

**Marietta Area Service Committee of NA  
Meeting Minutes  
September 29th, 2019**

**Next Meeting Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 2:00 PM**

**Ridgeview Day Hospital**

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

WSR Subcommittee meeting is held @ 1:00 PM

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

Quorum calculated to be 13 groups - Quorum met @ 2:09 PM

The Purpose of the Area was read by Jan L.

The 12 Traditions were read by Abigail F.

The 12 Concepts were read by Christian J.

Motion to accept August minutes: Michael C.

Motion Seconded: Jocho B.

Previous month's minutes were moved to acclimation: Megan S.

Motion seconded: Michael C.

<b>Group</b>	<b>GSR</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Addicts in the Attic	Asa	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	Present*	
End of the Road	Jan	Present	
Fifth Tradition Group	Brett	Present**	
Hold On to Hope	Sheila	Present	
Just for Sunday	Michael	Present	
Ladies Night	Lyz	Present	Closed
Living the Program	Presad	Present	
Lost Dreams Awaken	Tim	Present	
Mimosa	Geoff	Present	
NA at Noon	Alvin	Present	
A New Way of Life	Laura	Present	
The Rose Group	Marcia	X	
Serenity on the Square	Myra	X	
Spiritual Awakenings	Dennis	Present	
Surrender on Sunday	Nick	Present	
Unity Group	Jocho	Present	
Warriors in Recovery	Robert	Present*	
We Group	Robert	Present*	
We Recover Together	Abigail	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:
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### Homegroups Added:

- The following groups will be counted towards Quorum with one more consecutive meeting:
  - Fifth Tradition - Brett

### MASC Admin & Subcommittee Roll Call

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Report</b>
Chair	Katey	Present	N/A
Vice Chair	Vacant	N/A	N/A

<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Felix</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Attached</b>
<b>Alt. Treasurer</b>	<b>Richard</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Alt. Secretary</b>	<b>Melissa</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>RCM</b>	<b>Rodney</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>RCMA</b>	<b>Stephen</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Policy Parliamentarian</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Lit Distribution</b>	<b>Marco</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Alt. Lit Distribution</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Activities Chair</b>	<b>Christian</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Written</b>
<b>H&amp;I Chair</b>	<b>Julie</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Attached</b>
<b>PR Chair</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Attached</b>
<b>WSR</b>	<b>Louis</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Written</b>
<b>24hr Room Chair</b>	<b>Megan</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Written</b>

- Open Forum: 2:11 pm - 2:35 pm

**Brett:** Brett, addict. We're the Fifth Tradition group and we're having an issue with attendance and maybe a little conflict of personalities. The issue we're running into is the group, per se, is not being self-supporting through our own contributions, and maybe not following the traditions because of the fact that there's not many members of the group and most of the attendees are drug court attendees and there's inconsistency. There's about 4-5 people who consistently show up, and there's some other people that have say, been in the program a little bit longer than the others. For me, having attended the group for the past 7 months, I've seen, I've seen interest and I was just going to bring it to the area and see what you think would be in the best interest of this group. Should we disband this group? Should we give it a little bit more time? Is there anything I can do to get a little bit more interest in continuing the group, I just figured I would bring it here and see what other people had to say, get some experience because I need a little experience.

**Katey G:** Okay, thank you. So, are you asking for support, or... I guess or guidance, or well go ahead Chris.

**Chris E:** I'm an addict named Chris. To address that, I'm glad you brought it here and thank you for showing up today, I was unable to attend that meeting this week due to a previous engagement, but I mean off the top of my head, have you thought of moving the location of the meeting?

**Brett:** I've never really considered that, I've never considered that. We, I guess the biggest problem we're running into is not being supported through our own contributions. We may not be going strictly by that guideline, so I wanted to see if there was interest to keep the group going, because we don't always have people there to keep the group on track, and it tends to get off in left field, and we're running into those

kinds of things.

