

Primary Purpose Area Minutes May 5 2012

The Chair opened the meeting at 1pm with a moment of Silence followed by the Serenity prayer. The readings were read, followed by an introduction of addicts present.

The secretary took Roll Call, 7 GSR's present which gave Area a quorum of over 50% and the Chair looked up in guidelines. [Minutes](#) read by secretary, Just for Today motion to accept, with a 2nd by Recovering Addicts on the Loose and a 7 yes 0 no and no abstentions. There was a friendly correction to the Activities report by the Activities Chair: 2011 date changed to 2012.

The Treasurer gave the [Treasurer's report](#)([click here](#) for budget report), followed by a motion to accept by Macon Recovery and a 2nd by Just For Thursday and passed by 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions. The following reports were given, [RCM](#)(there are motions and resumes to vote on this month), H&I, PI, Activities and Ad Hoc. They are all at the end of this report.

Old Business

Miner's Hall deposit check came back and was deposited. Door repair from the New Year's Eve function was \$ 40.00 and the Treasurer will be mailing the check for the cost. A letter was written and approved by GSR's to mail to The Bourke Street Building Club concerning the date of roof repair. The letter will be certified and signed by Executive Committee. This passed on the floor 7-0-0.

The Chair was voted in 7-0-0.

The Vice Chair was voted in 7-0-0.

Open Forum

Activities Committee discussed rotating expense and asked about expense when hosting at Regional Service Meeting.

PI Guidelines Mailings- Change PI mailings to every other year and this would save us the cost of mailings.

SMRCNA BOD Incorporating being dropped because RSC is Incorporated?

Meeting Schedule Legend(key) coincide with World Legend.

BREAK 2:10 - 2:20pm

NEW BUSINESS

There are 5 Area motions to vote on.([click here](#) for attached)

Regional motions and votes for Service resumes(attached)

Subcommittee Reports

H&I

H&I met at 11:35 a.m. with 6 addicts present. We discussed Learning Day activities and how we should set up for our one hour block. The committee discussed two letters to be sent to Hannibal Council and North park Village. Those letters will be sent out with approved modifications. H&I took 6 meetings in to facilities in the month of April. Randolph County had one meeting and Moberly Correctional had 5 meetings.

PI

We discussed workshop on June 23rd. We have a speaker lined up from Regional PI. Also we are setting getting prepared for mailing letters to facilities in June.

Activities

Meeting opened at 11:30 am with Serenity Prayer. We discussed Trenton Function. We have been asked to host Regional's in October. We are planning a game night and also want a speaker meeting We have asked our Area Chair to speak. I talked to our regional Chair about this yesterday. Spending limit is up to \$300.00 and we do get reimbursed for this. He stated we do not need to provide breakfast, but need to provide coffee, lunchmeat, chips, bread, fruit, cookies, soda and water. Edina function set a date August 24 at 3 p.m. Flyers will be out at next month. We did send a 40.00 check to the Miner's Hall to fix the door and we have it for New Year's Eve 2012.

In Loving Service,
Activities Chair

Ad Hoc

We further completed surveys and will be meeting after Area to complete the task. Also we are still working on motion for email voting on Area, regional and World motions and will discuss after Area. We have attached the surveys to this report.

Group Concerns and Announcements

Brothers in Recovery(Macon)

Attendance is up and steady. Around 17 - 20 members on Wednesday. Keep coming back. We need ya! Love ya all!

Macon Recovery(Macon)

Our group finally had enough to buy literature. Thanks for all of your support.

New Alliance(Kirksville)

Attendance is up and we are having some killer meetings.

Never Alone(Brookfield)

Join us for monthly Birthday night, 2nd Sunday of each month.

New Attitudes(Hannibal)

Called Treasurer, will not be able to be here today.

Recovering Addicts on the Loose(Kirksville)

Preferred Family not bringing clients any longer!

Next ASC will be June 2nd at 1pm.

Subcommittee begin at 10:30 pm,

Motion to Close at 2:50 pm by Never Alone , 2nd by Just For Thursday.

