



WEST SOUTHWEST AREA MINUTES

November 20, 2021

Chairperson:	Ruth T.	215-839-5899
Co-Chair:	Kevin W.	267-357-7835
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Co-Secretary:	Open	
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WSW AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Ruth T.	Area Chair	215-839-5899
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SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS / AREA SUB-COMMITTEE REPS

Joe A.	Unity Chair	215-783-9144
Monica M.	H&I Chair	215-519-9471
Keiv S.	Public Relations Chair	267-456-9041
Brenda P.	Policy Chair	267-584-9498
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Open	Literature Review Chair	
Open	IT Chair	
Tony P.	Convention Rep	484-576-7230
Open	Convention Rep Alt.	
Leegrant	Meeting List Rep	267-276-8604
Open	Clean Sheet Rep	

GSRs (GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES)

Jeff	11 th Step and Then Some Group	610-348-1371
Keiv S.	38 th & Chestnut Street Group	267-456-9041
James C.	A Gift of Surrender Group	215-837-9095
Tom L.	A Gift of Surrender Group (Alt.)	215-873-3021
Ron J.	Another Chance at Life Group	215-681-0131
Dorothy H.	Another Chance at Life Group (Alt.)	267-407-8434
Kevin B.	By the Grace of <u>God</u> We Live	
Ava B.	Changing Lives Group	267-565-7081
Jon S.	Darby Hilltop Group	267-694-4313
Jamal H.	Enough Is Enough	215-954-9163
Willard W.	Freedom With No Limits Group	267-970-3075
Yvonne M.	Here's Faith Group	610-803-8014
Adrienne	Here's Hope Group	267-880-8389
Miranda M.	Here's Hope Group (Alt.)	267-618-3394
Joe A.	I Can't We Can Group	215-783-9144
Levi G.	Keep Coming Back Clean Group	267-777-0710
DeWayne T.	Keep Coming Back Clean Group (Alt.)	267-738-6813
Angus J.	Learning To Recover Group	856-580-3578
Orlando	Learning To Recover Group (Alt.)	267-701-2521
Scott D.	Let's Surrender by NA Means Necessary Group	215-500-4327
Anthony F.	Living Life on Life's Terms Group	267-968-6187
Tim R.	Message of Hope Group	215-789-8625
Paul D.	No More Misery Group	215-868-8892
Brenda P.	On the Right Track Group	267-584-9498
Shawnie	On the Right Track Group (Alt.)	267-320-4729
Roland	Recovery at 6901 Woodland Ave. Group	267-539-5220
Kyra W.	Recovery at 6901 Woodland Ave. (Alt.)	
Khalil A.	Recovery Down the Bottom Group	267-474-5132
Tony P.	Recovery in the Park Group	484-576-7230
Valerie H.	Recovery in the Park <u>Group</u> (Alt.)	267-978-8836
Evan J.	Recovery on Belmont Group	215-651-2858
Clarence A.	Serenity on 63 rd Street Group	610-659-4304
Meredith G.	Shopping for Recovery Group	215-921-0209
Andre W.	Sunday Night Alive Group	215-939-0861
Lyvonja C.	Surrender Around the Way Group	267-366-9391
Reggie M.	Survival Group	215-601-0063
James R.	Time for Change Group	267-401-8503
Donna L.	TOUGH Group	215-868-8430
Charles S.	What Can I Do Group	267-235-2213
Eric F.	Why Are We Here Group	215-618-5909
Bruce J.	Why Are We Here Group (Alt.)	215-880-8304

WSW AREA SERVICE MEETING

The West Southwest Area held a virtual Service Committee Meeting on the Zoom platform.

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and Purpose of Area were read.

The WSW Area conducts business using the CBDM (Consensus Based Decision Making) process and not by motions.

Group Roll Call: There were 9 voting members present (GSRs and/or Alt. GSRs). We did not have a quorum yet.

New Groups: None
New GSRs: None

We read and discussed the 11th Concept: “NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.”

Minutes were read from the October 16, 2021, ASC meeting.

Discussion: It was stated that the proposal to move the Area meeting location was out of order because it conflicted with Charter Motions #7 and #8 in our Area Policy. (Those motions state that the West Southwest Area subcommittee meetings should be held within our geographical boundaries and specifically list the location of 52nd & Baltimore Avenue.) Because of this, it was suggested that the proposal should go back to the groups. This issue will be discussed further in Old Business. In addition, the web address listed in the IT duties 4, 5, and 6 in the Policy Report was incorrect. It should have been <https://wswana.naworks.org> (not naworks.org).

Minutes were then accepted as corrected.

Proposal: To change the order of business to address the issue of the charter motions.
The proposal passed without objection.

Discussion of Proposal to Move the WSW Area Meetings

The Policy Chair stated that at last month’s ASC meeting she had not been allowed to read the two charter motions referred to.

