

**Marietta Area Service Committee of NA
Meeting Minutes
April 28th, 2019**

Next Meeting Saturday, June 1st, 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 @ 2:08PM

The Purpose of the Area was read by Jonathan M.

The 12 Traditions were read by Asa

The 12 Concepts were read by Erin

Motion to accept March minutes: Austin B.

Motion Seconded: Jocho B.

Previous month's minutes were moved to acclimation: Erin

Motion to acclimation: Christian J.

<u>Group</u>	<u>GSR</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Addicts in the Attic	Asa	Present	
AMNA	Erin	Present	
Another Chance	Megan	Present	
Architects of Adversity	Bryan	Present	
Back to the Basics	Jerry	Present	
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Max	Present	
Easy Does It	Scott	X	
End of the Road	Chris	Present	
Hold On to Hope	Sarah	X	
Just for Sunday	Michael	Present	
Ladies Night	Julie	Present*	
The Lie is Dead	Big John	Present	
Living the Program	Amanda	Present	
Lost Dreams Awaken	Tim	Present	
Mimosa	Brandon	X	
NA at Noon	Cedric	Present	
A New Way of Life	Sid	Present	
On the Right Track	Andy	Present	
The Rose Group	Marcia	Present	
Serenity on the Square	Richard	Present	
Sky's the Limit	John	Present	
Spiritual Awakenings	Rachel	Present	
Surrender on Sunday	Austin	Present	
Unity Group	Jocho	Present	
Warriors in Recovery	Brian	Present	
We Group	Jodi	Present	
We Recover Together	Christian	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:
 - Sky's the Limit (Leaving the Area)

Homegroups Added:

- The following groups will be counted towards Quorum with one more consecutive meeting:
 - Never Too Late Group (Shirley E.)

MASC Admin & Subcommittee Roll Call

Position	Name	Attendance	Report
Chair	Jody	Present	N/A
Vice Chair	Katey	Absent w/ Notice	N/A
Treasurer	Dez	Absent w/ Notice	Attached
Alt. Treasurer	Zack	Present	N/A
Secretary	Susan	Absent w/ Notice	N/A
Alt. Secretary	Chris	Present	N/A
RCM	Rodney	Absent w/ Notice	N/A
RCMA	Stephen	Present	N/A
Policy Parliamentarian	Tony	Present	N/A
Lit Distribution	Mary	Present	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	Joe B.	N/A	Written

- Open Forum: 2:11pm - 2:32pm

Jody T: I'm Jody and I'm an addict. So last area, we voted to have an area inventory, so Michelle is going to go around for me and we're going to have these area inventory forms that we're going to ask you to bring back to your homegroups and fill out with your homegroups. Just answer the questions as honestly as possible and bring them back next month, or if you need to get them to me before, like if you can't get to area or something and you need to get them to a member of the administrative panel I can always meet you somewhere or something like that. But, after that, you guys will bring them back and then the following area we will go over them together. So not next area but the one after that we'll go over the forms and everything written down. And this, remember guys, was in response to the question that was being proposed to see if the Marietta ASC is serving the needs of the area as a whole, was the basis behind the area inventory, so, do we have any questions about that?

Unknown: Bring them back by next area?

Jody T: Yes, bring them back by next area please. Again if you can't make it to the next area you need to email them or meet up with one of us and just pass it along, we can definitely do that, so. That's all I got.

Austin B: Who's doing that? Is it going to be like an ad hoc?

Jody T: It's going to be the administrative panel. Anybody have anything else for open forum?

John: Oh yes. This is just going to be very brief, um, the Sky's the Limit group is going to be joining the new Western Georgia Area of Narcotics Anonymous, so this will be our last attendance at this area.

Jody T: Wait, when is that area starting, forming officially?

John: Oh, I have no idea. This'll be my last attendance as GSR for Sky's the Limit, I've been doing it for a while and I've decided to let somebody else do it.

Jody T: Okay, well, appreciate it. So if you guys are not officially a part of the Marietta Area as of now, do you want us to remove you so it doesn't affect quorum, or are you staying through June?

John: Yeah, after this we will not be attending so I'd like to participate in this area service committee meeting, and then I guess, yeah.

