

**EASTERN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**Post Office Box 1393**  
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**MINUTES- SEPTEMBER 2007**

Cheryl S., brought the EASC regular business meeting to order on Sunday, January 27, 2008, at 1 p.m., in Tulsa, OK. A moment of silence and the serenity prayer followed.

**Readings:**

12 Traditions- Tommy  
12 Concepts- Olan  
JFT

**Roll Call: 9 Officers; 25 GSR's**

This made a total of 32 voting members with 21 being the quorum (2/3).

Kristina R. read the minutes. Minutes accepted as read.

**SUB- COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities:** Danielle H. reported

**\*See attached EASC calendar for upcoming activities.**

Beginning Balance	\$300.00
Expenses	\$232.06
Marathon Meeting Income	\$ 72.26
Ending Balance	\$140.20

- Thank you to Meaning of the Principles for hosting.
- Unity meeting: hosted by Jenks Spirit of Recovery, after their Chili cook-off, 45 people, 16 groups represented, \$52.77 donations collected,
- Christmas Marathon Meeting went well. There was reportedly some time in the middle of the night that meeting slots were not chaired. Not all 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was turned in. What I have totals \$70.18. Coweta Keeping it Simple offered their supplies for groups to borrow in case they didn't bring any. Now some items are missing: Just for Today book, How it Works reading card, We Do Recover reading card.
- No word on the New Year's Eve events. Assume no news, good news.
- Committee had 6 in attendance represented by 3 groups.
- **Still need Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer (money handler).** Chair election is April.
- New trusted servant will be helping me with speaker recordings. Tapes will go to archives instead of reproduction.
- Committee decided it will be standard that Unity meeting will be 1<sup>st</sup> Sat @8pm.
- Ad Hoc committee for this sub-committee for Game show activity, chaired by Tom L. starting Sun. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am, 6333 E. Skelly
- Corrected financial report. Unity meeting donations are not part of Activities finances and earmarked funds are abolished. Beginning balance: Annual budget \$300. Receipts from Dec. for ink, CD blanks, voice recorder reimbursable to Pam W. Thank you Pam for helping in the

treasurer transition. Marathon meeting rent totaled \$232.06. Marathon 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition so far \$70.18 back towards Activities budget. Ending balance \$138.12.

- Deadline for EASC hosting signup has passed, and I still have slots open June, Oct & Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Please call Danielle 918-279-6418
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2-6pm Claremore's Dominos and Tiddly Winks game day. Feb 8-10 General Service Assembly at Camp Loughridge. Everyone can receive email calendar updates.
- Hump Day Skating Party, Feb. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Roller City in Pryor.
- Next Unity Meeting is Sat. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> @8pm hosted by Meaning of the Principles @12&12
- Next EASC is Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Tahlequah Just for Today, 300 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Tahlequah 74464 (verified on Mapquest)

**H & I (Hospitals and Institutions):** Jerry B. reported

TCBH presentation was held Dec. 7. Five addicts were present at meeting. Chuck E. has carried three meetings in so far and he was officially elected panel leader in subcommittee Jan. 27. The panel meets Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

Nowata county jail H & I panel was started again. Four willing addicts were present with willingness to carry panel. Toby F. was voted as panel leader.

A new panel leader orientation will be on Feb. 16, at 5:45 p.m.

No communication with new facilities at this time.

**H&I Literature Report:** Jerry B. reported

Disbursements for November: \$338.00

Disbursements for December \$95.00

Order for November \$348.00

Order for December \$71.20

**PR (Public Relations):** Teri C. reported

Two people attended subcommittee meeting.

Phone line was very busy with many referrals for family members

Two meetings folded – Jenks and Midnight Special

Web was down in December and January about the same time each month. Apparently the provider wants a monthly renewal despite the service being paid for a year. She will try and resolve the issue. The person checking on the TCC add was ill. She will check on the advertisement herself.

Bus and bench advertisements are still pending depending on the outcome of the motion brought last month.

PR held an interview with the Broken Arrow Ledger. Teri thanked all who participated.

