

**Marietta Area Service Committee of NA
Meeting Minutes
March 31st, 2019**

Next Meeting Sunday, April 28th, 2019 @ 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 15 groups - Quorum met @ 2:09PM

The Purpose of the Area was read by Abigail F.

The 12 Traditions were read by Melissa P.

The 12 Concepts were read by Jodi M.

Motion to accept January minutes: Chuck M.

Motion Seconded: Chris E.

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

Motion to acclimation: Big John.

Group	GSR	Attendance	Comments
Addicts in the Attic	Asa	X	
AMNA	Erin	Present	
Another Chance	Chuck	Present	
Architects of Adversity	Lyz	Present	
Back to the Basics	Jerry	X	
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Max	X	
Easy Does It	Scott	Present	
End of the Road	Chris	Present	
Hold On to Hope	Sarah	Present**	
Just for Sunday	Melissa	Present	
Ladies Night	Julie	Present	
The Lie is Dead	Big John	Present	
Living the Program	Amanda	Present	
Lost Dreams Awaken	Tim	Present	
Mimosa	Brandon	Present	
NA at Noon	Alvin	Present	
A New Way of Life	Sid	Present	
On the Right Track	Andy	Present	
The Rose Group	Roberta	Present	
Serenity on the Square	Richard	Present	
Sky's the Limit	John	X	
Spiritual Awakenings	Rachel	Present	
Surrender on Sunday	Joe	Present	
Unity Group	Jocho	Present	
Warriors in Recovery	Brian	Present	
We Group	Jodi	Present	
We Recover Together	Alex	Present	
YANA	Leah	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:
 - Hold on to Hope

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	Zack	Present	N/A
Secretary	Susan	Present	N/A
Alt. Secretary	Chris	Present	N/A
RCM	Rodney	Present	N/A
RCMA	Stephen	Present	N/A
Policy Parliamentarian	Tony	Absent	N/A
Lit Distribution	Mary	Absent with Notice	Written
Alt. Lit Distribution	Robyn	Present	N/A
Activities Chair	Vacant	N/A	Written
H&I Chair	Geoff	Present	Written
PR Chair	Billie	Present	Written
WSR	Nicole	Present	Written
24hr Room Chair	Vacant	N/A	Written

- Open Forum: 2:11pm - 2:58pm

Jodi M: Question, I guess this is where I should address this. My homegroup wants to know as far as last month we had talked about some people forming a new area on the West Side. How many Marietta Area meetings would be leaving to form the new area?

Chris E: Three, I think that I know for sure now. Three or four.

Geoff C: Anything that's in like Dallas, Hiram, Cedartown?

Chris E: Cedartown, Dallas, Hiram, possibly...

Jocho B: I'm an addict named Jocho. As far as I know, I'll recap the meetings I can think of. One is YANA, two is On the Right Track, three is The Lie Is Dead, four is the Whitlock Group and... hold on, give me a second, let me think. Is Chosen Frozen doing it? I don't think Chosen Frozen is, nor is Sky's the Limit, they're not a definite yes. Off the top of my head that's the only ones that I can think of, but I mean there's going to be more groups than from the Marietta Area itself, some meetings in Rome are on board to do it, and I think Cedartown also, but Cedartown doesn't come here as it is. So... or do they, I don't know.

Katey G: They did twice, I think.

Jocho B: Well, yeah, off the top of my head those are the ones that I can think of.

Jody T: Rome meetings aren't Marietta Area though, are they?

Jocho B: Well one time, Rome came down here and they wanted to be a part of area, I know that.

Katey G: So it sounds like between 4-10 meetings that we know of, is what I'm hearing. 4-7?

Jody T: I don't think so, because he only just mentioned a couple Marietta meetings.

Jocho B: I mentioned four Marietta meetings off the top of my head, there may be more.

Jody T: So at least 4.

Jodi M: Okay, thank you.

Katey: I think Jan's hand was next and then Rodney? And then Chris?

Jan: Grateful recovering addict named Jan, hey everybody. First off, I want to thank everybody who participated or did work for GRCNA, you know whether they were on the planning committee, or hosting or doing a workshop, volunteering in any way, you know, that's always a big effort so I want to thank those people. Now having said that, I attended and there was something that like bothered me, well actually two things. And one of the things is, so every year they do a banquet, and I don't have a problem with the banquet, but so as a result they put up like chairs and tables like right in front of the stage and then there's this big gap, like more room than between each table, the room between the tables here, I don't know the particular size, but then you have regular chairs and especially on Saturday when the actual banquet is, which, you know, you pay money and then you get to eat there. And then obviously you just sit there and you keep sitting there until the main meeting, it's not like they have everybody leave the room and vacant those seats and I feel that that is not in line with traditions, not in line with unity, not in line with equality. For me even on Friday night when there is no banquet, it still like creates like a visual, one separation, like you have first class and second class, and I feel like that's not, like I said, in line with traditions. And the second thing was during the main meeting on Saturday, when we were circled up, they had somebody sing a song and I talked to several people about that, and you know, that's clearly an outside issue, right? I mean if they had done it after we had said the closing prayer, it would have been okay, but they did it before, so it was still a meeting, which makes it an outside issue.

Jody T: Was it like a, I'm just out of my own curiosity was it like a popular song people know or...

Susan O: It was an Alicia Keys song.

Lyz F: Did you talk to anybody on the committee, or are you just bringing it up here?

Jan: I'm just, I figured I'd bring it up here.

