



WEST SOUTHWEST AREA MINUTES

December 16th, 2023

Area Website:

<https://wswana.naworks.org>

WSW Area Literature Store:

<https://wswana.naworks.org/store-2>

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WSW AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Open	Unity Chair	
Nicole E.	H&I Chair	215-906-8801
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Open	Policy Chair	
Open	Phone Line Chair	
Open	Literature Review Chair	
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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
Conway B	Changing Lives	
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
Louise F.	Surrender Around The Way Group of NA	215-526-8609
Reggie M.	Survival Group	215-601-0063
Sean W.	Survival Group (Alt.)	267-234-8790
James R.	Time for Change Group	267-401-8503
Al T.	Time for Change Group (Alt.)	215-833-2297
	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
Bruce J.	Why Are We Here	215-880-8304

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

New Groups: Recovery Has No Limits
New GSRs: Jamal W – Gift of Surrender
Aleem – Another Chance at Life
Ben (Alt.) – Why Are We Here
Michele B – Recovery Has No Limits

We read 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 November 18th, 2023, ASC meeting.

GROUP REPORTS:

On The Right Track: The group is asking that members please back your vehicle all the way back to the fence when parking in the lot to allow other members to park in front of you.

38th and Chestnet Street: The group would like to remind members that they will have the doors open on Monday, December 25th, 2023, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at St Andrew & St Monica Church 3600 Baring Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19104 (Enter Meeting on Pearl Street – red door)

Changing Lives: meets on Fridays from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Salts and Light Church 5736 Chester Ave, Philadelphia, PA, 19143. Please come out and support.

Why Are We Here: meets on Saturdays from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm at Tiffany Fletcher Recreation Center (Formally Mill Creek) - 4700 Brown Street, Philadelphia, PA.

Gift of Surrender: meets on Sundays from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Life Center of Eastern Delaware Co. 6310 Market Street, Upper Darby, PA, 19082. We also meet virtually on Saturday's from 12 pm – 1:30 pm: ID - 413 534 0533 & PW - 1234

GROUP CONCERNS:

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. 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 Co-Facilitator

IT Chair / Literature Distribution Co-Chair

PR Chair

PR Co-Chair / WSWA Liaison

Area Secretary

Financial Proposals:

PR requested \$40.00 for a PR Handbook and Pamphlet holder from Literature Distribution

No issues or concerns.

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)

Old Business:

- Our learning day was a success for attendance and messages given by our speakers. The expense exceeded the allocated funds, thanks to donations our refreshment's goal was met. Going forward a minimum of \$250 dollars must be added to whatever our building location expense will be.
- The request for meetings and presentation to Otley House has been declined. The shelter gives outside access to meetings, and there is no blackout period which disqualifies according to H&I guidelines.
- Methodist Homeless Shelter has also requested a presentation for possible meetings. This request is still in the process of being arranged and an update will follow.
- Continued inquiry has been made to Interim House West to resume meetings without success. The staff shortage remains as possible cause.

New Business:

- There are 5 remaining QR codes with stands, we need to consider adding additional stands and firm up the need for reps to present to their home groups during the ACS attendance.
- Adella and Louise introduced themselves as Rep and alternate Rep for their home group "Surrender Around the Way". After a warm greeting their information was taken to keep them up to date moving forward.
- The subcommittee returned to Agenda item of possible Chair for 2024. Paul was nominated but declined. It was made clear whoever is nominated or volunteered must be present at ASC and explained clean time and requirements for the position, before votes of approval.

Unity

OPEN POSITION

Public Relations

Meeting opened at 54th and Vine St at 10:35am with a moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance

Warren R. (WSWA PR Sub Co Chair) 38th and Chestnut Street Group;

Keiv S.- PR Co Chair/ 38th Chestnut Street Group

Vonnie (PR Subcommittee Rep) Darby Hilltop;

Tanya W. (WSWA PR Secretary/Learning to Recover Group)

Brother James- PR Regional Chair/On the Right Track:

- The 12th Tradition was read.
- The 12th Concept was read.
- The 2nd Tradition was read.
- Secretary Report was read from the Nov 2023 minutes.

