

#ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2002

Searcy, AR

OPENING:

Mike R. opened the meeting at 2:38pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Maili K. read the 12 Traditions, Jackie H. read the 12 Concepts. David Ru. Read the first 2 paragraphs of Tradition 2 and the Definition and Purpose of a RSC.

ROLL CALL:

ARVANA	David Ru., ASR	Present
Central Arkansas Area	Jim E., ASR	Present
Clean and Serene Group	Craig VK., GSR	Present
Foothills Unity Area	Laura C., ASR	Present
Genesis Group	Dan L., GSR	Present
Northwest Arkansas Area	Maili K., ASR (appointed)	Present
Texarkana Area	John C., ASR	Present
RD	Bill L.	Present
RDA	VACANT	VACANT
RSC Chair	Mike R.	Present
RSC Vice Chair	Billy B.	Absent
RSC Secretary	Debby VK.	Present
RSC Treasurer	Valerie Mc.	Present
Activities Chair	VACANT	VACANT
H&I Chair	Jackie H.	Present
Literature Chair	Kathy B.	Absent
Outreach Chair	VACANT	VACANT
PI Chair	Jim E.	Present
Phoneline Chair	VACANT	VACANT
Webmaster	Valerie Mc.	Present
Ad Hoc Chair (Regional Inventory)	VACANT	VACANT

***** Note: Northeast Arkansas Area here to be reseated today*****

REPORTS:

SECRETARY REPORTS: Motion to read only old and new business, elections and open sharing. Motion passes. Motion to accept minutes as read. Motion passes.

Correspondence Report: This is the mail I have received and turned over to the treasurer; 2 Your Message Center Statements, 2 AT&T Bills, 1 Bill from Mail Boxes Etc. for RSC mailbox rent, 4 First National Bank Statements (2 for Activities and 2 for the RSC)

And 1 check for \$35.00 from the Common Bond group in Clinton, AR. I also received new group registration forms from the Better Beginnings Group in Dardanelle and Last Hope Group in Malvern. 1 Group Starter Kit was returned to the Region for Non-sufficient address. We also received NAWS News and flyers for WCNA-29 and GPRCNA-17. I have not sent letters welcoming the 2 new groups yet but I will get that done ASAP. We also received a letter from the former RSC secretary that I will read for all of you. (To the RSC, It has been a pleasure serving as your secretary for the past 2 years. Although I have slacked on my responsibilities these past few rotations, I will not make any excuses (unless of course you would like to hear them) but I do apologize for the inconvenience it has caused. Thank you for being a part of my life and for letting me be of service. Love, Jennifer D.)

In Loving Service, Debby VK.

TREASURER'S REPORT: SEE ATTACHMENT

RD REPORT: SEE ATTACHMENT

ARVANA: Thanks for reinstating us and for the gracious welcome back to the Region. We are looking forward to hosting March 30th & 31st. This month we welcomed a new group to our area, the Second Chance Group in Poteau, OK. We have made a commitment in our area to get back to our area guidelines in the facet of having set times to post and refill our Area trusted servant positions, in order to stimulate more interest in this area of service. We feel more interest will better help us carry the message of NA to the addict who still suffers. Our apathy has been showing but we go forward from here. Thank you for your patience. The 9th annual "Hangin in the Fort- Building Bridges" ARVANA Convention is March 8th-10th 2002. This is a huge convention at the 5th Season Inn.

