



# **WEST SOUTHWEST AREA MINUTES**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Area Website:**

**<https://wswana.naworks.org>**

**WSW Area Literature Store:**

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

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Secretary:	Danielle S.	609-892-4418
Co-Secretary:	Open	
Treasurer:	Steve S.	267-239-6449
Co-Treasurer:	Open	

**WSW AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Ruth T.	Chair Literature Distribution	215-839-5899
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Open	Regional Committee Member (Alt.)	
Keiv S.	Liaison / Steward	267-456-9041

**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS / AREA SUB-COMMITTEE REPS**

Open	Unity Chair	
Nicole E.	H&I Chair	215-906-8801
Tanya	Public Relations Chair	
Open	Policy Chair	
MarLynn T.	Phone Line Chair	267-971-2575
Open	Literature Review Chair	
Antonio C.	IT Chair	267-577-1493
Aleem R.	Convention Rep	267-490-6239
Roy H.	Convention Rep Alt.	
Open	Meeting List Rep	
Open	Clean Sheet Rep	

All subcommittees meet in person at 10:00 AM on the third Saturday of the month, in-person, at St. Joseph Baptist Church, 54th & Vine Streets. Additionally – the following Subcommittees meet:

**H&I Subcommittee:**           **1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month on the zoom platform at 7PM**  
**Meeting ID: 222 673 8711           PW: 052607**

**IT Subcommittee:**           **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month on the zoom platform at 7PM**  
**Meeting ID: 222 673 8711           PW: 052607**

**Unity Subcommittee:**       **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month on the zoom platform 6PM**  
**Meeting ID: 222 673 8711           PW: 052607**

## GSRs (GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES)

Jeff	11 <sup>th</sup> Step and Then Some Group	610-348-1371
Keiv S.	38 <sup>th</sup> Street Group (Alt.)	267-456-9041
Jamal W.	A Gift of Surrender Group	215-900-3583
Leo T.	A Gift of Surrender Group (Alt.)	215-989-9411
Floyd B.	All Are Welcome	
Aleem R.	Another Chance at Life Group	267-490-6239
Conway B	Changing Lives	
Voni C.	Darby Hilltop Group	267-455-1386
Samantha R	Here's Faith Group	215-758-3941
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
MarLynn T.	Let's Surrender by NA Means Necessary Group	297-971-2575
Eleanor R.	No More Misery Group	267-391-7395
Roy H.	On the Right Track Group	267-379-6573
Cynthia F.	On the Right Track Group (Alt.)	215-421-4804
Tony P.	Recovery in the Park Group	484-576-7230
Valerie H.	Recovery in the Park Group (Alt.)	267-978-8836
Clarence A.	Serenity on 63 <sup>rd</sup> Street Group (Alt.)	610-659-4304
Lovy W.	Shopping for Recovery Group	267-309-8946
Cheryl B.	Shopping for Recovery Group (Alt.)	267-345-5504
Scott D.	Steps Are The Solution	215-500-4327
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
Al T.	Time for Change Group (Alt.)	215-833-2297
Jerome W.	TOUGH Group	215-554-5735
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
Karen K.	Why Are We Here (Alt.)	267-615-7838

## WSW AREA SERVICE MEETING

The West Southwest Area met in person at the St. Joseph Baptist Church, 54<sup>th</sup> & 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.*

<b>West Southwest ASC Roll Call - 2024</b>		
Home Group	January	February
11th Step and Then Some Group	ABSENT	ABSENT
38th Street Group	X	x
A Gift of Surrender Group	X	x
All Are Welcome	X	ABSENT
Another Chance at Life Group	X	x
Changing Lives	ABSENT	ABSENT
Darby Hilltop Group	ABSENT	x
Here's Faith Group	ABSENT	x
Here's Hope Group	ABSENT	ABSENT
Keep Coming Back Clean Group	X	x
Learning To Recover Group	ABSENT	ABSENT
Let's Surrender by NA Means Necessary Group	ABSENT	x
No More Misery Group	X	x
On the Right Track Group	X	x
Recovery Has No Limit	X	x
Recovery in the Park Group	X	x
Serenity on 63rd Street Group	ABSENT	x
Shopping for Recovery Group	X	x
**Steps Are The Solution** NEW GROUP	--	x
Sunday Night Alive Group	X	ABSENT
Survival Group	ABSENT	ABSENT
Time for Change Group	ABSENT	ABSENT
TOUGH Group	ABSENT	x
What Can I Do Group	ABSENT	ABSENT
Why Are We Here	X	x
VOTING GROUPS PRESENT	12	16