Mock Presentations

There were no mock presentations done today.

PR Chairperson Report

- Darby Hilltop has found a new meeting place and the PR Subcommittee had asked last month if they would like to have a New Facilities Presentation.
- The WSWA and Regional Chair have edited and combined the PR PowerPoint Presentation with the 30 second N.A. PSA. Treatment Court has been contacted and have a presentation scheduled 1/8/23. The Regional Chair will contact Rodolfo Fernandez to confirm the date and to see if we can drop of posters and cards before the meeting.
- 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.
- The chair has a list of treatment referrals sources for the region. We can narrow it down to the WSW Area and start to follow up (see attachment).

- The PR Chair will be stepping down today and the new Chair will be introduced to the area. The current chair will help with the transition period and would like to thank the subcommittee for their support during the past year.

Love and Respect,
Warren R.
PR Subcommittee Chair
warrenwalterroy@hotmail.com

New Business

- 60th & Girard Avenue facility is looking for an NA Group to come in and begin holding NA meetings. PR will reach out to get the contact info to that facility and will make an announcement at Area.
- The Region is requesting for PR Reps to volunteer and call into the Phonenumber (215) NA-Works to do test calls to see if anyone answers and come back with your experience with it.
- Vonnie and Tanya W were given the vote of confidence on the motions of Tanya becoming the new WSWA PR Chair and Vonnie becoming the new WSWA PR Co Chair. The new PR Chair was read their duties and responsibilities. Planning for a workshop/Learning Day in February 2024.

JAC Meeting

\$40 - Brochure folders and PR book.

Agenda For Next Meeting

- New Facility Mock Presentation
- Reaching out to The School District of Philadelphia with a letter addressing drug addiction amongst young addicts in local schools

The meeting closed with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 11:57 am.

Thank you all for your service.

The PR Subcommittee next scheduled meeting is 1/20/2023 @ 10:00AM in person at 54th and Vine St along with the ASC Meeting.

Much Love and Respect,
Warren R.
PR Subcommittee Chair
warrenwalterroy@hotmail.com

- Warren R. (WSWA PR Chairperson): warrenwalterroy@hotmail.com
- Keiv S. (WSWA PR Co Chair): ksimmmons763@gmail.com
- Bro James (Regional Chair) - PR@naworks.org
- WSWA PR Website: <https://wswana.naworks.org>

Policy

OPEN POSITION

IT

IT subcommittee meets every second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm on the Area zoom platform (ID 222 673 8711 Password: 052607) 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 and learn the WSW Web Page – you do not need web page designer to help just a willingness to help. Our Area site is <https://wswana.naworks.org>. All Home Groups can send any Group Information or Flyers you have (Text) 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. Monthly Cost. \$17.27

The Area Zoom Account is up to date with no problem. Monthly Cost. \$17.80

The West-Southwest Online Store is up to date with no problem. Monthly Cost. \$42.00

The West-Southwest online store for the WSW Literature Distribution is up and running monthly - cost is \$42.00. All GSR / Alt and Homegroup Reps – if you are using the online store, please put your order in two weeks before Area if possible so that we can have your order ready when you come to Area. <https://wswana.naworks.org/store-2>

I would like to that the Area for letting me participate in my recovery and am willing to serve again.

In Loving Service

IT Chair. Antonio C

AREA SUPPORT SERVICE MEMBER REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member (RCM):

Proposal from member: To make changes to our 12 Traditions that would delete or replace "radio" in our 11th tradition to read "social media." If the proposal passes, it would be submitted for the Conference Agenda Report and then would be sent out to groups for final approval.

Proposal revised: To make changes to our 12 Traditions to include "social media" in our 11th tradition.

On January 17th, 2024, at 7pm ABC Chair is hosting an informal online meeting for members to make Regional Service suggestions to help make Region more effective.

