

**Marietta Area Service Committee of NA
Meeting Minutes
September 30th, 2018**

Next Meeting October 28th, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Ridgeview Conference Center

P.R. Subcommittee meeting is held @ 1:00 PM

WSR Subcommittee meeting is held @ 1:00 PM

H & I subcommittee meeting is held @ 12:00 PM

Quorum calculated to be 14 groups - Quorum met @ 2:11 PM

The Purpose of the Area was read by Shane C.

The 12 Traditions were read by Chris E.

The 12 Concepts were read by Christian J.

Motion to accept July minutes: Chuck M.

Motion Seconded: Chris E.

Previous month's minutes were moved to acclimation: Jodi M.

<u>Group</u>	<u>GSR</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Addicts in the Attic	Eugene	Present	
AMNA	Erin	Present	
Another Chance	Chuck	Present	
Architects of Adversity	Lyz	Present	
Back to the Basics	Jerry	Present	
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Marco	Present	
Easy Does It	Scott	Present	
End of the Road	Chris	Present	
Just for Sunday	Melissa	Present	
The Lie is Dead	Big John	Present	
Living the Program	Amanda	Present	
Mimosa	Bailey	Present	
NA at Noon	Reggie	Present	
A New Way of Life	Sid	Present	
On the Right Track	Jocho	Present	
Serenity on the Square	Erin	x	
Sky's the Limit	John	Present	
Spiritual Awakenings	Rachel	Present	
Surrender on Sunday	Joe	Present	
Warriors in Recovery	Brian	Present	
We Group	Jodi	Present	
We Recover Together	Alex	Present	
Whitlock Group	John	x	
YANA	Mike	Present*	

**Came in Late, does not count towards total. **First meeting back, does not count towards quorum.*

Homegroups Removed:

- None

Homegroups Added:

- The following groups will be counted towards Quorum with one more consecutive meeting:
 - Rose Group - Brian

MASC Admin & Subcommittee Roll Call

Position	Name	Attendance	Report
Chair	Jody	Present	N/A
Vice Chair	Katey	Present	N/A
Treasurer	Dez	Present	Attached
Alt. Treasurer	Zach	Present	N/A
Secretary	Susan	Present	N/A
Alt. Secretary	Chris	Present	N/A
RCM	Jonathan	Present	Attached
RCMA	Stephen	Present	N/A
Policy Parliamentarian	Tony	Present	N/A
Lit Distribution	Mary	Present	Written
Alt. Lit Distribution	Vacant	N/A	N/A
Activities Chair	Clint	Present	Written
H&I Chair	Geoff	Present	Written
PR Chair	Billie	Present	Written
WSR	Nicole	Present	Written
24hr Room Chair	Robert	Present	Written

- Open Forum: 2:14pm - 2:24pm

Christian J: So an addict got in contact with me because he wasn't able to make it today but he wanted me to bring it to the floor that the Sunday 2:00 meeting in Cartersville, Fifth Tradition, is struggling, they get a lot of newcomers, but they don't have a lot of recovery and clean time there. So he wanted me to bring it to the floor and say that if you are able to make it to Sunday at 2:00 p.m, that is a good one to carry the message, and it's got a lot of newcomers.

Geoff: So we have an H&I meeting on Friday nights at Ridgeview, which is according, you know, per their policy, is open to current people at Ridgeview as well as alumni. They don't police this meeting to see who can come in and who can't come in. Now, we had an open meeting at Ridgeview for many years that we got kicked out of due to some issues. So this meeting is not on the schedule but somehow it's still out there on cyberspace and people end up showing up to this meeting that aren't alumni and also aren't current... uh... I don't want to call them inmates, I don't know, patients at the facility. So we're just struggling with what to do here. I don't know, it hasn't really been an issue but, yeah, that's it. We don't know if it should continue being an H&I meeting or if we should talk to them about not being an H&I meeting...

Katey G: Or going to Cottage B. And having two meetings, right?

Geoff: There's a detox facility on this campus that doesn't get to go to that meeting,

they're basically locked down in their little cottage. We could have two separate meetings, we could take a meeting in there, we could have an open meeting. We haven't talked to Ridgeview about any of this, this is just musings on our part, so, that's it.

Erin: My home group got, some of us got the email about different discussion topics that were coming up, and they wanted to know if this was something we were going to talk about at the area level or if this was something we needed to do as a homegroup.