Lyz F: So if you have, I mean you know, I'm sure you know people on the committee could you possibly reach out and show up to the committee meeting and bring that up about your feelings because like, that's a regional issue, really, because they serve our entire state. As our area we could present, like our RCM or our Chair or somebody

could go and present, but like on an individual level there's really nothing as a group right now that we can do, so maybe if you...

Jan: Well no, that's why I bring it up here because we have a regional delegate, who is our RCM that goes to region.

Lyz F: Is that what you're asking? Or would you be willing to go and talk to somebody?

Jan: Well, I'm first bringing it up here so we can have a discussion about it, and see what the result is of that discussion and see if we decide to do something.

Lyz F: I say we go crash the committee meeting and let them know what's up. I'm just kidding, but yeah.

Jan: So, I talked to somebody, somebody told me after, because I did talk to somebody and they said that like the main speaker had requested that a particular person would get to sing a song, which also creates some issues because, so, you know, we're giving certain preferential treatment, and then what is the line, is it like 35 years clean? 30 years clean? 25? You know, anyway, so...

Jody T: Thank you Jan. Does anybody have any comments, anything they want to say to that?

Chris B: I have a question. Was it a situation where they asked the committee, and the committee was like "No," and they did it anyway?

Jan: No, I don't think so. I don't think you can just crash the main meeting, the main speaker meeting and have somebody sing.

Chris B: So they did it with the committee's approval?

Jan: As far as I know, yes.

Lyz F: So would you, but you'd be willing to talk to somebody on the committee and/or show up at the committee meeting, right?

Jan: The former for sure, the latter maybe. I mean I definitely am willing to talk to somebody on the committee, I don't know if I'm willing to go there.

Lyz F: I mean I agree with you, I'm not saying your feelings or your perspective on it is, I mean I agree that singling people out and everything, but it's been that way for years that they've had the banquet separate, you know what I mean? So, and I mean it does kind of give a funny vision, but as far as what we can do about it today in this area meeting, like that would be my suggestion, like I'll get with you and we can talk to somebody on the committee.

Jan: Or we can decide that Rodney needs to [bring this to the RSC].

Lyz F: Rodney you go talk to somebody on the committee and you lay down the law.

Jody T: Well as an area we could request that Rodney brings a, if there's an area conscience around this to bring this up at Region, we very much could have Rodney [bring this to the RSC], if the area wanted to direct him to do that, unless I'm speaking out of turn, I feel like that's a possibility of bringing it up.

Stephen R: So, at the region meeting they did, somebody else did bring it up with the committee when they finally came up and gave their report and as Jan said, it was kind of an independent decision on the part of the speaker, not them, and they didn't really

want to disrupt the flow of what was going on, I guess, so they just kind of let it ride. But, um, yeah, I just wanted that to be known, that it wasn't really a committee thing, it was more of an independent thing.

Jody T: So the speaker just had someone come up?

Stephen R: Kind of like planned his whole rogue thing out, did the thing, and was like...

Jody T: Thank you Stephen

Jan: The main speaker, when he started speaking did thank the committee for making several accommodations that he had requested, so, I mean, right? No, I'm sure that's what they said, I'm just saying.

Stephen R: They said it was an independent thing.

Jan: Well, that still leaves the tables thing.

Jody T: Absolutely. Thank you Jan, Susan?

Susan O: Addict named Susan, I was going to say, we could conduct a straw poll to see if the banquet seating priority thing is something that the body has enough of a concern about to warrant an action?

Jocho B: I'm an addict named Jocho, I have a list of the current meeting schedule for the West Georgia Area and there's two other meetings that I forgot about, and that will be AM NA, will be going, and also it looks like Sky's the Limit will be too.

Katey G: So we've got 6, and still one or two maybe, so between 4 and 10.

Jocho B: And also, Journey Forward, I think that's the meeting out in Cedartown, that one too.

Jody T: Okay, so to bring it back to Jan's issue, does anybody have any... How do we do a straw poll, just a simple raising of hands?

Susan O: I would say make a clear, let the body know clearly what they would be, what we're polling, and give them a chance to vote.

Jody T: So, Jan, would you want, is that an option for you, would you want, if the body agreed, for Rodney to bring the conscience to [the RSC]?

Jan: Sure.

Jody T: So I'm just going to take a quick [straw poll] of raised hands, GSR's only please How many of you would want Rodney to present a conscience of this area, and please correct if me if I don't say this eloquently, would want him to bring up the issue of banquet seating at GRCNA.

Susan O: And this is simply a straw poll, this is not a motion, this is just are you interested in this being potentially something that Rodney takes to region, or are you saying "no forever" or "no, not right now".

Jody T: So are we clear on what we're just getting a quick idea of?

Melissa P: You might want to restate it, because I'm pretty sure I heard somebody over here say "I don't know what I'm raising my hand for."

Susan O: If you pay for a ticket to the banquet, then that gives you a front row seat to the speaker. And if you don't have a ticket to a banquet, then you don't get to sit close to the speaker. That's the issue.

Jody T: That is what we are discussing.

Unknown: It's like a VIP, general admission kind of deal.

Susan O: Yes, you basically pay for a good seat. Yes, that's the issue.

Straw Poll: **“Do you guys have interest in our representative bringing this issue around GRCNA to Region in a few months, the issue specifically being the banquet seating?”** - 11/3/6

Jody T: Okay, we're definitely in favor of that. So, general conscience seems to be, Rodney, are you good with bringing this up as a discussion topic at region? Thank you Rodney, thank you everybody. Are you good with that Jan, do you have anything to add?

