

**Marietta Area Service Committee of NA  
Meeting Minutes  
May 31, 2020**

**Next Meeting Sunday, June 28, 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 @ 2:18 PM

The Purpose of the Area was read by Katey G.

The 12 Traditions were read by Billie E.

The 12 Concepts were read by Stephanie S.

Motion to accept April minutes: Tim T.

Motion Seconded: Asa B.

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

Motion seconded: Asa B.

<b>Group</b>	<b>GSR</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Addicts in the Attic</b>	<b>Asa</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>Another Chance</b>	<b>Megan</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>Architects of Adversity</b>	<b>Bryan</b>	<b>XXX</b>	
<b>Back to Basics</b>	<b>Jerry</b>	<b>XX</b>	
<b>Dopeless Hope Fiends</b>	<b>Shelly</b>	<b>XX</b>	
<b>Easy Does It</b>	<b>Scott</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>End of the Road</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>Finding Freedom</b>	<b>Sheila</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>Hold On to Hope</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>XX</b>	
<b>Just for Sunday</b>	<b>Michael</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>Living the Program</b>	<b>Prasad</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>Lost and Found</b>	<b>Jonathan</b>	<b>XXX</b>	
<b>Lost Dreams Awaken</b>	<b>Rebecca</b>	<b>XX</b>	
<b>Mimosa</b>	<b>Tim</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>NA at Noon</b>	<b>Alvin</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>One is Too Many</b>	<b>Scott</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>A New Way of Life</b>	<b>Laura</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>Rose Group</b>	<b>Danielle</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Serenity on the Square</b>	<b>Myra</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Spiritual Awakenings</b>	<b>Dennis</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>Surrender on Sunday</b>	<b>Nick</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>Unity Group</b>	<b>Jocho</b>	<b>Present</b>	
<b>We Group</b>	<b>Robert</b>	<b>XX</b>	
<b>We Recover Together</b>	<b>Abigail</b>	<b>X</b>	

*\*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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Report</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Katey</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Felix</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Attached</b>
<b>Alt. Treasurer</b>	<b>Richard</b>	<b>Absent</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>Absent</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Alt. Lit Distribution</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Activities Chair</b>	<b>Christian</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Attached</b>
<b>H&amp;I Chair</b>	<b>Julie</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>PR Chair</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Attached</b>
<b>WSR</b>	<b>Louis</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Attached</b>
<b>24hr Room Chair</b>	<b>Susan</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Attached</b>

- Open Forum: 2:19 pm - 3:02 pm ([Open Forum May ASC.m4a](#))
- Katey G: I'm not sure if Marco is continuing literature next month but obviously groups have started opening. Ridgeview is not planning to open up to external groups any time soon. Parks and facilities are not opening to groups larger than 25 until at least 6 with the 6 feet in place. If anyone has ideas or you want to come back with considerations, we should talk about it.
- Karen: I'm representing a new Marietta Area meeting. We have a new Tuesday virtual meeting until it's safe to meet in person. Right now we're just called the New Tuesday Group, and all 8 members have been previous members of the Marietta area. We'd like to be consider part of area.
- Karen: In the minutes for the last area meeting, it was talked about whether to

count a meeting as absent because of our area policy. The part of our policy that most directly applies to participation at area is Article 2, and that doesn't mention a physical location. I don't think there's any problem with counting the groups as absent. Article 6 mentions physical locations where it talks about meetings, and that's really a housekeeping item around how meetings will be run; doesn't address participation at all.

- Katey: I think our issue was Article 6 where it specifies Ridgeview.
- Jocho: Unity Group is now meeting both on Monday and Thursday at 8 pm and Shreveport Park(sp?) for the time being until we can get back to the hospital. So we now meet twice a week. Also: We know some meetings are doing a hybrid meeting. It would be a good idea for Area to keep a Zoom account open for meetings that want to continue hybrid meetings. That way, each group wouldn't have to pay for it out of their own 7th tradition. This would reach the addict who could not get to a physical meeting.
- Katey: Did you guys talk about bringing forward a motion?
- Jocho: No, just want people to think about it. If they like it, they can bring a motion.
- Melissa P: How would that work if more than one meeting wanted to use the same timeslot?
- Michael A: Correct, only one meeting at a time on a Zoom account.
- Melissa P: So I guess that's something we'd have to consider.
- Michael A: Yeah, it wouldn't work.
- Megan: It also seems weird to put it on the area when groups should be fully self-supporting.
- Tim T: We shouldn't have to cover that as an area. I think that would be a nightmare personally due to overlapping meetings.
- Stephanie: I think our homegroup was considering the Zoom fee basically like our rent.
- Felix: I went to an in-person meeting on Wednesday. Behind Whitlock Group, office space or church, there's a huge pavilion. Can hold probably 150 people with enough space for social distancing. Maybe we could use that for area.
- Melissa: I've heard that "hybrid meetings" are really just separate meetings on Zoom and in person. I don't see how that would work for Area, which needs to be done all at once.
- Chris E: The problem with a true hybrid meeting is you need very different technology. Groups that have tried it usually find it ends up being two different meetings.
- Jocho: We tried it initially as the hybrid and Chris was very right. It needs to be one source, not everybody needs to have their phones or their computers out. One source, one camera if you have camera, and one mic and speaker to absorb the audio for the people online. It works if you have one source.