Jonathan B: So the IDTs, or the Issue Discussion Topics, they were selected by us when we did the CAR by the Worldwide Fellowship. Two or three rose to the top, I don't have them off the top of my head. Traditionally, we've not had IDT workshops in our area but if that is something that we are interested in, then I can certainly help put something like that together. There are a bunch of worksheets from NAWs and a bunch of like, guides for how to do an IDT workshop, so we could certainly put something together if that's something that the groups are interested in.

Lyz F: There is a meeting on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, I think. I think it's The Lie Is Dead, it's at the same place where AM NA meets. So another addict came to me and let me know that they were struggling, and this has been brought up in our area, they're struggling with like cops or police officers hanging out in the parking lot. They had a situation at the meeting and so basically what I want to bring to open forum is if PR could reach out to the GSR of that home group, I don't know if they're here. But they had an issue, they had an issue with the drug court facility that comes into the meeting place and I think one of our members may have talked to a judge in the drug court county out there, but from what this person described to me like, there wasn't any unity that was practiced, basically, and there was like a lot of aggression that happened in the meeting. So just as an area if we could support that meeting or if we could talk to John or something about how they could have handled the situation better like I guess there was stuff that's happened before where there was an argument that broke out in the middle of the meeting and people got very aggressive and left and it disturbed the person and the atmosphere of recovery that shared this with me. They didn't have enough courage to come to area today and speak in an open forum, they're a newcomer so, I just wanted to bring it up that maybe like as an area, maybe John could get with PR and we could talk about how we can better keep that meeting open, maybe have some support from people with some clean time to go out and just help maintain an atmosphere of recovery.

John: The problem was on Wednesday nights, we have a large meeting, like 20-21 people that come in for drug court, I mean 21 people who attend and probably out of that, two-thirds are the people from drug court. So what has been going on is people have been coming in the meeting, some of them go to the other fellowship before that and then they come to the meeting afterwards, so they get there late and they have discussions among themselves. It disrupts the meeting a little bit, and this has been going on for weeks so what happens at that meeting is that all these people are from

drug court so what happens is that these people, they don't share is basically what it is. So we all sit there and stare at each other and it finally got to be too much and I said something about it and basically what had happened was they got mad because I had said something to them like "Hey this is your meeting, you know, we don't have to sign your papers," because they act like we're obligated to sign their papers. So they went and they said something the next day and what happened basically was they were put on a phase freeze. And then I got a whole bunch of phone calls after that from the people who were in drug court so what happened was the next week they all came back and apologized, they shared, so really there's no problem because nobody stopped coming to the meeting because of it. It was like something just, you know, I don't know how it worked out but something needed to be said, but once that was said, everything was cool. The only thing that's, they can be taken off of phase freeze once they hear a report from the group or somebody that they're behaving themselves at the meeting and not affecting the atmosphere of recovery. But right now, this past week, everything was fine with people from the drug court, people who never share actually shared at the meeting and said "Hey, this is what I'm doing" and some of them were sharing some pretty good stuff, so I didn't bring it up because I didn't think there was any problem after that. It was just that one meeting but, nothing was affected, as a matter of fact it took a turn for the good so, that's all I have to share.

Stephen R: We Recover Together starting next month is having a newcomer format meeting on the second Saturday of every month and I'd like everybody to come out and meet the newcomer because we do have a lot of newcomers coming to this meeting from treatment centers, drug court, all over, and we'd just like to invite some more people to come out like, with some clean time and come out and meet the newcomer and talk to them and hang out with us so, that's it, hope you guys go back to your groups with that.

Clint: When was that again?

Stephen R: We're going to start on the 12th of this month and it's going to be every second Saturday after that .

Lyz F: Where?

Stephen R: We Recover Together, Vinings Firehouse

Alex B: It's the 13th

Stephen R: Yeah. it's the 13th

Scott L: You want me to change something in the meeting list for you?

Katey G: We always have varied topics, so.

Stephen R: Yeah, it's just the format, just the format for that day, but yeah.

Billie: I just wanted to say our meeting at Rockmart is really struggling, the Rockmart meeting, there's not enough people attending. They're concerned it might fold a meeting, so if anyone can go out and attend a meeting in Rockmart and give some support.

John: Is that the Saturday afternoon or?