PR held a presentation with Tulsa Drug Court. It went well. The presentation took three months to arrange. She thanked Cheryl for her participation. The feedback received was all above average results from the presentation survey – with the only request that more literature be left with them. The presentation went so well, that PR is being recommended by drug court to give a presentation in April to a gathering of county DOC officials. There were lots of questions regarding sponsorship and steps,

most were outside issues. I Ps on sponsorship will be included in the thank you notes which will be sent out. Lots of discussion on signature gathering. Drug court officials suggested stamps unique to each group instead of signatures – benefits drug court because of reduced risk of forgery and benefits meetings because people will have to attend to get stamp, therefore further spreading the message (get seed of recovery planted)

Lessons to PR – PR is sorely lacking human resources to do things like stuff envelopes, write thank you notes, participate in interviews. A resource pool sign up sheet was passed to get help in these areas. If our service body votes for subcommittees to perform a task, please remember members backing is needed to help fulfill the tasks.

Letters to professional. Spoke with some professionals and was told letters are basically never seen. It was suggested letter writing was a waste of time, but asking for booth space at conventions and making presentations at conventions a much better route. PR committee will look into the cost of such things, but again needs help (people willing)

Disbursements \$100 for supplies for intro letters and paper, etc.  
\$20 for Tulsa Medical Society Members Directory.

**Literature:** Teresa T. reported

Inventory	\$2,043.32
Bank Balance	\$2,595.23
Cash on Hand	\$ 110.45
Area owes for	
Nov. and Dec.	\$ 827.84
End Balance	\$5,576.84

CAR reports are in and cost \$11.

The sixth addition approval drafts are in and can be purchased for \$11.

Heather is willing to take over Wednesday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. A motion will be brought during new business.

The first real committee meeting was held today to get ready for the April turnover.

Taxes for all of 2007 will be paid, estimated cost of \$1,335.70

### **AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Teresa T. reported

Fair Report: Information about the 2008 fair was sent to Teresa. She passed the information along to PR subcommittee to bring up when cost comparisons could be gathered for professional presentations and booths at conventions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer J. reported

Been concerns about checks not clearing which were sent to PO box. As of Saturday, deposits of checks were made, so groups should see their checks clearing soon.

A lot of disbursements are getting ready to come out of the account due to the change in treasurer. Suggested to let expenses be taken care of before recommending any more disbursements. See what condition account is in at next area meeting.

January 2008	
Beginning Bal.	\$ 4344.36
Revenue	2361.32
Expenses	850.59
Region	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 5855.09

Positive cash flow \$1510.73

Over prudent reserve \$4,355.09

**\*See attached treasurer report from Nov and Dec./Jan (Will send as soon as I get the computer file)\***

**RCM Report:** Pam W. reported

**\*See attached RCM Report\***

Included in report given to GSRs is motions from World and Region. Groups are to vote on motions and have votes to Pam by March area meeting.

**Web Contact:** Teri C.. reported

PR committee is working with web committee and has backup CD for web. The site has been going down due to provider wanting monthly renewal. Teri will check on this. David is receiving 500 spam messages per month, which slows down his ability to check and respond to emails. He will be changing the email addresses soon and will let Teri know later.

Break: 2:15 p.m.

Back: 2:25 p.m.

9 Trusted Servents 23 GSRs

30 voting members with 20 quorum

**Old Business:**

**Motions from Area that were taken to groups last month.....**

**\*Motion 1 – Direct PR to focus on doctors, lawyers, treatment professionals, family and children services, judges, parole officers – Not advertisements and public service announcements (PSAs). In addition, seek survey results accumulated when Omer was PR chair, for guidance in contacting above.**

**Intent:** Focus not on ads and raising money, but focus on above. Promoting harmony between our fellowship and professionals. Also to “rein in” and refocus PR’s activities.

**VOTE: 7 for; 9 opposed; 8 abstentions; Motion Failed**

**\*Motion 2 – Suspend unity meeting during campout season (July through August)**

**Intent:** Campouts are unifying activities. Unity meetings not at an activity are not well attended and not the best effort of the activity subcommittee.

