

**Marietta Area Service Committee of NA
Meeting Minutes
June 30th, 2019**

Next Meeting Sunday, July 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 @ 2:18 PM

The Purpose of the Area was read by Bailey

The 12 Traditions were read by Louis B.

The 12 Concepts were read by Steffan T.

Motion to accept May minutes: Chuck M.

Motion Seconded: Lyz F.

Previous month's minutes were moved to acclimation: Bailey

Motion seconded: Chris E.

Group	GSR	Attendance	Comments
Addicts in the Attic	Asa	X	
AMNA	Erin	Present	
Another Chance	Erin	Present	
Architects of Adversity	Lyz	Present	
Back to the Basics	Jerry	Present	
Chosen Frozen	Bradley	Present**	
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Marco	Present*	
Easy Does It	Scott	Present	
End of the Road	Jan	Present	
Hold On to Hope	Sheila	Present	
It's Never Too Late	Saleem	Present	
Just for Sunday	Melissa	Present	
Ladies Night	Julie	Present	
The Lie is Dead	Big John	XX	
Living the Program	Prissad	Present	
Lost Dreams Awaken	Tim	Present	
Mimosa	Bailey	Present	
NA at Noon	Alvin	Present	
A New Way of Life	Laura	Present	
On the Right Track	Andy	Present	
The Rose Group	Marcia	X	
Serenity on the Square	Myra	Present	
Spiritual Awakenings	Matt	Present	
Surrender on Sunday	Austin	Present*	
Unity Group	Jocho	X	
Warriors in Recovery	Brian	X	
We Group	Susan	Present	
We Recover Together	Abigail	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:
 - The Lie is Dead

Homegroups Added:

- The following groups will be counted towards Quorum with one more consecutive meeting:
 - Chosen Frozen

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	Absent	N/A
RCMA	Stephen	Present	N/A
Policy Parliamentarian	Tony	Present	N/A
Lit Distribution	Mary	Present	Written
Alt. Lit Distribution	Robyn	Absent	N/A
Activities Chair	Vacant	N/A	Written
H&I Chair	Geoff	Present	Written
PR Chair	Billie	Present	Written
WSR	Louie	Present	Written
24hr Room Chair	Joe B.	Present	Written

- GSR Workshop: 2:20pm - 2:54pm
 - Facilitated by Rodney W, Jody T and Katey G

- Open Forum: 2:55pm - 3:35pm

Tony M: [MASCNA Policy] gets updated virtually, every month, and at least every month when it goes out, and at the end of the year, if you want to, because it's to print everyone out. If you want a hard copy of [policy], mind you, it's only going to be good once a year. So if you want to have that, you can, or have it updated virtually, so, it's up to you, but you're talking a couple hundred dollars. So that's my recommendation, is not, it can be printed, but you know, so that's the question I have for you, because this is written a while ago before the virtual age. I'm just saying, ya'll make a decision if you want to print it, print it out, but it's going to cost a couple hundred dollars.

Jody T: Thank you Tony.

Jan L: I had a question, the one that's on the website, does that get updated every month, or every time there's changes, or?

Tony M: The one that's updated every month is the one that goes out with your minutes. You get the latest, like I've already sent the updated one to Susan that's going out for the minutes that go out, it's updated as of when we send out the minutes.

Scott L: I put it up when I get new updates, I try to.

Tony M: Whoever's the new policy chair that comes in behind me, they can update it and make sure it gets out with the minutes, and that way it goes through, you can verify what goes out with that, because there was about 7 changes that were made. I know there were grammatical changes, but there were 7 policy changes that happened in the last year.

Melissa P: Melissa, addict. Thank you Rodney for bringing in that packet, that was a great job, and I don't discount the importance of the GSR orientation, I think it's vitally important. And I just wanted to say that this is my first year as a GSR in the Marietta Area and I'm still surprised to see that we do the GSR orientation on the floor of area. In my experience, generally it's done either before or after or the facilitator takes the new GSRs outside, and they sit down, kind of one on one, ask questions, really engage. Because the GSR orientation is so important, I personally think that's a better way. And so, I just wanted to state that, see if anyone had any thoughts, my group's going to be putting forward a motion that the GSR orientation should be done outside the main Area, whether it's before, after, outside while [Area]'s going on, that way there's not noise and the new GSRs can get more hands-on instruction, hopefully better learning.

Jody T: Thanks Melissa. Anybody else got any questions, comments for that? Anybody have anything else for open forum?

Felix L: Addict called Felix. I was thinking about this as this area is going to lose some groups. So we're going to lose some revenue, or money that comes in as donations, maybe the budgets should be reviewed and changed a little bit to circumvent that money that we're going to be losing from these groups. Just a thought. You guys can talk about it, I just wanted to bring it up.

Jody T: I've got a question. Is there any way we can kind of get an idea of the revenue we get from those groups?

Zack: Uh, on average, I did kind of come up with an average, I didn't like pinpoint it, but it's anywhere between, could be a \$100, usually minimum, up to like \$200, usually for the groups that are leaving.

Jody T: Per month?

Zack: Yeah, per month.

Jody T: Okay, awesome.

