

**Marietta Area Service Committee of NA
Meeting Minutes
December 1st, 2018**

Next Meeting Saturday, January 5th, 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 13 groups - Quorum met @ 2:12 PM

The Purpose of the Area was read by John.

The 12 Traditions were read by Sheila.

The 12 Concepts were read by Deborah.

Motion to accept September minutes: Chris E.

Motion Seconded: Bailey.

Previous month's minutes were moved to acclimation: Chuck 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	X	
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Max	Present	
Easy Does It	Scott	Present	
End of the Road	Chris	Present	
Just for Sunday	Melissa	Present	
Ladies Night	Julie	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	
The Rose Group	Brian	Present**	
Serenity on the Square	Mark	Present	
Sky's the Limit	John	Present	
Spiritual Awakenings	Rachel	Present	
Staying Alive	Leonard	Present**	
Surrender on Sunday	Louie	Present	
Warriors in Recovery	Brian	Present	
We Group	Jodi	Present	
We Recover Together	Christian	Present	
Whitlock Group	John	Present**	
YANA	James	Present	

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

Homegroups Removed:

- The following groups will be removed from the Attendance/Quorum list due to two consecutive absences:
 - None

Homegroups Added:

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

MASC Admin & Subcommittee Roll Call

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

- Open Forum: 2:13pm - 2:22pm

Jocho: We started a meeting in Austell called The Unity Group last month. We came to Area and we got a \$50 donation for our literature. We have met four times and to my knowledge we meet all six points, so what are we going to have to do to get our group put on the meeting schedule?

Jonathan B: (Standing in for Policy Chair) I'm going to start looking things up, but I would say until I find something different, make a motion and it is very likely to pass. I would say plan to do that and if I find something in here that says you don't have to do that, I'll let you know.

Wayne: We are looking to open a new meeting in Cedartown, it's called Journey Forward. We met the last two Fridays, and got a pretty good crowd that came, and we are also looking to be added to the meeting list.

Katey G: You want to be added to the schedule, and you also want a starter packet?

Wayne: Yes, and a starter packet.

Robert B: Where?

Wayne: Cedartown, Georgia. Polk County.

Katey: Awesome, we're happy to have you here.

Katey G: Did we figure out if they need to make a motion for that new meeting packet? Or do the meetings just vote?

Bailey: We made motions last month for that meeting and Ladies Night.

Jonathan B: Well the motion last month was for the newcomer packet.

Katey G: Yeah, they want that and they want to be added to the schedule.

Chuck M: Didn't we talk about this last month? Isn't that what we come up with, that you have to show up to three consecutive Areas and that's when you get added to the meeting schedule?

Jonathan B: No, that's when you get voting rights at the Area Service committee. I don't see anything in here that says - here's the exact clause. It's under the PR Subcommittee section, specific subcommittee policy. "Meeting schedules will be published at least quarterly. They will include all NA meetings and groups in the Area who meet the six points describing an NA group in the Guide to Local Services." It doesn't sound like you need to have a motion. If anyone disagrees with that, then challenge me, but it doesn't say you need a motion.

Jocho: OK, then could for the record, can I give you the information for the groups and PR gets it on the next schedule?

Katey G: You can give it to PR.

Chuck M: Is there someone from that group here?

Jocho: Me.

Chuck M: Oh, I thought you were here GSR of another group.

Jocho: I am here for both.

Chuck M: You can't be here for both.

Jocho: I'm not trying to be two GSR's. I'm still a member of that group.

Chuck M: Don't they need a GSR?

Susan O: Only if they want to vote do they need a GSR.

Chuck M: Thanks for the education.

Jocho: So, should I state the information?

Jonathan B: Hold on. So, Chris has an electronic copy that he can search, and it says "Groups will be added to the meeting schedule by request at the ASC if they meet the membership qualifications outlined in Article Two." Article Two is what I just read about the six points, and this says "by request at the ASC." It's ambiguous if that means the group just makes an informal request, or if there's a motion. So, I think you guys are going to have to decide what you want to do.

Lyz F: Who determines in our Area if you meet the six points of a group? Do we just do that on our own recognizance or does somebody from PR have to attend the meeting?