**Chris E:** How many home group members do you have, I mean how many active?

**Brett:** That's the thing, we've never formed a homegroup. I mean, there's been no, what's the word I'm looking for, continuity between members, you know, consistency.

**Dennis P:** I'm an addict, name's Dennis. See my experience here is, sometimes, see that has happened here in this area before. It was a big meeting, but it never was the meeting that it should have been because they always tried to keep it a regular meeting when it really should have been an H&I meeting, it was in a facility, and they were wondering about why we couldn't get the continuity, and occasionally, I don't know if you've ever thought about it, but an H&I meeting may be a better shift for you. Because the fact that it's mostly newcomers wouldn't be a problem if it was run as an H&I meeting. And you can also, that automatically helps you control the meeting by doing that and then sometimes, meetings man, it's hard, I've tried to start meetings before and people come for a while and then they don't come and you know, you can't just make things happen, I mean the people who come have to [inaudible].

**Katey G:** Thank you Dennis. Anyone else?

**Jocho B:** I'm an addict named Jocho. I've been advised to bring this up in open forum, I will be placing a motion during this meeting, but what we're trying to do is, see I'm part of the Southeastern Zonal Forums Additional Needs Work Group and we've been hard at work this whole year and we have come up with some guidelines on how to help or be accessible to people who have additional needs and these guidelines are for blind/visually-impaired and deaf/hearing-impaired addicts and I have passed out the packets of the guidelines and these are the guidelines that were written up. Now, first they were actually approved at the South Florida Region and that's why the South Florida Region is on that packet itself. I will be emailing Chris with the alternate copy if the Marietta Area were to adopt this. The order of this is for the Area to have this on hand so if a deaf person or a blind person or somebody who's visually-impaired or hearing-impaired walks into a meeting, and you need to know how get this addict, because they are an addict, to go and help this addict, the groups can reach out to the Area and use these guidelines. I don't know, if you have any questions let me know, I just wanted to point that out, so I'm bringing this motion up.

**Katey G:** Thanks Jocho. Anything for Jocho?

**Chris E:** Addict named Chris, thanks Jocho for bringing that up, it'll be interesting to see those. We would like to, just as a point of information, would like to let you know that that very topic was addressed at Region.

**Jocho B:** Yes, we were in contact with the co-chair, I believe.

**Chris E:** Okay, I just didn't know if that's who brought that to you, but I did want to let you know, and hopefully that's in the process of being approved.

**Jocho B:** Yeah, I know it's been brought up at Georgia too, and I think it just got approved in the Carolina Region.

**Chris E:** Yeah, there's an addict who's willing to give a lot of experience, strength and

hope from working with those with additional needs to our region whose had some suggestions-

**Jocho B:** Talking about Jackson?

**Chris E:** Yes.

**Jocho B:** Yeah, he's part of the work group. See, I'm part of the blind portion of the work group, I'm the team leader, but yes, we just found Jackson.

**Chris E:** Okay, and there was another young lady, but anyway, so yeah, there's more stuff in the works.

**Jocho B:** Yeah, since I have first-hand experience with it, this is my area. Our group voted yes, so.

**Chris E:** Thank you for showing us that.

**Katey G:** Anything else for Jocho? We're going to go back real quick, anything else for Brett? Did you feel like that was helpful?

**Brett:** Yes.

**Jan L:** I just had a question real quick about something you said. How do they struggle with being self-sufficient?

**Jocho B:** You talking about people with additional needs?

**Katey G:** No, we went back to the first topic.

**Jocho B:** Oh, I'm sorry.

**Katey G:** No, you're fine, I just wanted to make sure he got his questions answered.

**Brett:** Addict named Brett. I guess how they struggle is we don't have a GSR, we don't have a secretary, we don't have any of those people you know, and we don't really have any guidelines, and what guidelines we do have need to be followed a little more rigorously in keeping that meeting together. Me coming in here, I'm thinking maybe I can get some experience here and see if there's a little bit of interest [inaudible].

