

ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2002

Fort Smith, AR

OPENING:

Mike R. opened the meeting at 10:34am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Billy B. read the 12 traditions, Dan B. read the 12 Concepts. Laura C. 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	Dan B., ASR Alt.	Present
Clean and Serene Group	Craig VK. GSR	Present
Foothills Unity Area	Laura C., ASR	Present
Genesis Group	Dan L., GSR	Absent
Northeast Arkansas Area	John G., ASR	Absent *
Northwest Arkansas Area	Allen H. ASR	Present
Texarkana Area	John C. ASR	Present
RD	Bill L.	Present
RDA	VACANT	VACANT
RSC Chair	Mike R.	Present
RSC Vice Chair	Billy B.	Present
RSC Secretary	Debby VK.	Present
RSC Treasurer	Valerie Mc.	Present
Activities Chair	Vince W.	Present
H&I Chair	Jackie H.	Absent *
Literature Chair	VACANT	VACANT
Outreach Chair	VACANT	VACANT
PI Chair	Jim E.	Absent *
Phoneline Chair	Dusty P.	Absent
Webmaster	Valerie Mc.	Present

* Written Reports sent

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: The following was received and turned over to the treasurer; 4 First National Bank Statements (2 for Activities and 2 for the RSC account), 1 AT&T Bill, and 2 Your Message Center statements. Copies of the details for the AT&T bill and Your Message Center statements were sent to Dusty P. - Phoneline Chair. Flyers were received for SFRCNA-X in Miami, for NA in May in Memphis-14, and speakers for SDRCNA-5. Also had a packet of Regional Meeting List returned to RSC mailbox marked Address Not Sufficient?

In Loving Service, Debby VK.

TRESURER'S REPORT: SEE ATTACHMENT

RD REPORT: SEE ATTACHMENT

ARVANA: I'd first like to welcome James Mc. as ASRA for ARVANA. Greetings and welcome to ARSC Members to our Area. As RCM and RCM Alt., James and I would like to thank the members of ARVANA for their hard work and support for making this a memorable weekend. Our Area is alive and well, we have

welcomed a new group into our Area from Russellville. We have also helped establish a new group in Waldron at the request of a parole officer in that county (Scott). We would like to commend region for their help in this matter. The "Greatful Heads Group" in their commitment to do the right thing have adopted the Fifth Edition readings into their meetings and are in good standing at the Area level. They are hosting a campout, The 4th Annual Freak Out, coming up May 17th-19th, 2002. PI has done significant work in the area of PSAs. Local radio stations will be airing PSAs before the end of March. We are also pursuing a 30 second spot to be aired on local TV stations. ARVANA will also join the Straight Forward Group from Northwest Arkansas Area in a Provider's Fair on April 19th in Fort Smith to make the public aware that NA is available and it works. Our 9th Annual "Hangin' in the Fort" Convention was a great success. We drew over 300 addicts. Thanks for your support! We have for Region a check for \$100.00 and we hope to be more diligent in passing funds forward to Region in the future, as we have settled our financial problems. In Loving Service, David Ru and James Mc.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS AREA: (Original Report written by Jim E. and read by Dan B. was ruled Out Of Order by the RSC Chair and this decision was agreed upon by the RSC body. Request made that report be resubmitted. RSC Chair and Vice-Chair made tentative plans to attend next Area Service Meeting of the Central Arkansas Area.) **Resubmitted report:** Greetings RCMs, I attended Central Arkansas Area Service Meeting at Recovery Central on 02/17/2002. I listened to Jim E.'s report to Area and his decision to back the RSC Chair's ruling to take the Greatful Heads Group off the Regional Meeting List and the Phonline. The general consensus, I got from the response of discussion on this matter, was the concern of carrying the message to the still suffering addict. We would not want to cut off any addicts in that Area that would be seeking help from addiction. Area conscience was to keep availability to recovery from addiction by keeping the Greatful Heads on both lists. Central Arkansas Area Treasurer reported \$1744.24 in the coffers. That is \$667.83 over our prudent reserve. The motion to send 10% to World and 10% to Region after making prudent reserve was postponed until next Area Meeting. Our New Year's Party netted \$322.94, our Chili Cook-Off \$145.04, and our Super Bowl Party netted \$211.30. Convention Committee hosted a campout at Mt. Nebo. More will be revealed. Our 2 new groups are alive and well, Serenity Seekers Group meets Sunday at Conway Regional Hospital, 2302 College Ave. and 'The Group' meets Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6pm in the Public Library at Whitehall (Close to Pine Bluff). ILS, Dan B. ASR Alt.

