasing an approval draft with stories that haven't been through the fellowship review process."
- 2) The cost will probably to up to 11.00, which means 12-13 or so because I believe most areas raise prices like ours to make up for shipping and handling.
- 3) Not pleased with the larger size – more than 400 pages as opposed to the current 286.

Our Regional Delegate, Belinda gave her report, she covered the upcoming World Service Conference and the Conference Agenda Report. The CAR can be downloaded at <http://www.na.org/conference> free of charge. Hard Copies may be ordered online, by mail, or fax for \$11.00 each. There will also be an online form for members, trusted servants, or committees to use to answer the discussion questions in the CAR at <http://www.na.org/conference/index.htm>.

This CAR includes several questions that will assist in better serving you, The Fellowship. The results of these discussions can be submitted online and this information will be collected to frame discussions at WSC 2008. This information is badly needed to help provide resources that will assist in the delivery of services and to frame the projects for the next conference cycle.

Some other CAR items include the next targeted literature project and the Sponsorship book and its low sales. The Service Pamphlets and the fellowship concerns regarding the definition of "abstinence" in the "An Introduction to NA Meetings" were discussed along with an explanation of the review/approval process. Also included was information regarding the medallion survey.

As for the CAR and the GSMANA, we need to determine today how many reports we need from the VRSC for our home groups. It was discussed at the regional meeting how many each area should receive and how best to get them distributed. After some discussion with a couple of addicts from the GSMANA during a break, it was concluded that we should ask for five. However after further discussion in the course of the regional meeting, the consensus seemed to be to let each area decide at their meeting. My recommendation on this, is for each group that has the capability get them online or via email from our secretary Jonathan or myself. For the groups that do not have that capability, then we will have to get the hard copies. This should be a relatively simple task, let me know today and I will send our request on to the region.

The time allotted for the CAR to go through the process is extremely tight, it is necessary for the GSMANA to have its vote to the region at the April VRSC meeting. In order to do that we must have home group votes at the March ASC meeting, which in turn means that Home groups must discuss these items at their Group Consciences prior to that. To better help us understand the CAR, there is a workshop scheduled for February 10, 2008 here at the Square Dance Center. Our Regional Delegate will be here to answer questions regarding the CAR and its motions. I sincerely hope that all home groups of the GSMANA are represented and as an area we can trust that our decisions on these matters are a result of an informed group conscience.

### **CAR MOTIONS (I've included these here in order for GSR to get a heads up on what's included in the CAR, the report itself goes into much greater detail)**

**Motion 1:** To replace the existing stories in the Fifth Edition Basic Text Narcotics Anonymous with those contained in Addendum B.

Intent: To create a Sixth Edition Basic Text with stories that are more current and the better represents our global fellowship

Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred. The only additional costs to NAWS that will be incurred by adopting this motion are initial production costs for the book, which would be minimal.

**Motion 2:** To approve the remaining revisions to the Fifth Edition Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous, as represented in Addendum B. This includes

- the Preface to the Sixth Edition
- the titles "Our Program" and "Our Members Share" which would replace the titles "Book One" and "Book Two" respectively,
- the introduction to Our Member Share,
- the abstracts,
- the reflections, and
- the titles and descriptions for the sections "Beginnings," "Coming Home," "Regardless of...," and "Life on Life's Terms."

Intent: To include the remainder of the material contained in Addendum B in the Sixth Edition Basic Text; this includes the removal of the titles "Book One" and "Book Two."

Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred. The only additional costs to NAWS that will be incurred by adopting this motion are initial production costs for the book, which would be minimal.

Motion 3: To allow the World Board to approve updates to the statistical information (the number of meetings, countries, and so on) in the preface to the Sixth Edition Basic Text Narcotics Anonymous regularly with an "as of" date in the footnote.

Intent: To allow statistical representation of the fellowship in the Basic Text to be kept current.

