

October Area Service Committee

October 15th, 2023, at 4pm
Jacobs Well

Next Area Meeting: Sunday, November 19th, 2023, 4pm

Moment of Silence: Yes

Serenity Prayer: Yes

12 Traditions: Kari R.

12 Concepts: Marcus M.

Service Prayer: Brad S.

Minutes approved from last month: Yes

Open Positions: Co-Secretary (Sally S. nominated Kendra P. and Kendra was voted in)
Retreat Chair (Melissa W. expressed willingness and voted in)

Attendees: Melissa W, Walli S. Ginny R. Tim C. Kendra P, Jennifer S. Pete M. Jim C. Sally S. Kari R. Brad P. Lanae B. Mike B. Brad S. Zach W. Megan S. Adam N. Marcus M. Tasha D. Erica M. Scott S. Christina R.

Secretary Report: Christina R.

I have submitted the September's minutes and emailed to those who shared their email with me. I have a few items to bring up, one to put into new business. I have updated the Area Agenda sheet with some alterations.

Treasure Report: Pete M.

Area: Checking

Beginning balance of \$464.66	
Income of \$200.00	
Expenses of \$115.00	#1484
Ending balance of \$349.66	
Savings (prudent reserve)	
	\$200.58

Activities:

Beginning balance of \$400.00	
Income of \$45.00	
Expenses of \$100.00	#1485
Ending balance of \$345.00	

Retreat:

Beginning balance of \$5137.85
Income of \$50.00
Expenses of \$0.00
Ending balance of \$5187.85

Literature:

Beginning balance of \$500.29
Income of \$285.09
Expenses of \$424.30 #1486
Ending balance of \$361.08

Thank you for letting me be of service!
Pete M

RMC Report: Hi family. Addict named Zach.

Last Regional meeting was on zoom 10/1/23.

The Facilitator officially resigned. a new facilitator was officially elected to the position.

Treasurer-

ENDIND BALANCE: \$9188.58 STILL DOESN'T SHOW A CHECK TO THE MZF \$596.00
DOES SHOW DEPOSITS SINCE LAST REGION OF \$6930.68, EXPENSES WERE TOTAL OF \$1385.89
\$745.49 FOR ADMIN EXPENSES, \$44.60 FOR PHONE AND THE \$596.00 FOR MZF. AS FOR MRCNA
THEY STARTED OUT WITH \$12,753.30 HAD EXPENSES OF \$9986.44 FOR A TOTAL PROFIT OF
\$7,233.00

Treasure also resigned last region.

Treasurer made a recommendation for person to fill his spot. They are still planning on getting into and double-checking books with accountant.

Doug was elected new PR chair.

Most of the RCMs/ had few more questions regarding the mileage issue and asked for further clarification. So, it's coming back to groups.

Adding the discussion and clarifications into reports

MILEAGE: IT WAS SUGGESTED TO RAISE TO .65 IRS STANDARD DO WE WANT TO FOLLOW IRS GUIDELINES? IT WAS BROUGHT UP THAT THERE ARE 3 DIFFERENT IRS AMOUNTS AND WE SHOULD TALK TO OUR ACCOUNTANT, THE CHAIRTY RATE (.14) IS FOR DEDUCTING ON YOUR TAXES I.E. DROPPING OFF AT GOODWILL) YOU CAN DO THE BUSINESS RATE AND NOT REPORT ON YOUR TAXES. ORGNIZATIONS CAN GO HIGHER THAN THAT AND IF WE LOWER TO .14 IT COULD DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM JOINING. ANOTHER MEMBER BROUGHT UP THAT THEY WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE W/TALKING TO OUR ACCOUNTANT. THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO GO BACK TO OUR GROUPS AND SEE WHAT THEY SAY. IS THIS A TAX ILLEGAL THING WE ARE