Erin: Tuesday and Saturday

- **Subcommittee Reports: 2:25pm - 2:52pm**
 - **Treasurer's Report - Dez:**
 - Report attached
 - **Literature Report - Mary W.: marietta.literature@gmail.com**
 - Took in \$710.40, Ordered \$712.24
 - What do I do with back orders from groups that are no longer groups?
 - **RCM Report - Jonathan:**
 - Report attached
 - **Activities Report - Clint:**
 - Bowling went well! Approximately 40 in attendance!
 - We assisted 9 newcomers in paying!
 - Activities will be returning \$50 to the ASC from the \$120 allotted for bowling.
 - Campout begins next Friday, October 5th!
 - Shirts will be ready for the event and for sale at the site for \$20 along with old shirts for \$10.
 - Workshops are as follows:
 - Youth in Recovery - 10 p.m. Friday
 - Recovery & Relapse - 4 p.m. Saturday
 - Old Timers Recovery - 11 a.m. Saturday
 - Today is Clint G.'s last area as Activities Chair!
 - **H&I Report - Geoff:**
 - 4 people in Attendance
 - Budget - Sent \$213.94 on Lit, received \$50 from Just for Sunday. meaning we spent \$163.94 on lit this month. We've spent \$1334.23 year to date out of \$2755 budget, leaving \$1420.77 in budget.
 - Meetings:
 - Cherokee County Jail - Friday's @ 3:30 P.M.
 - Bartow County Jail - 3rd Saturday 1-3 P.M.
 - Cobb Wellstar - Tuesday @ 7 P.M.
 - Cobb BHCC - Fridays @ 8 P.M.

- Ridgeview - Fridays @ 8 P.M.
 - In loving service, Geoff C.
- **PR Report - Billie:** PR@mariettana.org
 - PR plans to locate the proper person to speak with and give a presentation in regards to an H&I meeting inpatient and perhaps a regular NA meeting on Friday nights at RVI (Ridgeview Institute). This is not a definite, we just want Ridgeview to get a clear understanding of NA and how we wish to serve the still sick and suffering addict.
 - We will be switching over to regional phone lines this month.
 - I attended the regional PR meeting and networked with other chairs. Discovered PR can apply for funds and supplies from the region if needed.
 - Some things that other areas are doing with their PRs.
 - East End said AA actually contacted them and said they would like to coordinate a presentation to local government.
 - North Atlanta is going to have a poster drive at Little Five Points, and also the Pride Festival needs volunteers (October 12-14, Piedmont Park), so if you're interested you can get a hold of me and I can put you in contact with the right people or you can just go to the Pride Festival and go find the NA booth.
 - Also, Midtown and North Atlanta are doing a presentation together at Dekalb County.
 - Metro Atlanta is going to have a Unity Day coming up.
 - And also there is going to be a new Spanish-speaking meeting in the Metro Area.
 - The Piedmont area put some meeting schedules in the library, so there's an idea.
- **WSR Report - Nicole:**
 - September 30, 2018 - 5 Members in Attendance
 - Postal Facilitator Report
 - Total Letters Received: 36
 - Total Workbooks Ordered: 4
 - September Expenses:
 - Supplies: \$0
 - Postage: \$0
 - Workbooks: \$60.00
 - Total September Expenses: \$60.00

- Year to Date Expense Total: \$699.92 out of \$1380.00
 - Budget Remaining through December 2018: \$680.08
 - Assistant Coordinating Secretary position is still vacant.
 - We've discussed reaching out to the North Atlanta PR point of contact Peter, to see if they will partner with us to provide guides willing to guide writers from prisons and jails. We plan to attend North Atlanta's Area meeting next month, so should have an update to this Area in our November Area meeting.
 - We are still in need of support and need step guides willing to write to individuals unable to go to meetings. To give some context and metrics to support our need for additional writers. Right now, we have 219 total writers and a total of 15 women guides and 13 men guides. This means we roughly have 8 writers per guide. And in all actuality, we have more men writers, so the men have even more than 8 writers per guide. Ask that GSRs take this back to their home groups and ask for volunteer writers. Requirements: Must have 2 years clean and have completed the first 9 steps of NA.
 - Next Subcommittee Meeting: 10/28/18 @ 1:00pm - 2:00pm @ Ridgeview Pro North
 - WSR Policy Review/Update meeting scheduled 10/28/18 12:00pm - 1:00pm @ Ridgeview Pro North
- **24 Hour Room Report - Robert B.:**
 - We met at 1:00 p.m. today
 - Recovery Jam was a success. We raised \$1279.10
 - We discussed open positions Alternate Secretary and Group Shift Coordinator
 - Next Area we will draw numbers for the 24 HR room
 - We will be reaching out to different Areas for Group Shifts.
 - Total in bank account \$2787.15 minus \$500 in prudent reserves, leaving \$2287.15
 - We are having a Karaoke Night on December 28th and a Speaker Jam on December 29th
 - In loving service
- **Old Business:**
 - **MOTION 7-2** - Instruct the PR Committee to move to regionally hosted phone line
 - Maker: Amanda - GSR Living the Program
 - Second: Reggie - GSR NA at Noon

