

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

Next Meeting Sunday, August 30th, 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 7 groups - Quorum met @ 2:15 PM

The Purpose of the Area was read by Stephanie S.

The 12 Traditions were read by Chris E.

The 12 Concepts were read by Dennis P.

Motion to accept June minutes: Asa B.

Motion Seconded: Jodi M.

| Group | GSR | Attendance | Comments |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Addicts in the Attic | Asa B. | Present | |
| Another Chance | Jodi M. | Present | |
| Architects of Adversity | David H. | Present | |
| Back to Basics | Jerry | XXXX | |
| Dopeless Hope Fiends | Jeannie D. | Present* | |
| Easy Does It | Scott L. | Present | |
| End of the Road | Jan | Present | |
| Finding Freedom | Sheila G. | Present | New GSR: Lori M. |
| Hold On to Hope | Chris | XXXX | |
| Just for Sunday | Billie | Present | |
| Living the Program | Prasad | Present* | |
| Lost Dreams Awaken | Rebecca | XXXX | |
| Mimosa | Tim | XX | |
| NA at Noon | Alvin | Present* | |
| One is Too Many | Scott | XXX | |
| A New Way of Life | Laura | Present* | |
| Rose Group | Danielle | XXX | |
| Serenity on the Square | Myra | Present | |
| Spiritual Awakenings | Matt M. | Present | |
| Surrender on Sunday | Nick W. | Present | |
| T.A.C.O. Tuesday | Karen H. | Present | |
| Unity Group | Kyle H. | Present | |
| We Group | Robert | XXXX | |
| We Recover Together | Abigail | XX | |

**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...

As of June 2020: We are removing groups with more than two consecutive absences from the calculation of quorum. That would leave us at 16 groups and thus quorum is 9 groups.

Homegroups Removed:

- The following groups will be removed from the Attendance/Quorum list due to two consecutive absences:
 - Lost and Found: This group has been removed after five absences and confirmation from Julie N. that this group is not meeting.

Homegroups Added:

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

MASC Admin & Subcommittee Roll Call

| Position | Name | Attendance | Report |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Chair | Curt H. | Present | N/A |
| Vice Chair | Stephanie S. | Present | N/A |
| Treasurer | Richard G. | Present | Attached |
| Alt. Treasurer | Vacant | N/A | N/A |
| Secretary | Melissa P. | Present | N/A |
| Alt. Secretary | Vacant | N/A | N/A |
| RCM | Vacant | N/A | N/A |
| RCMA | Vacant | N/A | N/A |
| Policy Parliamentarian | Dennis P. | Present | N/A |
| Lit Distribution | Matthew Z. | Absent | N/A |
| Alt. Lit Distribution | Vacant | N/A | N/A |
| Activities Chair | Vacant | N/A | N/A |
| H&I Chair | Vacant | N/A | N/A |
| PR Chair | Chris E. | Present | Attached |
| WSR | Louis B. | Present | Attached |
| 24hr Room Chair | Susan O. | Present | Attached |

- Open Forum: 2:20 pm - 2:37 pm
- Asa B.: I want everybody to know Roswell United Methodist Church, there is a committed group of outdoor recovering addicts that meet there basically every night at 7 pm. Addicts in the Attic followed on Thursdays. Other than that, open format. It's an NA meeting for those people who can get out; do our best to follow CDC and church guidelines. If we do meet inside, temps taken and sanitizer available.
- Stephanie: How do you restrict people and keep it under 10.
- Asa: We meet outside, and generally we don't have more than 10 anyway.
- Alvin L: NA at Noon meeting is open, we are open 5 days a week at 12:15. Facility requests all attendees wear masks. Sanitizer available. If you want to read, bring your own lit. With the seating, you can space yourself out pretty well. Averaging 7-8 people per meeting.