Katey G: Billie, how much, when does, when does the new phone line switch over? Has that switched?

Billie W: It's switched over. Chris, didn't you mention that there was another new phone line?

Chris E: So we may be switching providers again, it has already switched over. I have some information on that, and when it actually, they're going to send it back to be voted on at some point from Region to see when they get everything ironed out about switching to another provider, which is supported by addicts. And they did a demonstration, like had a problem or an issue, and it literally texted the guy and it was fixed within 5 minutes while he was doing his presentation.

Katey G: Okay. Because I was wondering, because I know PR didn't redo their budget this year, but that means PR budget was like \$300 less a month, so that did kind of even out, so if we re-did, you know what I mean, because that was like the equivalent, so that was my thought too, was that we were saving more than that on the phone line each month when we switched over.

Felix L: My other question would be, why is it that we do our budgets in January when we're turning it over in June. We're getting new members stepping into positions, shouldn't that budget switch be in June? Reflecting their year of service, not the people that just walked out?

Geoff C: We did that before. Like you're asking a new GSR to create a budget and they don't know what's going on.

Felix L: Like I'm sitting here with Zack, and he and I can discuss and he can give me what I need for the following year, and I can figure out what I need as far as my budget, same as the secretary, same as H&I, same as being a new GSR, same as every other subcommittee. And it seems whoever's going to be the new incoming should be sitting with the outgoing to get to what you need to know. Like whoever's going to be replacing you as H&I [Chair] should be sitting next to you figuring out "What do we need?" Same thing as PR, same thing as every other subcommittee.

Jody T: You can make a motion.

Katey G: You can make a motion to change policy if you want to do that.

Felix L: I mean, wouldn't it be smart?

Susan O: Well, we can debate it if he makes a motion.

Felix L: So in other words, what I was trying to say was since we're losing 8 home groups from this area, I believe, and this is just my opinion, doesn't mean anything, that the subcommittees should change their budgets to reflect that loss of revenue that we're going to get. Especially, say H&I, who's not going to Paulding County, or Polk County, or whatever other county that we're not going to do now... Nevermind.

Susan O: Addict named Susan, actually Zack had his hand up before I did, go ahead Zack.

Zack: I was just going to say, this month we didn't get a bill from [our previous provider], so that's already in effect. Just wanted to answer that question.

Katey G: So we're already saving \$300/month.

Zack: Yeah, I paid the last AT&T bill last month.

Katey G: For transparency that's a good idea, but at least we know it is balanced, you know what I mean?

Felix L: Well, I can't put a motion in since I'm not a GSR, but if one of the GSRs wanted to make a motion...

Tony M: I'm Tony, I'm an addict. Just be aware that whenever you make a policy change like that, you might want to think it through and think about why they had it there before. I know that this area has had that going back and forth about when it should do the budgets, but you can alter and change the budget based on it. So I know that, if I

remember correctly, the reason why they do it the first of the year was for the continuity, and then when it's supposed to review, when they come in at the middle of the year for the hand-over, they're supposed to review the existing budget to see if it still meets the need or if it needs to be changed. So it might be an idea to have a review that's given, because the continuity, and so if you go back and change it, you can do that but you're going to end up with some other issues as well.

Felix L: I don't think what I'm saying would contradict that. I thought it would be the person that was in before, use their old budgets and then the new person comes in and they don't have anything left for 6 months, and now we have to ask the area for more money.

Tony M: That happens all the time, I mean that happens. I mean, say you change it, right? You're still going to have some of the same issues we're talking about, I don't think it's going to fix the issue you're bringing up.

Katey G: I mean they don't just hand it out, I mean if Activities requests \$350, they don't just give the chair \$3000 and then it's like "Oh, here's \$500 for the event," you know what I mean, you're asking for it as you go. I mean if they use the whole budget, like they'd still be going through the area to request funds.

Jody T: So Susan had her hand up.

Susan O: I'm sorry, maybe I should wait, because it seems like we're going back and forth two issues, like when should we do budgets, and looking at the change in our income, so, if you want to talk about that first, I'll wait.

Tony M: The change in income is not going to just be what you get at area, you've also got to look at how much you're going to be getting from fundraisers, attendance for all your activities and things like that, so you're not going to know it until it happens, honestly, you're not going to know what it is until next month or two months from now when it happens to see what the actual effects from it are. I know that the West Georgia [area] decided that they weren't going to ask for any of the stuff and the portions that they had because of that reason, so there's going to be, you're not going to know it until like two months from now, really what the effect of it is.

Jody T: Thanks Tony. Susan, you wanted to say?

Susan O: Go to Chuck first, I don't know if I want to ask this question.

Chuck M: I'm Chuck, I'm an addict. Basically we base our budgets anyway on what income we had previously and what we spent previously, right? So if we're guess-timating what we might be losing, that's strictly all it is so let's go through a year and let's just do things as normal and see what happens, I mean we may be trying to tackle a problem that's not even an issue or anything else. Let's see what happens, let's let the income, let's let the change happen, let everything flow and just see what happens. I mean instead of, like I said, I know it's good to try and anticipate but in my opinion it seems like it would be better to just let things, see what happens and then, you know, if a couple of the subcommittees or whatever struggle and they need more or they need to reduce their budget or whatever, then [we handle it then]. Does that make

sense?

