



WEST SOUTHWEST AREA MINUTES

October 21st, 2023

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WSW AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS / AREA SUB-COMMITTEE REPS

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Open	Policy Chair	
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Open	Literature Review Chair	
Antonio C.	IT Chair	267-577-1493
Aleem R.	Convention Rep	267-490-6239
Open	Convention Rep Alt.	
Open	Meeting List Rep	
Leegrant	Clean Sheet Rep	267-276-8604

GSRs (GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES)

Jeff	11 th Step and Then Some Group	610-348-1371
	38 th Street Group	
Keiv S.	38 th Street Group (Alt.)	267-456-9041
Kevin D.	A Gift of Surrender Group	215-783-7631
Kevin W.	A Gift of Surrender Group (Alt.)	267-357-7835
Ron J.	Another Chance at Life Group	215-681-0131
Aleem R.	Another Chance at Life Group (Alt.)	267-490-6239
Eartha R.	Changing Lives	215-586-0001
Voni C.	Darby Hilltop Group	267-455-1386
Charles S.	Here's Faith Group	267-235-2213
Lawrence M.	Here's Faith Group (Alt.)	484-609-3573
Adrienne H.	Here's Hope Group	267-880-8389
Miranda M.	Here's Hope Group (Alt.)	267-618-3394
DeWayne T.	Keep Coming Back Clean Group	267-738-6813
Avery B.	Learning To Recover Group	267-934-4876
Courtney D.	Learning To Recover Group (Alt.)	215-375-5316
Scott D.	Let's Surrender by NA Means Necessary Group	215-500-4327
Eleanor R.	No More Misery Group	
Roy H.	On the Right Track Group	267-379-6573
Antonio C	On the Right Track Group (Alt.)	267-577-1493
Tony P.	Recovery in the Park Group	484-576-7230
Valerie H.	Recovery in the Park Group (Alt.)	267-978-8836
Michael T.	Serenity on 63 rd Street Group	267-549-6107
Clarence A.	Serenity on 63 rd Street Group (Alt.)	610-659-4304
Lovy W.	Shopping for Recovery Group	
Leroy N.	Sunday Night Alive Group	267-334-9851
Ivan B	Sunday Night Alive Group (Alt.)	267-250-2845
Reggie M.	Survival Group	215-601-0063
Sean W.	Survival Group (Alt.)	267-234-8790
James R.	Time for Change Group	267-401-8503
	TOUGH Group	
Lawrence J.	TOUGH Group (Alt.)	312-320-6060
Janet L.	What Can I Do Group	609-933-0147
Robert R.	What Can I Do Group (Alt.)	215-630-9446
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To facilitate open communication within the Area, please reach out to the Area Secretary (deluxega@gmail.com) with any updates to this list

WSW AREA SERVICE MEETING

The West Southwest Area met in person at the St. Joseph Baptist Church, 54th & Vine.

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 11 voting members present (GSRs and/or Alt. GSRs). Quorum is 10.

New Groups: None
New GSRs: Voni C – Darby Hilltop
 Sean W – Survival Group (Alt.)

We read and discussed the Tradition Two out of the Basic Text: “For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.”

Minutes were read from the September 16th, 2023, ASC meeting.

GROUP REPORTS:

Why Are We Here: Why Are We Here has resumed our in-person meetings as of Saturday, October 7, 2023. We’d like to thank Public Relations for their presentation, assistance and direction and we’d like to thank everyone for your support. We meet every Saturday from 4:00-5:30 pm at the Tiffany Fletcher Recreation Center (formerly known as Mill Creek), located at 4700 Brown Street.

Sunday Night Alive: Starting November 5, 2023, Sunday Night Alive has a new home. We are moving from 631 N 39th Street to the Greater Mt. Olive Church – NE corner of 50th and Aspen Streets. NEW TIME: Sundays from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Please come and fellowship with us.

Darby Hilltop: New location: 16 N. 19th Street, Darby PA

GROUP CONCERNS:

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Hybrid ASC meetings
2. Duties & Responsibilities of our Trusted Servants

JAC (Joint Administrative Committee) REPORT:

Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

In attendance:

Area Facilitator

IT Chair

PR Chair

H&I Representative

Area Secretary

PR Rep – Darby Hilltop

Literature Distribution Chair

Clean Sheet Chair

Financial Proposals:

H&I requested \$250.00 for Learning Day

Clean Sheet requested \$20.00 for November Clean Sheet

Meeting closed with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

AREA SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Phone Line

OPEN POSITION

Literature Review

OPEN POSITION

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)

10/02/23 - 7pm OMWMOSSP

Read 12 Traditions Read Concept 10 with questions and discussion.