- Melissa: What if groups used a phone and passed it around like a mobile microphone?
- Rodney: Architects has both a Zoom and physical meeting. Still one group, two meetings exact same time, one Zoom one physical, two separate meetings. For me, passing the phone around, that's just one more way to pass the virus around to another person. It's working for Architects to have a Zoom meeting and a physical meeting. We have the precautions we should in the physical meeting.
- Christian: Are we talking about meetings or area?
- Katey: I think Area.
- Christian: I think we've gotten off-topic. The original person was talking about a hybrid Area.
- Prasad: If the area decides to have the hybrid meeting, if you're gonna use an open space, the audio might be a problem. We can invest in new technology, it's not gonna cost a whole lot, but that's relative. I could get you the numbers if you want by tomorrow evening.
- Jocho: Also look up the speaker because it's gonna have to be loud enough for people in the room to be able to hear everybody online.
- Chris E: The cameras alone start around \$160 and there again, it'd be better if Prasad did some research. A \$160 camera might not quite hack it.
- Katey: Based on my experience as chair I think there are some considerations to take into account. If the chair themselves is not at the face to face, I think it's very difficult for it to be online and see who's raising their hand.

*(some discussion about subcommittee chairs not receiving the minutes; this was Melissa's fault, sorry)*

- Melissa: If it comes down to a decision between one or the other--Zoom or in person--we need to stick to Zoom until everyone is ready to return to in-person. We may lose at-risk trusted servants if we force them to return to in-person too soon.
- Katey: I think the meeting is fine but we've gotta figure out something for Literature and Treasurer as groups open back up.
- Megan: Our group is not requiring masks but we're not serving coffee, keeping chairs separate, wiping down readings and chairs, not passing the basket, etc.
- Alvin: When NA at Noon opens back up, we will be requesting that attendees wear masks.
- Katey: That may get confusing for area members if the requirements are different.
- Tim: I've been to several in-person meetings, none of them are requiring masks but they're practicing social distancing precautions.
- Chris E: Katey shared some suggested meeting opening strategies, and Amanda

sent something to be included with the minutes. To be clear, there are not orders or commands--they're suggestions. If they're gonna require masks, I think that's something that needs to go into the meeting information. So that people don't show up and they're not allowed because they don't have a masks. Also, because things keep changing, please keep us in PR in the loop because schedules are fluid. I recently gave someone some bad information on the helpline.

- Jan: I agree with Melissa. As long as some of us are not OK with meeting in person, we should continue to do it virtually--entirely. Also, End of the Road decided (the church is still closed) but there's a firepit outside and, weather permitting, we'll start meeting in person with social distancing.
- Katey: I would like to figure out what we're gonna do for area, whether we need a motion or if it's considered housekeeping to have it be on Zoom next month. I'd like people to remember what the incoming nominees will be most comfortable with.
- Megan S: I know the treasurer thing has to be worked out, but is it possible for groups to order their lit online?
- Katey: I think that's possible but it might be more expensive with shipping.
- Scott: We're coming up with a way to do all the lit orders through the website. Once all the orders are online, lit chair can pick a day and a place, maybe it's a Starbucks, where people can go for a one-hour timeframe and pick up the orders.
- Karen H: Based on policy, pretty much the chair and the admin committee sets the schedule for the meetings. If we don't have a chair voted in today, then any admin members voted in today could announce or set the meeting. I think that would be fine to do that on Zoom.
- Katey: It looks like time and agenda changes possibly fall under housekeeping, according to policy. As far as things are going now it looks like we're on Zoom next month again.
- Jocho: Either last area or the area before, we talked about if we're still in this predicament, with a lot of our area positions rotating out, we talked about suspending the rules of the day and allowing servants to go longer than a year if they were willing to do that. Just in case that becomes an issue.
- David: I'm also gonna work with Scott on making hybrid meetings a little more effective. We still might be able to do them effectively, just need to work it out in a way where feedback is not there and we can see everybody.
- Felix L: Isn't change of venue, Dennis, a policy change and has to go back to groups since our area policy states specifically that area meetings are at Ridgeview?
- Dennis: I think we need to change that. It never really dawned on us because we never really had a situation that challenged it. But I would think that would be a

