

Knoxville Area Minutes: February 20, 2021

Meeting opened by Kent with Serenity Prayer.

Traditions read by Brooke.

Concepts read by Jimmy.

Roll Call

Chair	P
V Chair	V
Sec	P
Alt Sec	V
Treas	P
Alt Treas	V
RCM	P
H&I	P
PR	V
KACNA	P
ROR	P
PP	P
Outreach	A
KAZM	P

Changes	A
Dopeless Hope Fiends	P
Easy Does It	P
H.O.P.E.	A
Hope in the Hood	A
JFT	P
LRG	P
Nickel & Dime	P
Nightshift	P
NoName	P
One More 24	P
Practical Application	P
Primary Purpose	P
Recovery Plug	P
Solutions R Us	P

Quorum was met with 12 groups present.

Reports

Secretary: Jay H- Last month's minutes are available online.

Treasurer: Blake V- received \$643 in donations. Rent, phone line, Quickbooks, storage all paid (\$219.82 expenses). \$767.42 above prudent.

RCM: Stephen Z-KANA RCM Report 2/20/21

Good morning everyone! VRSC met on 2/7/21 with 7 out of 10 areas present.

Treasury:

Starting Available: \$34,047.36

Wrote checks for: \$0

Prudent Reserve: \$5,000

PR Budget: \$10,570 (2-year)

H&I Budget: \$6,600 (2-year)

ITCC Budget: \$1,202.50 (2-year)

VRC Fund: \$17,000

Balance: -\$1,822.64 (This number is with all budgeted monies accounted for, not our bank balance)

Our treasurer has locked herself out of online banking and is working on getting access restored.

H&I:

Not much to report, the positions just rolled over. A budget was submitted and discussed on the floor then a modification was made (it was cut in half) and the final budget is 3300/yr. Jesse O. said he will be reaching out to the area H&I chairs to see how he can be of assistance.

Outreach:

Vacant

P&P:

New chair, Lucy O. updated the guidelines with two motions that were made in the past when there was not a P&P chair. P&P will be meeting March 20, 4 pm via zoom (

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PR:

Submitted a budget and a lengthy, detailed report of the subcommittee's activities since the last meeting. A couple of the highlights: PR is working on some TV and Radio PSAs, and they will be following up with the State Senator to schedule the presentation at the State Capital Building in front of the State Health and Welfare Committee.

VRC38: financials are finalized and are closing the account with a check for 710.70

VRC39: the committee is meeting monthly and all chair positions are filled

VRC40: Donald S. is being nominated for VRC 40 Chair

Discussion about changing to a Fellowship Development structure

- The idea was brought up to begin a discussion about changing our subcommittee format to a Fellowship Development (FD) structure, rather than individual subcommittees.
- It was mentioned that this is not to be a rushed idea, rather a discussion to see if it makes sense for the Region to try
- The FD structure would basically be the umbrella committee for all our services. There would be one subcommittee meeting where all the various divisions/arms/task groups, or whatever we decide to call them would meet together. This will guarantee that there will never be a subcommittee of one, and all areas of service will be supported by a group of members.
- It was suggested that this would probably not work with VRC and that VRC should continue to meet separately as its own committee
- FD may have a single chairperson who would give a report at the Region and take back any questions or direction to the subcommittee that the body has for FD, but would also have coordinators who would serve in the capacity that current subcommittee chairs do regarding their particular area of service

Questions/comments from Floor:

- When would we meet?
- How often would we meet?

- Would Area subcommittee Chairs come?
- Dell decided to put this topic on the agenda of the in between meeting

Nominations

Nomination #2-7-2021-1 is for Donald S for VRC 40 Chair

Clean date is 5/31/2000 (20 years)

Nominated by MTA, seconded by GNA

Previous service- VRC 32 Secretary VRC 36 Vice Chair RCM HOT Area 2018-2020 Alt RCM HOT Area 2017-

2018 GSR home group 2018-2020 HOT Area Alt. Treasurer 2021- current

Have you ever not completed a service commitment? No

Any other information you think may be important? A desire to serve. Hands on experience in a number of different convention areas. Manage 750,000 sq feet of office space with a maintenance team of 3. Work with a number of different people including managers, tenants, and vendors to identify and resolve issues on the fly.

- Question- What spiritual principle do you think you practice well?

- Answer- Acceptance, tolerance, & patience

- Question- Have you ever misappropriated NA funds?

