

**Marietta Area Service Committee of NA
Meeting Minutes
February 23rd, 2019**

Next Meeting Sunday, March 29th, 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 @ 2:10 PM

The Purpose of the Area was read by Alvin L.

The 12 Traditions were read by Louie B.

The 12 Concepts were read by Sheila G.

Motion to accept January minutes: Tim T.

Motion Seconded: Jocho B.

Previous month's minutes were moved to acclimation: Tim T.

Motion seconded: Jocho B.

Group	GSR	Attendance	Comments
Addicts in the Attic	Asa	X	Gave notice
Another Chance	Megan	Present	
Architects of Adversity	Bryan	Present	
Back to the Basics	Jerry	XX	Second consec. absence
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Shelly	Present	
Easy Does It	Scott	Present	
End of the Road	Jan	Present	
Fifth Tradition Group	Brett	XX	Second consec. absence
Finding Freedom	Sheila	Present	
Hold On to Hope	Chris	Present	
Just for Sunday	Billie	Present	Billie as
Living the Program	Prasad	Present	
Lost and Found	Jonathan	Present*	
Lost Dreams Awaken	Rebecca	X	
Mimosa	Tim	Present	
NA at Noon	Alvin	Present	
One is Too Many	Scott	Present**	
A New Way of Life	Laura	Present	
Rose Group	Danielle	Present	
Serenity on the Square	Myra	X	
Spiritual Awakenings	Dennis	Present	
Surrender on Sunday	Nick	Present	
Unity Group	Jocho	Present	
Warriors in Recovery	Brian	Present	
We Group	Robert	Present	
We Recover Together	Jesse	Present (Late w/ Notice)	

**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:
 - Back to the Basics
 - Fifth Tradition Group

Homegroups Added:

- The following groups will be added to the Attendance/Quorum list with one more consecutive attendance:

- One is Too Many

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	Present	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	Absent w/ notice	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 - 3:02 pm**
 - Rodney: This month we're turning in all the motions for the CAR Report. These tally sheets, please put your homegroup's name on there and turn it in to me.
 - Melissa P. proposes that the secretary discontinue including a word-for-word transcript in the minutes based on the audio recording of Open Forum. Instead, detailed notes of discussions and decisions during Open Forum would be included, but those notes would not include a *verbatim* record of every word said by every member. Open Forum would

still be recorded, and the recording would be available upon request.

Melissa: The practice of making a verbatim transcript of Open Forum is not in policy and is not common practice among NA areas. Foregoing this time-consuming process would make recruiting trusted servants easier. I simply wanted to solicit feedback and make sure no one has information I'm not aware of.

- Jocho: If you attach the audio file I don't see a problem. Melissa: We could try to do that.
- Scott: Are the files very big? Melissa: Yes. But we can upload the audio file to the Google Drive.
- Chris: Last month I proposed a motion to change our voting process (to CBDM). I'd like to suspend the order of the day and withdraw the motion.
- Amanda: What motion are you talking about removing? If it's the Consensus Based Decision Making motion, groups have already voted.
- Chris: You're right, but since I made the motion, I can withdraw it unless anyone opposes that.
 - **Motion to Suspend the Order of the Day**
 - *Maker: Chris B.*
 - *2nd: Megan S.*
 - *Vote: 17 for, 0 against, 0 abstain*
 - **Motion withdrawn with no objection from voting participants by Chris B.**
 - **Motion to Return to the Order of the Day**
 - *Maker: Megan S.*
 - *2nd: Billie R.*
 - *Vote: 15 for, 0 against, 2 abstain*
- Jocho: Rodney do we need to put our name on the CAR Survey? Rodney: Yes. Jocho: The survey is supposed to be anonymous right? Rodney: It's not gonna go to Region; it's just a tally of votes, I can give you the papers back at the end. Jocho: Each one of our surveys counts as Region. Rodney: This is just for the motions. Jocho: I don't understand how you are gonna take each of our votes... Rodney: I'm going by past CAR experience. Last time I was a part of the CAR and I was RCM, I took a tally of all of the votes. Even the survey. We took a total tally of what the majority voted for in this area and brought that to Region. Jocho: So you only spoke for the majority? Rodney: Yes. Jocho: I'll send mine straight to Region because you're neglecting our votes. Rodney: You can go on to NA.org and do your personal survey, but your homegroup has trusted you to bring their conscience. Melissa: Are we talking about the Literature Survey? Rodney: Yes. Stephen: You're right in that, with the motions, we get one majority vote. But if you want to vote separately from your homegroup you do have a right to do that. Susan: Individual votes do not get a vote at Region. Rodney: Our area has a