Minutes were read from Sat 16th, subcommittee meeting.

Old Business:

- Continued discussion on location for Learning Day, Shopping for Recovery at 52nd and Master indicated their location can be used 4 to 7pm on October 28th. A vote is needed now.
- QR code and stands should be completed by the next meeting, Home Group Reps will be required to sign for material as it is disbursed.
- Kirkbride has made adjustment to have every Sunday being Co-ed, (previously women attended every other week).
- Copies of recent "Availability list" will be made and distributed as requested by our members.

- Concerns of HUP Cedar Monday night Virtual meeting was discussed about going live instead, a vote will be needed.

Coordinators Report:

- HUP Cedar 54 Monday 7-8p (Virtual) 1 call, do not want mtg & 1 facility never signed on Wednesday 7-8p no miss, Saturday 7-8p no miss.
- Belmont Friday 7-8pm /no miss
- Family House Wednesday 6-7pm /1 miss.
- ReEnter House Thursday 7-8pm /no miss
- VA Hospital Saturday 7-8pm 1 miss
- Kirkbride Sunday 7-8pm /no miss
- Interim House West Monday 6-7pm, still awaiting staff, not enough to staff meeting.

Discussion was had on 10th Concept.” Any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.”

Unity

NO WRITTEN REPORT

Public Relations

Meeting opened at 54th and Vine St at 10:53 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance

Warren R. (WSWA PR Sub Co Chair) 38th and Chestnut Street Group;
 Vonnie (PR Subcommittee Rep) Darby Hilltop;
 Tanya W. (WSWA PR Secretary/Learning to Recover Group):

- The 9th Tradition was read.
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- The purpose of Public Relations subcommittee was read.
- The Secretary minutes from August 2023 were read.

Mock Presentations

There were no mock presentations done today.

PR Chairperson Report

- On 9/21/23 the WSW Area PR Subcommittee Chair and Co-Chair did a New Facilities Presentation with Pastor Woods of the Greater St. Olive AME Church and Sunday Night Alive Liaison, Ivan, and HG

Member Leroy. The Sunday Night Alive Group will be meeting Sundays 2pm-3:30pm beginning 11/5/23.

- We will not be setting up our informational table today due to low attendance and participation and the PR Subcommittee supplies being with the PR Co Chair who was not in attendance due to a family emergency.
- The WSWA Chair would like to visit at least 2 local libraries to hand out flyer, business cards and pamphlets. The region is developing more business cards, posters, and flyers with new designs.

New Business

- Darby Hilltop has found a new meeting place and is asking for a New Facilities Presentation. The home group rep will reach out with a time and date.
- The WSWA and Regional Chair have edited and combined the PR PowerPoint Presentation with the 30 second NA PSA.

JAC Meeting

There's no monetary request this month.

Agenda For Next Meeting

- New Facility Mock Presentation (Vonnie-Chair, Warren R-Speaker, Tanya-PR Presentation Reading)
- Review newly edited PR PowerPoint Presentation

Thank you All for your service.

The PR Subcommittee next scheduled meeting is 11/18/2023 @ 10:00AM. The PR subcommittee is now meeting in person at 54th and Vine St along with the ASC Meeting.

Much Love and Respect,

Warren R.

PR Subcommittee Chair

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Policy

OPEN POSITION

IT

IT subcommittee meets every second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm on the Area zoom platform and the 3rd Saturday at 10am at St. Joseph Baptist Church 54th Vine Street on the second-floor classroom. We need a Co-Chair or volunteers to help out and learn the WSW Web Page. <https://wswana.naworks.org> is up and running with no problem, we suggest that everyone in our area take a look at our area web page for review and tell us what you think so we can serve our area better. All Home Groups can text any group information or flyers to 267-521-1825 or send it to the IT subcommittee email: wswaitc@gmail.com so we can update the website events information. If you have any questions or difficulties don't hesitate to call: 267-577-1493.

The H&I Area Zoom Account is up to date with no Problem. Mouthy Cost. \$17.27

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In the coming Month the I T committee is developing an online store for the West-Southwest Literature Distribution.