PR is preparing to send 30 second PSA's to WHYY, comcast, and channel 39 to be aired on their networks. They also ask members to do the service inventory on our regional page under public relations: https://naworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Service_Inventory-FORM.pdf (attached)

Phoneline has corrected the glitch which was sending messages to individual voicemails they have created a webmail address to help update volunteers and help communicate information for volunteers and help with ant challenges that may arise.

Unity committee had no one show up at last meeting on Nov 4th, 2 areas showed up on Dec 2nd. The Chair is asking for areas to send representatives to help committee. He also asked if Chairs or Co-Chairs could attend to help their areas in the future.

Schuykill Valley is having a bowling tournament on Jan 20th, 1-4 at 2912 Swede Rd., East Norristown PA 19401

H&I is thinking of meeting in person every other month. They too aren't getting enough participation.

IT is working on creating solutions for areas that are interested in literature orders electronically. NA events are continually posted at events@naworks.org.

Groups are asked to please continue to use the Meeting Update Form <https://naworks.org/meeting-update-form/>

Our total donations from areas \$8405.82. \$7968.82 was for Region. \$274 was for Ins. \$160 for phoneline. We have \$6732.29 in our Convention Acct. We have \$4686.98 in our Meeting List Acct. Final RSC after all Disbursements \$13,084.79. \$3,000 was donated to World.

Convention Rep

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair will submit Report to Region tomorrow. Will request that Region removes the "Exploratory Ad Hoc" verbiage from our committee's name and moving forward will be the Celebration Committee. The Ad Hoc committee is heretofore dissolved.

Chair and Co-Chair made presentations to 12 Areas in the Region.

SHARING SESSION/DISCUSSION:

Communication is essential and key to the success of the Celebration.

Race and Unity were discussed. Chair shared Philadelphia Region has areas where members grew up in neighborhoods and gangs. Members can bring that mentality and experience into the Fellowship. This is why it is important to spotlight our History and our Future at the Celebration.

George, Al and Pete are talking to Groups about our History.

Co-Chair noted that it is about newer members picking up and carrying the torch from our predecessors.

The Chair stressed the main goal of the Celebration and Convention is to unify the Greater Philadelphia Region as a whole.

The Chair brought forth that going forward the Celebration Committee may need to meet more than once a month. (to be determined).

Next meeting:

Saturday, January 6, 2024, 10 am. Roxborough Hospital Auditorium

The meeting was adjourned.

Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Liaison/Steward

Rent is up to date & our relationship with the church is good.

Meeting List

OPEN POSITION

Literature Distribution Report

The beginning inventory of literature for the month of November is \$6,750.00

Literature sold for the month of November: \$548.80

The ending balance is \$7,298.80.

Trusted servant,
Ruthie T.

Clean Sheet Rep

NO WRITTEN REPORT

Treasurer's Report

WSW Area - Treasurer's Report

Date 12/16/2023

Number of Groups that donated	<u>9</u>	Area Prudent Reserve	<u>300.00</u>
		Unity Prudent Reserve	<u>1,313.44</u>

Home Group Donations	<u>1,174.85</u>	Literature sold for the month	<u>597.65</u> (Nov)
		Literature Cash in Bank	<u>2,107.51</u>
		Total Literature Cash	<u>2,705.16</u>

Total Area Funds	<u>1,174.85</u>	Total Cash on Hand	<u>4,318.60</u>	Does not include home group donations
		Group Donation to Region	<u>30.00</u>	(See detail) -\$20 grp reg donation - \$10 Insurance

Automatic Disbursements

Rent-new facility on 54th st	<u>(80.00)</u>	Kiev	x
Area Zoom	<u>(17.27)</u>	Ruthie	x
H & I Zoom	<u>(17.27)</u>	Antonio	x
Secretary	<u>(15.00)</u>	Danielle	x
Lit Store	<u>(42.00)</u>	Antonio	x
Total	<u>(171.54)</u>		

Balance 1,003.31

Additional Disbursements:

RCM	<u>-</u>	Proposals	
H and I			
Unity Proposal			
Unity Proposal- Funded			
PR Lit	<u>(40.00)</u>	public relations	
PR Lit-funded	<u>40.00</u>		
Area Prud Reserve			
Subtotal	<u>-</u>		
Balance	<u>1,003.31</u>		
Area Donation to region :	<u>(700.00)</u>	RSC-Scott	
Home group donation to region :	<u>0</u>		
Insurance :	<u>(303.31)</u>	Region-Scott	
Addnl prudent reserve	<u>-</u>		
H&I:	<u>-</u>		
P.R.:	<u>0</u>		
Balance	<u><u>0.00</u></u>		

Financial Proposals:

PROPOSAL (Liaison/Steward): \$40.00 – Pamphlet Holders & PR Handbook from the Literature Distribution account. Proposal passed.

PROPOSAL: To donate \$303.01 to Region airmarked for Insurance
Proposal passed without objection.

PROPOSAL: To donate \$700.00 to Region
Proposal passed without objection.

OLD BUSINESS:

WSW Area sent a vote back to the Celebration Committee for the theme:
Our Present, Our Past, Our Future

Elections

Elections for Area Service positions took place:

Area Facilitator: Michael T. volunteered, and Eunid M was nominated. Eunid was elected.

Area Co-Facilitator: Michael T. was nominated and elected.

Secretary: Danielle S. was nominated and elected.

Co-Secretary: This is an open position.

Treasurer: This is an open position.

Co-Treasurer: This is an open position.

Phone Line: This is an open position.

Public Relations: Tanya was recommended by the PR subcommittee and elected.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I): Nicole E. was nominated and elected.

Unity: This is an open position.

Policy: This is an open position.

Information Technology: Antonio C was nominated and elected.

Literature Review: This is an open position.

Regional Committee Member (RCM): Jamal was nominated and declined. Tony volunteered and was elected.

Alternate Regional Committee Member (Alt. RCM): This is an open position.

Alternate Regional Convention Representative: Roy H. volunteered and was elected.

Literature Distribution Chair: Ruthie T. was nominated and elected.

Co-Literature Distribution Chair: Elenor R. was nominated and elected.

Co-Literature Distribution Chair: Antonio C. volunteered and was elected.

Liaison/Steward: Keiv S. was nominated and elected.

Meeting List Representative: This is an open position.

Clean Sheet Representative: This is an open position.

Please take this information back to your Homegroups and send representatives to the next Area Service meeting to get in service, we need your support. Please come get in service.

****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:

PROPOSAL: When qualifying yourself for a service position, a member need say more than "willing to serve". For example, you may want to expand on previous service positions, or that you have a sponsor and WSW Area Homegroup. Proposal Passed.

PROPOSALS BROUGHT BACK FROM THE RCM: To make changes to our 12 Traditions to include "social media" in our 11th tradition. ***Please take this information back to your groups for a vote and bring back your groups vote to Area on January 20th, 2023.***

OPEN FORUM:

None.

**The next Area Service Meeting will be held on
Saturday, January 20th, 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**

Co-Secretary

Qualifications:

- One (1) year clean time.
- Steady job or source of income.

Treasurer

Qualifications:

- Three (3) years clean time.
- Steady job or source of income.

Co-Treasurer

Qualifications:

- Same as Treasurer

Phone Line

Chairperson Qualifications:

- Two (2) years clean time.
- Working knowledge of the Phone Line Handbook.
- Previous experience as a group Phone Line representative.

Unity

Chairperson Qualifications:

- Three (3) years clean time.
- Steady job or source of income.
- Driver's license
- To be considered as Chairperson of the Unity Sub-committee you must have three (3) months of current, consecutive participation in the committee.

Policy

Chairperson Qualifications:

- Three (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

Chairperson Qualifications:

- Two (2) years clean time.
- Ability to read and interpret literature.

Alternate Regional Committee Member (Alt. RCM)

Qualifications:

- Four (4) years clean time.
- Working knowledge of A Guide to Local Services

Meeting List Representative

Qualifications:

- One (1) year clean time.

Clean Sheet Representative

Qualifications:

- Two (2) years clean time.