It was noted that the Darby Hilltop Group, which meets at the Darby Recreation Center, is now a part of the WSW Area. Does that nullify the question of our Area boundaries? We actually have two home groups that meet in Delaware County. Also, there is nothing in our current Area Policy about boundaries. Should charter motion #7 be deleted from Policy?

There was also a note that our current Area Policy requires a 2/3 vote to approve proposals that change policy. The proposal to move that was voted on last month passed by a vote of 5-3-1, which was not a 2/3 majority, and may have been invalid for that reason.

Proposal: To eliminate Charter Motion #7 from our policy.

[We do not have Area boundaries.]

Proposal passed: 10-1-1

Several additional questions were posed:

- Do we need to eliminate Charter Motion #8 as well?
- Do we need to revote last month's proposal to move the ASC meeting?
- Could we store literature at the Darby Recreation Center if GSRs are not willing to go back to an in-person meeting yet? There was a suggestion that we move our literature to the Darby Rec Center and continue to hold our meetings on the Zoom platform.

Proposal (Ron J.): To move the West Southwest ASC meeting to the Darby Recreation Center and change the meeting date to the 3rd Sunday of the month from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

The vote was 7-4-1. Does the proposal fail because it did not receive a 2/3 majority?

The proposal was ruled to be out of order.

There was a question of whether we had talked to the Delaware County Area about our proposed move. We have not had contact with the Delco Area. The assumption was that the move would be ok because we have a home group there. Keiv, PR Chair, said that he would contact Delco.

There was also a question of whether we had exhausted all other options for our move. Perhaps we need to form a committee to look for a new location.

After extensive discussion, there was no firm resolution of this issue. Any further proposals will be addressed later in the meeting. We moved on with the regular order of business.

GROUP REPORTS:

Another Chance At Life: The group will celebrate its 27th Anniversary, Saturday, January 15, 2022, at the church at 5823 Spruce Street. Anniversary: 10-11:3 am. Annithon: 12-4 pm. (See flyer attached to these minutes.)

Our Common Welfare: This group has officially folded.

Gift of Surrender: The group will celebrate its 28th Anniversary on Sunday, December 12, 2021, 9:00 – 11:00 am, at the Life Center on 63rd & Market Sts. All are welcome. Covid protocol must be followed.

Survival: The group will be celebrating its Anniversary on Saturday, December 11, 2021, 11:00 am – 4:30 pm, at 54th & Vine Sts. A flyer will be sent out when the details are finalized.

TOUGH: The group will celebrate its 32nd Anniversary on Sunday, January 16, 2022, 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm), at the church at 58th & Chester Avenue. (Flyer to come.)

GROUP CONCERNS:

NONE

JAC (Joint Administrative Committee) REPORT:

(In the absence of the Area Co-Chair, the Area Policy Chair ran the JAC meeting.)

In attendance: Brenda P., Policy Chair; Joe A., Unity Chair; Keiv S., PR Chair; Monica M., H&I Chair; Clarence A., GSR; Scott D., GSR; Antonio C.; and Tanya.

PR – Keiv requested \$40 for the purchase of business cards.

No other financial requests were made.

Unity – Joe pointed out that there was no one attending today’s Unity meeting.

Thanks for trusting me to chair today’s meeting.

Brenda P.
WSW Area Policy Chair

AREA SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Phone Line

OPEN POSITION

Literature Review

OPEN POSITION

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)

[No written report submitted. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

The subcommittee meets the 1st Monday of each month from 7 – 8:30 pm, with the last half hour being dedicated to training on the Do’s & Don’ts required to go into facilities. We also meet the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 – 11 am. Both meetings are on the Zoom platform: ID 222 673 8711. Password 052607.

Interim House has requested a meeting at 6 pm on Monday.

Facilities are starting to request live meetings. Family House Now will stay on Zoom for now.

There was a meeting held at Belmont. It had a good response.

The H&I Subcommittee would like to make I.P. #30, Mental Health in Recovery, available at facilities.

The committee has given me the vote of confidence to remain as Chair.

Monica M, H&I Chair

Unity

The subcommittee was scheduled to meet today, but no one showed up. There is no report.

Joe A., Unity Chair

Meeting List

[Meeting List Rep not present. No report.]

Public Relations

Attendance:

Keiv S. (Chair)	38 th & Chestnut Street Group
George D. (Co-Chair)	What Can I Do
Bro. James (Regional PR Chair)	On the Right Track
Tanya W. (Secretary)	Learning to Recover
Janet L.	Changing Lives
Clarence A. (RD)	Serenity on 63 rd Street
Antonio C.	On the Right Track
Tony P.	Recovery in the Park

Mock Presentation

A non-addict mock presentation was conducted by Keiv S. (chair) and Tanya (speaker). In discussion, members were reminded to follow the format as written so you do not leave out any vital information and also to stay focused on presenting who we are, what we do, and where you can find us.