CLEAN AND SERENE GROUP: Our H&I Panel does presentations on Monday Nights at the treatment center in Gassville. We do a presentation for the juveniles at 6:45pm and one for the adults at 8:00pm. Our group holds 5 meeting a week, 2 in Cotter and 3 in Mtn. Home. We have approximately 20 members whom attend meeting regularly. Our fledgling PI Committee has picked up steam recently. Our Activities committee is currently planning 3 activities-the Spring Reawakening Float Trip on May 10th and 11th at Buffalo Point, Freedom from Active Addiction Picnic on July 13th at Big Springs in Cotter, and Chili Dog Chow Down-12 Labor day weekend Aug. 30th-Sept. 2nd at Lake Norfolk. We are also looking forward to hosting the RSC in July and will have a flyer ready at the next RSC. We have no problems or situations. Craig VK.

FOOTHILLS UNITY AREA: Hello Family, Thanks to Yellow Frogs Group of ARVANA for hosting region. Huge thanks for the food and hospitality. Foothills Unity Area is doing well; there was some discussion on moving our Area business meeting to quarterly meetings. We are having a Volley Ball Play Day April 6th and a dance on April 27th for raising funds for the Central Arkansas Convention. "Recovery Connection" is still having meetings 7 nights a week starting at 7:30pm. We have a new meeting there on Saturdays starting at 6:00pm. "The Ties That Bind" group is doing well with adequate attendance. Meeting Mondays and Fridays at 7:30pm. The Clean House Group was not represented at Area due to them not having communication as to where Area was being held. There is a meeting in the process of starting in Beebe, the nights and times are still in question and the facility they are renting/donating to is under renovation. Our H&I is still hanging in there with our presentations at WDM doing well and a lot of the clients attend several meetings a week as a result. I have to relay a message that my Area was disappointed

in the decision that was made about doing away with the Greatful Heads Group of ARVANA. The discussion was that the only requirement for NA meetings is to use the 12 Traditions and use NA literature. Questions about violating autonomy and is it affecting other groups or NA as a whole. We don't have NA police and Foothills Unity Area has voiced a concern that maybe things weren't handled correctly. It is not all directed at you, Mike.

Love God, Love Yourself, Laura C.

GENESIS GROUP: Absent with no report sent.

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS AREA: (Larry P. is our RCM Alt. This is his first Region and asked me, the Area Secretary, to read the report for this time only.) Since our last Regional Meeting, our Area's main topic of discussion has been C.W.O.D.'s Annual Recovery on the Ridge at Walcott State Park, which is April 26th-28th. We are very excited about the sponsorship workshop that will be held at Walcott by Billy B. from Texarkana. The ins and outs and dos and don'ts' of sponsorship have been great concerns of our Area for quite some time now and we're hoping the workshop will answer lots of questions. Unity amongst our Area has gotten a little better. We had around 15 members attend our last Area meeting in March. Unity also has been a big subject. Questions have risen on how to create unity within our Area. The flag game was brought up that was given to us by Maili. We have voted 'yes' to start creating our own flags and bring them to the next Area meeting. Other suggestions we talked about were having campfire meetings, potlucks, weekend get-togethers, etc. Several members are interested in getting our H&I and PI Chairs filled. A member informed us that there are lots of guidelines that have to be followed in order to carry meetings into institutions. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that this topic would be tabled for a month or two, until our Area gets off the ground again. Our Area has discussed Unity Campout. We voted to continue the Campout. The set dates don't seem to pose problems for any of us. But, the general view was, that it would be nice if the location was a bit more centralized so it would be a little less of a drive. A suggestion was made that more publicity be made available to our Area about the Unity Campout. Some of the new groups have dissolved. The Rector and Piggott groups are two of them. There was one chairperson for both groups who apparently relapsed. The Walnut Ridge group is currently not running. Osceola is interested in getting an in-house meeting started at the Regional Punishment Facility Rehab/Department of Correction. Almost 100% of the clients are drug offenders. Our Area was asked if this was something we wanted to pursue or be involved in. A motion was passed that we would take it back to our groups for discussion. GROUP REPORTS: Clean Air in Paragould: They are doing ok. 25 members attend regularly each night. This is a large jump in attendance, and some of it is due to the treatment facilities attending on a regular basis. They have started a new Sunday afternoon book study at 3:30pm at All Saint's Episcopal Church. They do not want to post this on the meeting list until they see how this goes and will wait a few months to do this. C.W.O.D: Attendance great. Unity is about the same. Their main concern right now, of course, is Walcott Campout. More members have actually paid for their literature the last couple of months. They have no money issues right now. H.O.W. Group: This group has not been represented in the last two months that we have started up the Area again. Mark, the new GSR, works on an oilrig and has some difficulty being present. The ASR has asked more than once for someone to inform Mark to please send the alternate or anyone to represent the group. Hopefully we will see someone from this group this month at Area. I asked the groups about donating money to the Area. The Area treasurer said he would have to check into what our prudent reserve was and maybe we would know something next month. AREA SECRETARY REPORT: I am going to receive some Area guidelines and group guidelines from some members here at this RSC to take back to Area, in order to help get us more organized (even though I don't like that word). Our Area and my home group (C.W.O.D.) have no guidelines right now and we want to get more in order and more involved so we can grow. ILS Karen G. That is all the news I can think of for now. Thank you for letting me share.

