

**Marietta Area Service Committee of NA
Meeting Minutes
April 26th, 2020**

Next Meeting Sunday, May 31st, 2020 @ 2:00 PM

Ridgeview Day Hospital (or virtual)

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 @ 2:15 PM

The Purpose of the Area was read by Janny Waffles

The 12 Traditions were read by Michael C.

The 12 Concepts were read by Chris E.

Motion to accept March minutes: Michael A.

Motion Seconded: Scott L.

Previous month's minutes were moved to acclimation: Scott L.

Motion seconded: Chris E.

Group	GSR	Attendance	Comments
Addicts in the Attic	Asa	XX	
Another Chance	Megan	Present	
Architects of Adversity	Bryan	XX	
Back to Basics	Jerry	X	
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Shelly	X	
Easy Does It	Scott	Present	
End of the Road	Jan	Present	
Finding Freedom	Sheila	Present	
Hold On to Hope	Chris	X	
Just for Sunday	Michael	Present	
Living the Program	Prasad	Present	
Lost and Found	Jonathan	XX	
Lost Dreams Awaken	Rebecca	X	
Mimosa	Tim	X	
NA at Noon	Alvin	Present	
One is Too Many	Scott	X	
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	Jocho	Present	
Warriors in Recovery	Robert	X	
We Group	Robert	X	
We Recover Together	Abigail	Present	

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

As of April 2020: Consecutive absences during quarantine may not remove a group from the Attendance/Quorum list. Quorum rules may also be discussed at Area. Strange times...

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 added to the Attendance/Quorum list with one more consecutive attendance:
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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	Absent w/ Notice	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	Absent	N/A
Alt. Lit Distribution	Matthew	Absent	N/A
Activities Chair	Christian	Present	Attached
H&I Chair	Julie	Absent	N/A
PR Chair	Chris	Present	Attached
WSR	Louis	Present	Attached
24hr Room Chair	Susan	Present	Attached

- Open Forum: 2:23 pm - 2:45 pm ([recording](#))

Michael A.: Regarding changing our policy to allow for a different way of calculating quorum when groups don't attend the virtual meetings. I don't want to see us get stuck not being able to finish our business. Proposal would be to modify the policy at least on a temporary basis.

Katey G: Requires a group vote because it changes policy.

Susan O.: If there's a proposal to change policy, you should write out what the original wording is and what the proposed wording is. Groups can get hung up if it's not crystal clear what the wording is.

Dennis P.: The problem is, if we mitigate the quorum, where are we gonna stop the bleeding? What's the number gonna be? Fewer than 12? Would we really want 8

people to be making decisions on behalf of the whole area? That would be the question. We're not ready for this like everybody else; these are some of the peculiar things that are coming up right now. By the time we solve this, there's as much a chance we'll be out of this as be in it. We need to address a bigger issue: Physical meetings at the hospital and virtual. All of these things Michael brought up would fall under that reorganization of our policy.

Megan S.: I agree with what Dennis is saying as far as not modifying quorum, since that changes policy. Regardless of how long it takes us, even if we're gonna be back to regular meetings soon, I do think virtual attendance and going with the quorum need to be updated in policy. We need to be prepared in case this happens again. Dennis I don't understand what you're talking about in terms of the bigger issue of meeting in person.

Katey: I think he meant that it's in policy that we meet at Ridgeview Day Hospital.

Dennis P.: We'd need permission to meet at other places. We'd have to take that out of policy.

Susan: My understanding of the purpose of our area is to gather together in service of the groups. If the groups are not here because they're not able to or don't have a need for us at this time and thus we don't make quorum, maybe it makes more sense to not have area. Sometimes I think it's better for us to not doing something and just pause and take a breath. Maybe if it were a long-term issue that would be different.

Dennis: Quorum is about voting so that we're getting the area's response to changes. I've been to many areas where quorum wasn't met but business was still able to be taken care of when it wasn't stuff that needed to go back to groups. Turn in their reports, turn in money, collect literature. Many times in the Marietta area, quorum wasn't met--but they still carried out the meeting.

Katey: Dennis feels it's still important for area to be held, but we just can't vote.

Prasad: Are there groups that have been identified as groups that have been missing meetings consecutively? Any effort to connect with these guys to figure out why not?

Katey: Most of them were here last month that aren't here today.

Megan S.: Different topic. I had a question about our donation to Region. Did we make a donation to Region?

Katey: Let's get this topic wrapped up and I'll come back to you.

Chris E.: While we're thinking about this stuff, if it were to go on for another two months, is there anything in policy that deals with elections and trusted servant rollover?

Katey: I don't think there's anything in policy. Other areas are also struggling with this. Policy says the term is a year; the term has a specific end-time. There's nothing about rolling over.

Jocho: When we do something like suspend the rules for the day, and then we do something we wouldn't normally do, and then we reinstate the rules--with that in mind, would it be out of the question: If somehow we stay in this quarantine for more months, would it be possible to suspend some rules where the normal year gets postponed for a month or two until we can go back to our norm?

Tim T: Suspending the rules of the day is a good thing to think about, but nobody knows when this is gonna end. I don't see why we don't suspend the rules and ask our trusted servants if they'd be willing to do an extra 30 days.

Katey: We've got a minute. Nominations are next month and elections are in June.

Tim T: This may be a discussion for next month. For all we know, we may be meeting next month.

Katey: I think people were trying to figure out if groups need to start making motions.

Janny Waffles: Our policy says that we should only suspend the rules in dire circumstances. I don't know if this particular scenario we're talking about would qualify. Next month would be the time to discuss. If we don't get nominations or whatever, then a motion should go back to groups so that in June we can vote on that, with the understanding that any of the people that are serving now still have the freedom to say, "Hey, I made a commitment for 12 months, I fulfilled it."