Chairperson Report

The Chair reported that the presentation on November 10 with the Darby Council at the Darby Rec Center, 1020 Ridge Avenue, went well. The PR Chair, Regional PR Chair, and PR Secretary attended.

The presentation was done because the West Southwest Area would like to begin holding its Area meetings there beginning the 3rd Sunday of January 2022.

- Monthly cost is being offered at \$60.
- The proposed day is the 3rd Sunday of every month from 9:30 am – 5:00 pm. (Saturdays are usually filled with events.)
- Storage space for literature/supplies has been offered inside of a trailer at the Rec Center, and it was shown to the PR members for confirmation.

The Chair also reported that a presentation was done on November 11 at Redeemer Tabernacle (219 N. 52nd St.), with the church Pastor, WSW PR Chair, WSW Co-Chair, Here's Hope Liaison, and WSW PR Secretary in attendance. It went well. The Here's Hope Group is still waiting on a decision.

The Area is in need of new business cards and is asking for \$40 to have 500 PR business cards printed as soon as possible.

Old Business

Phone Line Orientation: If you're interested in being of service with the Phone Line Subcommittee, contact the PR Regional Chair, at PR@naworks.org, stating that you would like to participate in a Phone Line orientation.

The next orientation is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 10:00 am on the Zoom platform. Meeting id: 862 2968 6660. Password: 398393.

PR Banner: We have contacted a vendor about our PR banner and are awaiting a proof for review and approval. We should have the banner next month.

New Business

Autonomy Zonal Forum and CAR Workshop: The Autonomy Zonal Forum and CAR Workshop will be held on January 29-30, 2022, hosted by the Free State Region, in Linthicum, MD. This event will be hybrid, and Zoom meeting codes are listed on the attached flyer.

PR reps are being asked to complete the Zonal Fellowship Development Questionnaire and submit it before the January 2022 Zonal meeting. The questionnaire is available online at <https://forms.office.com/r/UD6tNhpDqt>.

Area Minutes: Area minutes have not been updated on our website. The last minutes posted are from May 2021.

PR Chair: Keiv S. was given the vote of confidence to continue as PR Chair.

Agenda for next meeting:

- West Southwest Area banner

- Mock presentation

- West Southwest Area website discussion, ideas, or suggestions

- Thoughts on calls to NA Phone Line

Each PR rep is being asked to visit the West Southwest Area PR website –

<https://wswana.naworks.org> – look through it and bring ideas and thoughts to share at next month's meeting. Also, please read and get acquainted with the PR Handbook.

Keiv S., PR Chair

Discussion: The PR Chair was asked if there has been any discussion of the idea of creating an umbrella committee consisting of PR, Unity, and other subcommittees. He said no, but did note that he has attended an H&I meeting this month to reach out to that committee. He is also willing to assist other Area subcommittees if needed.

The GSR from the Survival Group noted that they are also interest in possibly meeting in the church where the PR presentation was recently held.

There was a question about what would be on the business cards that PR is planning on getting. They will have an email address for contacting the subcommittee. They will not include any individual names.

Policy

The Policy Committee met today with the Policy Chair, Brenda P., and Clarence A., GSR, in attendance.

After reading the Area minutes, we found several items that needed correction under the duties of the IT Chair. In items #4, #5, and #6, the Regional website address (naworks.org) should be replaced with the Area website address (wswana.naworks.org). These changes were presented at today's Area meeting.

The Policy Chair continues to reach out for help with reviewing and changing policy, as directed by Area. If any GSRs are available on the 3rd Saturday of the month, please use the Area meeting id and password and Zoom on in.

Thanks.

Brenda P., Policy Chair

Liaison/Steward

[No written report submitted. The following is from the Secretary's notes.]

The situation is the same at the church. I'm not sure when they will open up again. Our literature is still there.

Michael T.

Liaison / Steward

Regional Committee Member (RCM)

The GSR workshop was held on our Regional website on November 13, from 1-3 pm. Due to inactivity from GSRs, our forum was shut down.

Three members discussed topics such as fellowship development. We also discussed the policy that if a member isn't from a home group or a member of that Area or Region, why can't they be elected as trusted servants in that Area or Region.

We also discussed how we can attract members to service, looking at the possibility that maybe it is how we act in service.

In Loving Service,

Tony F., RCM

Cammy C., RCM Alt.

The Cash App account for the Area is \$westsouthwestarea.

Loretta is also available to meet with anyone who wants to make their donation in person. She can be reached at 267-592-0583.

Financial Proposals:

Proposal (PR): Disburse \$40.00 for business cards.

Proposal passed without objection

Proposal: Donate \$200 for Regional insurance, and donate \$249.94 to the Region.

Proposal passed without objection.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections

There were no nominees or volunteers for any of our open positions.