In Loving Service, ARVANA by way of David Ru.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS AREA: Greetings RCMs, Central Arkansas has been partying our asses off. We began with the Fall Fest; we doubled backed with the gala New Year's Fest, complete with live band. Then we invaded Searcy's Winter Retreat. Party! Party! Party!!!! Then we had a Chili Fest/Spades Championship where I received honorable mention for my chili and winner of the spades championship, which entitles me to party for free at the next Heber Springs Campvention. PARTY!!!! Acting as liaison from Region we hosted the CAR Workshop. We were all pleased it was a compact CAR and we in Central Arkansas tried to streamline the CAR more through our vote. I feel this is an attempt to give us more time to party. I have tabulated our vote to be given to our RD to save time in case he wants to come to Little Rock and party too. At our last ASC we had a representative of World NA B.O.D. ask us when we last donated to World NA. Our treasurer said it was 5 years ago, which is not correct. That was the last time we donated to the Region. This is shameful. The Central Arkansas Area met 2 weeks after our RSC in Arkadelphia. We discussed and voted on a lot of money motions. We like spending money in Central Arkansas and are good at it. We voted to give \$500 to PI and H&I who have been doing a marginal job at best. We reluctantly gave \$500 to the Region as Recovery in the Daylight made the motion. We also moved to change the guidelines to give 10% to World NA and 10% to the Region after meeting prudent reserve. More will be revealed next area. Two new groups have started in our Area, The Pine Bluff Group, which I referred to our Outreach/Phoneline person (Valerie). They still need a starter kit and will attend our next Area. The other group is Conway Group that we gave a new group starter kit at our last Area. They meet Sunday at 7:00pm at Conway Memorial Hospital with up to 15 addicts in attendance. Danny is the contact for the group; I have and will support them in their quest. I proposed the question "What does Central Arkansas want from the Region?" No one had an answer although I was attacked for not voting for the central location in Little Rock and not voting for a Webmaster meeting. My decision was based on lack of participation at our last RSC in Little Rock and I rest my case. We hosted a CAR Workshop in Central Arkansas on January 5, 2002. In attendance were the Chair, Vice Chair, ASR, and Convention Committee Chair. As this was announced and in the minutes a month in advance for group participation, we voted as follows: 1 We voted yes to the new treasurer's guidelines. 2 We voted no to remove discussions topics because we say so. 3 The topic we choose were #7 on burnout and #9 what is our understanding of an appropriate atmosphere. 4 We voted put GSR Experience Workbook to be placed on the back burner. 5 We voted no electronic Internet group registration. Let BOD continue in their efforts. 6 No to NAWS having to foot the bill for the forming of an U.S. Region. 7 No to a moratorium on U.S. Regions. 8 No to discounting 7% to Regions with Literature Accounts. 9 No to the net 30 day extended to 60 days for existing literature accounts with World Service. 10 No.

ILS Jim E.

CLEAN AND SERENE GROUP: Everything is going well. We moved our Wednesday night meeting to

Wesley United Methodist Church due to a tradition dilemma with the director of the treatment center. H&I still do a presentation every Monday night at OMART. Our PI Committee did a presentation for the new pastor at WUMC. Our activities committee has planned a Valentine's Dance for February 9th at HCLC and also have a float trip, picnic and of course CDCD in the planning stages.
ILS Craig VK.

FOOTHILLS UNITY AREA: Hello Family, Thanks for all the participation at Region. Foothills is proud to host. All is going well. At our last Area, Recovery Connection and the Ties that Bind Group were represented. Our H&I is going well with every other week going to WDM. We have a new activities chair, so look for new and upcoming events. Our casino night went well with a good turnout and monies made went to put on our Winter Retreat, which was an absolute success. Lots of fun had by all.
Love you all, Laura C.

GENESIS GROUP: Genesis Group proposed to start an Area, which will include Caddo Valley, Benton, Malvern, Mt. Ida, Dardanelle, and any other surrounding towns that are close to Hot Springs.
Sincerely, Dan L.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA: Greetings Family from Northwest Arkansas Area. Thank you for having us here and allowing us to share your awesome renovated meeting place. (On a personal note, thank you to the region for allowing me to serve the region. Due to my relapse, it was necessary to resign my positions. My service to this region will continue, though not in a formal position.) There is a spirit of unity moving in NWA. The "Capture the Flag" challenge has people excited about traveling, being home group members and experiencing the fellowship of all groups in our Area. We are going through changes, H&I is no longer taking a meeting into Decision Point. They are going out to one meeting a week and Final Frontier brings in a regular meeting on Thursday night. H&I is working, still, on getting into Washington County Jail. 2 people have attended the orientation (held every 6 months); we are awaiting final authorization to go in. Fort Smith is now active in the Juvenile Detention Center every other week and Outreach is now working with Decision Point to adapt a program to assist new "graduates" to re-enter from treatment into the NA fellowship in our Area. Any experience, strength, and hope would be greatly appreciated. We will be having a Dance February 9th at Final Frontier, Larry Q. will be Djing, and there will be a meeting prior and potluck. Attend!! Beaver Round Up is set for June 7th, 8th, and 9th. We have some great speakers, there will be 3 and there will be tie-dyed T-shirts. I would like to express thanks to my Area for requesting this addict to serve to carry the conscience of our Area. Our RCM is in California attending to 8th and 9th step work with his family of origin. He will be back for the next Regional Meeting. Public Information Workshop was awesome, Thanks to Jim!! Your Region at work. We have completed about 2/3 of the Regional Inventory and should have it completed by the next Regional Meeting. No functioning Literature Review Committee. No changes in Area trusted servants. Meetings: Thursday 8pm Final Frontier at Decision Point.
Humbly, In Loving Service, Maili K.

