

**Marietta Area Service Committee of NA
Meeting Minutes
January 4th, 2019**

Next Meeting Sunday, January 26th, 2020 @ 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 @ 2:11 PM

The Purpose of the Area was read by David

The 12 Traditions were read by Brett

The 12 Concepts were read by Jerry S.

Motion to accept November minutes: Tim T.

Motion Seconded: Megan

Previous month's minutes were moved to acclimation: Jocho

Motion seconded: Megan

Group	GSR	Attendance	Comments
Addicts in the Attic	Asa	X	
Another Chance	Megan	Present	
Architects of Adversity	Bryan	Present	
Back to the Basics	Jerry	Present	
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Shelly	X	
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	
Living the Program	Tom	Present	
Lost and Found**	Jonathan	Present	
Lost Dreams Awaken	Rebecca	Present	
Mimosa	Tim	Present	
NA at Noon	Alvin	Present	
A New Way of Life	Laura	X	
Rose Group**	Danielle	Present	
Serenity on the Square	Myra	Present	
Spiritual Awakenings	Dennis	Present	
Surrender on Sunday	Nick	Present	
Unity Group	Kyle	Present	
Warriors in Recovery	Brian	Present	
We Group	Robert	Present*	
We Recover Together	Abigail	Present	

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

LOST AND FOUND IS A NEW HOMEGROUP -- NEEDS TO BE ADDED TO ROLL CALL

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:
 - Lost and Found
 - Rose Group

MASC Admin & Subcommittee Roll Call

Position	Name	Attendance	Report
Chair	Katey	Present	N/A
Vice Chair	Vacant	N/A	N/A
Treasurer	Felix	Present	Attached
Alt. Treasurer	Richard	Absent	N/A
Secretary	Chris	Present	N/A
Alt. Secretary	Melissa	Present	N/A
RCM	Rodney	Present	N/A
RCMA	Stephen	Present	N/A
Policy Parliamentarian	Vacant	N/A	N/A
Lit Distribution	Marco	Present	Attached
Alt. Lit Distribution	Matthew	Present	N/A
Activities Chair	Christian	Present	Written
H&I Chair	Julie	Present	Attached
PR Chair	Chris	Present	Attached
WSR	Louis	Present	Attached
24hr Room Chair	Joe B	Absent	Attached

- **Open Forum: 2:14 pm - 3:25 pm**

Rebecca: It's been brought to our attention that our homegroup Lost Dreams Awakening has been removed from the area website. We had someone try to show up for a celebration and couldn't find us. We meet Saturday at 7:30.

Chris: That's news to me. I'm sure it was an error and we will get it fixed. Wow, so it's on the paper schedule but not on the website. Apologies.

Rodney: CAR (Conference Agenda Report) was at Region in December last month. At next area, I'm requesting we discuss the 16 motions. I haven't had time to actually read over and get a lot of information on it, so next area if you can give me 30-45 minutes and discuss it, I'll talk to you guys in detail. I'll give you info about what the CAR is, what the motions are and such. I've passed around some this form, it explains what's in the CAR that every GSR needs for their group. If you're a GSR and you don't have this, let me know and I can get

you one. But I wanted to see if area would approve that for next area.

Katey: When is it due back?

Rodney: I have to go back March 15.

Katey: So that gives the groups one month. What did we do last year?

Rodney: There's information in my report, which will be in the minutes, to download the CAR (it's free). In detail next month I'll go over it in detail and provide some Q&A. Last year we had the RD come and do the presentation.

Megan: If we were to print it off the website, is that something different than what you've already printed for us?

Rodney: The information that I give you is in that.

Megan: It's in that, but there's more? Next month you're gonna explain to us the highlights of the CAR, and then we go back and do a survey with the groups?

Rodney: Oh year, there's 300 and something pages. There's literature to take votes on, service material, issued discussion topics. And those are generally for each homegroup, and you can use this to mark your answers as to if you approve or don't approve. But I'll talk to you more about it next month if y'all will let me do that.

Katey: When are you asking to do it, (during) RCM report?

Rodney: I'll be here all area next month, before or after doesn't matter to me.

Katey: When did we do the RD workshop (last year), after (area) last time? Yeah.

