

**Marietta Area Service Committee of NA
Meeting Minutes
January 26th, 2019**

Next Meeting Sunday, February 23rd, 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 Alvin L.

The 12 Traditions were read by Jonathan M.

The 12 Concepts were read by Steffan T.

Motion to accept December minutes: Tim T.

Motion Seconded: Jocho

Previous month's minutes were moved to acclimation: Chris E.

Motion seconded: Bryan J.

<u>Group</u>	<u>GSR</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Addicts in the Attic	Asa	Present	
Another Chance	Megan	Present	
Architects of Adversity	Bryan	Present	
Back to the Basics	Jerry	X	
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Shelly	Present	
Easy Does It	Scott	Present	
End of the Road	Jan	Present	
Fifth Tradition Group	Brett	X	
Finding Freedom**	Sheila	Present	
Hold On to Hope	Chris	Present	
Just for Sunday	Michael	Present	
Living the Program	Amanda	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	Present	
Rose Group	Ashley	Present	
Serenity on the Square	Myra	Present	
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 or 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:

- Finding Freedom

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	Late w/ Notice	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	Vacant	N/A	Attached

- Open Forum: 2:12 pm - 2:25 pm

Jan: It's my belief that an NA Activities committee should put on NA activities--meaning activities that are recovery-related. West Georgia did a lock-in, something like that. For the most part, our area, the activities we do, are just social stuff. The argument is that that carries the message that you can have fun while clean. While that is true, I feel a stronger argument is that the point of any service structure, whether it's area or subcommittees, should do those things that homegroups or addicts cannot, or not easily, do for themselves. I would argue that the one message we carry the most as a collection of groups is that you can have fun; for example, we go out to dinner after the meetings, go to the movies. I've been in recovery five years, there's no message I've seen carried more frequently than that. I was talking to someone last night who said your arguments are totally valid, I don't have anything to counter them, but I also don't care. So I realize I'm in the minority but still felt this should be voiced. Plus, at our

homegroup meeting, somebody said he'd done treatment and graduated and wanted to offer free tickets, and an old-timer cut him off. If I said during a meeting "hey we're planning to go to the movies after the meeting," someone should also just as legitimately interrupt me because it's an outside issue. I don't feel that an Activities event such as ice skating is really any different.

Megan: What about the fact that area decides to fund it for newcomers, doesn't it make that an NA event that's valid to announce in a meeting?

Katey: What I'm hearing if you can do anything you want as long as you have a speaker as part of it?

Jan: No. I would argue what makes an NA activity is that it's recovery-related. Even the campout doesn't become an NA activity just because you happen to have a meeting, just because there are workshops. It still feels like a very secular non-NA activity, camping, where you just happen to also be doing recovery.

Tim: Part of the First Tradition states this is all about unity. We're all sitting in a room together right now; who's to say this isn't an activity? Give us idea of what you're leaning towards for Activities to do.

Jan: Like that walk-in, or a speaker jam. Living the Program did a step-related event.

Katey: How is any part of the 24 Hour Room activities that's not holding a meeting recovery-related?

Jan: Well, it's not; but it's also not promoted as recovery, it's promoted as a fundraiser.

Megan: Is there a proposition, or are you just voicing an opinion?

Jan: That demands on everyone else.

Katey: Years ago, with the Gratitude Feast, we reached out to World and emailed a few people. The response was if the area has the financial capability and is willing to support activities they feel it's completely appropriate.

Jan: For me personally, World's opinion is not worth more than Rodney's or mine.

Tim: Activities has done their best to follow guidelines.

Jan: I'm not saying Activities is at fault. I'm just saying an NA Activities committee should host NA activities. It's about whether the event itself is recovery-related.

Steffen: Activities Committee is a very small committee right now, and if anybody has opinions on what kind of activities we should be doing, join the committee and help us out. I'm really not trying to direct this at anybody. We're very small; that's why we sent out this survey, to try to get a better feel for what people want to do.

Brian: I know Architects, when we did a poll, we have some HG members who are a part of different areas. I've heard you in here say during subcommittee meetings about slowing down. That's what we talk about; maybe having less activities, maybe a quarterly activity, maybe having other annual things that are planned out more. Me personally, I think there's not a lot of anticipation built up. One of the things that's different would be like a chili cook-off. I feel like trying to do monthly or every other month is...I don't know.

Katey: I think a lot of us are in agreement with that. Thank you.

Asa: In the region policy it's suggested that every area has a fundraiser for GRCNA. I don't know when Marietta has done that in a while.

Katey: People have reached out to me or others, only through Facebook, about that. Our response has been please let us know when you'd like us to do that so we don't conflict, please let us know what kind of income you expect, please give us some details, and it's kind of ended right there. We have a fundraising committee so they might have more experience.

Asa: We can bring you ideas of what other areas do in the region.