Melissa P: I plan to move up to secretary and I've lined up an alt-secretary.

Megan: I was just curious if we made a donation last region. I know there were some questions about figuring out how much prudent reserve we needed.

Katey: We haven't figured that out yet. Rodney we didn't send a donation back right?

Rodney: Before I went to Region, last I hear Felix was gonna give me a check. I didn't get a check. Next area meeting was when I heard about the percentages etc. Next Region is June 13 or 14. It's planned (as of right now) to meet up at Peachtree Corners, same place where Region was.

Katey: I kind of dropped the ball, I never touched base with Felix. We can set a date to discuss it and come back to area. I'm sorry.

- Subcommittee Reports: 2:45 pm - ~3:15 pm
 - Treasurer's Report - Felix L:
 - Report attached
 - \$4211.70 is available balance.
 - I paid a check to Rodney; according to this it cleared on 4/13 for \$169.70, which was his travelling fees for the last region.
 - Louis just sent me his report via email. I'm gonna make a check for NAWS and mail it to Louis for \$195.
 - I have not received money in, and the only out has been Rodney so far. And Louis would be this month, in April.
 - Katey: I think area donations are still on pause. If it's a big issue to hold on to money for a few months, perhaps Venmo is an option. But it would likely be a policy change, unless it's in the form of a check or money order (good deal of discussion at Area).

- **Literature Report - Marco J:**
 - N/A; absent from area

- **RCM Report - Rodney W:**
 - Report N/A this month.
 - On the floor of Area: You guys had asked me to check with Region about a particular thing. I sat in on some zonal forums and asked some questions regarding the majority calculation of 78% not 80%, which was stipulated in consensus based decision making. I have not asked our region, but more than likely, this is probably what they're going to tell me: A lot of times what happens is, when there's a certain number of areas that are present and quorum is met, they determine what the acceptable amount will be before the voting process takes place. I'm definitely going to check into it when I do go to Region, but I'm just offering it as a possible explanation for why it was 78% at the last region.

- **Activities Report - Christian J:**
 - Report attached.
 - Activities has been holding online game nights every Friday night.
 - Spring Campout will not be taking place in person this year. It was scheduled for May 8-10, 2020. We will host an alternative online campout event.
 - Activities Chair position will be open come June, so feel free to run for it!

- **H&I Report - Julie N:**
 - N/A; absent from area
 - Rodney: I spoke with Julie the other day. In regards to the Basic Texts that I got from Region for the GRCNA convention, I gave those to her. She said she was gonna get in touch with some facilities and disburse those. I tried to find out if anyone knew where there was an H&I Zoom, but got no responses.

- **PR Report - Chris E:**
 - Report attached
 - Currently not printing any schedules.
 - Finding Freedom will start meeting in person again May 4. If that happens, please contact PR or Scott L. more specifically to keep us up to date, as well as post it on Facebook. Some groups may also

choose to have virtual meetings, so we need all the information.

- **WSR Report - Louis B:**
 - Report attached

- **24 Hour Room Report - Susan O.:**
 - Report attached
 - We are looking to establish electronic payment methods via Zelle and Cash App.

- **Old Business:**
 - **Motion 3-1 (text in italics amended for housekeeping):** Add to the 24 Hour Room policy, to the responsibilities of chair, treasurer and alternate treasurer: “Have access to and manage electronic payment method. *The Area Treasurer will also be granted access to electronic payment accounts.*”
 - **Maker:** Susan O., 24 Hour Room Chair
 - **2nd:** Jan L., GSR End of the Road
 - **Intent:** To stay up to date with payment methods and reflect current practices.
 - **PROS:**
 - Megan S: This is a good idea that will allow the committee to get with the times.
 - **Vote: 13 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (MOTION PASSES)**

 - Discussion about the motion:
 - Matt M., Spiritual Awakenings, proposing a friendly amendment:
 - “Add to the 24 Hour Room policy, to the responsibilities of chair, treasurer and alternate treasurer: ‘Have access to and manage electronic payment method.’ Also include access for MASCNA Treasurer.”
 - Specify explicit payment methods (Zelle, Cash App, Venmo) for transparency to the area.
 - Discussion on the motion:
 - **Matt M.:** Our group had some issues with this motion as written and we were hoping to get a revision for clarity. There could be multiple payment platforms--maybe use one payment platform. Also the

24 Hour Room operates as a subcommittee area so we would want to make sure the MASCNA Treasurer has access to that account as well.

- **Tim T.:** What does the 24 Hour Room policy state right now? If they're doing something like this it would also change
- **Megan S.:** Don't the area chair and treasurer already have access to the 24 Hour Room bank account?
Susan: Yes, but they would not have the login credentials for the electronic payment platforms.
- **Dennis P.:** This is really just about accountability, it's a friendly amendment.

- **Elections:**

- None

- **New Business:**

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- **Trusted Servant Nominations:**

- None

- **Group Announcements and Celebrations:**

- **End of the Road:** Ashli M. - 13 years and Felix L. - 18 years on Friday, May 29.

Motion to Close: Scott L.

Seconded by: Megan S.

Motion to acclamation: Scott L.

Second: Megan S.

Closed at 3:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Sunday, May 31st, 2020 at 2:00PM

BACK TO GROUPS

- None

Elections to be voted on in the May ASC Meeting:

- None

Motions to be voted on in the May ASC Meeting:

- Nominations for the GRSCNA positions of Facilitator, Co-Facilitator, Secretary, Treasurer, Policy/Archivist, Insurance Liaison, Hospitals & Institutions Chair, Public Relations Chair, and RDA, along with their resumes can be found in the copy of the GRSCNA minutes. Votes on these nominations should be brought back to the **May ASC** for a vote so that the RCM can carry the Area's conscience to the June RSC.

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