**Dennis P:** Do you have NA literature?

**Brett:** Yes we do.

**Felix L:** I'm an addict, name's Felix. So last month, my wife and I attended a North Atlanta meeting, the only Spanish-speaking meeting we have anywhere around here and we were taken aback because we spoke with a couple gentlemen that shared that they hadn't gone to a meeting in 4 or 5 years because when they showed up to regular NA meetings in Atlanta, they couldn't understand what was happening so how they stayed clean was reading the literature and going online and looking at NA websites and finding Spanish-speaking meetings. We went to their one year anniversary last month and we really, we were touched because I know that my wife and I are not the only Spanish-speaking people here, and maybe we are, but we're thinking about opening a new Spanish-speaking meeting in this area, because I think it's needed. I think it's not only needed but wanted. Because we don't want to have people like those two gentlemen that shared that they hadn't gone to meetings in 4 or 5 years because they couldn't understand the language then go out and use because there wasn't any place where they could go and feel at home and share in their own language. And in

talking with Carrie, what I wanted was the Area's thoughts on it, and if you would support it one way or the other if we decided to do this. Because I know it's huge to do this, it's a lot of work and time and hoping it's well-attended, so I just wanted to see what the Area thought about it and go from there.

**Melissa P:** I'm Melissa, I'm an addict. Thanks Felix, for bringing that up. I've lived in a lot of areas and in Florida, in Central Florida in the Greater Orlando Regional Area, they had or they may still have so many Spanish-speaking meetings that they formed a Spanish area, kind of a subset of the Orlando Area, so, it worked out well, I'll put it that way, but also to say that if you want to connect with somebody from GOASCNA (Greater Orlando Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous), they may have some good input about how to go about starting something like that.

**Felix L:** Well, you know, coming from Miami, I went to a lot of Spanish-speaking meetings, and a lot of conventions apart from the area's, they had a lot of conventions and it's a Spanish-speaking convention, so I already know how to start it. What I want is the Area to support it. If the Area is backing us up, I'm willing to put the effort and the energy into it to do it.

**Melissa P:** I support you.

**Katey G:** You want to send something back to homegroups then, and see what the home group members think?

**Felix L:** My homegroup members?

**Katey G:** No, I'm saying in general.

**Felix L:** I just wanted to bring it up here and have you guys think about it.

**Michael C:** Addict named Michael. I honestly don't know, thinking about my experience in this area, how many Spanish-speaking people who would like to attend a meeting like that. But whatever you need from me personally, from my homegroup, I'll bring it to them, I'm just trying to figure out what you need from this body of people. So just tell us what you need in terms of support and we'll help.

**Stephen R:** I think it's a great idea. Cobb County alone has a large Hispanic population especially on South Cobb Drive, where we are right now so I think it would be good for this area to reach out more to that community.

**Christian J:** My name's Christian, I'm an addict. Felix, I don't speak Spanish, but I'm kind of with Michael, is there something that people who don't speak Spanish can do to help start this?

**Felix L:** Apart from spreading the word. H&I would be a big help for spreading the word about a Spanish-speaking meeting. Who knows who's going through treatment centers and jails that can come out and know there's some place safe for them to go and share in their own language.

**Julie N:** Yeah, we have some people at CSP who don't speak much English and really, I don't think, can grasp a whole lot of it, so it would really be beneficial to have some literature we could give them.

**Robert B:** I'm Robert and I'm an addict. I feel pretty confident in speaking for my

homegroup in saying that we'd be willing to support anything that would help carry the message of Narcotics Anonymous.

**Max C:** Have you thought about spreading the word about a Spanish-speaking meeting yourself at H&I meetings?

**Felix L:** I've signed up for H&I five times and I'm still waiting to hear back.

**Julie N:** No you're not.

**Laura L:** [inaudible]

**Katey G:** So, it sounds like people are willing to bring this up to their homegroups and then we can see what kinds of support and things like that come up, I think that PR and H&I, like that's a great idea to see what we can do.