Jocho: On that package you gave us, WSC, the back of it, that's the answer form we turn into region?

Rodney: Well you turn it into this area and I'll take it to Region.

Jocho: Yeah but that's on the back of it? That's where we do our answers?

Rodney: Yeah, it's all through this. It's got the motions in it. And also in the CAR there are addendums A through F that I didn't print out; that's just way too much stuff to print out.

Katey: Do you guys want to vote on whether we want Rodney to speak next area, when we'd want him to speak?

Dennis: My homegroup's gonna go through it at my house at a time that's to be determined. Anybody who wants to attend is welcome to come. We're gonna go through it pretty exhaustively because there's some big decisions with regard to our literature and intellectual property trust. It's important that we read the literature, try to understand the context, because there are two very different sides to this. I would encourage you to, however, you go about it, try to wrap your head around what's at stake here.

Megan: Just let us know what it is.

Stephen: Does everybody here understand what the CAR is, so when they go back to their groups, they can properly explain? No? It's the Conference Agenda Report, 16 motions the World Board has decided they have focused on over the

last two years. The first five motions are all about the intellectual property that Dennis was talking about. It does pertain to our literature and the copyrights around that. The other motions are motions brought forth by other regions, mostly by other countries. It's my understanding these motions should be handled with care. These other areas go through different struggles than us. So try not to think about it from the perspective of being in North America. In some places, there are addicts being killed for identifying as addicts. Some of these motions are about allowing addicts to move around more easily, or consolidate the Basic Text so they can move that around more freely. All of these things are about what you want World to focus on over the next two years, calling for World to make a plan for something. Second part of it is the new literature, most of these have been brought up before in past CAR reports. You only pick three. Some of this literature is hot topics like medical-assisted treatment, how to deal with addicts with mental issues, stuff like that. But other literature that other countries think is important to them. There's only gonna be three chosen. We vote as our groups, those get sent back to area. We send the collective vote from our area back to region, and then all the votes for our region, that conscience gets sent back to World. It really is like a regular election a lot of the time. Does anybody have any questions?

Jocho: It was my understanding that each one of the groups, whatever they vote for goes directly to region, not collectively to Area.

Rodney: Collectively, as an area, we take up a tally of all of these.

Jocho: So we're just talking about the specific three literature, not the entire thing?

Stephen: Yeah, I'm just talking about literature. Try to have some compassion for people going through things who aren't you. I'm not gay but there's literature for gay people, or the LGBT committee. Also, to shorten the time for how long this takes your group, you to encourage your homegroups members to look over this before you meet. The more people that know what's going on, the easier it is to relay information back. Instead of having to sit there for two hours, if everybody comes in a little informed, it makes things go a little smaller. My homegroup, we're meeting outside of our group conscience to do it. If there's any more questions you can ask me or Rodney. All of this is on the NA.org website, some of it is kinda hard to find, and Rodney has it in his report.

Katey: Is the RD doing those presentations again this year, or are you going to different areas if they want it?

Rodney: This is my second CAR. Last time the RD did the presentation, there was a really thorough presentation. Myself, I didn't really get anything out of the presentation this time because we just read over the motions and that was it. I think a better presentation can be given to this area.

Katey: I'm gonna go ahead and take a vote and see if you want Rodney to

present anything around the CAR.

(Open Forum suspended to do a vote, majority votes in favor of having a CAR presentation)

Katey: So we will be having a presentation. I'll assume that if you want it during the RCM report, I would say after area, if you do it before area it gets complicated with the subcommittee meetings and people don't realize they need to show up. Any other feedback?

Tim: Why would we do it after when most people jet out after they get their literature? Just curious. Why can't we do it during area service?

Katey: That's fine. I was just presenting it as an option.

Stephen: When we did the GSR workshop during area, people didn't like it. They felt like they were being held hostage. It's up to this body what you guys want to do, before or after.

Megan: RCM report is fine with me. That seems to be the consensus over here.

Dennis: Around the country, there are lots of areas and regions, and they're having big symposiums on this because there's a lot at stake. A lot of decisions that have the power to change a lot of things fundamentally in Narcotics Anonymous.

Katey: Are you suggesting a symposium at a different time?