Financial Impact: The statistical information in the Preface will be changed only when we are ready for a new printing of the Basic Text (and it may not be changed with every new printing, depending on how often these occur). These figures are already routinely updated for each NAWS Annual Report, so revising them is a simple matter that will cost us nothing extra except the labor to revise this paragraph.

**Motion 4:** To approve the removal of the specific source citations in Just for Today for versions of literature no longer in print and to include, at the beginning of the book, an explanation that quotes without a citation are from previous versions of NA literature. Also to approve the use of a footnote in the foreword to Just for Today to update the reference to the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.

Intent: To not require a new edition of Just for Today each time existing literature is updated, changed, or replaced.

Financial Impact: We are keeping our inventory of Just for Today low pending conference decision about the Sixth Edition Basic Text. The financial impact of any changes to the book would therefore be minimal.

**Motion 5:** To approve the inclusion of an updated and revised index in the Sixth Edition of the Basic Text Narcotics Anonymous.

Intent: To create a more usable index for the text.

Financial Impact" By the time this motion is decided, our expense associated with creating the proposed index for the Sixth Edition Basic Text will already have been incurred. The price for indexing, as well as creating the electronic file for use with future translated versions is less than \$3,000.00.

**Motion 6:** To approve two specific copyedits to the Basic Text Narcotics Anonymous: First to replace the name "N.A." (with periods after the two capital letters) with "NA" (with no periods). Second, to remove the footnote in Tradition Eleven that mentions A Guide to Public Information

Newly Revised.

Intent: To make our literature more consistent with other fellowship approved recovery literature.

**Motion 7:** To replace the existing IP # 13, Youth and Recovery, with the revised draft contained in Addendum C and change the title of the IP to By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts.

Intent: To replace the existing informational pamphlet with a more current reflection of our experience.

Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred. The only additional costs that will be incurred by adopting this motion are initial production costs, which would be minimal.

**Motion 8:** To approve the draft of For the Parents or Guardians of Young People in NA contained in Addendum E as IP #27.

Intent: To have an informational pamphlet that helps explain Narcotics Anonymous to the parents and guardians of young recovering addicts.

Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred. The only additional costs that will be incurred by adopting this motion are initial production costs, which would be minimal.

### **The Following are Regional Motions Contained in The CAR**

**Motion 9:** To add English Roman Numeral Medallions in Bronze to NAWS inventory as a specialty item and direct the World Board to price them accordingly.

Intent: To add this item back to NAWS inventory in English only for those who prefer them over standard Arabic numeral medallions and sell them as a specialty item.

Maker: Tri-State Region

Financial Impact: The direct cost to create another set of dies would be approximately \$13,000.00. We are not able to estimate other associated costs of keeping these items in our inventory at this time.

**Motion 10:** To direct the World Board to add to NAWS inventory Roman numeral medallions in all current finishes and languages produced by NAWS. Whether these medallions are an addition to inventory or a replacement for the current Arabic numbered medallions is left to NAWS discretion.

Intent: To reinstate Roman numeral medallions in NAWS inventory.

Maker: Region of the Virginians

Financial Impact: The direct cost to create the dies for all languages would be approximately \$42,000.00. With the proposed changes to our medallion design and finishes pending, it is not possible to estimate the costs of turnover of our inventory, or of keeping these items on inventory on an ongoing basis.

**Motion 11:** To direct the World Board to provide financial support to the Northern New Jersey Region in the amount of \$36,000.00.

Intent: To have NAWS assist with a portion of legal expensed incurred by the Northern New Jersey Region.

Maker: Northern New Jersey Region

Financial Impact: The immediate financial impact would be \$36,000.00, but it is impossible to estimate the potential costs over time as the case would potentially set a precedent for future such lawsuits.

**Motion 12:** To require that all NA Service pamphlets intended for group and individual use be included in the Conference Agenda Report for Approval.

Intent: To give the approval of service related pamphlets intended for group and individual use to the World Service Conference.