TEXARKANA AREA: Greetings, Our Area is doing well at this time. Charles C. conducted a phoneline workshop before our January Area meeting. Our next function will be TACNA XVIII Convention on February 22nd, 23rd, and 24th at the Ramada Inn. We are donating \$100.00 to the Region. We have no nominations to offer at this time for open positions. There is a new meeting on Tuesday and Friday @ 7:00pm on HWY 70B in DeQueen, AR.

*****BREAK 3:50PM*****

*****REOPENED MEETING AT 4:05PM*****

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and RD present. 1) Valerie

Mc. has arranged a payment agreement with a member for reimbursement of funds advanced for SZF. \$75.00 per month with a final payment of \$100.00 First payment will be sent next week to the ARSCNA treasurer. We will need a written agreement for payment schedule. 2) Regional Inventory—Is this still something that needs to be revisited next RSC or are we going to do a CAR workshop? RD states his report today will address the motions for CAR and he is willing to do individual CAR workshops with Areas and Groups whom request it. 3) Questions regarding Regional Assembly Meeting. It will give better representation of all groups in the Region. 4) RSC Chair has been visiting different Areas and Groups and questions have arisen about groups not in compliance with WSO guidelines. It is the decision of this committee that if a group is not in compliance with WSO guidelines, they will not be listed as part of the Arkansas Region and meetings will not be listed on the meeting lists, website or phonelines. A letter will be sent to the Grateful Heads group- ARVANA notifying them of their removal from the Regional meeting list, phoneline, and website for the use of the 2ns edition Basic Text for their meetings. 5) The RSC Chair will be coordinating communication between Areas and Groups. 6) 2 websites within the Arkansas Region are not being maintained. The Webmaster has offered help. Unable to contact Northeast Arkansas Area and Straight Forward is willing to bring their website up to speed or take it down.

*******DISCUSSION AFTER REPORT—Questions about the Admin Committee’s decision to exclude the Grateful Head group from the Region. RSC Chair will facilitate discussion between this group and the Region. Motion to appeal the Chair’s decision. 2 minute break taken for spiritual guidance before voting on this. Vote on motion was 4 for and 4 against. Motion to appeal Chair’s decision fails. *****

ACTIVITIES: RSC Chair opened meeting. Activities Chair position remains open. There is willingness by Venson W. of Hot Springs. Motion to clarify Region’s desire and feelings about continuing Unity Campout or changing the date. Motion will be made during new business and hopefully be referred to Areas and Groups. Please note, Cove Lake (ARVANA) is planned for October 12th. Check calendar for events. Please call Phoneline to schedule activities!!

Respectfully, Maili K. Activities Secretary

Activities Treasury Report: SEE ATTACHMENT

H&I: Hello Family, H&I has initiated a process of gathering information of current activities involving H&I in other areas of the Region. The Texarkana Area has seven active H&I meetings. In Loving Service, Jackie H.