Felix L: Yeah, that's why I brought it up to the floor.

Jody T: Thank you Chuck. Thank you Felix. Do we have anybody else?

Scott L: I don't know if this is more of a PR question, but I'd like some guidance from the group as far as what to do with the meetings that are leaving as far as the meeting list. Do I take them off immediately, do we have some sort of in between period?

Chris E: Addict named Chris. I would suggest this as a show of unity and goodwill that we have a grace period of at least a couple months, until, you know they print some of their own schedules. What harm is it for an addict to be able to find a meeting?

Scott L: I totally agree. I just need to have some guideline as far as how long that grace period is. I think it's absolutely a good thing to do, because you know, we're not serving addicts if we take them off the meeting list where they have been.

Chuck M: I'm Chuck and I'm an addict. The policy right now is when a homegroup doesn't show up for however long, we take them off the meeting list.

Jody T: We don't take them off the meeting list.

Chuck M: Ever?

Bailey: We don't. Unless a homegroup dissolves, I've been talking about it, unless a homegroup dissolves or asks, we don't.

Tony M: I could tell you what West Georgia is looking at doing, you notice that they're all here right now, at least a half, because of that continuity, because we haven't been able to get on the region's website to get the updates.

Chuck M: You say you have or haven't?

Tony M: We have not. We tried to reach out to them but we're having the same issue, we're not getting a call back yet, so at least for this month and next month, hopefully by the end of this month, we'll have our own meeting schedule, I mean we have a meeting schedule already.

Chris E: Would 90 days be a fair [grace period]?

Tony M: I mean, what we're planning on doing, you could still have two separate meeting schedules. So what we're asking for is basically, from our perspective is we're going to keep it for this month, and then next month when we're able to get it switched over then we'll probably ask that [our removal from the Marietta meeting schedules] happen. I mean our PR Chair is here right now, but that's up to ya'll.

Chris E: Leave them on until they ask to be removed, I mean that seems fair.

Stephen R: I was just going to suggest that we leave them on until the next Regional Conference in September. That way, because they came to the last region, they've been recognized but they don't get added until they come again to the next region. So I was just going to suggest that we keep them on our meeting schedule until they, until the next Regional Conference, which would be at least until the end of September, or the September ASC.

Jody T: Thanks Stephen. That's helpful. Felix?

Felix L: I think we're supposed to help the addict that still suffers, which includes the

addict that's still looking for a meeting. Doesn't cost us anymore or any less if we take them off or leave them on. Why not just leave them on there for a year until they get set up and get their own meeting list and their own stuff and area? Just what I'm thinking.

Jody T: Thank you Felix. And then Bailey, you had your hand up?

Bailey: Bailey, addict. Yeah so, what Felix said, I mean basically if the groups themselves come back at some point and say "Hey take me off," you know we have it in our policy right now to then take them off. If the ASC tries to unilaterally remove somebody, that's got to be a change in policy because as it stands right now...

Jody T: I don't think we'd be changing policy because they've gone to new area, and they are officially, not being recognized [as a Marietta Area group], but I may be wrong about that.

Bailey: Right but this isn't like a split with animosity or anything like that, and if it helps the addict that still suffers, then that's... I mean it's not going to cost anymore money.

Jody T: Alright, Chris?

Chris B: Um, so I'm Chris, I'm an addict. So our PR, like the specific subcommittee policy is under the PR section, and our policy says "The ASC will then determine whether to keep the group on the meeting schedule." (**MASCNA Policy Article 10, Section B, Subsection 2-c**) if they miss two consecutive areas. It sounds like people don't want to take them off the meeting schedule, so it's up to you guys whether you want to keep them on the meeting schedule, if someone wants to make a motion on this, you can, and just like vote to leave them on the meeting schedule or not, but our policy doesn't have, like there is a recourse for removing a group but it doesn't sound like people want to do that, so let's vote or whatever.

Jody T: Thank you Chris, that's helpful. Susan?

Susan O: Addict named Susan. Maybe just as a way of being supportive, once they have their part of the regional website up, maybe we could add something to our website that says "Looking for meetings in Hiram, Dallas, and so on? Check out the West Georgia Area," and then have a link to their site, like once they're up, then we can direct people to them.

Rodney W: So, in part of my report for Region, the West Georgia Area was recognized at region, and part of their recognition at region was implementation of the administration of that, the admins for that, for that region or that area, as well as the groups that are to be a part of that. And it's in the minutes that I have emailed to the secretary, and it lists the groups that are being recognized for that area so if they're going to be recognized in that area, then they shouldn't be recognized in this area, correct?

Jan L: Sure, in the sense that we shouldn't let them vote in our area. I don't know that it's best to like remove them from the meeting list.

Lyz F: Addict named Lyz, they're going to be on the front of our meeting schedule anyways once the change happens, so.

Jody T: Right, you mean their phone number?