majority vote, Choose Three for Each One of These (literature), for each particular area. Megan: But that could be done individually too. Chris: I think individuals should just do the survey. Rodney: You guys tell me what you want to do, and I'll do it. For the motions, we need to take a majority vote on the motions. Jan: You can go on the website and fill out the survey. What happens with votes if I go on to the website and select items for literature, the service stuff, and topics--what happens with that vote? Rodney: It's counted. Jan: As what? Equal to what? If I vote for discussion topics, Retaining Members in NA. We as a region vote for something else. Does my individual vote count as much as Region's vote for that? Rodney: I probably would say yes. Katey: That's why it makes more sense for individuals do the survey as opposed to the motions. Jan: Can I as an individual votes for motions. Group: No. Rodney: My question again, what do you guys want me to do? Prasad: If it's done both ways, that defeats the purpose. Are we going to give as much weight to individual members versus the conscience of the region? Katey: Region would just count as another individual. Rodney: When I get to Region, they're gonna call for the CAR vote. And they're gonna do each motion individually. We're gonna raise our hands for yes or no. Katey: And they're gonna go through the survey too? Rodney: I think they will take a tally just like I'm doing. They took a majority of what was brought in, and it ends up being one vote for Region. Megan: Can you pass those back out before you read the tallies so I can mark if my homegroup is in agreeance or disagreement with it? Katey: Rodney do you know if all other regions submit their votes for the survey also? Looking at the website, it says it looks like the survey is for members. It might be more of an individual thing. It says "any interested group, member, or service body." Stephen: I think you can do it either way.

- *Decision: Rodney will take both the motion votes and the survey votes from the groups.*
- Jan: About a year ago I brought up the fact that you need a license to hold a raffle in the state of Georgia. The chair of directors for GRC said he would attach the license to the September minutes. With GRCNA coming up, that came back to mind. I went back to the September minutes and there was nothing attached. First I posted on the GRCNA 39 web page and that post mysteriously disappeared. I then texted Robert and the response I got was "I took care of it" followed by a lot of defensive language and complaining that I was questioning his integrity. I'm like, dude, I'm asking a question. Even if I was questioning his integrity, integrity is doing what you say you're gonna do and he didn't. He tried to engage me, which I refused to do. I followed up with asking "how did you take care of it?" He said, "Well, if you have any more questions, have your area go through the channel of asking the question at region." Georgia state law says only non-profits can hold a raffle legally, and you need to request a license. Failure to do so comes with a felony conviction and fine up to \$25K. My only

motive is, we do this under the banner of NA, so we should do things the right way. Katey: Is that raffle of items and not just financial? Isn't there a blanket thing held by the Georgia region that we're all covered under? Jan: That's what I'm asking. I still haven't seen it. We stopped doing raffles (at the 24 Hour Room) because of lack of license. I propose we have our RCM ask about the raffle license. Part of the law is you have to have that license posted somewhere. Felix: I keep on getting \$50 in "rent" from a certain homegroup. H&I has a separate budget. It fucks up my math. Melissa: I think there's a misunderstanding. It's intended to be a donation *in lieu of rent* because Ridgeview will not accept our rent money. So we donate the money to H&I for literature every month instead. Katey: When I was treasurer, it just got added to the H&I budget as \$50. They're just directly donating to a subcommittee. Because Ridgeview used to be like "Hey you can have meetings here, just give us a bunch of books. Felix: I don't have tabs to account for this. Why not make it easier on the treasurer and donate it to the area? H&I has plenty of money. Katey: So you don't know where to put the \$50? Felix: Right. The \$50 has been going to donations to area. Katey: Do you not still have a separate line that says "homegroup donation H&I." Felix: But that goes into Other Funding. Katey: We used to have it as H&I Donation, and we just knew over time that was \$60 added to our monthly budget. That was kind of how I was taught to do it. Felix: It would be great if we had that, but we don't. Julie: When you step up to a new service position, you don't always get the communication on what tools you have available, it's kind of like "figure it out" sometimes. Katey: Where has it been going now? Felix: I've been putting it where they had it, but it's screwing up my Funding bucket. Katey: My suggestion would be to get with Mark, he's the guy who does the treasury audits of the area. Felix: Whitlock Group, Yana, Ladies Night, It's Never Too Late is not here anymore, correct? Group: Yes. Chris B: Back to the Basics may be going to the area, not sure.