Jody T: Okay, so we will remove you from our schedule then, so that will not affect calculation for next area. Okay, thank you John. We appreciate your service, thank you for being here.

Rachel T: Hey, I'm Rachel and I'm an addict. So I have a motion that's going to come up in new business from my homegroup. Last area, someone, a member mentioned being concerned about banquet seating and seating for speaker meetings at conventions after the banquet, and then we, as a group, took a straw poll, the GSRs, and from the results of that straw poll, decided that we would ask our RCM to bring up this issue at Region. And my homegroup, first of all, did not feel that way. They didn't feel it was an issue that needed to be brought up at region. They also didn't feel like the straw poll was the proper means of getting our area's conscience. So, I'm bringing it up now and if you guys want to talk about it or whatever, there's going to be a motion to basically ask that we don't bring that up at region to represent our area's conscience until we bring that issue back to groups. So, if anyone wants to talk about that...

Jody T: Anybody want to talk about that?

Asa: My name's Asa and I'm an addict. Hey I was contacted by the CPP Chair, now, the Convention Planning Panel Chair, and the Marietta Area asked her to be here and she couldn't, and she asked me to fill in for her because there were some questions of the seating at the banquet and stuff like that. I can speak to this body as well informed as I can about any of that if that would help any of the GSRs in their decision-making or confusion, whatever seems to be happening.

Jody T: Appreciate it Asa, I know the person that brought it up isn't here.

Chris E: Doesn't mean we shouldn't hear it.

Jody T: No, I mean definitely, if anybody else has any strong opinions.

Christian J: Um, I'm Christian, I'm an addict. Asa, are you saying you could just start, like telling us some information right now?

Asa: Sure.

Christian J: I mean, I'm down to listen to him.

Asa: So, I think, some of it, from what I understand, and I don't understand all of the outside of it all, uh, the seating there, now that is really honestly a board question, so that should be directed towards the board, not the Convention Planning Panel, because they are the fiduciary part of it and they are the ones that handle the contracts at the hotel. They are the ones that have the amount of tables set up, chairs set up, and anything we do there, if we pull that partition wall, we can't do anything for one, if we ask them to pull that partition wall, that costs us. If we ask for another table, that costs us. If we ask them to remove the tables that costs us. Um, that's probably, and I can only speak so far on that, because I'm not a board member yet, but, you know. And I think the idea is, you know, if those tables were removed and allowed more chairs coming in, I think we're still going to face the same issue of "Who gets the front row?" You know, I think they're talking about privilege here of who's getting what chairs. And we're really trying not to do any privilege here, but I do want to let you know that 40 of those banquet chairs at the last convention were given to newcomers. Uh, 200 registration packets were handed out to newcomers annually. \$2000 worth of Basic Texts were raised by your registrations to go to H&I in the Georgia Region. There was a simulcast of the Sunday morning speaker to 4 different prisons around Georgia. You know, we're doing what we can in all that. And there's also a question of, the Saturday night speaker, right after the speaker somebody came up to close the meeting and some people enjoyed that, and some people didn't, and they were asking me, "Isn't that a violation of tradition?" Uh, which one? I don't know. You know, on one hand, new and different isn't always fun and those that get offended and upset by that, well that's not too spiritual, you know, so spiritual principles are never in conflict. And the other part of it is that a Narcotics Anonymous convention is not a sanctioned meeting, therefore the traditions don't necessarily apply. I mean, they do and they don't, it's a little bit of a gray kind of thing. It's not a, it's not a meeting, and the best stuff of this thing that is a concern, you know 3 years ago we put on a convention with 7 people on the committee and that's certainly not a whole lot, you know. We had open positions the whole entire year. I mean this year we're doing much better, I think we only have 3 open positions. The best way I found out personally in my own experience was when I see a problem is to get inside it because then if I'm just sort of saying stuff about it from the outside I feel like I'm trying to govern it without being involved. And, you know, our trusted servants are here to serve, and we aren't here to govern anything. Now if there are any questions about the moving there, Robert L. has given me his phone number and you all can contact him personally about any of that, too. I can give that out. Any other types of questions because those were the main topics that I heard of at the last convention.