Lyz F: Right, West Georgia Area will be added under East End, Midtown, North Atlanta so it doesn't really affect this area, I agree with what Chris said, in the spirit of goodwill and unity, leave them on there, when they're good, we'll change it over, nothing really needs to be voted on, no policy change, we're good. They'll still be on our meeting schedule for addicts to go to those meetings also.

Jody T: Can we move on from the issue, or actually, go ahead Scott

Scott L: Just one last, well, Tony do you guys have a hotline number yet?

Tony M: That's what we were still waiting on, we're trying to get on with the region, that's one reason we're still, we were waiting for that and we still haven't gotten anything back from them yet.

Scott L: You can just get with me when you do. And this is really just to put it out there for Chris, since we will have less, fewer meetings picking up meeting schedules, we'll need to revise how many we print every month which is currently 500 so we're not spending more money than we have to on printing.

Chris E: I was thinking as part of PR efforts, we may start to add some to probation offices and in local counties for what meetings they're in. And that can be, you know it's not a unilateral decision, if it's okay we may make a motion to bring it to area or send it back to groups at some point, if I am aware there's a lot of places we don't reach with schedules, so.

Jody T: Thanks Chris. Okay, hold on, Tony you wanted to say something?

Tony M: I mean I was just going to say the idea was that by you guys' next meeting schedule print out, we'd be able to have it all done, so we'd be requesting to leave then. And hopefully that works out, if not, then we'll probably ask to stay on it until we can get ours done, we have a meeting schedule now, but hopefully that'll happen, and the new area meets on the 14th of this July. We get in the middle of the month to offset what was happening and we didn't want to have the same weekend we knew you guys were having it.

Geoff C: I just wanted to say a little while ago when I was doing the meeting schedules we had \$160 for a monthly budget, and with the printing card that we have it was like \$35 a month, so, they're really cheap. We left it the same, we gave some to probation offices.

Chris E: \$24? For 500 sheets?

Geoff C: \$24. I was paying anywhere from \$120 to something.

Katey G: Oh yeah, we have that NA printing thing.

Geoff C: Yeah, with the printing card it's really, really cheap.

Jody T: Guys we're going to move on from this issue, I know Katey has something she wanted to bring up.

Katey G: I'm Katey, I'm an addict. I just wanted to bring up for everybody before people start doing whatever. So, we do not have, and I don't see that we've got anyone putting a thing in, so we are not, after this month, I'm trying to figure out who's going to take all that literature home today. We will not have a literature distribution chair or an

alt-literature distribution chair, which means even if somebody put a thing in the groups would still need to vote, so as far as I am aware of, you guys are going to have to order your own literature this month, because we don't have anyone to do it, would be my understanding. I don't know, does anybody have any ideas around that? But I just wanted to put it out there that we don't have anyone running for literature distribution and alternate literature distribution, so that literature is going to have to go with someone, and the groups are going to have to figure out their literature this month.

Jody T: We have no vice-chair, no one ran for vice-chair.

Katey G: We don't have a vice-chair, so technically in policy, and vice-chair only fills in for subcommittees anyway, so there is, also if groups want to think about making a motion, there is absolutely, yeah...

Mary W: There are back orders, so if the order's not done next month, the order won't be here until somebody orders them. They're just small, some of you got, I mean ya'll have wiped me out, I mean look how many ones.

Katey G: So luckily we do have treasury to manage that money and get that money, well, hopefully we get that person elected to treasury, we have someone running for treasury, I shouldn't say we have a treasurer, but at the end of the day, that is something to keep in mind, that we will not have anyone to fill- again, there is nothing in policy around that concept of, we have no policy chair, we have no lit, we have no alt-lit, there's nothing in our policy as to who does it if no one's in the position. So, if groups want to think about making a motion, if groups want to think about putting it out there for people to step up, because we don't even have anyone running for vice-chair to direct them to possibly do it the way they would for subcommittees. I'm really proud that our subcommittees have people running for their chair positions, so that's super cool, but yeah, I did just want to put that out there, that basically I mean, give me some input and options, but it sounds like the groups are going to be on their own for ordering their own literature this month as far as I would see is directed by [policy], right and for the foreseeable future. And if anybody has a big car to carry all that lit, get with me after, I don't know if I can fit it all in the Honda, I don't know. So it's just, if we could get some help around that today, I did just want to put that out there before people start disappearing.

Jody T: Do we have anything else for open forum?

Chris B: I'm Chris and I'm an addict. So, this is something, like it's not any kind of action item, it's just kind of to gauge interest, maybe bounce some ideas around. I've talked to Rodney about this, but basically, so they have these things, like Narcotics Anonymous World Services, every two years when they publish the Conference Agenda Report (CAR), they also send out to groups what's called Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) and they're basically like, they take the three highest, you know, highest rated, you know like basically rated by the fellowship as being the most important issues for the next cycle, and it allows, kind of, the fellowship to comment on these issues. And the way that we would do that is by hosting what's called Issue Discussion Topic

workshops, and basically there's three topics. One of them is "Carrying The NA Message and Making NA Attractive," the other is "Attracting Members to Service," and the other is "Drug Replacement Treatment (DRT) and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as it relates to NA". So basically all we would, and I'm just floating this to you guys because I talked to Jonathan and what he was saying was it usually goes better when it's sponsored by a service body as opposed to an individual having to just put on everything and try to facilitate one of these workshops. But basically, it's our way, as the Marietta Area, of commenting on these issues and submitting our input to World and just kind of letting our voice be heard. But again, like I said, it's not an action item, it's just kind of gauging y'all's interest on if we want to have Issue Discussion Topic workshops. There's three different topics like I said, and we could have three different workshops, we could do them all together, kind of like you guys' ideas and if you guys think that this is something that's important for our area to talk about. So, that's all I wanted to say, just let you guys know, and it's something that I've been thinking about and that I wanted to see if anybody else would be interested in taking some action on it.