**VOTE: 4 for; 10 opposed; 6 abstentions; Motion Failed**

Discussion on Unity meetings being the first Saturday of the month. The activity subcommittee’s consensus is to keep the unity meetings constant

Discussion was held about requiring official receipts for reimbursements and whether to make the rule steadfast. Treasurer requested official receipts be given for reimbursements. The request is to help the treasurer with auditing and keeping people accountable.

Discussion on reimbursing Pam. W. for expenses to attend workshop on CAR report in Kansas. The groups already approved paying \$100 of the expense. The total expense was \$250.32, with the remaining balance being \$150.32. GSRs will take back to the groups a vote on whether to reimburse Pam for the remainder of the expense.

**Elections:**

Intent to fill- RCM Alternate – Laura is willing to go to next area meeting and see if she would like to take the position.

The intent to fill is still open

**GSR Reports:** Reports were given by the following NA Groups.

Pryor Hump Day Group- LeAnn	Muskogee Rebels with a Cause - Kelly
Jay Last Chance- Brett	Skiatook Stone Cold Clean - Peggy
Vinita Krazy but Clean- Tommy	Hartshorne Never Alone- Judd
Tulsa Sharing n Recovery- Laura	Tulsa North Side Stroll- Janice
Sapulpa NA- Ronny	Tulsa Second Chance- Joy
Survivors in Recovery- Sharlean	Claremore No Name Group- Alicia
Tulsa Spiritual Connection- Alan	Eufaula NA- Brandon
Tulsa Original Group- Olan	Coweta Keepin It Simple - Athena
Salina Better Late Than Never- Jim	Wagoner High On Life- Cameron
Tulsa Meaning of the Principles – Megan	Bartlesville The Other Side – Toby
Broken Arrow Serenity Seekers – Amy	Grove Refuse to Use – Tim
Disney Highway 28 Recovery - Kathy	

**The following group(s) specifically requested support from the NA fellowship:**

**SALINA: Could use support of members with recovery**

**SAPULPA: needs women at meetings**

**SKIATOOK: appreciates support given already, would like that to continue**  
**BROKEN ARROW: can use more men willing to sponsor**  
**COWETA: key tags stolen during ice storm, any groups with extra willing to donate**  
**Would be appreciated**  
**JAY: could use support on either day, particularly Saturday**

**Break:** 3:30 p.m. Back: 3:40 p.m

**Voting Recount:** 9/16: 23 voting; 15 Quorum

**New Business:**

All by-law change motions will be typed up on one sheet and brought to the next area for GSRs to bring back to groups.

Motion to approve Heather to take over Wednesday literature from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Questioned on requirements and approved.

Pam needed feedback on the topic of holding meetings or conventions at casinos.

Feedback

1. certain areas where can't get another building, - As a rule, try not to do this, but if unavoidable, it's acceptable. But try to not put addicts at risk
2. should never be done under no circumstances because of the obsessive-compulsive behavior of addicts
3. agree addicts shouldn't be put at risk, but thinks it's dangerous for us in Oklahoma to tell south Dakota what they should do if we haven't been there
4. Autonomy issue – doesn't affect NA as a whole, so it's a regional or individual thing
5. The reservation should have a tribal complex/ tribal affairs building which the group could use that isn't a casino.
6. some people, like those on parole can't even go into a casino
7. someone brought up that a convention was held in a hotel with a bar/ Asked whether we should consider that issue as well

**Take to Groups**

**Motion**

Motion made by Teri C (PR Subcommittee)

MOTION: To place ads with Tulsa Transit Authority inside and outside of buses as well as secure bus bench ads. PR requests \$600 from the general fund

INTENT: to finish the project started one year ago with the selling of t-shirts to get the knowledge of narcotics anonymous out to the public.

**PROS:**

1. Good idea – there are a lot of people that can be reached through bus system
2. One member said he was the junkie asleep on the bus bench and clearly can remember an advertisement on the bench. Also saw a picture of an advertisement on a bench in the NA Way magazine.
3. thinks \$600 is more well spent than \$800 spent at the fair due to the large number of people who can be reached.