DOING. THE TREASURER HASN'T TALKED TO THE ACCOUNTANT IN 6 WEEKS, SHE'S NEVER HAD A RESITANCE TO HOW WE HANDLE THE MILEAGE. STILL WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM HER REGARDING RASING IT TO .65, HE ALSO AGREES WE NEED TO ASK THE ACCOUNTANT. LAST REGION IT WAS ASKED OF THE TREASURER TO ASK THE ACCOUNTANT, HASN'T HAPPENED YET. THE PERSON RECEIVING THE MILAGE (TRAVEL EXPENSE) CAN DEDUCT ON THEIR PRIVATE TAXES. YOU ONLY HAVE CLAIM ON YOUR TAXES IF YOU EXCEED THE MAXIMUM FEDERAL RATE. IS IT FINANCIAL PRUDENT FOR THE BODY TO APPROVE .65 (THE TAX LIABILITY FALLS ON THE INDIVIDUAL AND ADD THIS TO THE GUIDELINES) VOTE WAS CALLED, ON THE RECORD THAT LIVINGSTON. IS STEPPING ASIDE WITH THE NEW INFORMATION WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE TAKING THIS BACK TO HIS AREA. MEMBER STATED THAT THE .14 IS IRRELEVANT FOR THIS DISCUSSION. SINCE WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION CAPITAL AREA AGREES WE NEED TO TAKE BACK TO THE GROUPS. SINCE WE HAD TWO RCM'S REQUEST TO TAKE BACK TO GROUPS, THEN IT GOES BACK TO THE GROUPS, THREE RCM'S HAVE SAID THEY WANT THIS TO GO BACK TO GROUPS... TABLED TILL NEXT REGIONAL MEETING

Guideline work is continuing. There is a great ad-hoc working on them regularly.

There is a lot of info on the last regional minutes. I think I hit most of the points major to cover here.

If anyone wants to get into them further, I can forward draft to anyone who ask. Just hit me up! Thanks for letting me serve.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Activities: Scott S. for Jared G.

Average Attendance is 8

Open positions: Co-treasurer, Secretary, Co-secretary and Co-hospitality

Home Group Challenge went great on October 8th with Recovery 1st group as the Victor and Rock'n Recovery taking second place.

Upcoming Activity Events:

Halloween Dance is coming up October 28th at the Church of the Naz. Lots of fund-raising events like Pie in the Face, selling Pizza and energy drinks and a 50/50 raffle.

Friends Giving will happen on Friday, November 24th at 5pm at Jacobs Well.

Budget request of \$250 for Pizza and incidentals

Literature: Jen S.

Average Attendance is 1, no open positions

Previous balance \$785.38

Expenses \$424.30

Income \$198

Total new balance \$559.08

Starting next Area, if you or your group knows their literature order before 3pm on the Sunday of Area, you can email your order to NWArealiterature22@gmail.com so I can hopefully have the order ready for you when you come to Area.

Public Relations: Katy G

Hey Family

Sorry to miss this month's area. I am downstate visiting family, and if there are any questions for me, I am available just a quick phone call away. We're back inside Phoenix!!!!!! Woo exciting news :) All positions filled up but as always please contact Casey D for any available service opportunities.

There are volunteer opportunities for Wexford County Jail as well as the Oaks Correctional Facility, please contact Yon K for more information.

This month at PR we discussed more about the speaker jam we are planning for November 18th. We are requesting 250\$ to pay for pizza and drinks to sell as well as the cost to rent a space. The plan is to have 9 speakers over the span of around 4 hours. This event is going to raise money to purchase basic texts to keep inside our area's jails and institutions. Books for crooks PT 2.

We are also putting in a budget request for 100\$ for IPs for the PR subcommittee to distribute as needed.

We as the PR subcommittee would like to bring up a concern to the Area about a meeting currently only have been open on week out of the four weeks since last Area. We know that all meetings need willing home group members to help with service and chairing but would like to know what Back to Basics plan is for keeping their doors open consistently for addicts as we are concerned about having a meeting on the Area schedule that is regularly canceled with short notice.

We had our elections, and we have plenty of open positions available. Co-chair, Co-secretary, correctional facility coordinator, treatment facility coordinator, and schedule coordinator. Please announce at meetings, our next meeting is November 5th at 5 PM.

In loving service

Katy G

Dissuasions brought up by Public Relations report:

Jenn questioned if it would be Areas responsibilities or PR to provide more support for the group to stay open every week

Back to Basics lost all but one HG member.

Katy was not suggesting closing the meeting, just taking it off the schedule if it is not able to stay open regularly

Sally brought up the no children allowed to be at the meeting. If this were to change more willingness might rise

Retreat: Grateful recovering addict named Megan!