Maker: New Jersey Region

Financial Impact: We are not able to calculate the financial impact of this motion because there are too many variables. The direct cost would be the loss of whatever inventory we have on hand. To change the process of approval could affect the cost of future projects, but we cannot estimate that at this time.

VRSC Vice-Chair, Ricardo gave his report, he thanked all for attending the VRSC meeting during the Thanksgiving Holiday and also thanked the members of the VRC XXV Committee for their work. He also expressed his gratitude for all who attended the sub-committee meetings. There was a good turnout for these meetings, which sparked a general feeling of hope that the VRSC sub-committee chair positions that are currently vacant, will soon be filled.

The VRSC H & I Chair, Ricardo gave his report. There were 30 addicts in attendance with five area H & I chairs in attendance. The committee agreed on starting a Regional H & I, and an ad-hoc committee was formed with 11 members stating their willingness to research guidelines for use in the Volunteer region.

The PR report was presented with information regarding the status of PR in individual areas being covered. One particularly interesting note was the Central Tennessee's Area having a P.I. Booth at Bonaroo.

#### Webmaster Report

Reported that all was going well with the website, things had slowed somewhat recently, which would give him a chance to clean the site some. There are plans to include a page on the site for PR which would include a link to the PR page an na.org. There are also plans to include PR guidelines on this page. His written report also included general site statistics, which indicate pretty consistent use to the site. An interesting note: NA Knoxville was the biggest source of traffic of all areas by a landslide.

Dale presented the Outreach Sub-committee report.

The sub-committee facilitated a PI Learning Day for the regions newest area, the Midwest Area. The sub-committee also helped facilitate the GSMANA's area inventory as well. The outreach sub committee also has produced a map of the State of Tennessee that indicated the counties that now have meetings. Members of the outreach sub-committee will be here in Knoxville January 26, 2008 to facilitate an Outreach Learning Day for the GSMANA. He also reported on other Outreach Sub committee events throughout the region. This also marked his last report as chair as his term has expired, Fortunately there is willing addict who has been involved with outreach ready to step up and take on this commitment.

Jim F. presented the VRC XXV report, there were a total of 542 registrations and 150 newcomer packs, they projected giving \$13,300.00 to the region. I have a box of VRC XXV merchandise that was turned over at the regional meeting. A more detailed report of the convention is to be presented at the February VRSC meeting.

Lynn S. gave the VRCGRC report, attendance at their last meeting was low ( 2 addicts including the chair). He related that the sub-committee had several suggestions for convention sub-committee chairs. He also attended a NA World Services Workshop, upon arriving there, he learned that the workshop he had intended to attend had already commenced and was only able to attend half of that one. He was however able to attend a conference on literature and he reported on that. In the interest of brevity, I'll defer reading his report at this time. I do however have it available if anyone is interested in reading it.

Area Concerns were then covered.

WEST TENNESSEE—Brought forth concerns around the 6th Edition Basic Text.

Issues about the 6th Edition were:

- 1) The extra 10 stories placed in the Final Draft were not sent out for approval.
- 2) The increase this will have on the price.
- 3) The increase in size.

The other concern was centered on the Service Pamphlets. West Tennessee feels that these pamphlets need to go through a review process or at least seek an approval in the Conference Agenda Report.

GREATER NASHVILLE AREA—Do members of the RSC ride together whenever possible and share expenses. Are we reimbursing one member or both?

There was a discussion raised about the Public Relations Guide as well. Some of our Trusted Servants are finding that the PR Guide is not effective. The guide leaves out a lot of pertinent information that The Guide To Public Information contained. There was much discussion on the floor as to how theWorld Board can pull the PI Guide from distribution, being that it was and is still Fellowship Approved Literature. There is a motion in the CAR to replace the PI Guide with PR Handbook, however no one

has voted to do so. After much deliberation a member asked another member to read a report that was sent to the World Board seeking a response on this matter. The report is attached to these minutes.

A letter that was written to the World Board by a concerned addict was then read. Again in the interest of brevity, I'll defer reading it at this time. I do however urge all concerned addicts to read this letter.