## CONS:

1. spending \$600 on bus benches in Tulsa doesn't do anything for the communities outside of Tulsa. A large number of people and meetings in area that are not in Tulsa.
2. heard in PR report that the committee will be asking for more money in the future to hold round table with professionals. If asking for \$600 now and then more later. Thinks there isn't enough money to do both. Should pick and chose what needs to be done
3. No bus service in Pryor (for example) what can PR do for these communities. Can a lesser amount than \$600 be spent and the rest be spent doing something for communities outside Tulsa.

Teri C. explaining motion and answers to pros and cons.

PR has been held back since August because of motion after motion directing PR on what to do, but no one gets involved and actually attempts to help PR accomplish what groups are requesting.

Says PR plans to do something for outlying communities but needs their input on what needs to be done (The committee can't read minds). The only people on the committee are from Tulsa.

PR is not trying to focus only on Tulsa.

As for the \$600 requested now – this money comes out of the current budget. By the time the round table discussion with professionals would be held, area will be operating under a new budget.

## **Disbursements:**

19 disbursements were made, but will be included in next treasurer's report.

Gave \$500 to Region which was approved at last meeting in December.

## **Announcements:**

Unity meeting is at 12 & 12 Feb. 2, with Meaning of the Principles hosting. Tom is speaker.

Next Area Meeting: Feb. 24, 1 p.m. in Tahlequah, Hosted by Just for Today group, 300 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. in Tahlequah.

## **Closing:**

With no further business to be brought before the group, the meeting was adjourned. Everyone circled up and closed with the third step prayer.

In Loving Service,  
Sommer W.

## **RCM REPORT TO AREA**

### **January 27, 2008**

Region was postponed in December due to the ice storm and rescheduled for last Sunday, there was a lot to catch up on and much to discuss. The final votes were recorded on the two motions Motion for areas to send 4 representatives Failed, Motion to dissolve regional existing standing subcommittees: PI, H&I, Lit and Activities passed.

Also the weekend of February 8-10 this the General Service Assembly (GSA), this year we will be focusing on the Conference Agenda Report (CAR), this year's report has several motions for us to get the groups votes on, but focuses on Issue Discussion Topics.

I attended the CAR workshop in Kansas earlier this month and got a lot of information pertaining to the report and feed back from our Zone regarding the issues and motions. This will be presented in length at the GSA, where we will discuss the motions and have some workshops about the IDT's. The GSA is region's opportunity to give back to the areas, all meals are provided for a \$5.00 registration fee for the weekend and if you want to stay at the lodge it is 17.50/night to stay in the bunkhouse. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all GSR's and Alternate GSR's, as well as all other interested members who can help to communicate the information to the fellowship to attend.

I also need to get some information to our RD to include in the Regions report to World.

Possibly most importantly I am available to discuss with groups the particulars for the CAR, again, I encourage you to come to the GSA where you can get the most information regarding it, along with different points of view about the topics and motions. The votes are due to the RD by the April meeting of the Region, April 14<sup>th</sup>. I have attached the 3 pages from the CAR that have the motions and Issue Discussion Topics (IDT's) listed.

#### **Expenses for the trip to NAWs workshop in Kansas are:**

Hotel - 2 nights 145.32 (72.66/night)

Gas – 500 miles @ 20 miles/gallon; \$3.00/gallon = \$75.00

Food – no receipts- about \$20 on Saturday.

As the workshop was from 9 am to 6 pm staying 2 nights was necessary to stay 2 nights.



**Chair's Report** - We got the archives and minutes from our old secretary. Suggested we find a specific and recordable way to respond to requests to the region for correspondence or meetings. Suggested another look at the reorganization of region and how it is going to work now that the votes are in from the areas.

**Regional Delegate (RD) Report** - Vicky has attended 2 Plains States Zonal Forums (PSZF) here are some highlights:

- Mid-America Region has asked for input on how our out-reach works.
- PSZF was interested in how OK region will conduct business with no sub-committees.
- **Topic of Casinos and Meetings:** This topic is still in need of discussion by our regions since weather postponed much of the discussion this past quarter. Many feel we need to meet where ever we are needed or where there is a meeting room within our budget. The same applies to other problem areas like alcohol (bars/clubs/restaurants) in hotels. More will be revealed!
- **Needs information from areas for report by January 31**
  1. # of groups in Eastern Area (EA)
  2. # of total meetings EA per week
  3. # of H&I panels in EA, broken down if possible by # jails; # treatments, # drug court treated as H&I
  4. # of PI?PR presentations, broken down if possible by , # schools; # professional; # court]
  5. If you know of an active group near you but are not in an active area or active in OK region, please name them or at least the town and best guess as to # of meetings they hold
  6. Is EA incorporated?
  7. # of groups incorporated
  8. Conventions in EA
    - Avg attendance
    - Is it incorporated
  9. Campouts
    - # for area
    - # for groups in area
    - Avg attendance of each