This past months Retreat Subcommittee meeting was a great wrap up meeting where we discussed things that went well and suggestions by last years trusted servants of things we could differently next year. We as a subcommittee took Area's concerns about holding elections

without a Chair into account coupled with a lowly attended meeting and decided to hold our Retreat Subcommittee elections during our October monthly meeting. Those will be held October 22, 2023 at 2:00pm here at Jacobs Well. Fundraising all year, planning and executing the NWACNA Retreat is a lot of work, but many hands make light work! Come get involved! Our Retreat Treasurer and our Area Treasurer were able to balance their records and we have a current Retreat balance of \$5187.85! All outstanding payments and costs have been completed and this is our final balance after all has been said and done. Before I mention our Area donation after this year's NWACNA, we are bringing a Retreat Guideline change to be approved by Area today, which changes our seed money starting amount from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00. We are asking the Area to approve this increase for several different reasons, which include:

- A significant increase has been observed for the cost of food (purchased for fundraisers during the year and for NWACNA), merchandise printing, porta-john rentals, etc.
- Increased accommodation pricing from the host facility for NWACNA (we are exploring different options for host facilities for the upcoming year)
- After holding a fundraiser close to monthly during 2022-2023 fundraising year to have enough to facilitate NWACNA and compensate for the raise in pricing at RR, we feel that this is not a sustainable practice and does not allow for other subcommittees and home groups to have well attended events when several are being held in numerous months throughout the year.

I would like to add this Retreat Subcommittee Guideline Update to new business to discuss. I am happy to answer any questions or concerns the area may have regarding this update.

Based on the Areas approval or denial of our request to raise our seed money our Area donation from this year's NWACNA would be one of the following amounts:

- With the seed money increase guideline approved: \$3,187.85
- With the seed money increase guideline denied: \$3,687.85

I would like to reserve the completing of this Area donation until after the Area discussion regarding our Retreat Subcommittee Guideline change has been held in New Business as that will determine the total funds we donate.

I think that is all I have for this month; I am hopeful this will be my final report as the Retreat Subcommittee chair! I look forward to serving the fellowship in new ways going forward.

I whole heartedly thank you for letting me serve,

Megan S. Retreat Chair

Discussions regarding Retreat report:

Jim brought up possibility Retreat wanted to push out their voting month later than other sub-committees.

Sally stated that Retreat used to be in June so it worked to have it voted at the same time as other sub-committees.

Melissa stated this was the first time we have run into this issue with elections for Retreat.

Group Reports:

Group: Anonymous

GSR Proxy: Mike B.

Average Attendance: 12

Donation to Area: none

Any open positions? Yes, all but chair and GSR

How's the group going? Great! New location is fantastic. Always a good meeting at Anonymous

Decision on subject presented to the Group: Group is good with the cost increase for existing space.

Group: Back to the Basics

GSR Adam N.

Average Attendance: When open, 3-5

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? All open

How's the group going? Yikes! During the softball seasons with no other homegroup members, we often had to be closed however, from now until the end of the year other than Thanksgiving, the meeting will be open every week.

Group: Gratitude in Action

GSR Ginny R.

Average Attendance: 6

Donation to Area: None

Open Positions? All except chair position

How's the group going? Attendance is picking up!

Decision on subjects presented to the group: We support what Area decides

Group: Just for Today by the Bay

GSR Tim C.

Average Attendance: 10 + 1 on Zoom

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? GSR Alternate, Secretary and Co, Chairperson and co-chairperson

How's the group going? Group needs help, attendance has been down as of late. Speakers are awesome. Good place to get involved in service.

Decision on subjects presented to the Group: Group is in favor for Area to pay half of the rent increase at Jacobs Well. Suggest that Recovery First/Activities put on fundraisers to help pay the rent in the future. Also stress to those in attendance at meetings that the rent was increased.

Group: Just for Today Ludington

GSR ?

Average Attendance: 9-11

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Most positions are open

How's is the group going? We need to have help with new ideas that can help the newcomer coming back feeling welcome. We have a good time and are self-supporting

Group: Lean on Me

GSR: Brad S.

Average Attendance:10

Donation to Area: \$25

How's the group going? Good

Group: New Attitudes

GSR: Jim C.

Average Attendance: 8

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Yes

How's the group going? Group is doing well carrying the message and providing an atmosphere of recovery. Our donations were down this past month, so we have been able to donate.

Decision on subjects presented to the group: We brought decisions regarding Jacobs Well and Area Inventory.

Group: New Freedom

GSR: Marcus M.

Average Attendance: 15

Donation to Area: \$50

Any open positions? NO

How's the group going? Staying clean just for today. We meet Monday and Thursday at 7pm. Come check it out!