In Loving Service, John G.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA: Dear NA Family, First I would like to say that I missed ya'll last Region and am glad to be home where I belong. Everything is going pretty well at home. We are playing

“Capture the Banner” in our Area to promote unity. It has really taken off. H&I had pulled out of a treatment center and regrouping to start a connections meeting to help the addicts leaving treatment to have plenty of people to contact and possibly a temporary sponsor. There still is a meeting going in there once a week. Final Frontier new position—GSR Alt. is Russ. New life had a picnic kite-flying contest today, 03/24/02 from 1pm-6pm at Lake Fayetteville. During open sharing, a problem came up about chairing meetings. There have been problems of addicts not sticking to recovery related topics. Newcomers and old-timers that are chairing are having difficulty in approaching this problem (behaviors?). We would like to know if a Chairperson’s Guide exist and where can we get one. Our groups and Area is growing very rapidly. Attendance for Peaceful Dozen is 35-45 addicts at every meeting (Mon, Wed, Fri.). Final Frontier has 20-30 addicts at every meeting on average. There are 2 new groups, oops 3 and they all are joining our Area. Positions that are open at Area are as follows: H&I Chair and RSM Alt. New business: 1) A motion was made to host SZF in Northwest Area. More will be revealed. 2) Motion was made and passed to have a chairing workshop. 3) Motion from Region to: a) Keep Unity Campout-Yes; b) Option to change dates as Region sees fit-Yes. Northwest would like to nominate Mike R. for RDA. I also have a donation from Area for \$500.00 and a donation from Final Frontier for \$250.00. In closing, I am very grateful to this family of NA that today I have a choice to live, learn, and serve my Higher Power, as it sees fit to work in my life. God bless you all and have a safe journey home.
In Loving Service, Allen H.

TEXARKANA AREA: Greetings Family, We had a very successful TACNA XVIII Convention last month and will soon be remitting donations from that. Billy B. is our new TACNA XIX Chair and has nominations for the Vice Chair position. We have studied the CAR with a workshop and are prepared to follow up with another if needed. We have a donation of \$100.00. A new group from El Dorado is requesting to be added to our Area and is to be seated next month. We have 10 meetings weekly in Texarkana and are in the process of adding 2 other meetings. We need no assistance from the Region at this time.
Thanks, In Loving Service, John C. and Jackie H.

*****LUNCH BREAK at 11:55am*****
*****REOPENED at 12:45pm*****

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: The Admin Committee met at 9:40am. Members present were RSC Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and RD. 1) A verbal agreement was made with a member to pay \$75.00 per month to reimburse Region for funds forwarded to them to attend a SZF they did not attend, with 1st payment due after last RSC. The 1st payment still has not been received. Attempts to contact this member via telephone have been unsuccessful. In accordance with ARSCNA guidelines, Recouping Regional Funds, Step 3 will be considered. All paperwork concerning this matter will be turned over to the RD. 2) An e-mail was sent to the website from the Woods and Water Area regarding a motion that will be brought up in new business at the World Conference. It was discussed but will not be present to the RSC body at this time due to it has not been presented at World yet. 3) RD will be putting forth a motion to forward funds to WSO, as it has been 2 years since this region has done so. 4) Greatful Heads Group is presently using Fifth Edition readings at their meetings, awaiting a decision from the World Board regarding use of the 2nd edition. 5) RSC Chair will be nominated to finish the current RDA term, by his home Area. 6) Discussed coming up with a policy for travel expense reimbursement for trusted servants to eliminate confusion regarding how and what you can and will be reimbursed for. 7) Does this region need a policy committee? Guideline revisions are currently in the beginning stages.
In Loving Service, Debby VK.

