

**Chattanooga Area Service Committee Minutes  
December 20, 2009**

**Members in Attendance\*\*\*:** (20) Kirby K, Wanda McD, Tim N, Aaron B, Adam L, Mallory H, Scot N, Bob McD, Hiram T, Allison A, Chris B, Alan B, Terey R, Jonathan A, Sherree F, Richard M, Jeff K, Emily C, Danny S, Willie L. (Please see note listed below.)

**Groups in Attendance:** (11) No Matter What, Hope Not Dope, , 8:05, Never Alone, New Horizons, Athens Serenity Group, Solutions, Last House on the Block, Today There's Hope, Survivors, More Will Be Revealed.

**Meeting Chaired By:** Wanda McD

**Administrative and Officer Role Call:**

- **Chair:** Vacant (facilitated by Wanda McD.)
- **Vice Chair:** Vacant
- **Secretary:** Vacant
- **Alt Sec:** Absent (facilitated by Kirby K.)
- **Treasurer:** Absent (Zach A.)
- **Alt. Treasurer:** Vacant
- **RCM:** Present (Bob McD)
- **RCM II:** Vacant
- **PI Subcommittee** – Present (Alan B.)
- **Activities Subcommittee** – Present (Hiram T. /Mallory H.)
- **Outreach Subcommittee** – Present (member Adam L.)
- **H&I Subcommittee** – Present (Allison A.)
- **Literature Subcommittee** – Present (Chris B.)
- **Surrender Planning Committee** – Not Present

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***\*\*\* This number is arrived at per the sign-in sheet. It is VERY important to sign the sign-in sheet and put an email address or other contact information so that you may be added to the CASC email list and receive pertinent information that may arise before the next CASC meeting.***

## Old Business

## Reports

### **Never Alone Group**

Don't have much to report. Standing room only. Still need home group members. No donations for this month.

In Loving Service,

Sherree F.

### **Last House on the Block**

Hello everyone. Last House on the Block holding strong. Meeting attendance really has picked up the last couple of weeks. We had 18 in attendance week before last. And have had several newcomers. We hope to keep growing and carry the message to the still suffering addict. We have \$20.00 donation to area. Thanks for letting me serve.

Danny S.

We also have two birthdays this month: Shannon S. will be celebrating 1 year clean on December 31, and Pete K. will be celebrating 3 years clean on January 14.

### **Today There's Hope**

Hello Family,

The Today There's Hope group is alive and well. We are still conducting business as usual. We have three birthdays coming up. December 31 Keith L. and Aaron will be celebrating and I will be celebrating on January 7. We have an area donation of \$5.99.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Willie L.

### **New Horizons Group**

Hello family,

New Horizons Group is alive and well. We are still enjoying growth and at our group conscience meeting we welcomed 7 new home group members. The greatest need we have is for mid and long timers to

come share and also sponsor. We would like to say we are very grateful for the support and encouragement from other group members who have attended. Special thanks for Hiram for bringing several copies of the Group Booklet.

The "Lit" study has been well received and will continue. We are requesting that the Tuesday 12:00 noon meeting of New Horizons be designated a "Lit" study on the new meeting schedule for February. We are able to keep pace with the need for literature, and we are currently able to pay full rent amount for the first time, and have established a prudent reserve, unfortunately we have no area donation this month.

We have one birthday on January 2. Sheri F will be celebrating 1 year.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve,

Richard M.

Alt. GSR

### **Survivor's Group**

Dear CASC,

The Survivor's Group is continuing to thrive. Our Tuesday night meeting has an average attendance of 25 – 30 and Wednesday night has an average attendance of 15 – 20 for this past month. The Survivor's Group is considering changing our Tuesday night meeting time to 6:30 in an effort to have more time for our group conscience after the meeting instead of before. We would like to ask the area what they think about a 6:30 pm meeting.