- 17/1/1

- Elections:

- None

- New Business:

- None

- Trusted Servants Nominations:

- None

- Group Announcements and Celebrations:

- **Sky's the Limit** - Thursday night meeting literature discussion meeting will use "It Works How and Why"; John K. - 2 yrs. on 10/12, Zack G. - 6 yrs. on 11/1, Bruce B. - 1 yr. on 11/1
- **End of the Road** - Chris E. - 2 yrs. on 10/1, Mary W. - 7 yrs. on 10/18; Chris E. and Mary W. will celebrate together on 10/16
- **Just for Sunday** - Eric J. - 21 yrs. in October, David L. - 4 yrs. in November
- **The Lie is Dead** - Could still use support, attendance has been very low lately; Big John - 12 yrs. on 10/20
- **Rose Group** - Andy W. - 6 yrs. on 10/12
- **We Recover Together** - Will be hosting a newcomer meeting the 2nd Saturday of the month; Nick W. - 1 yr. on 10/20, Jay P. - 3 yrs. on 10/24, Steffan T. - 1 yr. on 10/31
- **Spiritual Awakenings** - Stephanie S. - 8 yrs. on 10/22, Heather G. - 5 yrs. on 10/22
- **Living the Program** - Amanda S. - 3 yrs. on 10/11, Jesse S. - 11 yrs. on 10/4
- **NA @ Noon** - K.T. - 7 yrs. on 10/5, Julia - 11 yrs. on 10/12, Reggie W. - 32 yrs. on 10/22
- **Another Chance** - Will K. - 2 yrs. on 10/27
- **Warriors in Recovery** - Needs support; Diana M. - 2 yrs. on 10/14
- **YANA Group** - Hoke S. - 1 yr. on 10/1
- **We Group** - Jamie D. - 13 yrs. on 10/11, Josh N. - 2 yrs. on 10/25
- **A New Way of Life** - Anna A. - 10 yrs. on 10/20, Laura L. - 24 yrs. on 10/28
- **Dopeless Hope Fiends** - Needs support!!!; Liz S. - 6 yrs. on 10/20, Gayle

- A. - 2 yrs. on 10/13
- **AM NA** - Still needs support Saturday @ 9 A.M.

Motion to Close: Chris E.

Seconded by: Bailey

Closed at 3:02 pm

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Sunday, October 28th, 2018 at 2:00PM

BACK TO GROUPS

Items to be voted on in the October ASC Meeting:

- **Topic 2018-0066:**

- **The new RSC Budget is sent back to groups for a vote.**

- **Topic 2018-008:**

- **Throughout the year, the groups vote to make changes to the RSC Policy. Over the last year, four changes to that policy have been approved by the groups. Each year, the RSC votes to approve that policy in its entirety, with all of the cumulative changes. This topic is to approve the entire policy with the changes that were already approved by groups throughout the last year.**

- **Topic 2018-009**

- **There is a topic to add two questions to the regional service resume forms. The questions are around misappropriation of funds and failure to complete a past service commitment. The topic was amended on the floor of the RSC to provide space**

for an explanation if the trusted servant's answer is "no" to either of those questions. This topic was made by our area, and is going back to groups. Reception to the topic by the RSC was positive.

Available Area Trusted Servant Positions:

• No Nominations for Following Positions:

- **Literature Distribution Alternate**
- Refer to MASCNA Policy for cleantime/service requirements and duties for each position. Policy can be found at MariettaNA.org