Jody T: Yeah, I'd be interested. Question, or...? Lonnie question?

Lonnie: Lonnie and I'm an addict. I just got a quick thing, I think it's in policy, if a position is vacant, I think it goes chair, vice-chair and then secretary.

Jody T: That's not, maybe I'm wrong.

Lonnie: But it came up a few years ago and the chair had to step in.

Jody T: Yeah, but that's not actually in, I mean maybe I'm wrong... We were looking, we could have missed it, but we asked Tony and we checked and there's... In fact, according to this, chairs only take, or vice-chair only takes over subcommittee chairs. Vice-chair doesn't even take over admin positions.

Katey G: Like I [as vice-chair] did treasury the first four months before someone was elected.

Jody T: I mean, hopefully we're wrong but...

Tony M: I mean, it says "i. Performs the functions of the Chair in the Chair's absence or vacancy. ii. Co-signer of the ASC bank account. iii. Coordinates the activities of ASC subcommittees when needed. iv. Acts as temporary subcommittee chair when positions are vacant." (**MASCNA Policy Article 3, Section A, Sub-section 3b**). And that's vice-chair, so, I'm going through treasurer, but...

Jody T: And there's nothing under the chair, like there's nothing about the chair taking over anything else.

Tony M: There's nothing in there, there is no thing in there about what happens if there's no...

Katey G: Is there anything in policy around vacant positions?

Jody T: There's got to be. Uh, Julie, you had a comment right?

Julie N: I'm sorry, are we still on the same topic?

Jody T: No, go ahead.

Julie N: Just for open forum, we're struggling with the women's meeting. We don't really

have a whole lot of support from, I mean Lyz and I are basically the only homegroup members, we're the only ones consistently at the meeting with time who can sponsor people. We've got three different women's treatments that are showing up, I'm just putting it out there that one, we need support, and two, we're seriously considering changing the day if people can't support us on Friday. And if that's not an option, then the meeting's going to have to close in the next couple months, which is sad. So, just putting it out there, if you guys can support, come support. I'm stepping down as GSR, we have nobody stepping up as GSR, open the meeting, you know, facilitate it, do all the things. So, if you can support, please come out.

Jody T: Thank you Julie. Alright guys, do we have anything else for open forum? Jan go ahead.

Jan L: I'm down for the Issue Discussion Topics, I know I've mentioned this several times in the past kiddingly, but should we form an ad-hoc committee to facilitate that?

Jody T: That would be, Stephen, did you have a response for Jan?

Stephen R: I wasn't listening to shit he said. I couldn't hear what he said, what did he say?

Jody T: He was saying should we form an ad-hoc committee.

Stephen R: For what?

Jody T: For the IDTs, the Issue Discussion Topics.

Jan L: Well, if there's enough interest to do them.

Jody T: I would be interested, and you would as well? Okay. Stephen, what did you have?

Stephen R: I was just going to go back to the lit problem real quick. This is a semantics thing, and trust me I fucking hate semantics, but it does say, like we keep saying administrative panel, but our policy says "Administrative Subcommittee," so does that not mean by proxy, I guess or whatever word you want to use, that the vice-chair would step in that position because we are a subcommittee?

Jody T: Right, but we don't have a vice-chair.

Stephen R: Right, but just for future reference, to solidify that concept of the chain of command going down. If we are a subcommittee does that not apply there?

Susan O: All it says is "acts as temporary subcommittee chair when positions are vacant."

Jody T: Yeah chair, and that's the chair of the administrative subcommittee. So it would be Area chair, literature distribution isn't area chair.

Austen B: Right, because I was going to say, if you're going to go down the list based on that, I was looking at policy and there isn't anything clear in there, but like if chair isn't here then the vice-chair is supposed to step in, no, then it actually goes Policy Parliamentarian, then RCM. Just for the chair position, it doesn't have anything for the other positions.

Jody T: Right, and chair doesn't take over for lit if there's no lit, it doesn't work like that.

Tony M: Y'all just step back for a second and just think about this. How are you going to

do business? Think about that for a second. I mean there's nothing in policy that requires for anyone to have to step in and do literature chair, but is there anyone in this room right now that is willing to step up and help out with lit? And if there's not, is there anyone in the administrative body that's leaving for the new ones willing to step up and help out with it. I mean think about that, even if there's not anyone who specifically has to do it, it's still going to have to happen. It's not the first time that this has happened in this area. It just needs to get done, and if you want to trust your admin committee to say to somebody "Hey take the stuff there," then trust your admin committee.