Megan S: Didn't, well, first of all let me just state I wasn't there to witness so I don't

have an opinion on it. I just had a question about something you said about it not being a real meeting, but don't they read the readings before the speaker starts?

Asa: Yeah

Megan S: So what qualifies then, as a meeting versus not if you're reading the readings?

Asa: You know, I think Robert'd be better to answer that, or maybe someone with more time could answer that better than I could.

Megan S: Okay, yeah, just curious.

Asa: You know, I mean, financially and responsibly it's not necessarily a meeting because it's put on as a convention even though there are meetings inside the convention. The convention itself is not an NA meeting.

Stephen R: To piggyback on what [Megan] just said, when the singing happened, and I liked it, but it did take place before the closing prayer so it did happen within the confines of a meeting. So do the traditions not apply in that situation?

Asa: Well, you know, that's kind of where we're trying to get to, because the entire convention is not an NA meeting, but inside the convention we do [have meetings], but, again, what tradition was violated?

Jody T: Probably Six, I would go with. [**Tradition Six states an NA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the NA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, or prestige divert us from our primary purpose**]

Asa: And Six is?

Jody T: Endorse, finance, lend the NA name to an outside enterprise, I think. Probably property owned by somebody else that's not Narcotics Anonymous property that we're kind of trying in our own.

Asa: That song. The copyrights to that song.

Jody T: Yeah, we don't own that. Also, I'm sorry but the convention is a Narcotics Anonymous service structure, it's an event put on by Narcotics Anonymous so aren't the traditions just as binding for that as they would be in a meeting? Our literature does talk about how our service bodies and our events are just as much a part of NA, that goes back to the whole re-writing the traditions in the first, second, third edition of the Basic Text, it talks about how these service entities, these bodies, these events are a part of Narcotics Anonymous and therefore the traditions should be just as applicable in those as they would be in a meeting. Am I wrong? So even if it is a convention, an event, it's not a meeting, it's still a Narcotics Anonymous event.

Asa: Narcotics Anonymous doesn't have the copyright to the Serenity Prayer either.

Jody T: I don't think that's actually copywritten. It's public domain, so that's not actually copywritten at all. Just like we don't read outside literature in our meetings. Just saying, I'm just confused at the concept of trying to label an NA event as something that's not necessarily bound by the traditions. That's what I'm trying to understand here.

Asa: It's a tricky area, you know, when we apply all these traditions to ourselves and to our meetings it's not an issue. That speaker and singer came from the Marietta Area,

and I'm not here to do anything about it, but I think, you know, I can't tell you that it was a violation or wasn't a violation of traditions. And I think those that are upset about it are just upset about it, and the other half that enjoyed it, they enjoyed it. And like I said, if there is something that the Convention Planning Panel does that you personally, or you as an area or a homegroup don't like, the best suggestion I can say is be part of the Convention Planning Panel, put forth the emotion there at the proper venue. The other part of that is that I also heard it was about the amount of people and the getting of seats, and stuff. Well, there was only 600 registrations sold at that convention and there must have been 1000 people there. And out of those 200-and-something newcomer packets we gave, they were all in treatment, they had to leave, they probably weren't even there, and there was still 1000 people there.

Austin B: Are you telling me dope fiends dope-fiended their way in?

Asa: Yes sir. So we want to talk about a violation of tradition, what about the 7th tradition? You know, all that's going on for people who don't want to pay to get in there.

Marcia: What can we do about this? Why are we...

Austin B: You can go to the planning committee and...

Jody T: This was brought up last area, so this is in response to what a member brought up, specifically someone had an issue with the banquet tables being close to, and somebody sang a song before the closing prayer of a meeting so that's what's being discussed here.

Marcia: I mean, it's over, there's nothing we can do about it now.

Jody T: Well, so there was a general conscience of wanting to address it at the next region because the song and the banquet thing, so I guess more information is being provided.

Asa: To answer your question yes, you can become part of the or have someone become part of the CPP panel, go and have a motion saying...

Marcia: If you don't like it, join the committee?

Asa: Yes. Now that was, all that information, because I was chair at that Saturday night, I was the one that was in charge of all that and the speaker came up and said "Hey, I got somebody to close the meeting," I'm like "Hey, okay," you know? I didn't realize they were going to sing a song.