Jan L: I'm good with that, if that's what we're deciding as an area.

Katey G: I think Rodney's hand was next, if I'm not mistaken?

Rodney: My name's Rodney, I'm an addict. So, the groups that are going to be forming this new area, I have out of the Georgia Region policy, the policy on forming an area and I want to give that to those meetings. Who are they? If they're here. So these are the guidelines and qualifications for presenting your area to region, and I'm going to give this to the groups up here and they can pass these out to the other groups that are not present and that gives you the qualifications that you need to bring to region to form a new area. And I'm not going to go into that, but these groups needs this. And also, you know, when it was brought up last month, it kind of affected me because like, in my active addiction, like separation was not always pleasant. Was not always something that I dealt with well, so I asked for some help. And you know, in our NA Guide to Local Service, and if anybody has this book you can follow along with me, I want to bring up some information out of this, and it has some information on groups dividing, or areas dividing. So I want to bring up a few points about what this says.

Jody T: Rodney, what page are you on? Sorry.

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Rodney W: Uh, 70. And it's “Dividing Area Service Committees”. And the reason that I um, because it affected me, and like I don't like this happening. And you know, instead of taking my character defects and doing something with it, I want to apply Narcotics Anonymous to this, and you guys have elected me RCM, and so I go to Region and I have resources there that I can talk to and get better guidance than what I have, and so that's what I'm going to try to bring today, to this area in accordance to this potential split. So, the first thing that I want to talk about in this, it says “Regardless of where the question comes from, it's important the answer follow only on careful consideration of the group conscience of the entire area. There's much to examine and many questions to answer in dividing an area.” And that is so true. Like there's so much involved in an

area process, and you know, starting a new area has nothing to begin with. And so that's kind of what I want to go through right here, and there's a lot of questions that come up. And I wish that all of the groups involved were here, this could potentially be beneficial, in some way maybe. The second thing I want to bring up in what it says, this is basically in the book. This is not from me. I am unified with this book and that's what I'm bringing to you. It says "[If your area is discussing the possibility of a division,] we suggest you conduct an area inventory and review the criteria described in coming sections of this chapter to carefully examine your area's services." So like last month when that was brought up, I asked "Is this area serving your potential groups like it should," and that answer was no, so, I suggest that this area inventory, because if that is the case, there's something wrong somewhere along the lines and maybe we can do an inventory and try to figure that out. I don't know, that's not for me to determine, that's just a suggestion. And then once we have figured that out, you know, in here it says "[If, after all this, you still believe the interests of the NA community and the community-at-large can best be served by dividing your area,] you can proceed with confidence." So, the third thing, "Before getting into the mechanics of division, there's one more thing we must emphasize: Your groups aren't getting a divorce! [It's the service apparatus you're dividing, not the fellowship.]" And this is what bothered me because I don't like seeing people go. You know, that bothers me because I think "Oh, they're not going to be a part of Narcotics Anonymous anymore," but that's not the case. But that's how I feel. What it is, it's the service apparatus that we're dividing, not the fellowship. So we must maintain unity through this entire process, I believe. That's from my understanding of Narcotics Anonymous, that if we remain unified in this, a lot will go well. So, the next thing, the fourth thing is "How to Divide". "[That's why], when an ASC is ready to divide, we encourage the entire area to participate in the division process. [Open your lines of communication, work out the issues, recognize the problems, resolve whatever disagreements may arise, and then take an active part in implementing the program developed by your area—in other words, cooperate and surrender!]" So, what that means is, in other words, cooperation and surrender and support for all of the groups that are in that and not in that. I know that our activities sometimes has events out in those areas to make those people, to give them the ability to feel welcome with our activities and such, and you know, I don't know any more that can be done except to maybe try to have more events and more unified connection in some ways. The next thing is our area boundaries. "When creating new area boundaries, we should consider the resources contained in each territory," such as H&I. Like this new area is going to probably, may or may not, I'm not in PR and I'm not in the H&I branch out in that area so I don't know what it's going to entail for that area to be able to take over some of the H&I or PR boundaries, and where is that boundary going to be? And I think as an area we need to look at that, geographically and maybe try to define that for this area. There again, acting in a unified form, I think, is the best policy. And "Functional Analysis," this is the last thing. "Once boundaries have been defined for

the new area committees, the next step is a functional analysis of the old area committee's services. Has the ASC maintained a phonenumber? Has a meeting list been published? What kinds of activities has the public information subcommittee coordinated, and where? How many facilities has the H&I subcommittee run panels in, and how frequently? [For each subcommittee, you could list out each and every function separately, covering each of the following factors:

- Service: Describe the service (maintaining a phonenumber, running a particular H&I panel, participating in a specific annual PI event, publishing a group directory, etc.) as completely as possible.
- Location: Where is this operation carried out? What territory does it cover?
- Frequency: How often does this function need to be performed?
- Time: How much time does it take to perform this duty?
- Cost: What expenses are involved in fulfilling this service?
- Personnel: How many people are required to complete this mission? What particular jobs are the various participants responsible for?