housekeeping matter really--that specific place. That was an aberration on their parts when they were writing the policy because it looked like it was etched in stone. And then something happens that none of us have faced in our lifetime.

- Curt: That has been in our policy since at least 1998, which is weird. Region has never had that, and Region has always floated. My sense would be that we follow policy until it becomes impossible to follow policy. Policy is not something that shackles us in the face of reality. If Ridgeview is closed and we can't meet there, obviously we can't hold area there. Ultimately it's up to Chair to interpret policy.
- Katey: It sounds like we're keeping it on Zoom but if anybody wants to go to groups and say "I'm unable to do that," they can do that too. State guidelines say that they don't want people, either outside or inside, of more than 25 meeting. And to have people 6 feet apart, that would not be plausible to chair.
- Janny Waffles: Our meeting is still also doing the Zoom meeting, even if there's one in person.

- Subcommittee Reports: 3:02 pm - 4:07 pm

- Treasurer's Report - Felix L:

- Received a donation from the 24 Hour Room for \$542.25.
- Report attached.

- Literature Report - Marco J:

- N/A; absent from area

- RCM Report - Rodney W:

- **Regional Nominations**

- **Joe B. - Facilitator**
  - 10/0/0
- **Linda B. - Co-Facilitator**
  - 9/0/1
- **Kristen F. - Secretary**
  - 10/0/0
- **Jason W. - Treasury**
  - 10/0/0
- **Romer J. - Policy Archivist**
  - 9/0/1
- **Johnny H. - Insurance Liaison**
  - 8/0/0
- **Marcus S. - H&I Chair**

○ 10/0/0

● Jay H. - PR Chair

○ 9/0/0

○ **Activities Report - Christian J:**

- Meeting started at 1:20pm
- 3 addicts in attendance
- Old business:
  - The virtual campout was a success. Thank you to every one who logged on and supported the speakers.
  - The game night that we have been hosting every Friday night since the beginning of the pandemic has had low attendance the past several weeks so the committee plans on reaching out to those who have attended and ask them if they wish us to continue hosting it.
- New Business:
  - Our next activity planned is the Fall Campout in October.
  - If anyone in the area has any requests or ideas on how the Activities Committee can serve the area during this time please reach out to me or one of the other committee members.
  - Our current committee members are willing to continue to serve the committee but as of right now all service positions are open.
- Meeting closed @ 1:40pm.

○ **H&I Report - Julie N:**

- N/A; absent from area

○ **PR Report - Chris E:**

- Report attached

○ **WSR Report - Louis B:**

- We had 7 members join attendance at today's committee meeting.
- 3 members attended last months NAWS WSR Webinar and we discussed how other areas are handling
- Their mail during the covid 19 situation. Also Steve S and TJ from the California region made a behind the walls
- Patch to try to encourage people to volunteer to be step writers.
- We would like to use \$48.00 from our budget to order 30 of these patches



- We had elections
  - I was nominated for another year as WSR chair
  - Amy H elected for coordinating secretary
  - Jerry M for Postal facilitator
  - Open positions are WSR Co chair
  - Assistant Coordinating secretary
  - Assistant Postal facilitator
  - Like other sub committees we need support
- **24 Hour Room Report - Susan O.:**
  - Report attached
- **Old Business:**
  - None
- **Elections:**
  - None
- **New Business:**
  - **MOTION 5-1: To use \$48.00 from budget to purchase behind the walls patches.**
    - **Maker:** Louis B., WSR Chair
    - **Second:** Jerry M., WSR Postal Facilitator
    - **Intent:** To give these patches to those willing to become a step writer.
    - **Vote:** Passed
- **Trusted Servant Nominations:**
  - **Chair: Kurt H.**
    - **Nominator:** Dennis P., GSR Spiritual Awakenings
    - **Second:** Jan L., GSR End of the Road
    - **Service Resume:** Attached
  - **Vice Chair: Stephanie S.**
    - **Nominator:** Susan O., 24 HR Room Chair
    - **Second:** Jan L., GSR End of the Road
    - **Service Resume:**
      - I have served on a homegroup level as a secretary, treasurer, chair, and activities coordinator. I have

volunteered for years as H and I panel member. I have been PR Chair in two separate areas. I was a personal shift coordinator for 24 hr committee. I have always finished my service positions and never misappropriated funds. I look forward to learning this new position under chair-elect Kurt.