In Loving Service
IT Chair. Antonio C

AREA SUPPORT SERVICE MEMBER REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member (RCM):

At the September 23rd "Planning our Future" event the members basically agreed on three areas that we should start working on as members and as a Region:

1. Regional Inventory of effective/non-effective service delivery, annual strategic planning, utilize task teams. The D Team and IT will create a Planning Our Future portal on our Regional website where members can volunteer and provide brief suggestions.
2. Fellowship Development: newer member mentorship, pathways to service, create a service orientation packet to educate the newer member on service participation.
3. Create and maintain a cohesive and consistent communications throughout the Region utilizing all information flow resources available, i.e., website, email, "text blast," flyers, RSC meeting via Zoom. (RCMs must attend in person.)

We are now a member of the Northeast Zonal Forum (NEZF) and the next forum is October 27th-29th, 2023.

We have posted English and Spanish workshop material and online input forms for two of this cycle's Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) at www.na.org/idt: Gender-Neutral and Inclusive Language in NA Literature, and Dealing with Disruptive and Predatory Behavior.

The 38th World Convention of NA (WCNA), "The Power of Love," will be in Washington, DC, August 29 – September 1, 2024. The Convention will be centered at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in downtown DC. Everyone who is subscribed to a World Services email list will receive an

email before we go on sale. A form was posted for members to recommend speakers for the upcoming World Convention. You'll find a link at www.na.org/wcna. Clean time requirements are 5 years for workshop speakers and 10 years for main speakers.

PR has developed A 30-second public service announcement (PSA) and it will be offered to WHYY to air. We will also contact Comcast about airing the PSA. The PSA can be viewed on our Regional website – www.naworks.org. They are also working on new designs for our posters and business cards.

Phoneline is having challenges with our phone system. The system is sending members to a voicemail instead of a volunteer. The Hallo system will be contacted to find out what's going on.

Inner City Area Unity Subcommittee had a proposal that Region buy 2 tickets and put the Area names and pick out an Area. The intent is to support and promote unity. The Region is currently offering one paid registration for the World Convention to an individual randomly selected from those who complete the Regional Survey. It was suggested that we offer 13 paid registrations, one for each Area. Region will consider that idea.

501c3: After careful consideration, the ABC Committee will be recommending continuing the policy of ***not*** sharing the 501c3. In the end, it is up to the RCMs. But for all the reasons stated in the past, we believe that would be a mistake. The body agreed with ABC's recommendation to now allow use of the 501c3 by Areas. Our 501c3 was suspended at one time, and we had to pay a CPA to help us get it re-instated. That took about 3 years. We need to be careful about becoming organized. It is best to keep business matters limited to those who are experienced in handling those responsibilities. We can offer some alternatives, and we would be willing to go to any Area to discuss them. We talked to our CPA to see what the cost to start and maintain the non-profit status would be with any general CPA. He said max \$1,000 start-up, then \$700 a year to maintain. For some Areas, that might pay off. For others, we can discuss the Community Self-Help Group corporation status. This has worked sometimes with banks to achieve non-tax status.

IT and the RD's are hoping as many addicts as possible will submit a response at <https://naworks.org/survey/>. Here is a summary of the project that was presented at the recent Planning Our Future event: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IQj4FFC-atr-bLlp23jDeOHRi5tZ-AtL/view?usp=sharing>

IT has created a form that addicts can use to sign up to receive the *Cleansheet* publication (below).



We have \$6,732.29 in our Convention account and \$5,286.95 in the Meeting List account. The final RSC balance following all disbursements approved today is \$11,158.27. We made a \$3,000 donation to World.

There was a proposal made that the Region acquire a storage unit. The Convention Committee Co-Chair was asked to investigate availability and pricing and bring that information back at our next RSC meeting.

PROPOSAL: That the Administrative Body create a roundtable for all 13 Area Chairs. Discussion: Would this be an in-person meeting? Yes. Should we first check with Area Chairs to see if they're interested? At this point only 6 RCMs remained in attendance. We no longer had enough voting members to take care of any further business. Discussion on the proposal was ended.

The next Regional Service Committee Meeting is 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023, at Roxborough Memorial Hospital Auditorium, Ridge Ave & Jamestown Street.

Convention Rep

Elections:

Co-Chair – Chantelle was elected.

Treasurer – Cynthia F. was elected.

Fundraising Chair – Roger C. was elected.

(It was noted that he will have to go back to his Area to let them know they will now need to elect a new Convention Rep.)

Secretary – Daria was elected.

Location Committee Chair – Charles C.