Katey G: The only thing I found is that on page 24, it does say "As necessary, individuals may be appointed by the Chairperson in agreement with the Vice Chairperson to positions that fulfill a particular need." (**MASCNA Policy Article 10, Section A, Sub-section 5**). So that to me sounds like, if there's an emergency, you know what I mean, in an emergency situation instead of it going back to groups, we could be like "Hey, Christian, you're doing lit now." But my point is there is something in policy around the idea of filling vacant positions.

Sheila G: So what are the requirements, like the clean-time requirements and stuff like that for the lit chair. Sorry, I just have no idea about it, but there seems like there's a need for it, and I might want to....

Stephen R: Qualifications: i. Two (2) years clean time. ii. One year of service experience. b. Duties: i. Provides literature and supplies to groups and members in the Area. ii. Maintains and stores literature inventory and ensures that new literature and copies of all NA literature are available to the local fellowship. iii. Submits a monthly report of all literature sales and purchases, with receipts. iv. Collects money for group literature and delivers it to the ASC Treasurer on the same day, before the close of ASC business. v. Maintains \$3500.00 worth of literature and supplies on-hand. vi. Provides new groups to the ASC, upon arrival, a standard starter package, consisting of up to \$50.00 of the literature and key tags of their choosing. vii. Submits an itemized inventory to the MASC Treasurer and Secretary two weeks prior to each ASC meeting to be included in the following ASC minutes. viii. Participates in a budget workshop with incoming trusted servants promptly after the June ASC meeting. (**MASCNA Policy Article 3, Section A, Sub-section 10**) Now who's doing [the budget workshop]?

Jody T: Yeah, that's happening today actually. How much clean time do you have, if you don't mind me asking?

Katey G: Well, she's a GSR though.

Sheila G: I have 15 months.

Mary W: There may be somebody in this room who's willing, so we're going to wait a minute.

Katey G: Okay, and she's also a GSR.

Jody T: Right, but we could appoint someone, it doesn't actually specify that, but we'd be appointing someone in an emergency, I'm not talking about a... Jan you had something?

Jan L: Hey, I was lit chair last year, and, you know, I'm a GSR so I'm not going to do it, but anybody who would be willing, I'd totally help them out, you know, show them the ropes so it's not like you're thrown to the wolves.

Katey G: Thank you. Mary did also say that she made things very clear, made passwords very easy, and did a lot for people to step in quickly, so if that helps anyone to come serve.

Jody T: We can, remember, if there's somebody here now we can appoint them for the emergency, but go ahead.

Marco J: I'm actually going to read over what she has and I'm actually going to think about it tonight, so. Bailey just dope-fiended me into it.

Jody T: Thank you. Susan?

Susan O: Addict named Susan. Do we have somewhere for the literature to go today, or is that a need? Mary? Do we still need someone to take it?

Mary W: I have a need, yeah. It'll be pretty nicely boxed back here.

Susan O: So, I have a question, if Jan and I are willing to take the literature, what needs to happen to allow for that, and I will no longer have a position and he will be a GSR, so what needs to happen to allow us to take the literature when we're not technically...

Bailey: The question is, can a non-committee person, can they take the literature home?

Susan O: I mean, technically, let's just say it's Jan, I mean he's a GSR.

Tony M: I mean, if you guys want, the new admin committee, when they come in, you can talk about it and decide what to do then.

Jody T: So here's the thing, in policy right now, it says "As necessary, individuals may be appointed by the Chairperson in agreement with the Vice Chairperson to positions that fulfill a particular need." (**MASCNA Policy Article 10, Section A, Sub-section 5**). Sounds like there's a lot of leeway, you currently have a chair and a vice-chair right now and it sounds like there's quite a bit of leeway with that if we were in agreement, to, you know, at least have Jan hold on to the literature for the next month where we'd be able to do that.

Tony M: I mean, y'all had your elections already right? I mean we have a new admin committee coming in.

Jody T: Right, but we haven't voted yet. Like, no one has been elected.

Tony M: Right, but what I'm saying is we're going to be making decisions for the next body. You're talking about, like as of right now you have a lit chair, and once you go into new business, new body comes in, they can decide how they want to handle it. Whoever's the new chair gets to decide how they want to, gets to make a decision. Not the current body.

Jody T: Technically, she can't because there's no vice-chair. That's the problem.

Melissa P: Melissa, addict. I just wanted to say that if worst comes to absolute worst, I have no experience and hopefully it doesn't come to this- I'm just expressing my willingness temporarily to help with lit if we literally have no one at all. I have no

experience in lit and I'm hoping to become the alt-secretary but, whatever. If we need help and there's nobody better, I'm willing.

Scott L: Matt back there from my homegroup has expressed interest too, but he wouldn't qualify to be [literature] chair, he could be alternate chair possibly, but...

Susan O: It sounds like there's a lot of people mulling it over, so...

Tony M: Nominations for these positions will happen after the elections, so vacancies and nominations can go back to the groups after the elections. So that's when, if y'all want to do it.

Stephen R: If you're willing to do it, get a form to get nominated and have somebody nominate you please.

Tony M: Not the first time that nominations have come this late when there have been vacancies.