After the old area's responsibilities have been analyzed, the functions can be divided up among the projected new areas.] Based on these analyses, subcommittees can be designated for each new ASC, work plans and budgets can be developed, and suitable guidelines can be created before the old area dissolves and the new areas assume its responsibilities." And I think there's actually one more too, I'm sorry. So when developing these H&I and PR committees and other subcommittees, these six guidelines should be looked at. And the last thing, this is the last thing that I want to talk about, "Function not Form". "Finally we remind you that, of course, your NA community can organize its services in any way that seems fit. Examine the service needs among your areas, experiment, and find out what works best for you. [The area committees in your city may want to try out some variants of the MSC model, maintaining certain service functions under the administration of ASC subcommittees while the metro committee handles the rest. Or you might want to keep all direct services in the area committees, establishing a metropolitan services committee solely as a forum in which area subcommittees share about and coordinate their work with one another.] However you decide to coordinate NA services in your community is perfectly alright, even if you don't see it described in an NA service manual, so long as it truly serves the best interests of your NA community and does not conflict with either our Twelve Traditions or our Twelve Concepts for NA Service." And that's really all I have, because like, it kind of affected me because I set at Region and I'd seen another area at Region split. And I saw that happen there but I was not part of it. And so being a part of this, it kind of affects me more at home, and I felt like you elected me as a representative of this area, and I have a responsibility to do something to try to help whatever I can to bring this to you guys. And so that's all I got.

Jocho B: Just FYI, Rodney or anybody else, I'm almost 100% sure that the next meeting for, the next planning meeting where they get together and they talk about what

they're going to do, what's in the works, it will be April 13th at On the Right Track at 6:30 before the meeting. So anyone is welcome, if you want to go there, say your piece, talk to them, or just listen to what they've got to say.

Katey G: Was there any plan to send anyone here to let us know about their ideas around H&I and PR for that area?

Jocho B: About what?

Katey G: About H&I and PR? Because it sounds like...

Jocho B: Okay, that's one of the biggest things that I picked up, was the fact that PR is not out there in their jails, you know all the way, you know everywhere from Hiram to Dallas to Cedartown to Villa Rica, all out in that area, PR's just not reaching out out there. I don't know if this is, and H&I also, and I realized that that was one of the biggest pulls and one of the biggest reasons, and as time went on I realized that the groups are getting energetic about forming a new area and create a service out there that they can focus on their area. But if you want to go to it, it's at 6:30, On the Right Track, April 13th.

Katey G: Cool, I was just curious (26:00)

Melissa P: Just very briefly I just wanted to say, thank you Rodney for getting vulnerable with the group, and in general I think division is problematic, at the very least, symbolically, if not also emotionally and all that. I don't necessarily think in all cases that areas splitting goes against the primary purpose of NA, if it's really truly that they're not getting what they need and solely geographic distance, it's not because of anything we're doing, and they could serve the addicts in their community better by splitting, I support their split. So that's all.

Lyz F: I'm an addict named Lyz. That's basically what, yeah I'm same, parallel to what Melissa said. Basically people from those areas who go to meetings out in, you know, Hiram, Dallas, Cedartown, all the areas that want to split and make their own area, they have come into this meeting for years and asked for support from our members, our GSR's, our H&I subcommittee, our PR subcommittee, and they're to a point where like, exactly like Melissa said, they feel it would be better for them to have their own separate area to carry the message to the addicts out there, to support one another. Really, it may be a split to us, but really it's them unifying our fellowship in a way that's completely different than what we see right now. Like yeah, it's kind of upsetting that as a whole, like our First Tradition, unity, we can't go and support every meeting, not all of us can get out to Cedartown every Tuesday night, you know what I mean? Like because of this fellowship and this program we have lives, so if they feel like that's the best thing, like ditto to what Melissa said, I support that, you know? I try to get out there as much as possible too, like individually, but if they can come together and carry the message further, to more people who need it out there then let them do it, you know, and let's support them as best we can with whatever they need.

Rachel T: I'm Rachel, I'm an addict. Well, two things. So, first of all, my group did want to say, like wish the new area well and you know, we're supportive of whatever you decide to do. But I just had a question, like, and I don't really, you know, I think you

gotta do what you gotta do, and if you figure that's how you're best going to serve your area and the addict who still suffers, I think that's great but I was wondering just like if anybody had thought about, like I understand that those areas like don't get the same support, or those meetings because of geographic distance, and I just wonder like if forming a new area, a whole new area, is really going to solve that problem. Like what if, have you guys thought about maybe just having people from those geographic locations, like maybe support PR or, you know, whatever areas you feel like you're not getting as much support in, you know because PR is only so many people and you know, maybe they can't get out to Hiram or wherever it is all the time, but maybe if someone from those areas were to be a part of PR, maybe they could kind of like make that their thing, I don't know.

Erin: I'm Erin, I'm an addict. To answer that question, people have joined PR, people have joined H&I and nothing has changed. Because if nothing changes, nothing changes, so we tried to come figure out, and a split was best. Simply for what Melissa and Lyz said that we're just not getting served the way... Like we have people willing to go into Paulding County Jail, but we were told, "Well, we don't have enough to fulfill our own commitments right now, so we're not going to start a new one." So, that's where we're at.