In Old Business:

**Motion 1 Changing Hotel Reimbursement passed 8-1.**

**Motion 2 Changing Mileage Reimbursement passed 8-1.**

**Motion 3 Raising Prudent Reserve to \$12,000.00 failed 3-4-1.**

**Motion 4 Changing Per-Diem Rate passed 7-2.**

**Nomination for Pete F. for VRC XXVI Chair passed 6-2-1.**

### **New Nominations and Motions:**

**Home Group Votes are needed on the following nominations and motions at the JANUARY ASC MEETING**

- **William E was nominated for VRSC Outreach Sub-Committee Chair** by Central Tennessee Area and seconded by West Tennessee Area. His service resume is available with the Regional minutes. Motions to close nominations was made and seconded, all areas were in favor of closing nominations.

- **Regional Motion 1** was made by the Midwest Area and seconded by the Upper Cumberland Area. Motion was made to include in the VRSC Guidelines to include mileage reimbursement for the Area Subcommittee Chairs. This would change Article XI Section 16 to include the Area Subcommittee Chairs with the RCMs. The intent is to support the Areas of the Volunteer Region.

The vote to send the motion back to Areas was made, all Areas in favor.

- **Regional Motion 2** was made by the VRCGRC Committee and seconded by Upper Cumberland Area. The Motion reads as follows: To totally remove in the VRC Guidelines under Committee Chairpersons Page 16, Fundraising Responsibilities : #4 Seed money for fundraisers can be offered to groups within the host city, not to exceed \$200.00 per event. The intent is that it is a violation of Tradition #5: "Each group has but one primary purpose-to carry the message to the addict who still suffers". The vote to send the motion back to Areas was made, all Areas in favor.

- **Regional Motion 3** was made by the VRCGRC Committee and seconded by Upper Cumberland Area. The Motion reads as follows: To totally remove from VRC

Guidelines under Subcommittee Chairpersons page 16, #1 "and home groups", #2 "and the home groups". The intent is that it is a violation of Tradition #5: "Each group has but one primary purpose-to carry the message to the addict who still suffers".

The vote to send the Motion back to Areas was made, all Areas in favor.

- **Regional Motion 4** was made by the VRCGRC Committee and seconded by Upper Cumberland Area. The motion reads as follows: That the VRSC Meeting not be held during the VRC Convention. The intent is so everyone involved in Regional Service can enjoy the Convention for the purpose it is held for (Celebration of Recovery). The Subcommittees meet all day Saturday and the VRSC meets Sunday morning. Many addicts miss Workshops and the closing speaker on Sunday morning. The vote to send the Motion back to Areas was made, 8 Areas voted Yes, 1 Area voted No. Motion will go back to the Areas.

- **Regional Motion 5** was made by the Midwest Area and seconded by the GNANA. The Motion reads as follows: MWTASC requests \$500.00 to be used to create a literature reserve/pool from which MWT Literature Subcommittee can work. The intent of this Motion is as follows: This reserve will allow the support of our primary purpose by creating the ability to provide literature to our member groups in a timely manner. This motion was voted on at the VRSC with 8 Areas voting Yes and 1 Area Abstaining. Motion passes.

**NOTE: NO HOME GROUP VOTE REQUIRED ON MOTION 5.**

- **REGIONAL Motion 6** was made SMTANA and seconded by Upper Cumberland Area. The motion was for \$423.21 for Literature so SMTANA could create a Literature stockpile. This motion was voted on at the VRSC with 9 Areas voting Yes. Motion passes.

**NOTE: NO HOME GROUP VOTE REQUIRED ON MOTION 6.**

- **REGIONAL Motion 7** was made by CTANA and seconded by MTANA. Motion reads as follows:

To bring back A Guide to Public Information for distribution to the Fellowship. The intent is as follows: It is Fellowship-approved Literature. It is the World Board's responsibility to serve us. To bring back a more effective Service Manual for our Public Information endeavors. This motion did not need to be voted on by the RCMs to send back being that it did not change VRSC Policy. If approved by the Groups it will go to the World Service Conference in April 2008.