Katey: We really don't have any information. It's just that every so often someone would tag me on Facebook and say hey Katey where's the fundraiser.

Asa: We can work together on that, so there's some continuity every year. Therefore the conflict of date won't be a problem.

- Subcommittee Reports: 2:25 pm - 3:19 pm
 - Treasurer's Report - Felix L:
 - Report attached
 - Literature Report - Marco J:
 - Report attached
 - RCM Report - Rodney W:
 - Report attached
 - A couple mistakes I made on my report that I want to correct; I don't think it will affect how you voted. In Old Business in my report, I had put the RD turned in a little of resignation; it was the RDA, not RDA. Also in the election part: Jimmy N. was nominated for RDA instead of RD. His nomination was tabled until March RSC for additional nominees.
 - **BACK TO GROUPS**
 - **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:

- Report attached
 - March 22 activity: Scavenger Hunt at Piedmont Park at (3:30???) pm.
- **H&I Report - Julie N:**
 - Report attached
- **PR Report - Chris E:**
 - Report attached
- **WSR Report - Louis B:**
 - Report attached
- **24 Hour Room Report - Jan representing:**
 - Vice Chair is open; there's a pending nomination for Chair.
 - Report attached
- **Old 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.**

- Elections:

- None

- New Business:

- **Motion 1-1:** To have the ASC hold 33% above prudent reserve in our bank account.
 - **Maker:** Felix L., MASCNA Treasurer
 - **Second:** Jan L., GSR, End of the Road
 - **Intent:** To mirror region's policy and also to be able to have the money available to the subcommittees who need it.
 - **PROS:**
 - **Felix L:** Read the regional policy that says they save 33% above their prudent reserve and felt we should do the same thing.
 - **CONS:**
 - **Vote:**
 - **Motion to Table: For 17/Opposed 3/Abstain 2**
- **Motion 1-2:** To shift the MASCNA voting process to consensus-based decision making, where 80% of voting participants would have to be in agreement or not in agreement for a motion to pass or fail, respectively, in a manner identical to the decision-making process at the WSCNA (World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous), as specified on pages 9-12 of A Guide to World Services in NA.
 - **Maker:** Chris B., MASCNA Secretary
 - **Second:** Dennis P., GSR, Spiritual Awakenings
 - **Intent:** To promote cooperative intent, changing our decision-making process from right or wrong to being based on the consent of the group, in keeping with our 2nd tradition.
 - **PROS:**
 - **Chris B:** Better than what we do now which is more adversarial. This would allow us to make more informed decisions based on how everyone feels based on a simply majority. A better way to incorporate our group conscience into our decision-making. I heard we may be one of the only areas in Georgia still using parliamentary procedure.
 - **Steffen:** While a minority of only 21% can block the issue, the purpose is to encourage the other 79% to determine how can we manipulate this motion so the minority is OK with this? It's to encourage discussion.

- **Warriors in Recovery - Needs support.**
- **We Recover Together** - Katey G. - 7 years clean and Marcia L. - 18 years clean on 2/15; Alex B. - 6 years clean on 2/29

Motion to Close: Bryan J.

Seconded by: Tim T.

Motion to acclamation: Abigail F.

Second: Jonathan M.

Closed at 3:57 pm

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

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BACK TO GROUPS

Elections to be voted on in the February ASC Meeting:

- **24 Hour Room Chair - Susan O.**
 - **Nominator:** Jan L., GSR, End of the Road
 - **Second:** Tim T., GSR, Mimosa
 - **Vote:**

Motions to be voted on in the February ASC Meeting:

Regional Topics:

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Homegroup votes on the CAR (Conference Agenda Report) should be submitted by homegroups at the February ASC. For more information, see www.na.org/conference.

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- **Friendly Amendment by Chris B., seconded by Dennis P.:** “*as specified on pages 9-12 of A Guide to World Services of NA*” added.
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- **CONS:**
 - **Jan:** This means that 21% of voting members can draw a decision out indefinitely.
 - **Tim:** What happens if 10 homegroups leave before a vote is taken? What about those other 10 groups that left early? We don't get that group conscience.
 - **Stephen:** If we don't have a strong facilitator, we could end up spending much more time sitting here. I would recommend imposing an actual end time to area.

Motion 1-3: To reduce clean time requirement for NA Help Line (12 Step Calls) from 5 years to 3 years.

- **Maker:** Michael A., GSR, Just for Sunday
- **Second:** Tim T., GSR, Mimosa
- **Intent:** To increase participation
- **PROS:**
 - **Michael A:** We don't have enough help.
 - **Megan:** More people can participate in 12-step calls.
- **CONS:**
 - **Amanda S:** The difference in experience at 3 years instead of 5 years.
 - **Amanda S:** Also, this was talked about in the subcommittee today and we made a decision to table it to next month.

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