Clarence A. reported that our IT Chair has stepped down. Tim M. volunteered to serve in that position. However, our Area Policy requires that notice of any open position be sent out to the groups one month prior to holding an election.

Note: Our yearly Area elections will be held at the December ASC meeting. All positions are up for election with the exception of the RCM and RCM Alternate (these are 2-year positions) and the Convention Rep (this position serves according to the Convention cycle, which is currently inactive).

A complete list of open positions along with their qualifications is included at the end of these minutes. Please take this information back to your home groups.

IT Policy

A vote was taken to approve the policy for the Information Technology (IT) Committee that was presented at last month's ASC meeting. As noted earlier in this meeting, the website address referred to in that policy should be <https://wswana.naworks.org>. This correction will be made in the policy.

The policy was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Subcommittee Chair Policy

A vote was taken on the following proposal made at last month's ASC meeting: That no elected subcommittee chair in the WSW Area be able to hold a GSR position once elected. This proposal was sent back to the home groups to get the conscience of the groups.

The proposal passed by a vote of 8-3-0.

ASC Move

A question was raised whether we had discussed if the individual trusted servants were ready to make a move. At this point, it is not clear whether we are moving or not.

Proposal: That we move our literature to the Darby Recreation Center.

Discussion: Although this option had been brought up at a previous Area meeting, the idea of just moving our literature to the Darby Rec Center has never been discussed with the Darby Borough. Following discussion, the proposal was withdrawn.

It was noted that we do not need the permission of the Delco Area to make the move to the Darby Rec Center. The information would be presented to them as a courtesy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Area Voting Policy

Proposal: That we remove, on p. 8 of our Area Policy, under "Proposals," bullet point #3 ("All proposals that pertain to changes in the WSWA policy will require a 2/3 vote of the established quorum."), and under "Voting," the last two sentences in bullet point #1 ("A majority vote from the quorum present will be designated as 50% +1. Except when the proposal pertains to a change in policy, which will require a 2/3 vote to pass.").

Intent: To be consistent with our current use of Consensus Based Decision Making (CBDM).

Proposal passed with a vote of 8-3-0.

Discussion: It was suggested that we should probably do a review of our entire Area Policy in case there are other instances of conflict with CBDM.

There was a question whether those GSRs currently serving as subcommittee chairs should be voting, given the passing of the new policy preventing this. The consensus of the body was that they would be allowed to vote for the remainder of today's meeting.

ASC Move

Proposal: To move the West Southwest Area meetings to the Darby Recreation Center, 1022 Ridge Avenue, Darby, PA 19023, on the 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm, starting in January 2022.

Proposal failed by a vote of 6-7-0.

Following this vote, there was a question whether we should set up a committee to look into other possible locations. Also, what will we do with our literature?

Zoom Account

There was a question raised about our Zoom account, which is now in the name of the current Area Chair. What will happen if we elect a new Area Chair? This can be discussed further at the December meeting after elections are held.

OPEN FORUM:

NONE

The next Area Service Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 18th, 2021, 1:00 p.m. It will be held on the Zoom platform. Meeting id is 222 673 8711. Password is 052607.

West Southwest Area Open Positions

Concept 4: Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants.

All WSW Area Service positions require:

- **Home group in the WSW Area**
- **NA Sponsor**
- **Knowledge of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts**
- **Time and resources to fulfill the commitment**
- **Required to attend the monthly Area Service Meeting**

Area Chair

5 years clean time

Working knowledge of A Guide to Local Services in NA

Area Co-Chair

4 years clean time

Working knowledge of A Guide to Local Services in NA

Area Secretary

1 year clean time

Steady job or source of income

Area Co-Secretary

1 year clean time

Steady job or source of income

Area Treasurer

3 years clean time

Steady job or source of income

Area Co-Treasurer

3 years clean time

Steady job or source of income

Phone Line Chair

2 years clean time

Working knowledge of the Phone Line Handbook

Previous experience as a group Phone Line representative

Public Relations Chair

2 years clean time

Familiarity with the NA Public Relations Guide
Previous NA experience as a group Public Relations representative

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Chair

3 years clean time

Working knowledge of the H&I Handbook
Previous NA experience within the H&I Subcommittee

Unity Chair

3 years clean time

Steady job or source of income
Driver's license

Policy Chair

3 years clean time

Working knowledge of A Guide to Local Services in NA
Ability to keep, maintain, and record changes to Policy

Literature Review Chair

2 years clean time

Ability to read and interpret literature

IT Chair

3 years clean time

Computer
Knowledge of web page development

Liaison/Steward

1 year clean time

Meeting List Representative

1 year clean time

Literature Distribution Person

2 years clean time

Steady job or source of income

Co-Literature Distribution Person

2 years clean time

Steady job or source of income

Clean Sheet Rep

2 years clean time