Robin: Recovering addict named Robin. Okay, so, this really, the biggest part of this is the geography. People that live in Cedartown and Rockmart and maybe Carrollton, are not able to actually get to this body. Sometimes they just can't do it. And when you ask people from up here, it's like asking me to go to End of the Road. It's like half a lunch, you know, it's 35 miles for me to get there, so a 70 mile round trip, it's the same situation. And people are able to get to a central location like Hiram, and to start filling in meetings in between places. That's the biggest reason for this. I also want to state that I showed up here, when I first moved here, I showed up here at H&I on a couple of occasions, I put my name in there and said "Call me when you need me." I've never, in the entire 18 months I've been here, gotten a call from H&I saying "Hey, will you come sit on a panel?" So if that's not happening up here, then we know we're not serving like, Mother's Making a Change and the treatment centers that are out there because this isn't even happening up here. And so this is not, this is not a function of a resentment and a coffee pot. This is further carrying the message to a geographical area that is far removed from Marietta. So, and the spirit is of NA unity. You know, there is a lot of support for this, I heard that they did this, that they brought this up 5 years ago and there just wasn't the support for it, but there is now, and it will allow Narcotics Anonymous to grow in Paulding County, Pope County, Carroll County, out in that direction, where there just isn't that push now with the Marietta Area. And it's not a blame thing, it's just too big of an area. Marietta encompasses too much, and I think it gets lost because there's just too much geographical space. That's just my take on it.

Billie R: I just, well, thank you for sharing that, that it's a geographical thing, because I, maybe I shouldn't even share, alright I guess I got my ire up. Because we have had

people from out there serve on PR and they did not accomplish anything out there. So, I don't know, perhaps I'm just reacting.

Jody T: I'm sorry, they didn't accomplish anything out there like on their own, or...

Billie R: No, I mean they were on the PR committee with me, so I heard a complaint registered that PR was not serving the people out there, but those, I had members on my committee from there that were not accomplishing whatever they're saying is not being accomplished out there. That's all I had to say, I probably should have just kept my mouth shut.

Jody T: Yeah, so I'm Jody and I'm actually going to input. Rodney did bring up the idea of an area inventory if there are debates back and forth about that, that is one thing he mentioned and I'm just going to read to you what that requires if anybody thought that was a good idea. "A simple majority is required to pass. If the motion passes, a brief report stating the perceived need for an Area inventory will be included in the minutes. The ASC Chair will organize an inventory within sixty days. The ASC Chair will also chair the inventory or appoint someone else to do so. There is usually a follow-up meeting, scheduled at the inventory, to assess the situation. For attendance purposes, the Area inventory will count as an ASC meeting." That is, essentially, if you guys feel that it is beneficial or if you just want an inventory around this situation specifically, that is how we go about it.

Katey G: Don't we usually do one in June.

Jody T: Uh, yes, we usually do one at the end, as per policy, we have an area inventory.

Katey G: We've done that a few times.

Susan O: We didn't do one last year.

Jody T: As per policy, we are supposed to have one at the end of June just as an inventory of the year, that is not specifically around this issue though. What I am talking about is that you guys can call an inventory, specifically of this issue, if there is a committee that feels, or people believing that a committee is not serving a certain area, or the committee believing that they are serving a certain area, those whole discussions can be specifically focused in this type of inventory. I'm sorry, I'm not good at charades, what are you asking?

Joe B: Last time we did an area inventory, me, you and Katey did it.

Jody T: Yes, you're exactly right.

Joe B: That was four years ago.

Susan O: Addict named Susan, it's not in policy specifically that we do it.

Jody T: I thought it was at the end of the year.

Susan O: No, that is a workshop. It is a workshop that outgoing trusted servants are supposed to do a report looking back on the year from their position. The inventory is not required in policy, so we don't do one unless somebody puts in a motion to do one.

Jody T: I'm sorry, I was mistaken, it's not in policy, we don't do one every year. So that's what the inventory would be for, it would be specifically around this, if you feel that

it's necessary, that's how we go about doing it.

Melissa P: Question, is anyone already filling one out?

Chuck M: Yes.

Katey G: I just did want to say, I just wanted to put in my two cents on what I've seen around activities and I do have to say I give those areas a lot of credit. Honestly, typically at our activities, this will be a big loss because at the end of the day they show up. They really, our biggest activities are the ones that we've brought out there. We can get 30 people when we do bowling in Dallas, you know. Now at the dance, I would say $\frac{2}{3}$ of the people that showed up to the dance were [from] that area and the other one-third is newcomers. So I have to say this does kind of hurt my heart a little because at the end of the day like, that area, those areas, are the people who have been around a little bit that actually still show up to activities events. And that's just my two cents, that's just what I've seen, I'm not trying to like put the people in the regular Marietta down, you know, maybe activities isn't providing the kind of things they particularly like, or don't feel that where we are meets their needs, I have never heard any of that, but I did just want to express that, you know, my heart is with them, because like I said they freaking show up. And they support activities subcommittee at the very least, so, yeah. It will be a loss for our subcommittee, I have to say that, so. But, you know, maybe it will allow us to figure out what this area wants more, and what would serve them, because you know, unfortunately I don't know how the area will feel about us doing events out there if it's not supporting their area anymore, so we will kind of have to figure it out.

Jocho B: I was just thinking if we do it out there, it's just a location.

Katey G: But it's not a central location for the people this area serves.

Jocho B: Well, not at all, it's just a different location, it's still going to benefit our area. I mean the funds would come back here.

Jody T: We don't profit off bowling, is kind of, I think, what she's getting at.

Katey G: Even if people showed up we didn't make money off of it, because we're still paying for their newcomers to bowl, but we'd get 30 people, so at the end of the day we were still paying for newcomers, you know what I'm saying? So, anyway, I'm saying thank you guys for showing up all these years is what I'm saying, I guess. And I hope you still continue to show up and come to the campouts and come to the dances and all that. And beach bash. So thank you.