Group Roll Call:

There were 12 voting members present at the initial Roll Call (GSRs and/or Alt. GSRs). Quorum is 10.

New Groups:

- Steps Are The Solution – meets Tuesdays at 5pm at 6006 West Girard Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19151

New GSRs:

Leo T – Alt GSR  
A Gift of Surrender

Shiel B – Alt GSR  
Shopping for Recovery

Scott D – GSR  
Steps Are The Solution

MarLynn T – GSR  
Let's Surrender by NA Means Necessary

We read Tradition Two from 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 January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, ASC meeting.

### **SECRETARY REPORT:**

The email group was created and all members currently in the email list will be transferred over to the new group. ANY MEMBER can subscribe or unsubscribe freely. With the new email list, members will be able to email information such as subcommittee reports & group reports to the administrative body, and flyers, new group information, Homegroup anniversary or member anniversary information for distribution to members of the West Southwest Area. Please encourage all members to subscribe to the email list to facilitate the flow of information within our Area.

Subscribe using the QR Code below or this link: <https://forms.gle/LoNAQXehihfPPtDY8>



### **GROUP REPORTS:**

On The Right Track: The group will be celebrating its 39<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The theme is “God’s Will, Not Ours”. Doors open at 5:00 PM. The Anniversary meeting is 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Dinner is from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM and the Mini-Marathon is 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM at The Consortium: 451 University Ave (across from the VA Medical Center). Food \* Fun \* Fellowship

Serenity on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street: Starting in March 2024 the group will meet Wednesdays at 6:00 PM at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Cedar, Philadelphia, PA, 19143. The groups is looking to merge with other NA groups.

Steps Are The Solution: New group starting on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5 PM (meets every Tuesday) at St. Barnabus Mission, 6006 West Girard Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19151. This new group is in need of committed homegroup members fellowship support. All Are Welcome – Please Join Us.

### **GROUP CONCERNS:**

None

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

### 1. Duties & Responsibilities of our Trusted Servants:

Discussion: While it is understood that members have responsibilities and emergencies, it is expected that members fulfill their commitment to the group. The expectation to take a service commitment is that members are available to serve, *selflessly*. Our members choose to be in service. If a member is here is anger or resentment, then that member can choose not to be here. We should be able to communicate freely and honestly with each other – *in a loving and caring way*. This includes helping members that are new to service, members that are falling short in their duties as a trusted servant, or members that are unable to selflessly carry out their service positions. We should take trusted servants to the side and give them the information they need to carry out their commitment. We have experienced members come to get in service, then they do not return because of the way they were treated or spoken to. We must be mindful of how the fellowship is evolving and embrace the newer member for the good of Narcotics Anonymous.

### 2. Submitting and giving reports at the ASC meeting:

Discussion: Trusted servants should be writing reports prior to Area Service so that when it is time to give reports, the member may come to the front and read their report to the group. This keeps order and allows the secretary to receive reports in a timely manner. Group report forms & subcommittee report forms will be sent at as attachment to the minutes. As a result of this discussion a proposal was made.

PROPOSAL: Any reports given at the Area Service Committee Meeting be previously documented (typed/written) and read at the front of the room, then to be immediately submitted to the secretary. Proposal Passed.

### 3. Additions to Agenda Items for March 2024:

- a. How to best support and connect with virtual homegroups in the WSW Area.
- b. Discussion on new groups and supporting current WSW Area groups.
- c. Weapons in our meetings.