John: I'm an addict named John. That seems like one of those things you're just not prepared for and how can you do anything about it unless you're a person who's running that meeting at that time and you said "Hey listen, we would appreciate you stopping right there," if there was a problem with it, but you know, that's about as far as I could see that you could go with it.

Jody T: That was part of the question last area, was the committee aware of it, was it actually a planned thing that the committee put on or was it just a spontaneous thing so I'm understanding that it was a very spontaneous thing, it wasn't something the committee actually planned to have happen. So, do we have any other questions?

Christian J: Uh, yeah, my name's Christian, I'm an addict. Asa, I completely agree with

you, like what Marcia said, “If you have a problem, join the committee,” be parts of the solution, but that’s not realistic for most of us, well I won’t say most, but that’s not realistic for me, I don’t think so, so what can I do to address the trusted servants on the committee to talk about this?

Asa: Well, there’s a flyer going out in the minutes and it’s going to have the Chair’s and the Vice-Chair’s emails. And actually, that’s, from now on we figured it out, that’s going to stay the same. So it’s cppchair@grcna.org and whoever’s the chair gets that email. You can contact that person, and hopefully they’ll stop hitting me up on the emails and they’ll go to the chair.

Christian J: And that flyer’s going to go around this area?

Asa: It’s going to be in the minutes, I didn’t bring enough to hand to every GSR. And see, that’s going to get into next year, and we are capping the registration at 600. The facility and what we’re getting to and part of what we have to pay for as a planning panel is emergency services. We have to have an EMT on hand and when we hit a certain amount of people we have to have two, and when we hit another amount, we have to have three on hand whether something happens or not.

Jody T: Okay, I’m Jody and I’m an addict. I think we’re getting a little off topic here unless you guys want to continue this discussion of the original motion that is going to come up that is based on the banquet seating, correct. And I don’t think the song as compared was as much of an issue. I just wanted to let you know, we can keep discussing as much as you guys want but the motion that is coming around is based on banquet seatings, just so everyone’s aware.

Asa: One more thing about that, at Region, the board meets quarterly with region at noon. If there’s anything about seating, and stuff like that, like I said, the fiduciary part, the moving and stuff that costs us money, stick to the board, send a representative, send somebody, link up with me, I’ll present what you guys have to say to them.

Jody T: Do we have anymore questions for Asa? Or for Rachel regarding the motion that’ll come up? Anything else for open forum?

Marcia: I’m Marcia and I’m an addict. I have, so our meeting is going back to 8:00, and I know everybody just folded up their stuff but we’re doing that in two weeks, not this week but next week at the Rose Group. We tried 7:00, didn’t work, going back to 8:00. Wednesday at the Rose Group.

Jody T: Did you get with PR to make sure the meeting schedule [reflects that]?

Marcia: I did, I told her, I don’t know if you want to put it on your, you don’t have to change your things but...

Jody T: Well it’ll at least be open forum, thank you Marcia.

Steffan: What day did you say it goes back?

Marcia: The 8th, Wednesday at the Rose Group, May the 8th. Who said that? Glasses?

Jody T: No, Steffan. There’s a few people with glasses here. Alright, do we have anything else for open forum here?

- Subcommittee Reports: 2:32pm - 2:50pm
 - **Treasurer's Report - Zack G:**
 - Report attached
 - **Literature Report - Mary W:** marietta.literature@gmail.com
 - Took in \$1460.15 including a new group.
 - Ordered \$1484.61
 - Robyn A's last area is today as Alt-Lit.
 - Upcoming Lit chair nomination
 - Whomever is running or thinking of running maybe start training.
 - All is good with Florida RSO. The pamphlets were overlooked and they've been sending whatever literature that they've missed all together.
 - Please have your lit order all ready before you arrive so that you can drop it off when you first get here so that we're not here past the actual area cleans up and also treasurer has to stay longer as well.
 - **RCM Report - Rodney W:**
 - Report attached
 - **Activities Report - Christian J:**
 - Spring campout took place April 26th, 27th and 28th
 - Campout went well, had about 90 addicts in attendance.
 - Bringing back \$513 to Area.
 - **H&I Report - Geoff C:**
 - We had 4 people in attendance today.
 - We spent \$294.77 on lit this month, and received \$50 from Just for Sunday, meaning we spent \$244.77 this month. We've spent \$936.35 YTD out of a \$3600 yearly budget. We have \$2663.65 remaining in budget.
 - We have booked Dallas Landing for our fundraiser (at which no learning will occur!) for July 20th (time TBD). The purpose is to raise funds to buy literature for incarcerated addicts in local jails.
 - Yearly orientation is required per policy to attend H&I meetings. If you haven't been oriented recently, see me or Tim K. We are working on a master list of people who are currently oriented and which facilities they are approved to attend.