I have much information that Vicky brought back for the Convention and Literature Na World Services (NAWS) workshops. If anyone would like to see the details please get with me.

There will be new pricing on NA Literature; I have attached the updated price list.

**EASC RCM** gave report

**PASC RCM Report** – Continuing banner wars; cancelled their November meeting, Motion to send 40% of all group donations to Region MSP.;

**WASC RCM Report** –RCM not in attendance, Chair of WASC made report, Elections, Mainly have a lot of Intent-to-Fills, Dee is still Chair, need Treasurer, have had same one for over 2 ½ years. Have sent to groups to move to budget type accounting system; still encouraging all groups to send a representative to area, only have 11 or 12 that attend;

**Clean & Crazy Report** – no formal report, Pig-out had great attendance, have pig-out shirts;

**OKRCNA Report** – Big Deal is revealed-it is the Unity and the OK Regional Convention. Pre-registration flyers available. Have total budget of \$5750, pre-registration is \$15, at door \$20; All speakers confirmed, need a vice-chair, no one from Plains area on committee which is where the convention is set to be in 2009.

**FSR Report** – Final Report from last year's chair, all went well, net income of \$1,876.07; Nominated Keith R as 2008 Chair, accepted, and voted in.

**GSA Report** – Loughridge is secured; RCM's to assist in workshops and presentations, it is Eastern Areas turn to bring Literature to the event, asked us to order 12 CAR reports for the event. Budget of \$450 for food.

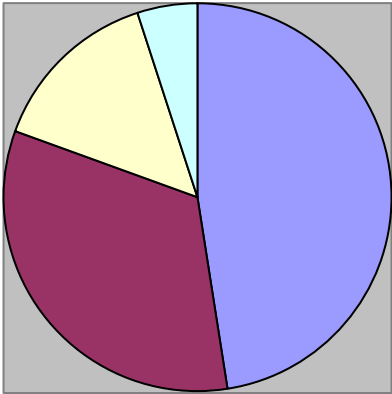
**Event workbook.** Dee brought final workbooks for distribution to the committees to the meeting, FSR be first committee to implement fully.

**WWW NAWS contact,** not in attendance

**Webcontact** – Bryan was in attendance, again he collected updates for trusted servants to update the web-page.

**Treasurer's Report – Beginning Balance 18,196, ending balance, 12,059  
Included is a year end report that broke our income and expensed into categories:**

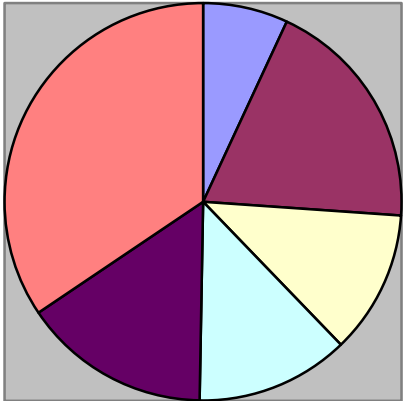
**Income:**



- Donations
- Clean & Crazy
- Fall Spirityal
- Convention

**Donations: 3587.85  
Clean & Crazy: 2427.75  
Fall Spirityal: 1072.87  
Convention: 366.13**

**Expenses:**



- Rent
- Travel
- Workshops
- Storage
- Insurance
- World Donatin

**Rent, Copies etc: 611.98  
Travel: 1661.30  
Workshops: 1019.55  
Storage: 1093.43  
Insurance: 1354.00  
World Donation: 3,000**

The big difference this year was the income from the convention and the donation to world was \$3,000 when we usually send them closer to \$9,000. I am not sure how donations from the areas and groups looked compared to other years.