Dennis: I'm just saying there's been a lot of symposiums, it seems to be a really big deal. I've been watching this from the cheap seats for seven or eight years, not really saying anything about it, just making decisions based on feedback from my sponsor and other people. I've come to the conclusion that there are some things that really need to be discussed. The people who come after us may regret what we do or not do.

Katey: So after area, or RCM report...?

Dennis: I don't know when, but I think we need to give it some time.

Tom: Would it be possible to have a timeslot devoted on a different day just for that? I don't know how easy it is to do that on a Saturday. I'd be willing to come on a Saturday just for that.

Megan: That way, we could open it up to more than just the GSRs.

Myra: Just in case we need somewhere to meet, I do have a conference room at my hotel I'd be willing to give up at my hotel. Comfort Inn and Suites in Canton, and another one at the airport (but I would need advance notice for that one).

Jan: I'm sure we could use Milford Baptist Church if needed, but that really sounds lame after that. When do we need to bring it back, February area?

Katey: Yeah. I'm gonna call for a vote about whether we want to do it along with area or on a separate date or time. All in favor of doing it the same day as area, Sunday January 26?

Jan: Do we need to send a vote back to groups on when to hold this?

Amanda: Rodney, the next region isn't that at the convention in the end of February?

Rodney: It was last year. This year, Region's gonna be in March.

Stephen: They couldn't get that space down in Forsyth last year, but that's not usually the convention.

Robert: About how long will this presentation take?

Tim: I've been one that takes 8 hours, 4 hours, 2 hours.

Rodney: I've been to one last year that was an hour and a half. That was 25 motions, a little more extensive than it is this time. I'm guessing 45 minutes to an hour and a half.

Katey: So let's estimate 2 to 3 hours with questions. All in favor of doing it the 26th, same day as area? Zero in favor. All in favor of doing a separate day than area: 14 yes, 0 against, 1 abstention.

Tim: There has to be some written motion here, guys. I believe that's what our policy states.

Megan: Why were we allowed to vote before without a motion?

Katey: Rodney felt that it was the part of the RCM report.

Tim: I get that, but you're adding something that's important to us as an area, but somebody has to make that motion.

Katey: So we'll consider that a straw poll. Megan will make the motion.

Megan: I also don't want it to be on the 25th. Can we do it after area, in February? When do we vote on the date?

Katey: That would be if the motion passes, then we gotta vote on the date.

Megan: I just feel like the 25th isn't enough time to read through it and come prepared.

Katey: The problem is we don't have time for this to go back to groups and be an ad-hoc committee.

Myra: We have until Feb. 23.

Tim T: First and foremost, if you want to get a vote today, you can suspend the rules and the decision can be made today. I don't know how it works for other homegroups, I can make the decision for my homegroup for another day.

Myra: If you want to use my hotel I need a week's notice to make note no one books that space.

(Motion to Suspend the Rules: 15/0/1; Second: Jonathan M.)

Katey: Motion is to have CAR report on a different day than area to allow ample time for questions. This is to vote to have it on a different day; then we'll figure out the day.

- Motion 12-1 passes: 15 yes/0 no/2 abstain

Katey: Now we gotta figure out the day. Do I need another motion for that? No, OK, good.

(Discussion held about which date may be best in order to give groups enough time to be prepared; Feb 1 and Jan. 25 are both proposed as dates. Group votes in favor of Feb. 1, but the venue is not available; therefore Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. is chosen. Group also discusses and agrees the need to honor the Seventh Tradition by paying Myra for the hotel space.)

(Motion to restore the rules of the day: Tim, Second: Nick; Open Forum resumes)

Brian R: As far as Marietta Area having a convention, and Felix says he's been having that idea for years, and I think most people are against it, but I think that would be good for our area, like they do with MACNA, like they do with WENA, I think that would be good for our area.

Rodney: One thing you can do is definitely make a motion and send it back to groups and get the opinion of the groups, and then once you know what they think, maybe get an ad hoc committee together and see what you can put together. I mean, I know that's how the 24 Hour Room was started.

Melissa P: I just want to make sure we're not putting the cart before the horse and end up in a situation where, if we take it back to GSRs to vote and they say yes let's hold a convention, now we're obligated to hold a convention. Without any discussion about finances, or feasibility, timing, service people filling in.