Katey G: I think there's just some trust behind it.

Jonathan B: There's no policing. The way it's worked in the past is that we just kind of trust and then if someone says, "Hey, this group doesn't meet the six points," then maybe someone goes and looks.

Katey G: Do we have the six points handy?

Ronnie M: What are the six points? I've been here for ten years and these six points have blown right by me. I've started three meetings and never heard anything about it.

Jonathan B: There are six points in the Group Booklet, which is also part of the Guide to Local Services.

Chris B: I have it right here.

Susan O: I was just going to say, can we just ask Jocho as the representative of that group if they meet the six points, and if that's the case, then he can just get with Billie and get her the information? For both groups. We would ask them if they meet the six points, and - Sorry, three groups. Is that fair to just ask these members if they meet the six points?

Jonathan B: I don't remember ever having to pass a motion to get someone on the meeting schedule. But, it doesn't say that explicitly in our policy.

Susan O: Right. I'm just saying, can we just ask them, and if they say, "yes," they can get with Billie and get it done?

Jonathan B: That's up to the body.

Susan O: Understood.

Melissa P: As a GSR, I suggest that if it required a motion, it would have said the word, "motion." And I personally am fine with just asking them. They make a request, just say, "Do you meet these six points?" They go, "yes." Boom.

Bailey: I agree with what she just said. Do we need a policy change that clarifies this going forward? Or is that a question we take to the home group.

Jonathan B: Seems like a good idea.

Jocho: It's possible that my group will be making a motion for a policy change in the future.

Susan O: Any home group can make a motion to change policy.

Bailey: If it's something where we are spending this much time deciding how to do this, then I think for the future, there should be a place in policy.

Katey G: Sounds like your home group wants to make a motion.

Bailey: Maybe.

Katey G: Have at it. Do we want to read the six points and then ask the groups if they meet them?

(Room): Sure.

Katey G: OK, thank you.

Chris B: These are the things:

1. All members of a group are drug addicts, and all drug addicts are eligible for membership.
2. As a group, they are self-supporting.
3. As a group, their single goal is to help drug addicts recover through application of the Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous.
4. As a group, they have no affiliation outside Narcotics Anonymous.
5. As a group, they express no opinion on outside issues.
6. As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion.

Katey G: So I'm going to ask the three groups if they meet that. Jocho?

Jocho: Yes, we do.

Katey G: Lyz? Sorry, Julie?

Julie N: Yes, we do.

Wayne: Yes, we do.

Katey G: So, it sounds like the only thing left for you to do is to do a motion for the newcomer packet, right? It looks like John is helping you for that.

Julie N: We got a newcomer packet last time.

Katey G: Right, he is making a motion for his. Thank you guys.

Scott L: So, I need to add three meetings to the list? Can I get a list of them, or can somebody tell me?

Katey G: Jocho, Julie, Wayne - Can you guys get with Scott, who is raising his hand, and give him the info? I have a piece of paper if anybody needs it. Thank you guys, Thanks Scott.

Jocho: So, do I give the information now?

Katey G: Scott, would you get with Jocho? (To Jocho) Scott is going to find you. Thank you. Next. I guess that's it for Open Forum.

- Subcommittee Reports: 2::22pm - 3:09pm
 - Treasurer's Report - Dez:
 - Report attached
 - Literature Report - Mary W.: marietta.literature@gmail.com
 - Took in \$1157.50 (Includes 2 New Homegroup Kits)
 - Spent \$1206.79

○ **RCM Report - Jonathan:**

■ Vote on Region Motions

- Topic 2018-0066: Approve Regional Budget

○ 6/7/9 - Failed

- Topic 2018-008: Approve Regional Policy

○ 19/0/3 - Approved

- Topic 2018-009: Updating service resume

○ 16/0/5 - Approved

■ Jonathan resignation - Moving to Boston

- **Jonathan:** A few weeks ago, I received a job offer and I couldn't turn it down. The end result is that I'm going to be moving to Boston to take this job in about six weeks. I'll be starting in about two weeks, I'll be doing a lot of travel and my permanent move will be in about six weeks. So, this is probably my last ASC serving as RCM for this Area. I'm going to resign, and that kind of bums me out. I like being the RCM here, I like serving you guys, I've been a part of this community for over ten years now, so I'm excited on one hand about this new opportunity, and I'm really fucking sad on the other hand. So, my plan is that I'm going to go to the RSC this next weekend with Stephen, he and I will be going to represent you at the RSC, and I will write a report afterwards and he will come to the next ASC and deliver the report. So, consider this report my resignation. I'll be resigning after the next RSC. I really appreciate you guys letting me serve.