The Survivor's Group has provided a list of numbers to be used as a resource for the phone line, in response to the request from PI. The matter of children being allowed into CLOSED meetings was brought up for discussion at November's group conscience. After consulting the Group Booklet and our ultimate authority, the Survivor's Group came to a unanimous decision to no longer allow children in our CLOSED meetings starting in February. We believe this time will allow other NA groups and members the opportunity to communicate our group conscience on this meeting characteristic and the PI subcommittee ample time to adjust the meeting schedule.

Also, at our last group conscience we discussed to Conference Agenda Report. As a group, we will decide at our January group conscience a special time to review it together.

We have no area donation. Next group conscience will be January 12, 2010.

In Loving Service,

Emily C.

### **Solutions Group**

Greetings family. The Solutions Group is “hanging in there.” Attendance is down but core group remains – we could use your support. We have a \$17 donation to Area.

Jeff K.

### **Hope Not Dope Group**

All is well. \$50.00 donation to area. Brandon L 2 year birthday on December 30.

In loving service,

Jonathan A.

### **Athens Serenity Group**

The Athens Serenity group is doing well. We are still having a lot of newcomers using a lot of coffee and handing out a lot of IPs and books. We are having real good turnout of members and ample attendance at our meetings, we have employed the idea of giving the newcomers a task in order to establish a sense of belonging such as taking out the trash, showing up early and helping to vacuum, staying after and picking up. We also have fellowshiping after the meeting that is making them feel more welcome. Also we have been getting ready for the Capture the Banner and looking forward to it. We have been venturing out to other meetings going to Cleveland and Rockford meetings as groups it has been an awarding experience (sic.) We have no donation for area. We have 8 members to come next month for H&I orientation. We have 1 birthday, Hal 6 years. Next group conscience is 01/04/10.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Charlene C.

### **Turning Point Group**

NO REPORT

### **8:05 Group**

NO REPORT

### **No Matter What**

Everything is going good. We meet Monday and Friday 7:30 – 8:30. We average around 15 – 20 people on Monday and Friday has been 8 – 10 people but we’ve been having very good meetings and we focus on the solution. We have two birthdays coming up. Matt V is celebrating ten years on Friday January 1. We have an area donation of \$52.52.

Terey R. (GSR)

### **More Will Be Revealed**

Hey family,

Things are moving right along with the More Will Be Revealed group of NA. We have maintained this past couple months with a core 5 or 6 members.... With several newcomers coming and going.

We could still use support from members of the Chattanooga area. For any who are interested in visiting our group, we advised our Wednesday meetings has changed from 8pm to 7pm. Most of our members are without personal transportation and are limited to meetings in Dayton.

This month, we have a \$25.00 donation.

Thank you for allowing me to serve

David G.

### **Outreach Report**

Greetings family,

The Outreach Subcommittee of the Chattanooga Area of Narcotics Anonymous is back to meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 1:00 at Parkridge Hospital in the Fowler Room. We met last Sunday and started reading the 12 Concepts Booklet, discussed tradition 4, reviewed the Group Visitation Work Sheet, discussed the good and the bad of our learning days and prayed.

Our attention is currently on Sequatchie Valley. The End of the Road Group in Jasper is struggling to stay open. We have arranged carpools to this meeting Sunday December 27 and Thursday January 14. We will meet at the Wal Mart parking lot in Tiftonia – 3550 Cummings Highway at 7:00 pm both days and drive to the New Beginnings Church in Jasper where the End of the Road Group meets at 8:00 Eastern on Sundays and Thursdays. Please join us for a fun, clean, unifying road trip.

We have planned our first group visitation for Tuesday at the So Now What Group in Dunlap. We asked the group's permission to visit as a subcommittee to help assist them in problem solving that may impede their growth or threaten their survival and help them overcome many kinds of isolation by encouraging increased knowledge, contact, and exposure to NA as a whole and to the NA service structure. They agreed to let us visit – so we are meeting together at 6:30 and going Tuesday December 22 to So Now What in Dunlap – anyone interested in going please see me, Zack, Danny, Josh, Adam, or Emily.