Jody T: If you get nominated today, we still don't have anyone to order lit for the next month.

Katey G: So it's out there and we have people thinking and there's people to talk to, and we appreciate any willingness, I'm not trying to dope-fiend guys, I'm just trying to let you guys know that there's going to be no one back there next month.

Stephen R: So it would probably be a good idea to get with Mary or someone after the meeting or right now and ask them how to go about ordering your literature for next month, if you need all that stuff.

Matt M: I'm just asking if there's anyone here in this transition period moving out of a service position that is interested in another service position, rather than having someone who's new coming into a service position handling our literature. You know, that's my thoughts, if anyone's moving out and wants to go ahead and fill it. I don't know anyone here, I just thought, because the positions are all changing right?

Katey G: Hey, so, just a correction, that appointed position thing apparently where it's placed in our policy means it only applies to H&I, so apparently individuals can only be appointed to H&I positions because of where that was placed in our policy, so actually, nevermind.

Stephen R: So, Jan has the willingness to take the literature, do we need to make a motion to have him take the literature?

Katey G: Well, it sounds like, it sounds like what he said, after the new business, there may be some new motions coming up, so let's see what happens.

Jody T: But yeah, that's not a bad idea, that someone should probably put some kind of motion in. So, Jan's willing and Jan can actually make the motion and do it himself.

Katey G: So if anybody wants to make some motions, make some motions.

Jody T: Alright, anybody have anything else for open forum? Going once, going twice? Alright, on to subcommittee reports.

- Subcommittee Reports: 3:35pm - 4:08pm
 - Treasurer's Report - Dez J:
 - Report attached.
 - Literature Report - Mary W:
 - Took in \$1080.30
 - Ordered \$1,142.48
 - Thank you for letting me serve.
 - RCM Report - Rodney W:
 - Report attached.
 - Activities Report - Christian J:
 - 8 members in attendance
 - Mini Golf on 6/29/19. 15 addicts in attendance. 3 newcomers. No newcomer funds given out. Bringing back \$85.00 back to area.
 - Next events: July 20th Beach bash, now a fundraiser for H&I. August 17th Tubing. October 11-13th Campout.
 - Campout: We are asking the area for T-Shirt designs. Deadline is July 20th for T-shirt design.
 - We are asking area for \$250.00 of the \$550.00 of the T-shirt budget to design and create badges for the full campout. Total # of badges will be 200.
 - It has come to the subcommittee's attention that this will not be the 20th anniversary for the fall campout at Red Top Mountain. We apologize for the misinformation but we hope everyone attends the campout regardlessly.
 - Next meeting July 17th @ 6:30 pm @ Starbucks in Vinings (see activities members for details)
 - H&I Report - Geoff C:
 - We had 6 people in attendance today.
 - We spent \$326.92 this month on lit, and received a \$50 donation from Just For Sunday, meaning we spent \$276.92 this month. We've spent \$1458. 32 out of \$3600, leaving \$2141.68 in budget.
 - We are having a Beach Bash fundraiser to raise funds to buy literature for locally incarcerated addicts. It's on July 20th from 11-4 pm. Suggested donations - \$10 entry, \$5 for food, \$20 shirt.
 - There will be cornhole, volleyball, fellowship and fun

- We are requesting an abundance of \$200 for t-shirts and \$150 for food this month.
 - As always, the subcommittee needs support, as well as the meetings.
 - Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Geoff C.

- **PR Report - Billie W:**
 - Discussed some goals and the need for action.
 - End of the Road is donating Basic Texts to Cobb County Jail
 - Planned an introductory letter first, offering presentation. Then do presentation then give books.
 - We ask for a list of libraries near each homegroup. When we receive the list we will turn the list into region who will provide libraries with Basic Text E-Books.
 - We talked about working on goals, policy and budget.
 - We would like to hear from our home groups for ideas about what PR can do to help the still sick and suffering addict.

- **WSR Report - Jerry:**
 - 2 members in attendance
 - Postal facillator report
 - Total letters received: 18
 - Total work books ordered: 2
 - Invoices submitted to treasurer 3, (NAWS sent an email that we owed for one book from April that was not payed, Treasurer will check to if this payment was sent if not then we will update the budget)
 - Total expenses for June \$30.00
 - Year to date total \$273.09 out of \$1380.00
 - Remaining in budget \$1106.91
 - At this months meeting
 - A few months ago we started to find out what other WSR, Behind the Walls comittees are out there and a data base was started. Louie is continuing to send emails and get contacts in other regions and areas.
 - We exchanged an information pack with WSR in Nevada and discussed the different ways that things are done in Nevada. This will help us to see if we are doing the best job we can to carry the message.
 - We were surprised to find that NAWS has little information about how many areas have programs like these.