ACTIVITIES: Opened at 8:50 by Activities Chair. Discussion on what was brought back from Areas and Groups about what is to happen with the Regional Unity Campout. Various representatives contend that campout should continue with an option to change the dates if so desired by this committee. On Area voted

to discontinue Unity Campout altogether. The point was brought up that this campout was started originally to promote unity throughout the Region and it has been taking place the 3rd weekend in October for approx 11 years. ASRs with Areas whose campouts conflict with the dates of the Unity Campout have agreed to take steps change the dates of their campouts, so there will not be a conflict. It was discussed that all activities in the Region should be called into the phonenumber to give Areas and Groups info on what is going on around the Region and help to create less conflict. Activities Treasurer reports that there is \$1200.00 in activities account and there is still one outstanding check that was over 16 months old. It was decided to wipe it off the account. Discussion on a fundraiser to send a RDA to World Conference was decided against due to not enough time to pull one off.

ILS, Vince W.

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 6 active H&I meetings. If you want a workshop done on H&I, please let me know, or if there any questions. Contact Jackie H. (address suppressed) or call XXX-XXX-XXXX (home) or from 6:30 am-4: 15pm at work (XXX-XXX-XXXX).
In Loving Service, Jackie H.

PI: Greetings RCMs, I feel remiss in my duties as Regional PI Chair, after a flurry of activities in the beginning, I have settled into some down home complacency. The Benton Group, which meets Tuesdays at 6:00pm at Saline Memorial Hospital. Central Arkansas Area has taken on the mission of getting a NA meeting into the Youth Home in their Area. They are working with Carol M., our H&I Chair, to accomplish this mission. The rest of Region has ignored me except Val, who asked me to send meeting lists to the requesting facility in Pine Bluff. Other than that I haven't done squat! I apologize for not attending this Region, I had to be in Dallas, TX for a court date that I could not miss or reschedule. On the bright side, I will be able to attend the Lone Star Regional Convention that also happens on that weekend. Please don't shoot the messenger, Dan B. ASR Alt., he did not have anything to do in writing this report or my nasty-gram.

ILS, Jim E.

OUTREACH: No Report.

PHONELINE: No Report but it was discussed that there will be a workshop at the July RSC on how to become a phonenumber volunteer.

LITERATURE: No Report.

WEBMASTER: SEE ATTACHMENT

OPEN SHARING: Opened at 1:15pm with a motion to limit open sharing to 20 minutes. Motion passes.

- 1) A letter should be sent to John G. Northeast Arkansas Area ASR to give our love, support and prayers.
- 2) A member asked if all avenues for recouping Regional Funds have been exhausted with a member. The answer is Yes. The Admin Committee has been actively pursuing this matter since August 2001, with no resolution to date.
- 3) Discussion on holding Regional Assembly. Check the Guide to Local Service. Consider holding 1 or 2 times a year. Concerns were voiced regarding the financial difficulty that some groups might be faced with if they had to send GSR to Regional Assembly twice a year. RD is willing to come and explain to groups what purpose a Regional Assembly serves. Much discussion is needed at the group level before the Region can make any decisions about this. Could promote unity between home groups and would help GSRs know what is being discussed and voted on at the Region.
- 4) Possibility of forming a policy and procedures Adhoc Committee made up of the subcommittee

chairs and the Admin Committee members. A member states this should be ruled out of order because it was brought up in the admin committee meeting and they cannot bring up new discussion topics.

*******Time expired. Motion to extend for 10 minutes. Motion passes*******

4)continued—Questions—What is a policy committee for? Does WSO have any direction regarding this? Suggestions—Check the Temporary Working Guide to Service Structure and Guide to Local Service. The guidelines currently used by this committee are 2 years old and do not reflect any of the motions that have passed in the last 2 years to change these guidelines.

*******Time expired. BREAK called at 1:45pm*******

*******REOPENED at 2:00pm*******

OLD BUSINESS: 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? Part 1 of the motion—Change the dates if the Regional Activities Committee deems that necessary. Part 2 of the motion—No, the majority want to see this campout continue.