- Answer- no

- Question- What spiritual principles to you struggle with?

- Answer- Acceptance, tolerance, & patience

Nomination #2-7-02021-2 is for Vince B. for Regional Delegate

Clean date is 12/5/05

Nominated by West Tn, seconded by Knoxville Area

Previous service- GSR for home group from 2017-present, RCM for Chattanooga Area from 2016-2021, RDA for past 2 years,

Have you ever not completed a service commitment? No

Any other information you think may be important? Being the current RDA has given me valuable information to serve this body in the highest capacity I have a sponsor who has a sponsor, I work NA Steps, Traditions, and Concepts and have never misappropriated NA funds

- Question- What spiritual principle do you think you practice well?

- Answer- unconditional love, acceptance, tolerance, and patience

- Question- What spiritual principles to you struggle with?

- Answer- Acceptance, tolerance, & patience

- Question- did you ever follow up with the airline reimbursement?

- Answer- I do not have the paperwork so I am just going to have to send two money orders back to the treasurer

Nomination #2-7-02021-3 is for Greg V. for Regional Delegate Alternate

Clean date is 2/2/15

Nominated by Knoxville, seconded by Chattanooga

Previous service- Group Secretary 2015-2016 in Southern California, GSR inland area group California and Foothills Group, Alternate RCM for MANA 2018-2019, RCM 2019 to present, multiple H&I panels in California & Tn, various meetings in 18 different states for a better understanding of other Area's demographics

Have you ever not completed a service commitment? No

Any other information you think may be important? I have a sponsor who has a sponsor, I work NA Steps & Traditions, I sponsor others in the Twelve Steps of NA, my passion is to give back to the program what has been given so freely to me with any skills that may be useful, I have never misappropriated NA funds

Additional resources- Past experience includes years of decision making at the executive corporate level, including but not limited to conflict resolution, training and mentoring individual's growth, skills, and aptitudes. 10 years experience executing fiduciary duties of a not-for-profit organization in direction of the employee's pension committee. Volunteer support of youth athletic sports teams through organization, coaching, and positive constructive feedback

- Question- What spiritual principle do you think you practice well?

- Answer- open mindedness, service, acceptance, honesty, willingness

- Question- What spiritual principles to you struggle with?

- Answer- Faith that everything is going to be ok

VRSC Motion #2-7-2021-1

Motion by Jessie O H&I Chair Second: Knoxville Area

Motion reads as follows:

To approve a monthly H&I Budget proposal of \$275 to include

\$125 - Travel (mileage/hotel)

\$100- Office (copies, mail, etc.)

\$50- Literature.

Intent- To establish a monthly operating budget for the H&I committee

Discussion Floor:

- After lengthy discussion, Jessie agreed to reduce his original budget by half, from \$550/month down to

\$275/month.

- Dell made a decision to send the budget back to groups.

- Craig made a motion to overrule the decision of the Chair based on his interpretation of the guidelines

and there was a 2nd. After discussion, the body voted 5-2-0-0 to overrule the decision of the Chair.

- RCMs voted 6 yes & 1 abstain to approve the H&I budget.

VRSC Motion #2-7-2021-2

- Motion reads as follows: To approve the Public Relations budget for the 2-year cycle of 2021 through

February 2023. The itemized budget is as follows:

o Travel \$1,770 (3 trips to each Area),

- o Literature \$500
 - o Training \$300
 - o Hotel \$800
 - o PSA \$3,500
 - o Printing \$500 (includes business cards for Area PR Committees)
 - o Event booths \$1,200
 - o Workshops \$1,200 (12 workshops rent and food)
 - o Presentation boards__ \$800 (2 presentation boards)
- Total budget. \$10,570 (\$5,285 each year)

- Intent: To provide PR the funds necessary to carry out their delegated responsibilities and to further carry the NA message by making the public more aware of our presence as a resource in the community to treat drug addiction

- Motion by Craig G. VRSC PR Chair and was seconded. ***Did not note who seconded it***

- RCMs voted 5 yes and 2 no. The budget passed.