○ **Activities Report - Chris B:**

- Gratitude Feast went well - over 60 addicts in attendance from all over the area, probably around 20 newcomers.
- Activities bringing back \$155 from the event, thanks again to the area. We still have some shirts left also by the way!
- Our next event will be in January, likely ice skating.
- Our next meeting will be before or after our 24HR Room shift once we know it.
- Thank you!

- **H&I Report - Geoff:**
 - We had 5 in attendance today, and oriented one new member.
 - We spent \$224.53 on literature and received \$50 from Just For Sunday, meaning we spent \$174.53 this month. We've spent \$1703.09 YTD, leaving \$1051.91 in the budget.
 - We will have an H&I Learning Day at the 24 Hour Room.
 - Meetings are going well, but we still need support for Bartow Jail. Cherokee Jail and Cobb Wellstar Hospital.
 - In Loving Service, Geoff C.

- **PR Report - Billie:** PR@mariettana.org
 - Our Group Conscience/Wish List
 - Area wide artist contest for flyer design
 - Disk of testimonials or letter testimonials to share during presentations
 - Booth at festivals
 - Conference call to Caitlin (Kentucky PR Chair)
 - An outreach committee to go and check on meetings rather than PR

- **WSR Report - Felix L:**
 - 3 in attendance.
 - Total letters received: 16
 - Total workbooks ordered: 3
 - Postage expenses: \$20
 - Workbook expenses: \$60
 - Supplies expenses: \$8
 - Total remaining budget for 2018: \$532.71
 - Next subcommittee meeting is January 5th at 1pm up on the hill
 - We went to North Atlanta last month and asked their Area to be part of our Area's WSR to help us with step writing. Bottom line is that we are having more letters than we have step writers.
 - If you have two years clean and have worked a ninth step and you want to give back and you want to be part of WSR, we need you, we desperately need you. A lot of us are writing 5-6 inmates at a time, and that's way too much for one person to handle.

- We are talking to H&I about bringing out a new flyer to take to the H&I panel leaders to help us distribute more. So, the more people we get, the more step writers we need. So if you go back to your home groups and share about what WSR is doing and how we help the community and get some people to help us out, that would be fantastic.
 - Financial statement attached to minutes
- **24 Hour Room Report - Robert B:**
 - We are doing good
 - 24 Hour Room opens at 4pm on December 23rd
 - Home groups selected their shifts
 - Andrew G - Members can sign up for personal shifts. Every four hours two people cover shifts. Call or text Andrew the time/date you want.
 - Andrew G - 251-786-0080
 - Stephen R - 404-441-0929
 - Robert - Any 24 Hour Room committee member can add you to the personal shift schedule
 - Financial statement attached to minutes

Jonathan: More information has come to light about the whole debacle about how to add groups to meeting schedules. Thanks Chris and Bailey, who found this in the policy. Under Meeting Schedules, it says, "Groups will be added to the meeting schedule by request at the ASC if they meet the membership qualifications outlined in Article Two." Article Two in the current policy says, under membership qualifications it says the six points, and it also says "recognizes a voting member after two consecutive Area attendances." So, what that means is Ladies Night has been here two Areas in a row, they got on the schedule. Unity Group has been here two Areas in a row, they go on the schedule. Journey Forward has not met the attendance requirement yet, so they would not go on the schedule. That's according to policy as it's written today. In my experience we've never followed that policy, we probably weren't aware of it. But since it's written in there, I think that's what we have to do. All that said, there is a motion coming from a GSR to change that policy and allow us to add groups when they first show up. That's going back to groups and everyone can vote on that. That's what the policy says today and that's what we gotta do.