Zack: I'm Zack, I'm an addict. Yeah, we, you know, at the meetings, and we definitely encourage you guys to come, they've been really energized like people were saying, also it's been emotional for a lot of us too. I got clean in Marietta Area, you know, a lot of times I took these positions just so I could see you guys because I don't drive to all these meetings, you know, but the reason I raised my hand is because a lot of us hold positions here, you know, and we're going to be bouncing when our terms are up, and we did definitely make sure that we honored that, in terms of unity and kind of that reminder of what Rodney was saying. But yeah, we had questions, like people raising their hands, it was a really good meeting like "Can we still go to Marietta meetings," and

“Can we still go to Marietta activities?” It’s really a cool learning experience for a lot of people, you know what I mean, so, yeah and it definitely is just for our community like people were saying, but it has been an emotional thing for a lot of us too, but we’re thinking about the addicts still suffering, the newcomers, and we had to make this tough decision, so thank you for letting me serve.

Jody T: Thank you Zack. I just want to point out real quick guys, we have about 10 minutes left of open forum, so just be aware. Go ahead Susan.

Susan O: Addict named Susan. I just want to add just to piggyback on what Zack said, I’ll save the mushy stuff for later, that is a very good point for the body to be aware of though, that our alternate treasurer will not be running for treasurer, and our alternate literature distribution will not be running for literature distribution, which means that as of June unless somebody runs for those positions in May, in June we won’t have those positions fulfilled and they’ll have to be absorbed by the rest of the body somehow, so that’s maybe worth all of us just sharing with the people in the area, sharing with our homegroups that “Hey, we’re going to need someone to come out of leftfield to pick up treasurer and literature,” so, thanks.

Chris E: Addict named Chris. So I signed up for the PR phone line, and I did bring this up with the PR subcommittee and Geoff, the H&I Chair was there, so they know, but the number I was given that would be ringing in, you know as the NA Helpline of the Marietta Area is not the number, so there’s a new number. That number comes across on my Caller ID as Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Marietta, GA, so had I not called that number back I would have never known that it was people from the Helpline pushing the prompt to get to an addict to help find a meeting. So, just to bring that up on our rollover to service to Regional Hosting, it’s not coming in on your phone as the NA Helpline, it is coming in as Mount Zion Church.

Geoff C: It is coming in as the NA Helpline number. The number is right, and mine doesn’t do this, but his says, he showed me his caller ID and it said Mount Zion Church.

Jody T: What cellphone service do you have?

Geoff C: T-Mobile.

Jody T: What do you have?

Chris E: Verizon

Jody T: Okay, point of information.

Geoff C: Okay, but the number is what’s on the meeting schedules and everything, it’s actually coming through as the correct number, but his caller ID did show that, so I don’t know if we need to talk to Google or whoever, I’ll call Google tonight.

Chris E: On that same issue, I was under the impression, and it’s fine, I’ve got a Metro Service schedule and whatever Internet I can find, but I was under the impression it would be like trying to find a meeting in the Marietta Area, and I’ve gotten calls from all over Georgia, apparently I’m the only number it goes to. It’s fine, I don’t care, now that I know what it is and who it is, I try to answer when I can, the cool thing is, I would like to say that I’ve been able to find like four out of town addicts and help them find a meeting.

So, that's awesome, it's really cool to be of service. The other thing is, there's a problem with one of the addict's I just spoke to, they said "I keep leaving messages and nobody is calling me back," so as a person on the phone line I was wondering, shouldn't there be some kind of prompt where I can dial the number and retrieve messages like for the day or something just to see if someone's called these people if they're leaving messages, you know if they're not pressing the prompt to call an addict? He had left several messages, was the exact word he used, and nobody called him back and he finally pushed the prompt to talk to an addict and I finally just called that number back and said "Oh this says NA Helpline when I call the number, not Mount Zion Church" and that's what I was answering, and that's when I was able to help him. I just wanted to bring it up.

Katey G: So this is what's, we have transferred over and this is what's going on?

Chris E: Yes.

Katey G: So we would need to bring it to region.

Chris E: Yes, that's what I figured. The more people that I say it to and that it gets to...

Katey G: But we don't go to region for 3 months.

Jody T: Yeah, this definitely needs to be addressed.

Billie R: My name's Billie and I'm an addict. I work on the weekends, I let everyone on the committee know that I work on the weekends, I take this Sunday for area off every month and I lose one day's pay. So I can't be traveling on another weekend to go to Region and another weekend to go to Metro, that's 3 days pay I lose if I do that.

Katey G: I think we were asking who your contact is, do you have a contact for the regional phone lines that we're now dealing with?

Billie R: Tim would have it and when he shared that in our committee meeting I said that I would get with Tim. And then he can relay it.

Katey G: It sounds like Stephen has agreed to take care of it. I think we just needed the contact, I don't think we were trying to say you needed to...

Jody T: Okay, we're wrapping it up open forum in a minute guys.

Geoff C: Okay, I'll make it real quick. So before the phone lines, if somebody didn't answer, it would roll over to the next person, if the next person didn't answer, the actual phone service would call back and leave a message, "Hey, here's an addict named so-and-so, here's their phone number," and then I would call them back. So I guess we just need to find out if there's like a number we can call to retrieve our messages, or see if there are even messages there.

Katey G: Or if we can make it keep rolling over.

Chris E: And I don't care, I'm willing to whatever, you know what I mean, as long as I know what the number is.

Katey G: People have lives though.

Jody T: I lied, we actually have 5 minutes left of open forum. So, is that all for open forum? Okay, thanks guys.