## **JAC (Joint Administrative Committee) REPORT:**

- Public Relations is requesting \$70 for literature racks.
- Steward/Liaison is requesting \$33 reimbursement for propane.
- H&I Subcommittee needs support. They are in needs of trusted servants (Secretary, Co-Chair, panel leaders & coordinators, and speakers) Send reps to the H&I subcommittee meeting on the 1st Monday of the month on the zoom platform at 7PM (Meeting ID: 222 673 8711 PW: 052607) and on the third Saturday of the month at 54<sup>th</sup> & Vine at 10AM.
- Regional Phone Line subcommittee needs support. The next Orientation is February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:00 AM on the zoom platform (Meeting ID: 823-6185-6848 PW: 1234) and the subcommittee meets the first Saturday of every month on the zoom platform (Meeting ID: 823-6185-6848 PW: 1234)

## **AREA SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Phone Line**

OPEN POSITION

### **Literature Review**

OPEN POSITION

## **Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)**

WSW H&I Subcommittee – Monday, 2/5/2024

Old Business: Johnny volunteered for the open position of Coordinator at HUP Cedar facility. Qualifications & Responsibilities will be given and voted on at next meeting.

Coordinators Report:

HUP Cedar 54th Cedar Ave

- Monday (Virtual) 7-8pm / No Misses
- Wednesday 7-8pm / No Misses
- Saturday 7-8pm / No Misses
- ReEnter House 38th Powelton Ave. (Thur. 7-8pm) No Misses
- Family House 48th Wyalusing (Wednesday 6-7pm) No Misses
- Belmont Ford and Monument Rd (Friday 7-8pm) 1 Miss / Covid at Facility
- VA Hospital 38th & Woodland Ave (Saturday 7-8pm) No Misses
- Kirkbride 111 N 49th St. (Sunday 7-8pm) No Misses
- Interim House West (temporarily closed)

## **Unity**

Information Only Report – Unity Subcommittee is meeting on the third Monday of the month on the zoom platform at 6PM (Meeting ID: 222 673 8711 PW: 052607) and on the third Saturday of the month at 54<sup>th</sup> & Vine Streets. We are working on a newcomer event. We need trusted servants to get in service. Please send HG reps.

## **Public Relations**

The PR Presentation for Here's Faith on 2-7-2024 went well. Here's Faith's first meeting was 1-24-2024.

The PR Chair attended the PR Regional meeting on Saturday 2-3-2024.

PR is requesting \$70 to purchase literature racks (2 at \$32.99 from Amazon) for the Literature Rack Program in which areas continuously place NA literature in facilities in the WSW Area.

## **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 meet Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> on the area zoom platform with 5 people in attendance. Surrender Around the Way Group that met Monday and Wednesday 1:00pm has folded. Area Literature Store is doing really well as Homegroup are getting the hang of it. Regional IT subcommittee is still working on a free Literature Store for all Areas to use, and I will let the area know when that happen. Area secretary stepped up to help with learning the area web page and 2 volunteers set up to help making sure our area meeting list is up to date. 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](mailto: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>

In Loving Service

IT Chair. Antonio C

## **AREA SUPPORT SERVICE MEMBER REPORTS:**

### **Regional Committee Member (RCM):**

The Region RCMs had passed the proposal, sent out at last region, as a result of so many abstentions we decided to send the proposal back out to the groups. See last month's minutes for proposal we are asking our groups to vote on again. Our insurance is paid in full. The WSW Area amount to pay for insurance is for 31 meetings \$1085. (each mtg is \$35.00 a year; 2 mtgs is \$70.00 a year, etc.) Any group needing meeting cards - please call me I have more. Phoneline Orientation on the virtual platform Feb 24th 10am, ID: 823 6185 6848. Note: we only have 7 members serving in our region come out and get involve with your areas and region.



On Feb 21st the ABC Chair is having another Open Forum to all for all our members to find out how we can better serve our members. All are welcome – ID: 215 868 1969, no password.

NAWS Surveys: go to NA.org type in Projects and Surveys in the search bar.  
H&I deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. IDT's online surveys, Gender Neutral & Inclusive Language in NA literature, dealing with disruptive behavior & predatory behavior, DRT/MAT as it relates to NA. You are helping us take the next steps to Planning Our Future.  
The RCM is also planning our next GSR Workshop.