- **REGIONAL Motion 8** was made by West Tennessee and seconded by Central Tennessee. The Motion reads as follows:

To send to WSC, that the 6th Edition should go through the review and input process again because of the additional 10 stories that were not included in the initial review. The intent was to follow proper procedure for Literature Review, so the Fellowship can provide input on all that is going to be published. This Motion did not need a vote from the RCMs as it did not change the VRSC Policy. If approved by the groups it will go to the World Service Conference in 2008.

Announcements:

Southern Middle Tennessee Area will be having a function December 31st at the Lawrenceburg Old Armory Gym. Please see flyer at the end of these minutes. Central Tennessee is to host the next Regional Inventory.

THERE ARE POSITIONS VACANT AT THE VRSC. IF ANYONE HAS A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE PLEASE CONTACT YOUR RCM.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next VRSC Meeting will be Sunday, February 3, 2008 at the A&D Council in Nashville, TN beginning at 9:30a.m. The subcommittees will meet Saturday, February 2, 2008 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

So after 5 + hours and much discussion the meeting was closed.

It's time for us to get work now!

If you have any questions concerning these motions feel free to call me 865-237-7875 or email me [atsixstringvolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:atsixstringvolunteer@yahoo.com). I may not be able to take your call at the moment, however if you leave a message, I'll do my best to return your call.

In Loving Service,  
Steve C.

**VRC- No report given.**

**Area Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee-**

The next thing is the solutions finding session scheduled for February 9, 2008. It will start at 12 noon. It will be held at the Square Dancer Inc building. Based on the results of the Area inventory there are some things we could be doing better. This will be great opportunity to help improve our Area. Please come!

Greg V.



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## **Area Inventory Follow-up**

Using NA World Services - Area Planning Tool

**Date: February 9, 2008**

**Time: 12am - 6pm**

**Square Dancer Inc**  
*Where the Area Meets*

# MOTION RESULTS

	<b>ROR Guidelines</b>	<b>Bylaws- 6D</b>	<b>Phil B I/Phoneline</b>	<b>Gena S Literature</b>
A Better Way of Life	Y	Y	Y	Y
Glow in the Dark	Y	N	Y	Y
Giving It Back	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hugs Not Drugs	Y	N	Y	Y
Just for Today	A	N	Y	Y
Last House on the Street	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Little River Group	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nickel and Dime	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Peace and Surrender	Y	A	Y	Y
Primary Purpose	Y	Y	Y	Y
Road to Recovery	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Saturday Night Live	N	Y	Y	Y
Serenity in the Smokies	Y	Y	Y	Y
Solo Por Hoy				
Solutions R Us	Y	Y	Y	Y
Spiritual Principles	N	Y	Y	Y
Thank God for New Beginnings	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
The Long Road Home	A	N	Y	Y
Together We Can	A	A	A	Y
Volunteer Group	A	A	A	A
Wolf Group	N	N	A	Y
<b>PASS</b>	9	8	13	5
<b>FAIL</b>	3	5	0	0
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	4	3	3	1
<b>PASS/FAIL</b>	<b>PASS</b>	<b>PASS</b>	<b>PASS</b>	<b>PASS</b>

# Group Reports

**A BETTER WAY OF LIFE:** We are doing well. Our attendance is holding steady, but we have had several newcomers to NA over the past month, which we are very excited about. New Providence Presbyterian Church Maryville TN 37803 Mon Thur 7:30PM GSR:Becky D Treas: Jonathan D Secretary: John I Avg Attend:8 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>:\$8 Next Group Conscience

**GLOW IN THE DARK-** The party was fantastic. About 100 people were there for the speaker . The karaoke contest was fantabulous. We decided to use the gift certificates to help newcomers with needs that they may have. 12 pm and 8 pm daily. GSR: Debra L Alt GSR: Maria S Treasurer: James W. Secretary: Dawn K. Avg Attend:25 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>: Next Group Conscience: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday month @ 6:30