- Subcommittee Reports: 2:58pm - 4:02pm
 - Treasurer's Report - Dez J:
 - Report attached

 - Literature Report - Robyn A:
 - We took in \$1034
 - We ordered \$1113.35
 - **Robyn A:** We are really having a problem with Florida. They shorted us again 75 IP's. We don't know what's going on, but every single time there is a problem with the order. She has reached out to them again, but we are still getting shorted, and if you don't respond in three days, then they may or may not replace the items.
 - **Chuck M:** When you say they shorted us, are you saying that they charged us for them and didn't ship them?
 - **Robyn A:** They charged us and showed that they were on the packing list, but they were not shipped. And it's happened every single time for months now. Always something.
 - **Katey G:** Did you guys look in to ordering from World, from California?
 - **Robyn A:** I don't know.
 - **Katey G:** She had talked about doing that last month, because that's where WSR orders from.
 - **Robyn A:** I think the shipping costs are higher if we order from there, than from here.
 - **Katey G:** But at least we're getting what we paid for. Fair enough.
 - **Lyz F:** Are we all paid up with them? We don't owe them anything?
 - **Zack G:** We're good.

 - RCM Report - Rodney W:
 - Report attached
 - Region was held at GRCNA last week. Normally it's the second week in the month, every three months. On Sunday morning, the main speaker meeting H&I and PR were able to broadcast the audio from that to a few prisons. The next regional convention will be held February 20-23, 2020 in Peachtree Corners. Registration

info is online at GRCNA.org

- GRCNA is putting a portion of registrations for the 2019 convention and future conventions to the purchase of Basic Texts for Prison
- The History Committee needs historical photos of meeting locations, inside and out. The photos need a description of what area they are from. No photos of NA members. Also, any documents or fliers from when these areas are started are needed. There is a link to send the photos. If you have photos of a meeting that has been around since the inception of the Marietta area, that's what they are looking for. These will be used in an 18-month calendar for 2020-2021, and each of the 18 Georgia areas will have a month. Please send photos to Danny B (contact info in RCM report)
- Point of Information - During every Regional meeting, there is an hour and a half for any member of any region to share something that concerns them about NA. If you sit in Region, there is an hour and a half where any person in the Georgia region, can talk about whatever they need to talk about and have their voice.
- The votes that you brought forth for Sandy G, John P and Melody J all passed for the CPP elections.
- The new upcoming nominations at region are David W - RDA and Bob D - RD.
- At Region, a lot of RCMs brought up conflicts with GRCNA. One of them was that at last year's convention in Jekyll Island, they lost a lot of money because only 400 people registered. This convention was mid-state but there were only 600 registered. They planned ahead after last year. The next location will be at Peachtree Corners and it is very small. I've been at GRCNA's where they had 1500 people, and now they are shrinking because they are not getting participation. They had a convention there years ago and there were parking problems, seating problems, it was really congested. They are increasing the price of registration to \$30 (\$35 at the door). There is also an increase on the banquet - it used to be for the entire registration package with banquet, entertainment, etc. was \$85 - now it is \$100
- The question was, why are you giving us a smaller venue and increasing the price? As far as I'm concerned, I didn't hear an accurate answer, except for that they planned according to what they had, and there were several people that said, "We work on faith and trust in this program, and see what can be in the future and not what we have now." So, did GRCNA work on that? I don't

know, I'm not part of the committee, but that's what they say. I don't know what more I can tell you about that.

- **Stephen R:** They said they planned GRCNA on how many pre-registrations they have, and that's how they are planning the next one as well. They said they know the next venue is small, but there is a hotel across the street, if they can get more registrations, they can negotiate a better deal in the bigger venue. So, they are really pressing for pre-registrations. There will be a limited number of registrations overall. The sooner they sell-out the registrations, the sooner they can open it up to a bigger venue and more registrations.

- **Activities Report - Katey G:**

- Requesting \$250 for campout food (Campout will be held April 26th-28th)
- Currently exploring 2 speakers for campout
- Currently getting t-shirts made
- Scavenger Hunt was fun - about 20 people, 4 newcomers attended
- Thank you to all who participate!
- Activities chair can't attend - my apologies!

- **H&I Report - Geoff C:**

- Had 7 in attendance today. We oriented one new member.
- We spent \$329.66 on literature this month, received \$50 from JFS, meaning we spent \$279.66 this month. We've spent \$691.58 YTD leaving \$2908.42 in the yearly budget.
- We are going to host Marietta Area's annual Beach Bash as a fundraiser to raise money to purchase literature for local jails. It's tentatively set for a date of July 20th. We'll have food, speakers and activities. More information to follow.
- Meetings are going well but we can always use more support.

- **PR Report - Billie W:**

- Please have your groups fill out the Metro Task Panel's service survey for H&I and PR.
- I.P. covers are available for \$0.99 each on NAWS website.
- North Atlanta area is putting on a "Capture the Flag" game.
- We will be cancelling Answer Phone.
- We will be fixing the issue with the new phone line showing Zion Methodist Church on Caller ID.