### **Convention Rep**

Due to time constraints, funding, and the lack of participation & experience, the RCM's voted not to have a regional celebration in 2024 and focus on a regional convention in 2026.

The regional convention chair visited the WSW Area Service Committee Meeting to ask members to come get in service. The regional convention committee meets every first Saturday of the month at Roxborough Memorial Hospital (in the auditorium), 5800 Ridge Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19128 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There are open positions available, and the committee needs area convention reps & trusted servants. The next meeting is on Saturday, 3/2/2024.

### **Liaison/Steward**

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

Requesting \$33.00 reimbursement for propane.

### **Meeting List**

OPEN POSITION

### **Literature Distribution Report**

The beginning inventory of literature for the month of January is \$7,847.60.

Literature sold for the month of January: \$626.50.

The ending balance is \$7,597.69.

Trusted servant,  
Ruthie T.

### **Clean Sheet Rep**

OPEN POSITION

# Treasurer's Report

## WSW Area - Treasurer's Report

Date 2/17/2024

Number of Groups that donated	<u>12</u>	Area Prudent Reserve	<u>300.00</u>	
		Unity Prudent Reserve	<u>1,313.44</u>	
Home Group Donations	<u>1,027.86</u>	Literature sold for the month	<u>626.50</u>	(Jan)
		Literature Cash in Bank	<u>1,857.69</u>	Note: Get Ruthie a cashapp card/access to her card
		Total Literature Cash	<u>2,484.19</u>	
Total Area Funds	<u><u>1,027.86</u></u>	Total Cash on Hand	<u>4,097.63</u>	Does not include home group donations

### Automatic Disbursements

Group Donation to Region 100.00 (See detail) -\$60 grp reg donation - \$40 Insurance

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

Balance 856.32

### Additional Disbursements:

RCM	<u>-</u>	Proposals
public elations	<u>(70.00)</u>	lit racks
Unity Proposal	<u>(356.32)</u>	unity prudent reserve
H and I-literature		
H and I-literature-funded		
PR Lit-funded	<u>-</u>	
Liason	<u>(33.00)</u>	propane
Subtotal	<u><u>(459.32)</u></u>	

Balance 397.00

Area Donation to region : (397.00) RSC-Scott

Home group donation to region : 0

Insurance : - Region-Scott

Addnl prudent reserve -

H&I: -

P.R.: 0

Balance 0.00

## **Financial Proposals:**

PROPOSAL (PR): \$70.00 – to purchase Literature Racks to put in area libraries/ facilities.  
Proposal passed.

PROPOSAL (Steward/Liaison): \$33.00 – reimbursement for propane.  
Proposal passed.

PROPOSAL: \$356.32 – to unity prudent reserve for future events  
Proposal passed.

PROPOSAL: To donate \$397.00 to region.  
Proposal passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Elections**

Co-Secretary: This is an open position.

Co-Treasurer: This is an open position.

Phone Line: MarLynn T. volunteered and was elected.

Unity: This is an open position.

Policy: This is an open position.

Literature Review: This is an open position.

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

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.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

All Are Welcome was provided a Starter Kit.

Steps Are The Solution requested and was provided a Starter Kit. There was a Public Relations presentation at the facility in January 2024.

## **OPEN FORUM:**

Prior to the March Area Service Committee Meeting, WSW Area Facilitator and Literature Distribution Chair will meet with the Area Treasurer at the bank to be added as second signers. The Literature Distribution Chair should also be provided with a debit card for purchases.

Question for the Area Treasurer: will the card provided to the Literature Distribution Chair be linked to the Area account or only to Literature Distribution Funds?

Question for the Literature Distribution Chair: Does the Area receive a discount for buying more than \$500.00 worth of Literature?

**The next Area Service Meeting will be held on  
Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 1:00 PM.  
The meeting will be in person at:  
St. Joseph Baptist Church, 54<sup>th</sup> & 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.

### **Co-Treasurer**

Qualifications:

- Same as Treasurer

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.