PI: Greetings RCMs, PI has been active in the Central Arkansas Area during the month of December. I drove to Northwest Area’s meeting facility for a PI presentation. We had food and fellowship together, as well as a Regional PI learning day. I printed up workshop material with a World approved skit on dealing with Joe Counselor. The meeting was well attended although the delegate from ARVANA was not in attendance as was anticipated. Having left over materials I planned another learning day in Little Rock, AR on January 13th at Recovery Central at 1:00pm. It was a total washout. I napped on a couch waiting the participants who were partying in Searcy for the Winter Wing-Ding. As a member of PI outreach I visited the It Works Group in Conway, AR as directed by our Regional Chair. I went on a Wednesday night and sat in a room full of addict/alcoholics who outwardly seemed aware of the steps and traditions but have little or no interest in Central Arkansas Area or Arkansas Region. I carried Regional meeting lists and Central Arkansas Event flyers. I cordially invited them to Region as well as offering a ride if they needed one. I also invited them to Central Arkansas Area Service meeting. The group meets 4 times a week at 7:00pm on HWY 64 and McArthur across from Economy Motors. A few questions were raised as to why they were not on Regional meeting schedule and John, an addict I’ve seen in Little Rock, said they were thinking about joining our Area. They had a business meeting and decided they wanted no part of the Region. They have a \$1600.00 prudent reserve. Conway has a new group that is part of our Area. Call Danny at ####-####-#####, they meet Sunday at 7:00pm at Conway Regional Hospital. Attendance is 3 home group members and 15 addicts. Charles, our

former Regional Chair, notified me a week in advance of a PI presentation at Henderson College in Arkadelphia. I was not able to attend due to my work schedule; however, the Central Arkansas PI Chair Kelley attended and said the presentation went well. He still wants reimbursement. He spent \$69.00 for cell phone calls and \$20.00 for gas. I incurred some expenses that exceed my meager budget.
In Loving Service, Jim E. PI Chair

OUTREACH: Opened by RSC Chair. Discussed adaptation of “Bridge the Gap” program to assist addicts moving from treatment centers to active participation in local fellowships. David from Mtn. Home has info, as well as referred to Region-New York. World Web meeting registration is very out of date. If you get on this make the changes, take responsibility! 5 Group Starter Kits: Basic Text, It Works: How and Why, Step Working Guide, Just for Today, Group Readings, the Starter Kit from World, Letter from Region, Phonenumber flyer, meeting list format, and Outreach Phonenumber Guide, and also order form. New Meetings: Hot Springs and Poteau. Hot Springs is going to look at forming an Area, will contact Russellville, Dardanelle, Benton, Arkadelphia, and Caddo Valley. Phone number to facilitate entry into treatment centers is 1-800-662-HELP for all areas in AR.

Respectfully, Maili K.

PHONELINE: We will have a workshop for phonenumber in about 6 months.

LITERATURE: No report—Literature Chair absent for second consecutive RSC. Literature Chair position declared vacant by RSC Chair.

WEBMASTER: SEE ATTACHMENT

*******BREAK AT 5:00PM*******

*******REOPEN AT 5:10PM*******

OPEN SHARING: Motion to limit Open Sharing to 17 minutes. Motion passed. 5:13pm.

- 1) Since CAR covered in RD report and copies given to RSC members, A CAR workshop is not necessary at the next RSC meeting. Regional Inventory workshop is needed in March.
- 2) Money is not in RSC account to send RDA to Conference without depleting the Region bank account.
- 3) Arkansas Region is set to host the SZF in January 2003. Texarkana Area would like to host. SZF representative sent requirements for hosting Area. They are as follows: Hotel with a meeting room to accommodate 50 people for 8:00am-5:00pm Saturday and 8:00am-3:00pm on Sunday. Block for 15 guest rooms. Function on Saturday night is up to the hosting Area and they will need to decide if they want to share the proceeds from it with the SZF. Hosting Area to come up with T-shirt design and SZF will pay for T-shirts. Proceeds from T-shirt sales go to SZF. This will be January 31-February 2, 2003. Areas wishing to host SZF need to present a proposal at the next RSC.
- 4) Northwest also willing to host SZF and will bring a proposal to next RSC.
- 5) Airport accessibility and transportation should be considered when choosing a hosting Area for SZF.
- 6) Funding for RDA to conference. Area donations should cover funding for this. 2 people need to be there, as one person would be overwhelmed by all the information put forth at the WSC.