- Melissa: We have three motions that basically say the same thing: Implement an ad-hoc committee or investigation about Consensus Based Decision Making. *Katey reviews the motions. One of the motions is written more thoroughly than the other two.* Dennis: This is about the third time we've tried to make this happen (Consensus Based Decision Making). This is a letter that Kurt wrote the last time around to us as an area. The reason Kurt is informative in this regard is because he was the original chair when CBDM was implemented at Region. *(Letter advises Area to proceed carefully, warns that CBDM is a big undertaking. Kurt feels more exploration by a large ad-hoc committee is required. He warns it could make Area longer and decrease service participation. He warns the role of facilitator is extremely powerful in CBDM, and it may be difficult to find the right fit for this role on an ongoing basis.)* Megan: Our homegroup's motion proposes an ad-hoc committee for a year. Dennis, do you and Billie and I want to go outside

and condense the motions into one? Katey: Policy says I can just appoint an ad-hoc committee. That's what we did before with the convention thing. Do we have any willing service members? An ad-hoc committee chair actually has to have the same qualifications as a subcommittee chair. Dennis: If we want to table it to next month, Kurt will be here then. I believe he's interested in participating. Melissa: Are all the motions withdrawn then? *Group decides no, keep one condensed motion to propose CBDM ad-hoc committee.*

- Subcommittee Reports: 3:09 pm - 3:39 pm
 - **Treasurer's Report - Felix L:**
 - Report attached
 - **Literature Report - Marco J:**
 - Report attached
 - **RCM Report - Rodney W:**
 - Report attached
 - Attached: Tally of groups' votes on the 16 CAR motions
 - Results of motion votes:
 - **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.
 - Vote: 16/0/1
 - **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.
 - Vote: 11/2/4
 - **Nomination:** Jeff R, 2020-21 GRCNA Vice Chair
 - Vote: 12/0/4
 - The votes for the CAR report will be shown to the groups.
 - **Activities Report - Christian J:**
 - Report attached
 - Next meeting March 11 at 6 pm in Vinings.
 - March 22 activity: Scavenger Hunt at Piedmont Park at 3:30 pm.
 - **H&I Report - Julie N:**
 - Report attached
 - Thank you for all the groups who donated literature! Cobb County is

flying through literature.

- Panel leaders aren't showing up to their commitments. We need a lot of support. Please carry that message to your homegroups.

- **PR Report - Chris E:**

- Report attached

- **WSR Report - Louis B:**

- Report attached

- **24 Hour Room Report - Susan O. representing:**

- Report attached

- **Old 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.

■ **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.

■ **Vote: (Requires $\frac{2}{3}$): Motion Withdrawn**

- **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.

■ **Vote: (Requires $\frac{2}{3}$): 6 for, 2 against, 0 abstentions**

● Elections:

- **24 Hour Room Chair - Susan O.**

■ **Nominator:** Jan L., GSR, End of the Road

■ **Second:** Tim T., GSR, Mimosa

■ **Vote:** **Elected**

- New Business:

- **Motion 2-1:** For Marietta area to form an ad-hoc committee to explore the idea of moving to Consensus Based Decision Making, and to educate the area on the pros and cons.

- **Maker:** Billie R., group rep, Just for Sunday

- **Second:** Scott L., GSR, Easy Does It

- **Intent:** To increase participation

- **Pro:**

- So that people understand CBDM

- We need to explore what we're looking at, so we can make an informed decision

- **Con:**

- **Vote: Motion Out of Order; policy dictates that Area chair appoints an ad-hoc committee, no need for vote**

- **TODO: INCLUDE ANNOUNCEMENT (NOT A MOTION) IN EMAIL THAT WE WILL DISCUSS A POTENTIAL AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON CBDM NEXT AREA; PLEASE DISCUSS WITH YOUR HOMEGROUP AND BRING BACK YOUR CONSCIENCE.**

- **Motion 2-2:** To untable Motion 1-1, "To have the ASC hold 33% above prudent reserve in our bank account," and withdraw it.

- **Maker:** Felix, Treasurer

- **Second:** Jan L., GSR, End of the Road

- **Intent:** To withdraw the motion.

- **Vote:** 7 for, 0 abstain, 0 against.

- Trusted Servant Nominations:

- None

- Group Announcements and Celebrations:

- **Just for Sunday** - Rhianon N. - 13 years in March. Micah - 1 year in March.
- **Living the Program** - Joshua - 16 years on 4/16.
- **Rose Group** - Danielle D. - 13 year on 3/18.
- **Spiritual Awakenings** - Tom - 2 years on 3/9/20. Patrick B. - 24 years on 3/9/20. Dennis P. - 33 years on 3/9/20.
- **Warriors in Recovery** - Need support.

Motion to Close: Jan L.

Seconded by: Sheila G.

Motion to acclamation: Jan L.

Second: Billie R.

Closed at 4:46 pm

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Sunday, March 29th at 2:00PM

BACK TO GROUPS

Elections to be voted on in the March ASC Meeting:

- **None**

Motions to be voted on in the March 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