- **Secretary: Melissa P.**
  - **Nominator:** Chris B., MASCNA Secretary
  - **Second:** Jan L., End of the Road
  - **Service Resume:**
    - Never misappropriated NA funds
    - Alt-secretary for MASCNA for last year
    - Have been alt-secretary and secretary of North Atlanta NA area
    - Have worked all 12 steps, have NA sponsor
- **Alternate Secretary: Michael A.**
  - **Nominator:** Tim T., GSR Mimosa
  - **Second:** Sheila G., GSR Finding Freedom
  - **Service Resume:** N/A
- **Treasurer: Richard G**
  - **Nominator:** Tim T., GSR Mimosa
  - **Second:** Michael A., GSR Just for Sunday
  - **Service Resume:** Attached
- **Alternate Treasurer: N/A**
- **RCM: N/A**
- **RCMA: N/A**
- **Literature Distribution: Matthew Z. (requires a clean-time waiver)**
  - **Nominator:** Scott L., GSR Easy Does It
  - **Second:** Tim T., GSR Mimosa
  - **Service Resume:** N/A
- **Alternate Literature Distribution: N/A**
- **Policy Parliamentarian: Dennis P.**
  - **Nominator:** Felix L., MASCNA Treasurer
  - **Second:** Tim T., GSR Mimosa
  - **Service Resume:** N/A
- **PR Chair: Chris E.**
  - **Nominator:** Felix L., MASCNA Treasurer
  - **Second:** Scott L., Easy Does It
  - **Service Resume:**
    - 2 years GSR End of the Road. Also a few months as

GSRA End of the Road.

- 1 year PR Chair ( current )
- 18 months as phone line volunteer
- Clean date 10-1-16
- Willingness to serve.NA sponsor. Working knowledge of NA Traditions & Twelve CONCEPTS FOR NA Service. I have never misappropriated NA funds.

■ **WSR Chair: Louis B**

- **Nominator:** Asa B., GSR Addicts in the Attic
- **Second:** Dennis P., GSR Spiritual Awakenings
- **Service Resume:** Attached

■ **H&I Chair: N/A**

■ **Activities Chair: N/A**

- Discussion on nominations:
  - **Jan L:** Aren't vice chair elections a strictly sub committee process?
  - **Katey G:** Yes, typically only committee chair goes back to groups, though if there's no chair and vice is "filling in" I could see them wanting to run that by groups?

● **Group Announcements and Celebrations:**

- **End of the Road:** Ashli M. - 13 years and Felix L. - 18 years on Friday, May 29.
- **Easy Does It** is now meeting in person again
- **Finding Freedom** is now meeting in person again Mondays and Fridays at noon.
- **T.A.C.O. Tuesday** is a new group comprised of 8 members that were previously part of homegroups within the Marietta Area. We are planning to meet virtually to begin with and will look toward meeting in person in the future. We meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays.
  - **Zoom Meeting ID: 867 0595 7063**
  - **Password: 622538**

**Motion to Close:** Scott L.

**Seconded by:** Chris E.

**Motion to acclamation:** Sheila G.

**Second:** Scott L.

Closed at 4:42 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:  
Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 2:00PM**

## **BACK TO GROUPS**

- **24 Hour Room Survey**

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

- **Chair**
- **Vice-Chair**
- **Secretary**
- **Alternate Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Literature Distribution**
- **Policy Parliamentarian**
- **PR Chair**
- **WSR Chair**

## **Available Area Trusted Servant Positions:**

- **No Nominations for Following Positions:**
  - **Alternate Treasurer**
  - **RCM**
  - **RCMA**
  - **Alternate Literature Distribution**
  - **H&I Chair**
  - **Activities Chair**

Refer to MASCNA Policy for cleantime/service requirements and duties for each position. Policy can be found at [MariettaNA.org](http://MariettaNA.org)