- **24 Hour Room Report - Joe B:**
 - Next meeting: July 14 @ 4:30p at Surrender on Sunday
 - Next event: Kickball on September 21
 - Location and time are TBD

- **Old Business:**
 - None

- **Elections:**
 - **Chair:** Katey G **Elected**
 - **Secretary:** Chris B **Elected**
 - **Alternate Secretary:** Melissa P. **Elected**
 - **Treasurer:** Felix L. **Elected**
 - **Alternate Treasurer:** Richard G **Elected**
 - **Chair, Public Relations:** Chris E. **Elected**
 - **Chair, Activities:** Christian J. **Elected**
 - **Chair, WSR:** Louis B. **Elected**
 - **Chair, H&I:** Julie N. **Elected**

- **New Business:**
 - **Motion 6-1:** Request funds for Beach Bash on 7/20/19 (T-Shirt Printing - \$200; Food for Event - \$150)
 - Maker: Geoff C, H&I Chair
 - 2nd: Bailey C, GSR Mimosa
 - Intent: To pay for food and t-shirts for Beach Bash
 - PROS:
 - **Austen B:** Just being honest and not calling it a learning day.
 - **Geoff C:** The idea of this whole thing is to provide some money to buy literature for locally incarcerated addicts and jails around here so we've got to have something to sell to get some money.
 - **Austen B:** It carries our primary purpose.
 - CONS:
 - None
 - **Vote:** 12/1/1
 - **Motion 6-2:** To change policy around the timing of the annual GSR workshop. Specifically, the change should recommend that the workshop facilitator hold the workshop before, after or outside the room during area

meeting. Attendance by incoming GSRs should be optional but strongly recommended. Amend Article 9 - Miscellaneous Items - Page 22 with the addendum: "This GSR orientation workshop should be conducted before area, after area, or outside the main room at area. Attendance by incoming GSRs should be optional but strongly recommended."

- Maker: Melissa P, GSR Just for Sunday
- 2nd: Bailey C, GSR Mimosa
- Intent: To foster a better learning environment for new GSRs, free of distractions. Meanwhile, area business can proceed efficiently.
- PROS:
 - **Bailey C:** I just think it would be helpful for the people who are coming in who have no experience of being a GSR and we're able to actually speak to those people directly and get them specific training and it also wouldn't lengthen the whole process [of area].
 - **Steffen T:** There were a lot of people with plenty of experience here while Rodney was facilitating the GSR workshop who were going about other business, and it was hard for me, as someone with less experience, to pay attention and I think a more private setting for the new GSR workshop would be more beneficial.
- CONS:
 - None

○ **Motion 6-3:** For Marco J. to take temporary custody of Lit Supply until next ASC/election

- Maker: Jan L, GSR End of the Road
- 2nd: Sheila G, GSR Hold on to Hope
- Intent: To safeguard Lit Supply until next ASC/officially elected, and so lit supply won't feel abandoned or less than.
- PROS:
 - **Erin C:** A pro would be that it needs to go somewhere.
 - **Matt M:** Since he's already possibly going to be elected as literature chair, he's getting used to bringing it home with him.
- CONS:
 - None

■ **Vote: 12/0/1**

● Trusted Servant Nominations:

○ **Literature Distribution: Marco J**

- Service Resume:
 - Meets clean time requirements
 - Has willingness to fill position
 - Homegroup: Dopeless Hope Fiends
 - Has a sponsor
 - Has a working knowledge of the 12 traditions
 - **Literature Distribution Alternate: Matthew Z.**
 - Service Resume:
 - Clean date: September 1, 2018
 - Homegroup: Easy Does It (July 2017-Now)
 - I have a sponsor
 - Homegroup Chair on Sunday Night 7-8 for a year
- Group Announcements and Celebrations:
 - **Another Chance** - Reggie P. - 22 yrs on 7/2; Anthony T. - 3 yrs on 7/16; Linda K. - 26 yrs on 7/20
 - **Architects of Adversity** - Kelly - 1 yr on 7/5
 - **Dopeless Hope Fiends** - Needs support
 - **Easy Does It:** Ronnie M. - 10 yrs and Melody M. - 15 yrs both on 7/20
 - **It's Never Too Late** - Need support; Meets Friday @ 7:30 pm in Rome, GA (Green & Gold study) and Sunday @ 7:00 pm in Willingham Gym in Rome, GA; Saleem S. - 10 yrs and Shirley E. - 9 yrs both on 7/7
 - **Mimosa** - Carl B. - 14 yrs on 6/30; Daniel B. - 2 yrs on 6/3
 - **Ladies Night** - Needs support. Will close by September if no support
 - **Serenity on the Square** - Mark F. - 32 yrs
 - **Spiritual Awakenings** - Rachel T. - 8 yrs and Hailey W. - 3 yrs both on 7/3; Matt M. - 2 yrs and Randy - 16 yrs both on 7/29
 - **We Group** - One new homegroup member; Needs some help; Welcome new GSR Bob (Robert) R.; Susan F. - 35 yrs on 7/11
 - **We Recover Together** - Shawn D. - 1 yr on 7/6

Motion to Close: Bailey C.

Seconded by: Erin C

Motion to acclamation: Jan L.

Second: None

Closed at 4:55 pm

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Sunday, July 28th at 2:00PM

BACK TO GROUPS

Elections to be voted on in the July ASC Meeting:

• Area Trusted Servant Elections

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- Alternate Literature Distribution - Matthew Z.

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Available Area Trusted Servant Positions:

• No Nominations for Following Positions:

- Vice-Chair
- Policy Parliamentarian

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