**Felix L:** Rodney could even bring that to Region also. Because even the phone lines, like how do we share the meeting locations and times with people who speak Spanish and don't speak a lick of English? Who do they talk to? Chris?

**Chris E:** I'd be willing to bring that to the PR subcommittee and even the Regional PR subcommittee and contact the chair and see when they meet again, I know there was a discussion before but I didn't bring it up because I didn't know exactly what the discussion was so I wanted to check my information first, but I know we wanted to switch providers to something that was more technologically efficient and cheaper, so the language barrier may be something we can discuss when that comes up. I can find that out for you though.

**Katey G:** Anything else for open forum?

**Melissa P:** I have something. Congratulations to Geoff on his marriage.

**Jan L:** [inaudible]

**Katey G:** I think that's what we're going to do, but yeah, that's a great idea. Anything else for open forum?

**Tim K:** I'm an addict named Tim. Last month, there was a new meeting announced starting next month, it is a meditation meeting called Going to NA Lengths for Your Recovery on the corner of South Cobb Dr. and Bolton Rd. It was scheduled to start on the 1st, it is now not able to start until the 15th so it will be, like I said, I don't have the address, but the corner of Bolton Rd. and South Cobb Dr., it is a 7:30 to 9:00 pm meditation meeting starting on the 15th every Tuesday.

**Scott L:** I'll go ahead and put that on the website.

**Robert B:** My name's Robert, I'm an addict. I was just thinking when Felix was talking about starting a Spanish-speaking meeting, actually we were discussing this along with our tradition study, we meet every other Tuesday if you all want to come, if you all want to come to our tradition study, but we actually brought this up this week about people speaking other languages and needing to hear the message in their own language and stuff like that, and I just, my experience is if you really want to start a meeting, start a meeting. You never know who's going to support it, you actually don't have to have a meeting every week if you don't think people are going to show up, but I'm just going to say this, I'm probably not going to come because I don't speak Spanish, I'm sorry, that's

just me. But if you want to start a meeting just start the meeting, and what I would like to mention is how many people were at the Spanish-speaking meeting in Midtown?

**Felix L:** It was approximately 30-35 people, but it was also their first anniversary, so I don't know, first time I went to that meeting there were about 15 people.

**Robert B:** So the other thing I would add is exactly what you all were talking about, you have to kind of like, there's probably a population of people who come to our meetings that come to our meetings, they see people don't speak Spanish and then they leave and they don't come back, but the most place you're going to get those people is probably a meeting that has a lot of drug-court attendees, that's where I've seen most of those people.

**Felix L:** Yeah, and that's why I was talking with Julie to see how we could get H&I involved.

**Robert B:** I just know if I came to a meeting and nobody spoke the language that I spoke, I'd probably leave too.

**Jody T:** I'm Jody, I'm an addict. Have you thought about getting a translator? Sometimes at meetings they'll have a translator to relay what's being said to people who don't speak the language. More people will support if you're able to have the meeting in multiple languages.

**Katey G:** Okay, thank you. Anything else for open forum? Alright.

- Subcommittee Reports: 2:36 pm - 3:15 pm
  - Treasurer's Report - Felix L:
    - Report Attached
  - Literature Report - Marco J:
    - I took in \$788.70 and had a new meeting package. The order for September was \$975.24 with a \$52.03 discount and shipping is \$77.02 for a total of \$1000.23.
  - RCM Report - Rodney W:
    - Report Attached
    - 3 Items have been sent back to groups and will need to have been voted on by the November ASC so that the RCM can carry the ASC's conscience to Region:
      - **Nomination: CPP Chair - John P.** (Resume can be found on page 41 of the GRSCNA September Minutes)
      - **Nomination: CPP Treasurer - George D.** (Resume can be found on page 42 of the GRSCNA September Minutes)