*****Motion to close Open Sharing at 5:27pm. Motion passed*****

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

ELECTIONS:

RDA: No nominations. Nominations remain open.

Activities Chair: Venson W. nominated. Service resume: Previous service commitments followed through on: Home group activities, Building committee. Service commitments currently held: Activities-home group, Building committee. Service commitments resigned or impeached: None. Experience in area being nominated for: Activities-home group. Clean Date: 02/10/2000. Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship: To give back, service to others, and sponsor suggestion. No further nominations. Motion to close nominations. Motion passes. Venson W. elected by vote of acclimation.

Outreach Chair: No nominations. Nominations remain open.

Literature Chair: No nominations. Nominations remain open.

Phoneline Chair: Dusty P. nominated. Service resume: Previous service commitments followed through on: Meditation leader at House of Hope Treatment Center in Fort Lauderdale, FLA. Service commitments currently held: PI officer of Genesis Group. Service commitments resigned or impeached: None. Experience in area being nominated for: Group phoneline experience. Clean Date: 11/24/2000. Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship: It was suggested by my sponsor and others that I should get involved in service. How else am I going to learn and give back what was given to me? Without involvement, how are we supposed to grow? No further nominations. Motion to close nominations. Motion passes. Dusty P. elected by vote of acclimation.

NEW BUSINESS:

*****Northeast Arkansas Area here to be reseated today*****

NORTHEAST AREA REPORT: Northeast Arkansas Area has had some willingness issues for at least the past 6 months now. The last 2 appointed Area meetings resulted in NO attendance, except for the Area secretary and myself. We haven't had an Area meeting since last June. At Cope without Dope group's last business meeting, the group discussed starting the Area back up. I asked that all GSRs attend this RSC weekend to help support the Area and show some interest. As you can see, there are no GSRs here. Our home group-CWOD is currently planning our annual campout at Walcott. The dates are set for April 26th, 27th, and 28th 2002. We have flyers to hand out to the ASRs to take back to their groups. Thank you, John G.

M1-020202. Passed. To reimburse cost of shipping materials for 25 and postage for 5 new group starter kits in the amount of \$35.45. Intent: 7th Tradition.

M2-020202. Passed. To reimburse PI Chair for travel and presentation expenses over the allotted \$20.00 budget. Amount in question is \$30.27. Intent: To facilitate further events by Region by maintaining our 7th Tradition.

M3-020202. Passed. To increase Webmaster budget \$3.00 per month beginning January 01, 2002. Intent: Increase of monthly fees for Windows Powersite from \$18.95 to \$21.95 per month as of 01/01/2002—7th Tradition.

M4-020202. Passed. To purchase 2000 business cards with the 800 number and website address on them. Cost \$9.99 per 1000. To give Laura C. a check for \$25.00 to take care of this.

M5-020202. Passed. Pay additional expense of \$10.72 for December and January—Phoneline for AT&T. Intent: 7th Tradition.

M6-020202. Failed. To have a CAR Workshop at the March 30th and 31st RSC meeting.

M7-020202. Referred to Areas and Groups. To change the Unity Campout dates from the 3rd weekend in October. If so when? If not would we want to discontinue the Unity Campout?

M8-020202. Failed. To have an abbreviated weekend—1 day next Regional weekend—March 30th only. Intent: To promote attendance at Regional Meeting. If we can do it for the Super Bowl, why not Easter—family time.

M9-020202. Passed. Change the dates of next RSC meeting from March 30th and 31st to preceding weekend March 23rd and 24th. Intent: To allow for family time on Easter weekend.

ENDING TREASURER'S REPORT: SEE ATTACHMENT

REVIEW OF INFORMATION GOING BACK TO AREAS/LONER GROUPS:

Nominations needed for: RDA, Outreach Chair, and Literature Chair. M7-020202.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TACNA XVIII Convention—February 22nd-24th
Hangin in the Fort ARVANA Convention—March 8th-10th
Recovery on the Ridge CWOD—April 26th-28th

NEXT RSC MEETING: March 23rd-24th, 2002 hosted by ARVANA.

CLOSING:

*****Meeting closed at 6:52pm*****

In Loving Service, Debby VK