**GIVING IT BACK** – We are doing great. Attendance is up, we celebrated 2 multiple years clean birthdays last month. St Mark’s Episcopal Church 252 North Main St. Clinton Tues & Fri @7:30PM GSR: Ken C. Alt GSR: Bill M. Treasurer: Mark C. Secretary: Gena S Avg Attend: 8 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>: Next group conscience Friday before ASC after meeting

**HUGS NOT DRUGS-** Emerald Ave Methodist Church Emerald and Central Knoxville TN 37921 Tue & Wed @ 7PM Sat @ 8:30PM GSR: Mitch C Alt GSR: vacant Treasurer: David R Secretary: Dustin Avg Attend:20 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>: \$7 Next Group Conscience: Sat before next ASC meeting

**JUST FOR TODAY-** Attendance is up. We are making plans for a Valentines Day Dance on February 9<sup>th</sup>. GSR: Hugh S Alt GSR: Anthony B Secretary: Kay P Treasurer: Anthony B Meetings are Mon-Sat at 10:30 am.

**LAST HOUSE ON THE STREET-** No report. 2301 Davenport Rd. Knox 37920 GSR: Kris R Alt GSR: Steve W Treasurer: Curtis D Secretary: vacant Avg Attend: 10 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>:\$5 Next Group Conscience Fri before area @ 10:30 PM

**LITTLE RIVER GROUP-** On Christmas Day, we are going to be opening our doors all day from 8am until after the 8pm meeting for activities and fellowship. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, we are having a Valentines Day Dance, admission will be free.

GSR: Sara E. Alt GSR: Steve Treasurer: Jeremy E Secretary: Dane G Avg Attend:23 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>:\$12.65 Next group conscience 01/16/08

**LONG ROAD HOME-** We are still experiencing low attendance but we remain grateful to be in existence and on the meeting schedule. We are excited about the Capture the Flag event.1531 Wilder (Wilder Missionary Baptist Church) Mens meeting Wed 6-7PM, Women’s meeting Thur 7-8PM. GSR: Glenn J Avg Attend:3 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>:\$3 Next Group Conscience: First week of every month

**NICKEL AND DIME-** No report. Wed 7PM. GSR: Ann Y Alt GSR: Donna V Treasurer :Steve H. Secretary: Webster B Avg Attend:20

**PEACE AND SURRENDER**- on Monday we are averaging 25-40 in attendance. We could use some support on Tuesday and Thursday. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Baptist Church 2500 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Mon Tue Thur @ 7PM GSR: Jeff B Alt GSR: Bill R Treasurer: Bill R

**PRIMARY PURPOSE**- attendance is steady on Tuesday. We have noticed an increase in attendance on Thursday since it has become a candlelight meeting.

Tue Thur 7:30 PM GSR: Kelly Alt GSR: Kat H Treasurer: Brent E Secretary: Lindsey M Avg Attend:20 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>:\$15 Next Group Conscience 01-22-07

**ROAD TO RECOVERY**-No report. Kingston United Methodist 121 S. Kentucky St Kingston Mon Thur 7:30 PM GSR: Lester A Attend:3-5

**SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**- Macedonia United Methodist Church Sat 7PM GSR: Miranda B Alt GSR: Charles Sec: Varshawn Treasurer: Alexis Y Avg Attend:100+ Avg 7<sup>th</sup>:\$35

**SERENITY IN THE SMOKIES**- 1<sup>st</sup> united Methodist Church 214 Cedar St Sevierville TN 37862 Pigeon River Club house 240 Pigeon River Road Sevierville TN 37862 Tue Thur Fri Sun 8PM GSR: Steve P Treas: Betty C Secretary: Regina F Avg Attend:17 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>:\$13.36 Funds Avail:\$29.05 Next group Conscience 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in January at 6:30PM