- Kyle H.: Just checking in to make sure we're in compliance; don't think we are, honestly. Unity Group meeting Mondays and Thursdays in person. We found a park right down the street (Traymore?). We've average between 20 and 30 people. We're outside under a big pavilion that accommodates 8 picnic tables underneath it. We don't have the tables set up in any specific way...they're not our tables. When we meet, there's always 20 kids running around on a playground, people playing soccer. I love the fact that addicts have access to being around people, but are OK doing this? We don't hug unless both people want to. Some people wear masks; we haven't put it in the reading. We get a lot of people, maybe because there aren't a lot of in-person meetings. We used to average 10-15; some nights we're probably closer to 40.
- Curt: In terms of area, every group is autonomous. It is not up to area to dictate to groups unless they are violating traditions or affecting NA as a whole. I think probably people will be happy to give you personal feedback, but I don't want it to seem as if area is trying to dictate to the groups. Yesterday, NAWs held a COVID symposium. If they do release the transcript I'll have Melissa send it out.
- Scott L.: I spoke to somebody who did listen to it. The gist of it: They were saying just follow your state's guidelines. In our case, our governor doesn't deem it necessary to require masks, so whether the local government is requiring.
- Curt: We are influenced and limits by the state and local governments in the area we meet. We abide by those policies.
- Stephanie S.: What are we doing to honor 7th tradition?
- Kyle: It's a public park; we haven't paid for our space. A couple weeks, there was something going on at the pavilion. We just sat on the ground. It's a huge park. Our 7th tradition we've collected, I was approach by Lonnie from 24 Hour Room, ... we just had our business meeting this past Thursday, and we decided to donate our 7th tradition to the 24 Hour Room.
- Stephanie: Those pavilions are rented out.
- Kyle: We did check into that, not sure what Jocho found out. ... we make announcements to clean up all your stuff.
- Melissa: My one concern would be if we're breaking state law. It appears we are not, so I think it's at group's discretion.
 - Melissa posts to Chat: From a June 29 posting: "[Ed. Note: The June 11 Executive Order now defines "Gathering" as more than 50 persons physically present at a single location, if, to be present, persons are required to stand or be seated within six feet of any other person. Groups of 50 or more are allowed if they are incidental or transitory.]"

<https://www.fisherphillips.com/resources-alerts-georgia-employers-receive-guidance-on-governors-back>

- Subcommittee Reports: 2:37 pm - 3:31 pm
 - Chair's Report - Curt H.:
 - Report on the floor: Thanks everyone who took positions, and thank you Melissa for creating a schedule of area 2020-21. Melissa will send those out with the July minutes.
 - We did get the signatures updated for the area; we had a problem stick with the letter of the policy. The policy says 5 positions should be on the signature card. Melissa as secretary is supposed to be on the card but she had a really hard time being there at the same time as everyone else. The way banks are now, it's very strict. Myself, Stephanie, and Richard G. are on the signature card; I feel like that's sufficient.
 - Admin committee held a Zoom meeting earlier this month; Melissa will send the minutes from that admin meeting out next month for transparency.
 - Treasurer's Report - Richard G.:
 - Report attached
 - Discussion:
 - Curt: Any group not able to send a donation as a check?
Karen H.: Ours would have to come from a personal checking account; we don't have a group checking account.
Curt: Richard and I discussed ways of taking digital donations, but it seems like it's more trouble than it's worth since we're generally only taking donations from groups. If your group wants to make a donation to area, you can totally send a check to Richard, or he would probably work with you if you needed to get cash to him to donate. But we do need to keep fund flow going. Richard would prefer checks but will be flexible.
 - Richard's number in case you need to contact him about this: 843-998-2614
 - Karen: Do we send area checks to a PO box or Richard?
Dennis: If there's gonna be guidelines, they have to be overarching ones. This is a "for now" thing. Kurt: For now, we should send checks to Richard. Stephanie: Since there's something in policy that groups bring funds to area to donate, don't we need to change policy? Curt: I believe it talks about donations in a vague way based on the

assumption of us being in person.

- Janny Waffles: Did we ever determine the actual prudent reserve? Curt: We have not re-calculated yet, but it's on the list of things to do.

○ **Literature Report - Matthew Z.:**

- N/A: absent from area
- Curt: Matt and I are working on an old-school process where you write down what you need and Matt will meet up with you around Marietta.
- Scott: David B. and I are working on a process to where we can automate literature order through the website.

○ **RCM Report - Vacant:**

- Report N/A due to vacant position
- Rodney passed along a WSC 2020 report. It was distributed to groups in late July.
- Curt: Next RSC will be in September, if they hold it. If we still don't have any rep by next month we may want to discuss.

○ **Policy Report - Dennis P.**

- Report on the floor: Working on re-formatting policy to update for this new virtual environment or other obsolete content. Would love some volunteers to provide their experience, strength and hope.