Katey: Melissa was saying maybe the area should discuss if that's something that's financially and time-wise feasible first, because if the GSRs all vote to have one, we've gotta have one and we don't even know if that's something that's feasible for us to put on as an area.

Jan: Maybe if we sent back a motion, maybe it wouldn't have to be "Do we want to have a convention?" Maybe it's "let's put together a team that gathers information," for example talks to the MACNA people and finds out what's involved. So that then we can report back to our area, and then we can see is this something we should do, something we can do.

Tom: Several years ago, this area hosted ... a history conference. It happened at the same time the 24 hour room was also in existence. It just takes a few committed people to get together. We did it with, I believe, \$500 seed money. We had a few people who had to go to a hotel, at that time we used the Marriott, and they worked with us pretty well. We didn't lose money, we were able to pay back the seed money, and I think we turned a little bit of a profit, but that wasn't the point. The history conference itself was really successful; people coming from all over the country. But that was the history of NA, different than an actual convention. If the question is can we do it, yes we can do it. Is it too expensive? What you need to find is committed people willing to do the work, because it is a

lot of work.

Katey: Well, pricing is important too.

Tom: When people rent rooms, the hotel works with you on space. So if you can commit to a certain amount of room blocks for that weekend, then the hotel says OK we have people coming in, at that point there's space for speakers. And it also depends on what time of year; typically after the holidays they're dying for room blocks.

Katey: What I'm hearing from that is, we'd really need to know if there's an interest from *outside* of the area, because if we have a convention here, the probability that area members are renting rooms is very small.

(Twenty minutes added to Open Forum because rules of the day were suspended for about 20 minutes.)

Dennis: I have a lot of experience taking conventions in and out of the country for 12 years. When areas started having area conventions, the downfall was they didn't get the turnout they thought they would, nobody rented any rooms. In order to get into a hotel, you usually have to block a certain set of rooms that you gotta pay for, whether they're rented or not. ... So it ends up being, you gotta get outside people to attend. And it actually hurt the convention stuff in NA because people that would go to their area's wouldn't have't resources to go to their region's convention.

Tom: What made the history conference so unique was you had people coming in from around the country to talk about the beginnings of the Basic Text or Narcotics Anonymous. We took advantage of the fact that we had some people in this area who were willing to work on it. What's his name from South Carolina came in and did their powerpoint presentation, and they were more than happy. If you can make it somehow unique enough to draw (people).

Katey: The person who brought it up left so I'm going to assume the conversation is over.

Dennis: An area in Mid Florida, they have a convention but they hold it in Daytona Beach. It's a "get out of town and go someplace," and it's been successful for 10 years.

Felix: Most of these conventions are resentment conventions. South Florida Regional Convention started because of a Resentment. Gold Coast Convention started the same way. I'm not saying this is a resentment; what I'm saying is that it could be a possibility that it's a good idea, and bring back more funds for this area.

(Ad Hoc Committee formed around a potential Marietta Area Convention, chaired by Brian R. (Appointed by ASC Chair))

- Subcommittee Reports: 3:25 pm - 4:00 pm
 - Treasurer's Report - Felix L:
 - I tried to reconcile the bank account but there is a check not cashed as of yet: Check #2785 for \$150.00 Activities advance. Also, Check #2781 for Lit FRSO from last month for the amount of 1008.75. That was not in last months statement came through as \$1000.00 even. There's 8.75 that was not paid. Apart from that all is accounted for.
 - Report attached
 - Literature Report - Marco J:
 - Here is my report for Literature for the Nov '19 MASCM. In Nov we took in \$601.00 and placed an order for \$644.62.
 - The H&I order amount was \$375.55.
 - Report Attached
 - RCM Report - Rodney W:
 - Report attached
 - **BACK TO GROUPS**
 - CAR Report (see attached RCM Report, as well as www.na.org/conference. The Marietta Area will be hosting a CAR Symposium on **January 25, 1-4 p.m. at Comfort Inn in Canton. (713 Transit Ave, Canton, GA 30114)**
 - **Topic 2019-009:** To add to Co-Facilitator: In the absence of any Administrative Panel member, the Co-Facilitator shall perform the duties of that Administrative Panel member.
 - **Topic 2019-011:** To donate funds to SEZF (one time \$1000. This is because the Zonal Forum was moved to Dallas TX from Atlanta. The expense to GRSCNA would have been \$2500 normally for the venue.
 - Votes on the above items will be due at the February ASC meeting **on Sunday, February 23rd, 2020.**
 - Activities Report - Christian J:
 - See attached report.
 - Next activity: Ice Skating on Jan. 19 at Atlanta Ice House from 3 to 5 p.m.
 - **BACK TO GROUPS:** Activities has attached a poll asking for homegroup participation in planning upcoming activities. The poll

should be filled out and return to next ASC.