- 2 RCMs voted no because they were uncomfortable voting for budgets without sending them to groups

VRSC Motion #2-7-2021-3

- Motion reads as follows: To approve the ITCC 2-year budget. The budget is as follows:

- o VRSC & VRC website \$408
 - o VRSC & VRC domains \$104
 - o Zoom \$300
 - o Twilio (helpline) \$150
 - o Potential increases \$240.50
- Total 2-year budget \$1,202.50

- Intent: To provide our ITCC the funds needed to provide services requested by the VRSC
- Motion was made by Stephen Z VRSC ITCC and was seconded. ***Did not note who seconded it***
- RCMs voted unanimously to approve the budget

VRSC Motion #2-7-2021-4

- Motion reads as follows: To approve the revised PR guidelines
- Intent: To provide PR with a set of guidelines to operate with under VRSC policy
- Motion made by Craig G. VRSC PR Chair. A second will need to be solicited from the floor after review from Policy and Procedures
- Proposed guidelines were uploaded to the Google Drive
- Motion was deferred to P&P

Highlights:

- VRC 40 Zoom meeting March 20, 2021 at 11am Central

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83717827040?pwd=T21RKzh2Nzlid0NtVGxOOFBtZ2hCdZ09>

Meeting ID: 837 1782 7040 Passcode: 208645

- Spiritual Principle A Day book Review & Input period coming to a close!!

Visit www.na.org/spad

- Greater Nashville Area is having a service workshop on Sunday February 21st at 1 PM.

Zoom ID- 731 187 8138, Password- 12345

- Leigh Ann was voted in as VRC 39 Chair
- Nomination for Donald S. for VRC 40 Chair
- Nomination for Vince B. for Regional Delegate
- Nomination for Greg V. for Regional Delegate Alternate

- The H&I Zoom speaker meeting at one of the long-term women's treatment centers in West Tn. is going strong. If there are any women here or in your Areas that would like to speak, please reach out to Lucy at 901-497-0691.

- VRSC P&P Subcommittee meeting March 20, 2021 at 4pm Central

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87337349504>

- IP #30 Mental Health in Recovery is now available!

- The Mid-West Area is having their 3rd annual Experience, Strength, and Hope event at Pinson Mounds registration is 35 and it is May 21, 22, 23

- Open Positions! Please pass this on to your areas/groups!

- o Vice-Chair, Secretary, Alt Sec, Alt Treasurer, Outreach Chair

Next Meeting Details: The VRSC meeting will be held:

Sunday May 2, 2021 starting at 9:30am

In person meeting availability will be determined later. Waiting for response from Jaycees.

Zoom ID is 9013505030

H&I: Becca- positions are rolling over. Meetings at KNox County jails every tuesday at 6pm (women) and every other thursday at 6:30pm (men). Evolve tuesday at 7pm (women). Centerpointe Wednesday and every other Saturday at 7pm. JourneyPure reached out, wanting meetings T/TH (women). List of panel leaders is available through Becca. Placed usual literature order.

KAZM: Blake V- need chair people!!! Removed monday meeting, now meeting only wednesday at 6:30pm on Zoom.

ROR: Timmy- dates changed to October 15-17, 2021. Currently no more than 50 people allowed, hopefully that will change before October.

KACNA: Justin C- no report

PP: Justin C- revised guidelines in process.

Group Reports

Just For Today: Average attendance 10-12 people. Meets on Zoom every day except Saturday. T/TH/F hybrid meetings. Struggling in-person attendance; may shut down in-person meeting. Hybrid meetings going well because they're so small.

Old Business

Tony B for PR Chair; nomination passed. Congratulations Tony B.

Open Forum

We are no longer printing meeting schedules due to constant changes in meetings. Frequently updated meeting list is available online, mobile version + printer version.

Text zip code to 901-350-5030 for meeting list.

Facebook page ARCHSearch, send message for meeting list.

We need a new RCM.

New Business

Becca nominated Chris B for H&I Chair. LRG 2nd. Chris has 2.5 years clean, has been GSR and Sec for previous homegroup, Alt Treas for current homegroup. Current Vice Chair for H&I. Has a sponsor who has a sponsor, works steps, has the willingness, and has never misappropriated NA funds. ****TAKE BACK TO GROUPS****

Sam D expressed willingness to be new RCM. OM24 nom, NoName 2nd. Sam's clean date is 1/23/12, 9 years clean, has been treasurer for a homegroup, GSR for current homegroup. Has a sponsor who has a sponsor, works steps, has sponsees. Was Vice Chair of KACNA 4, Chair of KACNA 5, and Chair of VRC 38. ****TAKE BACK TO GROUPS****

Announcements

LRG: Saturday noon meeting is struggling, needs support.

LRG made motion to close, Kent 2nd.

Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer.