

# NWA AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

Nov. 9th, 2024

**\*\* NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR POSITIONS (CLEAN TIME REQUIRED)**

**ASC Treasurer-in-Training (2 years)**

**RCM Alt (2 years)**

**General Business began at 1:30 PM (Living Clean Hosting)**

Open with Serenity Prayer, Reading of 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, Purpose of the ASC

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| <p><b>Trusted Servant Roll Call:</b></p> <p><b><u>Present:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair - Charles N.</li><li>• Treasurer - Crystal W.</li><li>• Web - Alicia A.</li><li>• Secretary - Lindsey N.</li><li>• Activities - Janet W.</li><li>• HIPPR - Ricky M.</li><li>• RCM - Crystal S.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Absent:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul> <p><b><u>Vacant:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vice Chair</li><li>• Treasurer in Training</li><li>• RCM Alt</li></ul> | <p><b>Group Roll Call: <i>Quorum Met (6/7 groups)</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Present:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final Frontier (Chris)</li><li>• Livin Clean (Kenneth)</li><li>• New Beginnings (Chris D.)</li><li>• Peaceful Dozen (Chris H)</li><li>• Therapeutic Value (Lindsey N)</li><li>• No Matter What (Glen B.)</li></ul> <p><b><u>Absent:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Life (Jennifer G.)</li></ul> |
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**Secretary Report:** Charles N. reviewed minutes and they were accepted without opposition.

**Treasurer's Report:SEE ATTACHED REPORT:**

Opening Balance given by Crystal W.

Deposits: \$326.83

Bank Balance \$2,451.86.

Prudent reserve: \$365.92.

Opening balance is \$3,338.25.

Expenses: \$1,213.22.

Outstanding Checks: \$220.

Working Balance: \$1,865.94.

**GSR Reports:** Report submitted and attached

- **Final Frontier (Chris)** - Someone brought up a concern about activities being posted on the website in an adequate time for SZF. This was addressed by Alicia to SZF.
- **Livin Clean (Kenneth H)** - Thanksgiving activity pending, more information to come. Kenneth will be picking up 2 years on November 28th.
- **New Beginnings (Chris D.)** - 4th annual homecoming on 12/7 at 5pm with Margaret S is the speaker. Donations being accepted at homecoming to provide basic text books for Benton County Jail. Dessert meeting at 6:30 on Thanksgiving. Birthdays: Wendy - 17 years on 11/22 (celebrating on 11/28), Brad - 18 years last month, Crystal S - 9 years on 1/1, Chris 3 years on 1/10.
- **No Matter What Group (Glen B)**: Changes to meeting formats will be added to the website. There will be Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years dinners. Birthdays: Vanessa B - 4 years. Glen - 7 years on 1/6/25. Verna - 3 years in January
- **Peaceful Dozen (Chris H)** - Men's meeting has moved to 9am on Saturday morning. Successful Halloween bash. Birthdays: Ricky M - 2 years on 12/19. Charles N - 13 years on 12/15. Chris H picked up 2 years in October.

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- **Therapeutic Value Group (Lindsey N.)** - Successful pancake breakfast; Moved back to PEARL; In need of support from experienced members; Step Study the 3rd Tuesday of the month; Speaker meeting last tuesday of the Month. Birthdays: Karen S - 13 years on 11/20

## RCM: SEE ATTACHED REPORT

- **Next RSC is the 1st weekend in February in Harrison.**
- **Trusted Servants:** RD Glen W resigned due to health issues. AD Alicia A is willing and has been nominated. Any additional nominations should be brought to Crystal S. February will be the election. AD will be open if Alicia is elected.
- **Communications coordinator:** Groups can submit activities and events to ARSCNA.org. Regional phone list was not working from July to November but it has been restored.
- **Elections:** Chuck D has been elected for 2025 Regional Conventional Chair
- **Open Nominations:**
  - RSC Secretary in Training
  - RSC Treasurer in Training
  - Regional Delegate

### Nomination for RCM Regional Delegate (RD): Alicia A

\*Nominations still open. Please vote in case no other nominations are presented.

**VOTE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NOTES for ASC** \_\_\_\_\_

- **RCM Motions**

**RCM Motion #1:** M2024-11-03 Update the RSC guidelines and Policies and Procedures to update all references to: "Regional Delegate Alternate" or RDA, replacing them with "Alternate Delegate" or AD.

Intent: To bring our Guidelines and Policy & Procedures more current and aligning with the Guide to World Services. This is the terminology that has been adopted for the World Service Convention.

**VOTE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NOTES for ASC** \_\_\_\_\_

**RCM Motion #2:** M2024-11-04 Add a line item in our budget for RD WSC travel that is equivalent to the amount we accrue for the Alternate Delegate to travel to the 2026 WSC. This will allow us to save the amount of the next 16 months before the 2026 WSC.

Intent: Regions can elect to have WCS travel for their RD paid or they can elect to cover the cost themselves. Regions who provide this financial support to their RD lessons to financial burden on NAWS travel. Note: this would be \$250 budgeted quarterly and \$3,000 maximum over 2 years.

**VOTE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NOTES for ASC** \_\_\_\_\_

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**RCM Motion #3:** M2024-11-08 To eliminate phoneline and divert human and financial resources to social media and website development and management.

Intent: Reflect social norms and be more financially prudent, enabling broader outreach.

**VOTE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NOTES for ASC** \_\_\_\_\_

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities: (Janet W): See Attached Report:** Met twice since last area, theme was selected as "Float on to Recovery." Logo design pending.

- Quilt fabric squares: squares were provided to GSRs to take back to their groups with instructions provided. **Please do not draw outside the line, which provides space to sew.** Squares are due on at the March area meeting.
- Storage Unit: **see if your group has anything that needs to be cleaned out.**
- T-Shirts: tie-dye and plain shirts. Pre-registration guarantees the kind and size shirt you want. Please promote pre-registration.
- Question about more activities hosted by Area. If individuals want more activities, please attend BRU committee meetings and be of service to coordinate additional area activities.
- Next meetings: Monday 11/18 at 6pm and 12/16 at 6pm. Zoom link available on the website.
- Next BRU will be June 27th - 29th, 2025

**HIPER: (Ricky M):**

- **H&I:**
  - Met with Washington County work release program to begin facilitating meetings once a month. Charles N is taking the panel leadership role - **need more males with the willingness to join that panel.**
  - Time Wellness: 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 6pm. Contact Ricky M for more information at 479-278-9856.
  - Benton County Juvenile Detention Center - in progress.
  - Possible new facilities are Vantage Point, Acceptance Recovery, Washington County Detention Center and Benton County Detention Center.
  - Ricky has been in contact with Arizona HIPPR about making NA literature available for inmates in our area.
- **Phoneline:** Phone line training event has been delayed.
- **Public Relations:** Placing racks in NWACC and Goodwill Rogers - **pending due to the loss of help in the IP coordinating. Need to find someone willing to help.** Razorback Recovery requesting booth for a spring event. More information coming.
- Strategic planning on hold for now
- Poster hanging event in Benton County pending

**Web: (Alicia A.)** - Updates have been made. New Beginnings game night has been updated on the activities link (there is no meeting). Eureka Springs meeting format will need to be updated. **If you have an upcoming event, please tell Alicia the date and time even if you don't have a location. Please send any holiday activities and meeting information to Alicia.**

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20 minute break

## ADHOC:

**Learning Days (Chris H.)** - Chris not present at time of ADHOC report. Nothing to Report.

**Guidelines Committee Ad Hoc (Alicia/Chuck B.):** Nothing to report. There will be a report in January. Charles N volunteered to help.

**ASC Password and Resources list Ad Hoc (Wendy B./Charles N./Alicia A.):** Wendy not present. Nothing to report yet.

**Convention Liaison (Crystal S).** (Report attached). Next meeting is 11/17 at 3pm. Hybrid at Chuck's office in Rogers or on zoom. Voting on the theme at the next meeting. **Liaison is needed.**

## OLD BUSINESS:

Motion for groups to fund an activity carnival - Motion withdrawn. Elections passed without opposition: ASC Chair - Charles N.; ASC Treasurer - Crystal W.; Webservant - Alicia A.; ASC Secretary - Lindsey N.; Activities Chair - Janet W.; HIPPR – Ricky M.

## OPEN SHARE DISCUSSION:

- **Crystal S:** fold out posters provided. If you want one, give it to your groups. Contact Crystal S if you're interested in the books for jails project.
- **Alicia A:** removing phone lines' motion explanation. Answering service is what is expensive. The alternative is a patch system.
  - **Crystal S:** provided additional explanation about the phone line motion. NWA gets the most calls, but many calls go unanswered. The question was how can we cast the biggest net possible with the least amount of money.
  - **Chris:** confused about how a nonprofit organization could lose a phone number
    - **Crystal S** responded: 4 years ago the number was lost due to a bill being lost. The PO box was used as the address. The email went to spam.
    - **Alicia** responded: region put a protocol in place that the notification will go to more people. The old number was with NCI which no longer exists so we could not get anyone on the phone to pay the bill late.
  - **Janet W:** What are the options to cast the widest net before getting rid of the phone line. Is it a transition of having a phone number to a recording if no one answers.
  - **Alicia A:** We could test a new system to see if it's working before doing away with it completely.
- **Charles N:** change bank accounts to make sure correct names are on it. Chair, Vice, Treasurer,
  - Need to establish a date and time to add them to the bank account. Alicia can provide the signature sheets to each person.
  - Was there a motion for every time the treasurer changes position that there needs to be an audit? There needs to be - motion added.

## MONEY MOTIONS/ TREASURER REQUESTS:

- Alicia A - \$240.05 for website for annual domain name and web hosting (budgeted)
- Crystal S. - \$47.90 HIPER for orientation printing and storage bin (budgeted)

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ASC Motion #1:** Remove Web Servant Position. Move all duties not specific to the service position to website guidelines under “General Guidelines and Policies.” Secretary to become point of contact for all events / meetings info reported at ASC meeting.

Intent: Move this to a paid special worker and remove a rotation of members needed to fill the position.

Policy Affected: web servant duties and website guidelines

Financial Impact: none - will continue to pay \$240 annually for hosting and \$21 annually for domain name.

**VOTE \_\_\_\_\_ NOTES for ASC \_\_\_\_\_**

**ASC Motion #2:** Guideline Change: Make an annual audit to be part of the “financing 1: Article X” section of the guidelines to be conducted by those listed on the bank account + at least one other trusted servant not on the bank account to be completed by January ASC.

Intent: To reconcile and audit the bank accounts annually.

Policy Affected: Article X: Financials

**VOTE \_\_\_\_\_ NOTES for ASC \_\_\_\_\_**

**NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS**

- RCM (3 years) - Crystal S.- **ELECTED**

**Nomination for ASC Vice Chair:** Jennette S

**VOTE \_\_\_\_\_ NOTES for ASC \_\_\_\_\_**

**Positions without current nominations:**

- ASC Treasurer-in-Training (2 years) – No Nominations
- RCM Alt (2 years) – No Nominations
- RSC Convention Host City Liaison - Crystal S willing in the interim until next ASC meeting

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requesting RSC convention host committee volunteers
- Nominations still needed for ASC positions (See above)
- New Meetings that need support:
  - Resentmentville: Fayetteville, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12pm
  - A Dose of Recovery: Huntsville, Tuesdays at 6pm
  - Recovered Warriors: Sulphur Springs, Mondays at 6pm
- November 18, 2024: BRU Committee Meeting at 6pm. Zoom link online
- November 28, 2024: Thanksgiving Potluck at Living Clean 3pm - 9pm
- November 28, 2024: Dessert meeting at New Beginnings at 6:30pm
- December 13, 2024: New Beginnings Game Night 8pm
- December 16, 2024: BRU Committee Meeting at 6pm. Zoom link online.
- January 11, 2025: ASC Meeting - New Life Fayetteville at 1:30pm
- February 1-2, 2025: RCM Meeting in Russellville
- June 27-29, 2025 - BRU 2025 in Yellville, AR (more TBA)
- Oct 25-26, 2025 - Arkansas Regional Convention (Eureka Springs, AR)

## FINAL TREASURER REPORT: (SEE ATTACHED DETAILED REPORT)

Working balance \$6,737.64

Today's Donations \$450

Returns: SZF: \$177.50, RCM: \$100, BRU: \$5,141.04

Expenses: \$47.90

Ending balance: \$6,737.64

RSC Donation: \$1188.99

Ending Actual: \$ 6863.51

Prudent Reserve: \$125.87

**Meeting adjourned and closed with the Third Step Prayer.**

**Next Area Service Meeting: January 11, 2025 at New Life at 1:30 PM.**

- **Weather contingency plan: if there is bad weather we can do a zoom meeting**

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**ATTACHMENTS: Treasurer Report, GRS Reports, RCM Report, Activities Report, HIPPR Report, ASC Motions**