- **H&I Report - Julie N:**
 - See attached report.
- **PR Report - Chris E:**
 - See attached report.
- **WSR Report - Louis B:**
 - We discussed our 2020 budget and Nicole set up our excel sheet for our 2020 budget and postal facilitator report
 - We discussed and planned our up coming annual check-in set for 2/26/20
 - We have two open commitments: Co-Chair and Assistant Secretary
 - We are in desperate need of male step writers
 - Attached is our Postal report and our 2020 budget
- **24 Hour Room Report - Joe B:**
 - Report attached
- **Old Business:**
 - None
- **Elections:**
 - None
- **New Business:**
- **Motion 12-1:** To vote to have CAR review on a different day than Area to allow ample time for review and questions.
 - **Maker:** Megan S., GSR
 - **Second:** Jocho B., GSR
 - **Intent:** (blank)
 - **Vote:**
 - Jan 25 - 6 in favor
 - Feb. 1 - 9 in favor
 - All in favor of Myra's location Feb 1: 14 in favor, 0 opposed 0 abstentions
 - Myra says only Jan. 25 is available, not Feb. 1.

■ **Decision: CAR Report Symposium on January 25, 1-4 p.m. at Comfort Inn in Canton. (713 Transit Ave, Canton, GA 30114)**

- **Motion 12-2:** To pay \$100 to rent space for a CAR symposium at the Comfort Inn in Canton, GA.

- **Maker:** Dennis P., GSR, Spiritual Awakenings
- **Second:** Tom C., GSR Living the Program
- **Intent:** To honor our 7th tradition.

○ **Vote:** In favor - 14. Opposed - 0. Abstain - 1: **MOTION PASSES.**

- Trusted Servant Nominations:

- None

- Group Announcements and Celebrations:

- **Dopeless Hope Fiends** - Shelly H. - 3 years clean on 1/25
- **Easy Does It** - Tom T. - 2 years clean on 1/11; Geoff B. - 2 years clean on 1/18
- **Just for Sunday** - Billie R. - 4 years clean on 2/2
- **We Recover Together** - Shawn D. - 18 mos. Clean on 1/8; Chris B. - 25 years clean on 1/11; Kimi G. - 1 year clean on 1/18; Katey G. - 7 years clean and Marcia L. - 18 years clean both on
- **Back to the Basics** - Jessica M. - 1 year clean on 1/9. Travis M. - 1 year clean on 1/9.
- **Hold on to Hope** - Thursday night's meeting has changed to a book study, working out of the It Works: How and Why book. Monday is still a Just for Today meeting. Brittany L. and Sheila G. - both 1 year clean on 1/6. Sarah Q. - 11 years on 2/10.
- **Spiritual Awakenings** - Bill G. - 14 years clean on 2/10.
- **Serenity on the Square** - Jake K. - 6 years on 1/29.
- **Surrender on Sunday** - Austin B. - 8 years clean on 1/26
- **Unity Group** - Kyle H. - 1 year on 1/30.
- **Lost & Found** - Voted to adopt "Lost & Found" as group name. Jonathan M. - 1/24/2020.
- **Living the Program** - Prassad M. - 31 years in Feb (TBD). Kevin L. 31 years in March (TBD).
- **Mimosa** - Eric A. - 13 years on 1/31.

Motion to Close: Tim T

Seconded by: Sheila G.

Motion to acclamation: Bryan J.

Second: Sheila G.

Closed at 4:09 pm

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

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Regional Topics:

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Elections to be voted on in the January ASC Meeting:

- **None**

Motions to be voted on in the January ASC Meeting:

- **None**

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