ELECTIONS:

RDA: Nominations open. Mike R. nominated with a second. **SERVICE RESUME: Previous service commitments followed through on:** PI/H&I/ASR Yuma, AZ 1985-87, Vice Chair AZ Region 1987, Chair AZ Region 1988-1990, NorCA RSC Secretary 1991, NorCA RSOBOD 1990-1992, Secretary/Statutory agent GSR Phoenix, AZ 1994-1996, Vice Chair Phoenix Area 1998, Chair Phoenix Area 1999, Chairperson NW Arkansas Area 2000-2001. **Service Commitments currently held:** ARSCNA Chair. **Service commitments resigned or impeached:** None **Experience in area being nominated for:** Chaired numerous spiritual committees of NA. Strong background in facilitating and focusing volatile committees. Educated at Arizona State University, Santa Clara University—Political Science and History—resulted in professional training in parliamentary procedures and debate. **Clean Date:** 06/27/1985. **Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:** Service is it's own reward. No further nominations. Motion to close nominations. Motion passes. Mike R. elected by vote of acclimation.

Literature Chair: Nominations open. Tim A. nominated with a second. **SERVICE RESUME: Previous service commitments followed through on:** Activities Chair for Straight Forward Group 1997, Speaker Chair ARVANA Convention/ Area Secretary, ARVANA 1998, Workshop Chair ARVANA Convention 1999, Served on many adhoc committees. **Service Commitments currently held:** Vice Chair—NW Arkansas Area. **Service commitments resigned or impeached:** None. **Experience in area being nominated for:** None. **Clean Date:** 04/27/97. **Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:** I have a passion for service in NA. To carry the message of NA to addicts. No further nominations. Motion to close nominations. Motion passes. Tim A. elected by vote of acclimation.

Outreach Chair: Nominations open. No nominations. Nominations remain open.

NEW BUSINESS:

M1-032402. Passed. Reimburse the Webmaster for the purchase of Adobe Acrobat software to convert documents to PDF format for posting to ARSCNA website and other supplies used for our website. Intent: In keeping with our 7th Tradition, this should not be her personal expense; since it is to do her delegated responsibilities we've vested her with.

*****Note***** **A check was written for \$254.00 and the Webmaster will present receipts at the next RSC and the difference will be made up then.**

M2-032402. Passed. Motion that the Arkansas Region forward \$300.00 to Narcotics Anonymous World Services. Intent: Fund flow and responsibility to the worldwide fellowship.

M3-032402. Passed. To purchase, for the ARSCNA Webmaster, 1 set of ink cartridges and 1 ream of paper to be able to continue her work effectively. Not to exceed \$50.00. Intent: 7th Tradition.

*******BREAK called at 2:52pm*******
*******REOPENED at 3:00pm*******

Proposal submitted by Northwest Arkansas Area to host the SZF in January 2003. Proposal is as follows: Northwest Arkansas Area of NA would like to host the SZF in Jan. 2003. We have available convention facilities to us. * Holiday Inn—Springdale \$250-\$300 per day for a Convention Room, \$150 per day for hospitality, and \$75-\$85 per night room rates. *Radisson Inn—Fayetteville \$250-\$300 per day for a Convention Room. They will comp hospitality. \$69-\$89 per night room rates. We have 1 large airport in the area that these 2 hotels have shuttles to and from. Plus we have many smaller airports. The Northwest Arkansas Area would love to host SZF.

M4-032402. Passed. To accept the proposal from Northwest Arkansas to host SZF in January 2003.

Clean and Serene Group appointed to formulate a motion regarding a policy and procedure committee for the Region.

ENDING TREASURER’S REPORT: SEE ATTACHMENT

REVIEW OF INFORMATION GOING BACK TO AREAS/LONER GROUPS: Nominations for Outreach Chair. Discussion pertaining to a Regional Assembly—What it is and does? Do we want this?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Recovery on the Ridge—Crowley’s Ridge State Park in Walcott April 26th-28th, 2002 Cope Without Dope Group.

Spring Reawakening Float Trip—Buffalo Point National Park, Group campsite#3, May 10th-12th, 2002, Clean and Serene Group of Mtn. Home.

NEXT RSC MEETING: June 1st and 2nd, 2002 hosted by Genesis Group in Hot Springs.

CLOSING:

*****Meeting closed at 3:45pm with a moment of silence followed by the 3rd Step Prayer*****

In Loving Service, Debby VK.