Results from the Financial Impact and Personal Needs Survey

1. How often do you think Area should meet?

Monthly - 7

Every other month - 11

Quarterly - 12

Our intention is to draft a motion to move Area quarterly beginning 2013. Issues that need to be addressed follow:

RCM report, motions, resumes and meeting quarterly. It was suggested that GSR's and all Subcommittees' reports sent to

Secretary monthly and mailed to GSR's. We would continue monthly mailings. When and where Subcommittees meet? We need input from Area. Discussion needed- when, how often and where. Mandatory group meetings.

2. In your opinion which of the following Subcommittees are critical in carrying the message of recovery in this Area?

H&I - 20

ACTIVITIES -15

PI - 13

LITERATURE - 13

OUTREACH - 8

Discussion: PI and H&I combined to a PR meeting. Maybe adding Outreach too. Resolving limited meeting space. Continue H&I as is. Activities continue as is. Suggestion PI, Literature, and Outreach. Dissolving Outreach and Literature.

3. Is the PPANA fulfilling your group's needs?

Yes - 19

No - 4

Doing a wonderful job- 1

Discussion for more Literature in home group and needing support for meeting 3

Need more Area Unity - 1

4. What are the needs of your group that the PPANA is not fulfilling or could do better?

A. No suggestions - 1

B. Not being strong armed to sign a contract.

C. Need literature at home group - 3

D. More EH&S with clean time - 3

E. Cover charge at function to support revenue

F. Make events shorter and more fun. We do not want to bore the newcomer.

G. Less Guideline changes.

H. Area easier for all to understand .

I. Easier to make motion- seems like most motions violate some guideline or our out of order. This is very difficult and confusing.

J. Let's not word motions so complicated, a lot of the time I have to abstain because I don't understand.

K. More reports on when there is a change or topics to discuss.

K. Communication

L. Jails

M. Reach out to the addicts

N. Social: dances monthly, picnic summer meetings, winter gatherings for fun and frolicking.

O. Reach out to the addict more effectively

P. As far as I know you are doing a great job

Q. Less guideline changes

R. Area needs to encourage attending at other meetings(road trips)

S. I have noticed here recently the desire for more daytime meetings due to certain individual's work hours. Is there anyway my Area could add maybe one or two more during the day?

5. How many functions would you support each year?

1 yearly - 4

2 yearly - 6

3 yearly - 6

4 yearly - 10

5 or more- 7

All of them

6. What other thoughts do you have that may help the PPANA to be more financially responsible while carrying the message of recovery?

- A. Be responsible with all funds we have coming in.**
- B. Email copies to MCS or service of your choice instead of charging area for ink cartridges(allow Area be responsible for copies)**
- C. Cover charge at functions to support revenue**
- D. Make events shorter and more fun, we don't want to bore newcomers.**
- E. First to simplify Area, there are so many rules, ?? And rules out of order that to me it seems to be more confusing than necessary. I think many times personalities are forced before principles at Area. If we could find a way to simplify everything I believe common sense would come into play more often. Maybe we need to go back to basics with our framework/guidelines and make them more suitable to our Area to make more focused on helping the still suffering addict and less argument and controversy,**
- F. Spend more wisely**
- G. Pay rent on time**
- H. Try to watch the pennies(\$) and remember what people did for us to recover.**
- I. Spend less money**
- J. Some groups really do pay rent so they have very little money to pass to Area.**
- K. Send books to Jails, Institutions, schools, Sherriff's Offices, Prosecutor's Office and Hospitals.**
- L. Better Management**
- M. At this time I will refrain from comment until I get a better knowledge of our practice and how our Traditions apply to them.**
- N. No other thoughts, Thank You**
- O. Meet Quarterly, Only hold 2 functions a year(1 New Year's Eve and 1 Floating function in different towns), Stop mailing and drop groups if no contact at 3 consecutive Area and less focus on RSC and WSO and more focus on groups in Area.**
- P. Spend less money, Combine H&I and PI, have GSR's take**

notes instead of mailings/printings and not send minutes to non participating groups.

Q. Cutting meetings to every other month