Group: Rise and Recover

GSR: Pete M.

Average Attendance: 11

Donation to Area: \$40

Any open positions: All open-all covered

How's the group going? Well. Putting \$35 each month to the group camp out. Group conscious is every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Group: Rock'n Recovery

GSR: Christina

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Having group elections in November

How's the group going? Great! Celebrated our 1 year! We are having our 5th Wednesday of the month potluck November 29th.

Decision on subject presented to the Group? We support staying at Jacobs Well.

Group: Recover 1st Group

GSR Alternate: Sally S.

Donation to Area: \$35

Any open positions? Co-chairs for noon meetings

How's the group going? Lovely, numbers on Tuesday night feels like pre-pandemic and Sunday meeting is going well!

Decision on subjects presented to the group? Holiday party signup sheet coming soon.

Doon12/24-12/25

\$230 rent may have been a little knee jerk reactions form the church. They are ok with us paying \$180 rather than \$170 and our group is ok with paying the increase.

Group: Recovery @ 5/0

GSR: Kari R.

Average Attendance: 10-15

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions: yes

How's the group going? Well

Group: Woman in Recovery +

GSR: OPEN

Average Attendance: 16

Donation to Area: \$45

Any open positions? GSR and Secretary

How's the group going? Well

Budget Requests:

\$250 for Activities- Approved request (Their own funds so no real formal request needed)

\$250 for Public Relations- Approved

\$100 for IP'S for Public Relations- Tabled to November Area

Old Business:

Jacob's Well rent increasing. The church stated with Recovery 1st Group that they would only ask for \$180 instead of the \$230. Recovery 1st group stated they offer to pay the extra \$10. This is resolved.

New Business:

Archiving Treasury reports? Pete is wondering if the \$200 that is in the savings high enough to cover expenses if Area were to need it? Zach W. made a proposal to get our list of expenses so we can see if we need to up the prudent reserve or not. Pete is willing to investigate the expenses for monthly and annually and bring it to November Area (add to old business for October Area Agenda)

Additionally, he has receipts of storage rentals, liability, and other items, do these need to be archived? It is proposed that the receipts can be tossed, Melissa has Area Minutes that we can add to our Area Google Drive

Jim suggested we keep receipts for the current year and then toss them after since the info should be in the area report.

Ad-Hoc suggesting that Area work on a question or two to address new and/or new guidelines. Jim C suggested starting a committee PNA or Ad-Hoc to discuss updating guidelines. That committee would propose suggestions for updating the Area guideline. Megan S suggested that we bring this to our groups to ask for willingness to be the committee. Currently, no one in this Area meeting had the willingness to head up this committee. Sally S proposes putting a workshop to get more interest. She stated that she would be willing to create a workshop.

Cleaning of Jacobs Well. Cost of cleaning supplies, does the cost fall on Jacobs well or Area? Recovery 1st stated they are willing to take on the cost for cleaning. Jacobs Well need a vacuum, dusting pole and some other items. Lanae B proposes that she could get some others to volunteer with her to clean Jacobs Well. Suggested 1-2 times a month depending on the need?

Secretary new agenda. Jim C suggested to have elections for the open business. Zach W stated that by the time we get to New Business a lot of the GSR's have left the Area meeting. Under "Welcome new Groups" We should add a spot that says "Who is new to the Area meeting" so that way some. This will be added to the November Area Agenda.

RCM- the IRS suggested mileage. Our Area is with region to matching and following the IRS rate as it changes.

Retreat change to their by-law change to the \$2,000 instead of \$1500 is approved.

Secretary will work with PR regarding a few items for the schedule. A few meetings not on the schedule or being on but not at area.

Lanae B suggested that Retreat doesn't have a camp out this year due to the increase of Ranch Rudolf. Maybe come up with different ideas than what it has been and feels like many cannot afford the higher price and many members can't afford. Suggested that some of the groups might be able to schedule small camp outs that don't cost much.

Pete M stated that Retreat brought over \$3,000 to Area as a donation.

Mike B stated that this is our "convention", doesn't necessarily need to be a camp out.

It was decided that this topic can be brought up to the next Retreat Meeting

Mike B. is stepping down from his co-treasure. Co-treasure position will now be open.

Open Share: None

Moment of Silence

Close

Thank you for letting me serve,

Christina R- Area Secretary