○ **Activities Report - Vacant:**

- Report N/A due to vacant position
- Curt: Campout is coming in the fall; if we don't have an activities chair by then, admin committee would need to take responsibility. But given COVID, it's all TBD.

○ **H&I Report - Vacant:**

- Report N/A due to vacant position
- Stephanie S. has been working with former trusted servant Julie. She's working on sending all the content she has.

○ **PR Report - Chris E:**

- Report attached
- Recovery symposium planned for August was postponed due to COVID-19.
- Not planning on printing schedules again until directed to do so;

doesn't feel like a prudent use of funds right now.

- I ask that Melissa re-attach the PR original and revised policies in July minutes email.
- Scott: Reminder for GSRs, you can print the meeting list from the website. Doesn't have virtual meeting info but it shows TC for meetings temporarily closed.
- Chris: Some of these meetings that are temporarily meeting somewhere else, trying to figure out how to reflect that in Google Maps without interfering with BMLT.
- Scott L.: Everybody on a subcommittee has an @mariettana.org email address. Contact me if you need the password or info on how to log in.

○ **WSR Report - Louis B:**

- Report attached

○ **24 Hour Room Report - Susan O.:**

- Report attached
- Susan O.: We can now accept electronic payments. Scott we would like to request those payment details be listed on the Marietta website.
 - Discussion:
 - Curt: Love what you guys do. However, there have been controversies in the past surrounding subcommittees soliciting their own funding.
 - Susan: We certainly don't want to create financial competition between our service bodies. Since I've been working with 24 Hour Room, it's always been this independent fundraising entity. Let us go back and review our expenses, and maybe we can bring back a couple of options.
- Regarding our main event this December: Our venue (Milford Baptist Church) may not let us meet. We don't know if we'll be able to meet; depends on overall safety concerns, do we have enough trusted servants to pull it off, etc. We will wait until September, check in with the church and the area. Also discussing virtual event.

● **Old Business:**

- **Motion 6-1:** For the Area Treasurer to establish a Zoom account that will host the monthly ASC meetings, and for the Treasurer to ensure the

subscription is paid on a monthly basis as needed while Area requires a virtual meeting space.

- **Maker:** Susan O., Chair 24 Hour Room
- **2nd:** Billie R., GSR Just for Sunday
- **Intent:** To follow our 7th Tradition of being fully self-supporting and paying for the location that hosts us, even though it is virtual.
- **Vote: PASSES - 9 for, 0 abstain, 0 against**

- Elections:

- **Alternate Secretary:** Michael A. **Elected**

- New Business:

- **Motion 7-1:** For the groups to approve changes to the PR policy.
 - **Maker:** Chris E., PR Chair
 - **2nd:** Prasad, GSR, Living the Program
 - **Intent:** To bring policy up to date. Current policy is completely irrelevant to phone line procedures & hosting.
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- Trusted Servant Nominations:

- None

- Group Announcements and Celebrations:

- **Another Chance:** Chris H. - 14 years on Aug. 29.
- **Architects of Adversity (David H.):** When virtual started we had good attendance. When things started opening back up, we went to both hybrid and physical meetings. Our meetings have been pretty full.
 - Also: Matt M. - 3 years on July 31.
- **Easy Does It:** Randy W. - 1 year on Aug. 8.
- **Finding Freedom (Sheila G.):** Because we meet during the day, none of our sponsors can be there for celebrations. Seeking ESH on behalf of the group. (Area discussion ensues.)
- **Just for Sunday (Billie):** JFS is doing all-virtual; we have good attendance, and even international attendance.
 - Also: Richard L. - 26 years on Aug. 30.
- **Living the Program (Prasad):** Our attendance has been consistent. Has not grown a lot on the virtual platform. We usually see a few people from other homegroups and other states. Everyone is eager to get back to

- physical meetings, but I don't think that option is available yet.
- **TACO Tuesday (Karen H):** We formed virtually during the pandemic. Attendance has waned a little bit but still pretty strong. Will continue virtual meetings.

Motion to Close: Matt M.

Seconded by: Sheila G.

Passed through Acclamation.

Closed at 3:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

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BACK TO GROUPS

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Elections to be voted on in the August ASC Meeting:

- **None**

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