- Old Business:

- None

- Elections:

- None

- New Business:

- **MOTION 11-1** - For the Literature Chair of the Area to begin carrying the Metro Meeting Schedule at current cost for home groups to purchase at Area.
 - Maker: Jocho, GSR On the Right Track
 - Second: Chris E, GSR End of the Road
 - Intent: Easier access for home groups to get schedules encompassing a wider reach for addicts.
 - Point of Information: \$0.25/schedule
 - Pros:
 - **Jocho:** We voted not to adopt this schedule in the past and we wanted to keep our Marietta Area meeting schedule. This would allow us to still have access to it, so if home groups choose to have it, this would allow us to further carry the message for people who want to travel, go to other areas, to have that option and have this physically in their hand.
 - **Jocho:** They gave us copies of it in an unfolded format last month, and I had our GSR and for him to get them printed and copied the way they were, would have cost more than \$0.25. I've talked to many people and they would prefer to have a physical copy in their hand rather than go online. It's very simple. Especially for a newcomer, it's an easy thing to pass this booklet out and having it here at Area makes it that much easier than any of our home groups having to travel to Downtown Atlanta to get them.
 - Cons:
 - **Chris B:** They cost \$0.25 a piece. When the guy came last month from the Task Panel, he told us how much they cost and how we can go about getting them. Billie, you have his contact information, so groups can take it upon themselves to contact the people that are printing them and can buy them for \$0.25 a piece. There's no real necessity to have our Literature carry it. The groups can buy them

themselves. They have the autonomy to buy it themselves, but if not every group is not going to participate in distributing these meeting schedules, then there's no reason for the ASC to take on that cost.

- **Chris E:** They will not sell them even to groups, they will sell them to Areas only. However it is available on the regional website, so groups can take it upon themselves to download it and print it.
- **John K:** If we're going to make this part of the literature order, how does the literature committee know how many to order? And is this going to be on every literature order from here on out? The groups have to have it printed up and on the literature order form. So this is not going to immediately happen because more action has to be taken before these regional lists are available?
 - **Katey:** Mary - How would you handle this if we voted on a new thing for you to distribute?
 - **Mary:** Why not? We'd have to reach out to the gentleman that was here last month because they're the ones that have to distribute it. I keep certain numbers of everything, but that's up to the Lit Chair. How many home groups are there, 30? Maybe double it and start with 60?
- **Scott L:** The meeting schedule changes on a regular basis, so how often is she going to have to re-print them and throw away the ones that are old?
- **MOTION** - Table Motion 11-1 so it can go back to groups
 - Maker: Alex, GSR We Recovery Together
 - Second: John K, GSR Sky's the Limit
 - 10/4/1 - Passed
- **MOTION 11-2** - Opening new NA group in Cedartown called Journey Forward. Holding meetings on Friday at 7pm. The address is 321 West Ave, Cedartown, 1 block from the movie theater. It is an open meeting. Group is requesting new meeting package.
 - Maker: Wayne, GSR Journey Forward
 - Second: Big John, GSR The Lie is Dead
 - Note: Wayne (motion maker) left Area before the motion was brought up in New Business due to an emergency. The Literature Chair was unaware that he had not yet been given approval for the new meeting packet, so she fulfilled his literature order. Policy was

reviewed and it was not seen anywhere that he was required to be present for the motion to be voted on. Area body proceeded with vote.

- 15/0/2 - Passed

○ **MOTION 11-3** - Changing wording of Area Policy:

- Remove the following from PR Subcommittee Policy:
 - “Groups will be added to the meeting schedule by request at the ASC if they meet the qualifications outlined in Article Two.”
- Replace with the following:
 - “New groups conforming to the six points may also request to be added to the meeting schedule by providing their meeting details to the PR subcommittee at the ASC meeting. New groups are not required to meet voting requirements to be on the meeting list.”
- Maker: Bailey, GSR Mimosa
- Second: Chris E, GSR End of the Road
- Intent: To make it easier for new groups to be added to the meeting list
- Point of information: Voting requirements are two attend two consecutive Areas. This would change policy so that groups do not have to attend two consecutive Areas to be added to the meeting list.
- Pros:
 - **Bailey:** What this will do by changing the policy is allow new groups to be able to put themselves out there so people who are not attending Area or people who are visiting our Area will know about these groups to help their attendance. It prevents them from jumping through one more hurdle to get their meeting on the schedule.
 - **Jocho:** By allowing this, it allows us to focus more on carrying the message, rather than forcing a group to come to Area and be represented. Our primary purpose is to carry the message and getting them on the meeting schedule is one of the fastest ways.
 - **Melissa P:** When a new group is starting, they are just forming their home group members, perhaps they haven't had someone yet commit to being their GSR. They're still just trying to get their feet under the meeting and make sure it stays a meeting. So, this would give them a chance to get

on the schedule and get the word out, before they go through the more rigorous process of nominating all their positions and that kind of thing.

■ Cons:

- **John K:** Any group can just come in here and say, “we want to be on the meeting list,” and then never show up again, and then a few months down the road or even less, all of a sudden they can have different people running the meeting and they’re not using NA literature. How are we supposed to even monitor if they meet those six points? They’re just going to tell us? I’m an addict. I can say that and then turn around and do the opposite because I want to get what I want. At least if they show up for two meetings, it shows that they are kind of sincere about it.
- **Mark:** Each group is autonomous except where it affects the rest of us. I think that making someone show up for two Areas in a row shows that there is some backbone behind the group and that they are going to show up and be involved, and I don’t think it’s too much to ask.
- **Chuck M:** I understand we’re trying to reach out and we’re trying to help the meeting survive and and we’re trying to help the newcomer, but in the same sense, if that meeting does not succeed, and then a newcomer needs a meeting and they go to that meeting and it’s not there, or it’s not going by the six points, then what do we do for the newcomer that couldn’t go to a meeting? So, that’s in place for a reason. So, I go to the same thing - it’s not asking that much to ask a new home group that is hungry and wanting to get started to come to two consecutive Areas.

● Trusted Servants Nominations:

- None

- **Group Announcements and Celebrations:**
 - **Architects of Adversity** - Dizzy S. - 10 yrs. on 12/14
 - **Crossroads** - In the process of moving. Will notify Area Service Committee when new meeting place is secured.
 - **Dopeless Home Fiends** - Max - 1yr on 1/5
 - **End of the Road** - Jan L. - 4 yrs. and Andrew G. - 3 yrs. on 12/21
 - **Just For Sunday** - Chris T. - 29 yrs. on 12/23; Ant - 27 yrs. on 1/6
 - **The Lie is Dead** - If we can't get more support we will have to close our Tuesday night group.
 - **Living the Program** - Jonathan B. - 11 yrs. and Damian A. - 12 yrs. on 1/3
 - **A New Way of Life** - Need more home group members to help support female recovery/home group members (Mary Hall)
 - **Rose Group** - Brian M - 3yrs and Marcia L - 17yrs on 1/16. Meeting changes to 7pm on 12/12.
 - **Serenity on the Square** - Chuck E - 24 yrs. on 12/26
 - **Staying Alive** - Need a little support. We're a small group.
 - **Warriors in Recovery** - Needs support!
 - **We Group** - Jorie - 1 yr. on 1/10
 - **We Recover Together** - Whitney - 5 yrs. on 12/8; Chris B. - 18 mo. on 12/26; Abigail F. - 1 yr. on 12/29
 - **Whitlock** - We are a closed tradition study.

Motion to Close: Jodi M.

Seconded by: Lyz F.

Closed at 3:39pm

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Saturday, January 5th at 2:00PM

BACK TO GROUPS

Items to be voted on in the December ASC Meeting:

- **MOTION 11-1**

- *For the Literature Chair of the area to begin carrying the Metro Meeting Schedule at current cost for home groups to purchase at Area*

- **Pros & Cons on Pages 10-11 of Minutes**

- **MOTION 11-3**

- *To change the wording of Area Policy to make it easier for new groups to be added to the Meeting Schedule*

- **Wording and Pros & Cons on Pages 12-13 of Minutes**

Available Area Trusted Servant Positions:

- **No Nominations for Following Positions:**

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