- **Region Topic 2019-008:** For Region to pay the cost for the RD and RDA to travel to and participate in the joint Southeastern & South Zone's Zonal forum in Dallas, TX in January 2020
  - **Activities Report - Christian J:**
    - 6 addicts in attendance
    - No old business
    - Fall Campout October 11th-13th; Asking area for \$300 out of budget for food for campout
    - Gratitude Feast will be held November 24th from 5-10 pm; We will cook main dishes but if you would like to bring a dish see an activities member
    - Asking Area for \$200 for reimbursement for reserving the Gratitude Feast location
    - Next meeting will be held October 9th @ Starbucks in Vinings
  - **H&I Report - Julie N:**
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  - **PR Report - Chris E:**
    - Report Attached
  - **WSR Report - Louis B:**
    - Postal facilitator report read and accepted (copy attached)
    - We had a brief discussion on our out of Marietta Area Step writers and the possibility to see if we can find some male step writers from out of area
    - We have two open positions:
      - Co Chair and Assistant coordinating secretary
  - **24 Hour Room Report - Megan S:**
    - Report Attached
- **Old Business:**
  - **Motion 8-1:** To add the phone number for the BMLT (Basic Meeting Lookup Tool) to the Marietta meeting list: (678) 841-7613.
    - **Maker:** Amanda S., Living the Program
    - **Second:** Lyz F., Ladies Night
    - **Intent:** To provide up-to-date information to those seeking a meeting.
    - **Vote:** 12/0/1

- Elections:
  - None
  
- New Business:
  - **Motion 9-1:** For the Marietta area to adopt vision and hearing guidelines as an addendum to the Marietta Area Policy.
    - **Maker:** Jocho B., Unity Group
    - **Second:** Bryan Jones, Architects of Adversity
    - **Intent:** To provide an additional resource to groups in the Marietta Area to aid in increasing accessibility for members with additional needs.
  
- Trusted Servant Nominations:
  - None
  
- Group Announcements and Celebrations:
  - **Addicts in the Attic** - Chase M. - 1 year clean on 10/10. Eugene K. - 6 years clean on 10/10.
  - **Architects of Adversity** - Rodney W. - 7 years clean on 10/4. Michelle J. - 2 years clean on 10/4.
  - **Easy Does It** - Tuesday night 7:00 pm book study **needs support**.
  - **End of the Road** - Chris E. - 3 years clean on 10/25
  - **Going to NA Lengths For Your Recovery:** This new meeting was supposed to start Oct. 1 but will not start until Oct. 15.
  - **Just for Sunday** - Eric J. - 22 years clean on 10/27.
  - **Living the Program** - Possible We Group/Living the Program 11/28 meeting; Living the Program will be celebrating its 14 yr. Anniversary on 10/17, there will be pizza at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00; Jesse - 12 years clean on 10/10
  - **Surrender on Sunday** - Nick W. - 2 years clean on 10/27
  - **Warriors in Recovery** - Diana - 3 years clean on 10/13
  - **We Recover Together** - Jeannie M - 18 months clean on 10/16. Shane C. - 18 months clean on 10/30. Steffen - 2 years clean on 10/30.
  - **Unity Group** - Unity Group's 1st annual celebration is 11/14. Jocho B. - 2 years clean on 10/17.

**Motion to Close:** Jan L.

**Seconded by:** Megan S.

Motion to acclamation: Jocho B.

Second: Megan S.

Closed at 3:23 pm

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:**

**Sunday, October 27th at 2:00PM**

## **BACK TO GROUPS**

### **Elections to be voted on in the October ASC Meeting:**

- **None**

### **Motions to be voted on in the October ASC Meeting:**

- **Motion 9-1:** For the Marietta area to adopt vision and hearing guidelines as an addendum to the Marietta Area Policy. (**NOTE:** Proposed Guidelines are attached with the minutes)
  - **Maker:** Jocho B., Unity Group
  - **Second:** Bryan Jones, Architects of Adversity
  - **Intent:** To provide an additional resource to groups in the Marietta Area to aid in increasing accessibility for members with additional needs.
- Refer to page 8 of the minutes for Regional items going back to groups

### **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](http://MariettaNA.org)