- In loving service, Geoff C.
- **PR Report - Billie:** PR@mariettana.org
 - Metro Task Force Conference phone May 16th at 6:30 pm. You can call the GA Region's phone number and follow prompt.
 - Please return the PR Survey.
 - PR needs help.
- **WSR Report - Nicole A:**
 - 6 Members in Attendance
 - **Postal Facilitator Report:**
 - Total Letters Received: 17
 - Total Workbooks Ordered: 3
 - Total Invoices submitted to Treasurer for payment: 2
 - **March Expenses:**
 - Supplies: \$5.38
 - Postage: \$0
 - Workbooks: \$45.00
 - Total March Expenses: \$50.38
 - Year to Date Expense Total: \$200.71 out of \$1380.00.
 - Budget Remaining: \$1179.29
 - Today, at our April WSR Subcommittee meeting, the subcommittee discussed partnering with H&I to participate in the Bridge Program that is facilitated by H&I Region. This program is specifically designed to assist inmates recently released from prison or jail get to a meeting in their area. We updated our list of step guides to indicate whether they are active or not active. We receive letters frequently from inmates outside of our region. To help forward these letters to the appropriate state's subcommittee that can provide and assign guides able to write to these individuals, we have created a reference sheet that outlines details for all WSR Subcommittees and Behind the Walls programs.
 - Next Subcommittee Meeting: 6/1/19 @ 1:00pm - 2:00pm @ Ridgeview Day Hospital.
- **24 Hour Room Report - Joe B:**
 - Report attached
- Old 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)
 - 14/0/8

- Elections:
 - None

- New Business:

- **MOTION 4-1:** To direct RCM not to bring up convention banquet seating issue until conscience of area has been voted on by groups.
 - **Maker:** Rachel T. (GSR Spiritual Awakenings)
 - **2nd:** Jodi M. (GSR We Group)
 - **Intent:** To maintain order by carrying the area's group conscience.
 - **WITHDRAWN**

- Trusted Servant Nominations:

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- Group Announcements and Celebrations:

- **A New Way of Life** - Mandy P. - 1 yr on 5/1
- **Dopeless Hope Fiends** - Attendance/Needs Support
- **End of the Road** - Felix L. - 17 yrs and Ashleigh M. - 12 yrs, both on 5/31
- **Just for Sunday** - Jen - 5 yrs on 5/5
- **The Lie is Dead** - As always, we NEED support
- **Living the Program** - Cathy H. - 27 yrs on 5/30
- **Lost Dreams Awaken** - Melody J. - 29 yrs on 5/4
- **NA @ Noon** - Cedric - 10 yrs on 5/5
- **Rose Group** - Going back to 8 pm.
- **Sky's the Limit** - We will be joining the new Western Georgia area of N.A. This will be our last appearance at area service. Also we do need support.; Shannon - 7 yrs on 5/15
- **Warriors in Recovery** - Needs support "Please"; Brian R. - 10 yrs on 7/15
- **We Recover Together** - Steffan - 18 mos and Lana - 12 yrs both on 5/1; Jeannie C. - 1 yr on 5/4; Shane C. - 1 yr on 5/8; Christian J. - 2 yrs on 5/11; Cathy P. - 6 yrs on 5/18

Motion to Close:

Seconded by:

Motion to acclamation: Chris E

Second: John

Closed at 3:22pm

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Saturday, June 1st at 2:00PM

BACK TO GROUPS

Elections to be voted on in the May ASC Meeting:

- **None**

Motions to be voted on in the May 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