**SOLUTIONS-R-US**- we are doing great Northside Christian Church Tazewell Pike Mon Fri 7:30PM GSR:Tina M Alt GSR: Heather E Treasurer: Heather E Secretary: Heather E Avg attend:20 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>:\$20

**SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES**- We are excited to show up for the upcoming learning days. Church of the Good Samaritan 425 N Cedar Bluff Mon 8PM Fri 7:30PM GSR: Dixon C Alt GSR: David E Treas: Don B Secretary: Eric P Avg Attend:35 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>:\$28 Next Group Conscience 1/21/08 at 9:30 PM

**THANK GOD FOR NEW BEGINNINGS**- No report. St Johns Cathedral Fri 7:30PM GSR:Leesa F Treas:Jim F Secr:Walt H.Avg Attend:75 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>:\$60 Next Group Conscience Friday before next ASC meeting

**TOGETHER WE CAN :** We are prospering. We average about 40 in attendance. The average 7<sup>th</sup> is \$22.50. We could use more attendance at group conscience. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Lamar Wed Sun 7PM GSR: Nicci D Treasurer: Luther Secretary: Ezell Avg Attend:30 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>:\$20 Next group Cons: Fourth Sat of the month

**VOLUNTEER GROUP:** No report. First Christian Church 211 S Gay St Knoxville TN 37917 Mon Tue Thur Fri 5:30 PM GSR: Glance J Avg Attend: 20 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>:\$5 Next Group Conscience:01/24/08

**W.O.L.F.** Attendance is up for group conscience. We have decided to work on literature development after our regular meeting. If you want to put us back on the schedule, it is up to the area. GSR: Chris W Alt GSR: Vacant Treasurer Ralh F Secretary Olivia Avg Attendance: 10 Avg 7<sup>th</sup>: 0

Question: We were wondering if you were going to close the regular meeting before you begin work on the literature?

Answer: Yes

Question: What conference are you referring to when you mention a literature conference?

Answer: It can be anything that can be written.

Question: My question is, is it NA literature?

Answer: I can not speak for the home group.

Question: My point is if it's not NA literature, is it an outside enterprise?

Question: Is the WOLF group affiliated with an outside enterprise?

Answer: It is NA.

Question: Is the literature produced for NA?

Answer: We don't care who it's written for.

Question: Does your home group have opinions on outside issues?

Answer: We follow traditions just like you do.

Concern: I visited the WOLF group website, the WOLF group is an outside enterprise.

## New Business

### **POINT OF INFORMATION #1**

A motion was made by Glow in the Dark and seconded by Solutions-R-Us that asked the area to provide the funds to send all GSRs a copy of the Conference Agenda Report. This was voted on at area and passed unanimously.

### **MOTION #1**

Motion made by the H & I subcommittee and seconded by Giving it Back. Motion states, "To increase the H & I literature budget from \$400 to \$500 ."

Intent: to better serve the GSMANA and support our H & I subcommittee.

Discussion:

Maker: It looks like more people are going to be going into our existing meetings, we are asking for an increase in our literature budget so that we will be able to meet the needs of those in attendance. Knox county, for example, is now allowing us to hold meetings in additional pods at their facility.

Question: Is an additional \$100 enough?

Answer: We could look at increasing it on down the road if the need arises.

## Next ASC Meeting is 1-27-08

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# **CAR Workshop**

**Day: Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 10a.m.-5p.m.**

**(lunch break inevitable)**

**Location: Square Dancers Inc. Building**

**828 Tulip Ave.**

**Knoxville, TN**

**Upper Cumberland Area**

**Mountain Area**

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**Come hear the Conference Agenda Report and learn about what you will be voting on! All members of NA are not only welcome, but encouraged to come! Enjoy the fellowship and be an active member!**

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**Meeting Days and times**

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Sun.@

**GSR:**

**Treasurer:**

**Alt.GSR;**

**Secretary**

Avg. Attendance:

Avg. 7<sup>th</sup> :

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