- **WSR Report - Nicole A:**
 - 4 Members in Attendance
 - Postal Facilitator Report:
 - Total Letters Received: 11
 - Total Workbooks Ordered: 1
 - Total Invoices submitted to Treasurer for payment: 1
 - March Expenses:
 - Supplies: \$0
 - Postage: \$22.00
 - Workbooks: \$15.00
 - Total March Expenses: \$37.00
 - Year to Date Expense Total: \$150.33 out of \$1380.00.
 - Budget Remaining through March 2019: \$1229.67
 - Today, at our March WSR Subcommittee meeting (3/31/19), the subcommittee discussed a letter we received from a North Carolina group within a correctional institution. They have 37 male inmates who would like literature. Our NAWS does provide free literature upon request by inmates and they would need to write to NAWS directly. However, after our group did some investigation, we learned North Carolina has a WSR type group and so we will direct this NA group to the WSR group. We are also in the process of following up with step-guides that did not attend our annual check in meeting to ensure they are still willing to be guides and to orient them if so. For those we are unable to get in contact with, we'll have to remove them as a guide. We completed updating our policy.
 - The WSR Updated Policy is attached for groups to review and approve/not approve. The subcommittee reviewed the entire policy and made changes and updates to sections: II. Guidelines for Function, III. Meeting Format, IV. Voting Procedure, V. How to become a WSR Step Guide, VI. Clean Time Requirements, VII. Responsibilities of Trusted Servants, and VIII. Terms of Commitment.
 - Next Subcommittee Meeting: 4/28/19 @ 1:00pm - 2:00pm @ Ridgeview Day Hospital.

- **24 Hour Room Report - Joe B:**
 - I passed around a flyer to all the GSRs for our upcoming event
 - We had a 24 Hour Room committee meeting yesterday with 10 people in attendance
 - We finalized details for our next upcoming event - The Smoke-out
 - We have \$713.42 in working capital and a \$750 prudent reserve
 - We're having problems getting on to the email for the t-shirt design, we don't have the password
 - We have several positions open on our committee. If anybody is interested, come see me. Is there any other committee members in the room? You can get with one of them
 - Our next meeting is April 18th at 6:30 at Cool Beans on Marietta Square
 - **Scott L:** I think I do have access to those email addresses. Get with me if you are having problems and I'll try to fix that.
 - GSR's please announce this at your meetings, read the flyer to your home group.

- **Old Business:**
 - None

- **Elections:**
 - **Joe B** - 24 Hour Room Chair
 - Nominated by Stephen R, RCMA
 - Seconded by Chris E, GSR End of the Road
 - 17/0/0

- **New Business:**
 - **MOTION 3-1:** To provide "Hold on to Hope" group starter package.
 - **Maker:** Chris E. (GSR End of the Road)
 - **2nd:** Lyz F. (GSR Architects of Adversity)
 - **Intent:** To provide literature for new group to serve our primary purpose.
 - 18/0/0

- **MOTION 3-2:** Call for an Area Inventory
 - **Maker:** Chuck M. (GSR Another Chance)
 - **2nd:** Jodi M. (GSR We Group)
 - **Intent:** To find out whether the ASC is serving the entire area properly.
 - Pros:
 - **Chuck M:** I just want to make sure we are doing what we are supposed to be doing as an area. If there are concerns, we should address them.
 - **Jocho B:** It's very helpful to do an area inventory to keep ourselves on track.
 - 12/0/4
 - Jody T has 60 days to organize
- **MOTION 3-3:** To request \$125 seed money for H&I Beach Bash fundraiser, which is not in our budget.
 - **Maker:** Chris E. (GSR End of the Road)
 - **2nd:** Chuck M (GSR Another Chance)
 - **Intent:** To raise funds to purchase more literature for incarcerated addicts in local jails.
 - 16/1/0
- **MOTION 3-4:** Approve WSR updated policy (revised policy will be attached to the minutes)
 - **Maker:** Nicole A. (WSR Chair)
 - **2nd:** Lyz F. (GSR Architects of Adversity)

- Trusted Servant Nominations:

- None

- Group Announcements and Celebrations:

- **AM NA** - Needs home group members.
- **Another Chance** - Loretta - 28 yrs. on 4/30
- **Just for Sunday** - Danielle S. - 12 yrs. on 4/28
- **Ladies' Night** - Needs support, lots of women coming from treatment and need women w/ time to show up!
- **The Lie is Dead** - Needs support!!
- **Living the Program** - Joshua - 15 yrs. on 4/11
- **Lost Dreams Awaken** - Changed the length of our meeting from one hour (7:30-8:30) to 1 hour and 15 minutes (7:30-8:45) for a 90-day 'trial' period
- **On the Right Track** - Kat L - 2yrs on xx, John F - 12yrs on xx, Big Bob -

- 35yrs on 5/4
- **Spiritual Awakenings** - Keri T. - 2 yrs. on 4/29
 - **Warriors in Recovery** - Needs Support
 - **We Recover Together** - Lana - 12 yrs. on 4/17; James M. - 3 yrs./Nick W. - 18 months both on 4/20; Steffen T. - 18 months on 5/1; Jeannie S. - 1 yr. on 5/4; Shane C. - 1 yr. on 5/8; Christian J. - 2 yrs. on 5/11

Motion to Close: Chuck M

Seconded by: Lyz F

Motion to acclamation: Chris E

Second: Jodi M

Closed at 4:23 pm

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Sunday, April 28th at 2:00PM

BACK TO GROUPS

Motions to be voted on in the April ASC Meeting:

- **MOTION 3-4**

- **Approve WSR updated policy**
 - **Proposed policy attached to Minutes email**
 - **Original policy listed on Pages 29-32 of MASCNA Policy (attached to Minutes email)**

Elections to be voted on in the April ASC Meeting:

- **None**

Available Area Trusted Servant Positions:

- **No Nominations for Following Positions:**

- **Chair - Activities Committee**

Refer to MASCNA Policy for cleantime/service requirements and duties for each position. Policy

can be found at MariettaNA.org