Group visits by our subcommittee could be viewed as a check up – or another perspective of how to better reach the still suffering addict by carrying the message as best we can in an atmosphere of recovery. If any groups would like to schedule a visit for Outreach, please see us after the meeting or ask us after this report.

The outreach trusted servants want to make it clear to the GSRs of our home groups and any addict here today that we offer services to you and your home groups. They are free and given out of love for our Narcotics Anonymous Program. We respect the autonomy of each home group and are here to reach

beyond in assistance. Some of the things we offer are group visits, organizing car pools to meetings, host learning days and workshops on group related topics such as – Group Booklet Learning Days – 12 Tradition Workshops – 12 Concept Workshops – Chairperson Orientations – GSR Orientations – Group Inventories. We attend groups not represented at the ASC and share the importance of group involvement in the area and welcome them to the CASC. We also facilitate the development and availability of simplified service materials.

If you are interested in any of these services please ask now or see us after the meeting, or – take this back to your home group for discussion. We are ready and willing to help. Thank you for allowing us to serve, Randy H. Next meeting 1/10/10 Sunday at 1:00.

### **H&I Subcommittee**

H&I Meeting went good this morning. We had 12 in attendance. All of facilities were reported on or represented. We are having our first orientation for 2010 on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am to 12:00 so please start announcing in meetings. I was able to attend the regional H&I Subcommittee meeting in December and represented Chattanooga. It was excited for me.

All the facilities are doing good. We do have a lot of new support going into Scholze's Center. We did have a good meeting there on Thanksgiving and we have a panel lined up for Christmas Eve. Kids are really getting involved and taking a lot of literature. Cadas all is good. Valley all is good. Walker State Prison record # of inmates in attendance. Silverdale men – going ok. Dustin L. is willing to be panel leader for another 6 months. Silverdale women – we are hanging on in hopes of more volunteers getting orientated in April for the next year. Our next meeting is scheduled for Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 10:00 am before the orientation. Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Allison A.

### **RCM Report December 20, 2009**

I attended the RSC meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> in Murfreesboro.

All of the nominations passed, so we now have an alternate secretary, outreach chair and VRC28 chair and the activities chair and policy chair were re-elected.

The following positions are open for nominations on the RSC:

- Vice-Chair
- Alt. Treasurer
- Literature Review Chair

The CAR and CAT workshops will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Murfreesboro. The Conference Agenda Report will be reviewed on Saturday and the Conference Approval Track will be reviewed on Sunday. A copy of the flyer is included with my report. The CAR can be downloaded from the NAWS website.

The Regional inventory is planned to take place in May.

I brought flyers for the 2010 VRC in Nashville. Please take some back to your groups so that everyone can pre-register. It is going to be a fabulous convention.

Wanda and Pete, our RD and RDA, have been attending World-wide workshops and zonal forums. Please let me know if you would like copies of their reports, and I will e-mail them to you.

Our motion to donate \$10,000 to NAWS was not approved, but it did start the wheels in motion for the region to make donations. Starting with the February RSC, the treasurer will calculate the amount above the reserve at the end of every RSC meeting and will send the excess funds to NAWS.

There were no motions from the Regional Service Committee meeting to come back to the groups. A copy of the new business from the RSC is included with my reports.

The next RSC will be February 6th and 7<sup>th</sup>. I will not be able to attend the February meeting, but they will be having an RCM orientation that day, so it would be great if the Area can elect an RCM alternate who will be able to go and attend the training. My term will be up in a few months, so it would be good to have the alternate attend at least one meeting prior to becoming RCM. The RSC now meets at the Murfreesboro Jaycees building, and the subcommittee meetings are held at the Real Life Community Church.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Bob McD.

<b>New Business</b>
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Please see additional attachments