Theme for the Celebration:

The Convention Chair suggested we use "Our History" as the theme, preserving our legacy as an organization. We could ask each Area to select a predecessor to share on their Area history at the Celebration. There was discussion of the need to attract newcomers to the Celebration, as well as using it as an opportunity to motivate more service involvement and participation from our members. We agreed that we don't want to totally cut out our history, but there should be a way to make it attractive.

The following themes were also suggested:

Timeless

Surviving Our Past

Overcoming Our Past Through Diversity

Unity and Diversity are Important for Our Future

Involvement

Our Present, Our Past, and Our Future

Our Future Depends on Unity

History, Participation, and Growth

Our Message is in Our Diversity

Our History is Our Future

The dates selected for our Celebration were June 28 & 29, 2024.

All members at today's meeting were asked to go back to their home groups and Areas to request more involvement for this committee.

Next meeting: Saturday, November 4, 2024, 10 am at Roxborough Hospital Auditorium

Liaison/Steward

Rent is up to date.

Meeting List

OPEN POSITION

Literature Distribution Report

The beginning inventory of literature for the month of September is \$7,291.45

PR received \$212.00 worth of literature, but we did not need any funds as we had enough on hand. The new White Book will be ordered for a cost of \$25.50.

We are unable to return any literature for a credit. We will be donating it to H&I and keeps some on hand but will not be ordering any of those pieces of literature anymore.

Literature sold for the month of September: \$336.05

PR received literature in the amount of \$212.00.

This includes cash app total: \$0.00.

The ending balance is \$6,459.96.

Trusted servant,
Ruthie T.

Clean Sheet Rep

I am requesting \$20.00 for copying the cost for the month of November.

Clean Sheet Rep,
Leegrant M.

Treasurer's Report

WSW Area - Treasurer's Report

Date: 10/21/2023

Number of Groups that donated	<u>8</u>	Area Prudent Reserve	<u>300.00</u>	
				(waiting to receive 100 back from last month's disbursement)
		Unity Prudent Reserve	<u>1,313.44</u>	
Home Group Donations	<u>1,155.30</u>	Literature sold for the month	<u>636.05</u>	(Sept)
		Literature in Bank	<u>2,107.43</u>	
		Total Literature Cash	<u>2,743.48</u>	
Total Area Funds	<u>1,155.30</u>	Total Cash on Hand	<u>4,356.92</u>	Does not include home group donations
		Group Donation to Region	<u>135.00</u>	(See detail) - grp donation -\$125 Insurance-\$10
Automatic Disbursements				
Rent-new facility on 54th st	<u>(80.00)</u>	Kiev		
Area Zoom	<u>(27.80)</u>	Ruthie		
H & I Zoom	<u>(17.27)</u>	Antonio unity ad H and I		
Secretary	<u>(15.00)</u>	Danielle		
Total	<u>(140.07)</u>			
Balance	<u>1,015.23</u>			
Additional Disbursements:				
RCM	<u>-</u>	Proposals		
H and I	<u>(250.00)</u>	Expenses for learning day		
Clean Sheet	<u>(20.00)</u>	Lee Grant		
Unity Proposal				
Unity Proposal-funded				
PR-literature				
PR funded				
Subtotal	<u>(270.00)</u>			
Balance	<u>745.23</u>			
Area Donation to region :	<u>(745.23)</u>	RSC-Scott		
Home group donation to region :	<u>0</u>			
Insurance :	<u>-</u>	Region-Scott		
Addnl prudent reserve	<u>-</u>			
H&I:	<u>-</u>			
P.R.:	<u>0</u>			
Balance	<u>-</u>			

Financial Proposals:

PROPOSAL (H&I): \$250.00 – Learning Day
Proposal passed without objection.

PROPOSAL (Clean sheet): \$20.00 – November Clean sheet
Proposal passed without objection.

PROPOSAL: To add \$400.00 to Unity Prudent Reserve
Proposal failed.

PROPOSAL: To donate \$400.00 to Region for Insurance
Proposal failed.

PROPOSAL: To donate \$745.23 to Region
Proposal passed without objection.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections

**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. **

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM:

None

**The next Area Service Meeting will be held on
Saturday, October 21st, 2023, 1:00 PM.
The meeting will be in person at:
St. Joseph Baptist Church, 54th & Vine Streets**

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**

Policy Chair

3-year clean time

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

Area Co-Secretary

1-year clean time

Steady job or source of income

Literature Review Chair

2 years clean time

Ability to read and interpret literature.

Meeting List Representative

1-year clean time

Alternate Regional Convention Representative

2 years clean time