GREATER SMOKY MOUNTAIN AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

AUGUST 24, 2008

Charlie opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, Chris read the Twelve Traditions and Margaret S. read the Twelve Concepts. Charlie read the GSMANA Purpose and Definition. NEW VISITOR: Chris

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Quorum was established. 14 of 17 voting groups were present.

GROUP:	GSR	J	М	А	M	F	J	D	N	0	S	А	J
A Better Way of Life	Becky D.											Р	Р
Free To Be	Michaelan											Р	Р
Glow in the Dark	James W.											Р	Р
Giving it Back	Ken C.											Р	Р
Hugs Not Drugs	Walker											Α	Α
Just for Today	Hugh S.											Α	Р
Last House on the	Steve W.											Р	Р
Little River Group	Sara E.											Р	Р
Long Road Home	Glenn C.											Р	Α
New Life	Margaret											Р	Α
Nickel and Dime	Zach S.											Р	Α
Peace And Surrender	Jeff B.											Р	Р
Primary Purpose	Kelly D.											Р	Р
Road To Recovery	John W.											Р	Р
Saturday Night Live												Р	А
Serenity in The Smokies	Steve P.											А	Р
Solutions "R" Us	Heather E.											Р	Р
Spiritual Principles	David E.											Р	Р
Together We Can	Beth B.											А	Р

Volunteer Group	Mitch C.						А	Р
WOLF Group	Chris W						Р	Р

TRUSTED SERVANTS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

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POSITION	NAME	J	M	Α	M	F	J	D	Ν	0	S	Α	JU
CHAIR	Charlie H.											Р	Р
VICE CHAIR	Ethan W.											Р	Р
SECRETARY	Steven C.											Р	Р
ALT- SECRETARY	VACANT											V	V
TREASURER	Robert H.											Р	Р
ALT- TREASURER	VACANT											V	V
RCM	Dawn K.											Р	А
ALT- RCM	VACANT											V	V
ROR	Maarja F.											Р	
ACTIVITIES	Max C.											Α	Р
H&I	VACANT											Р	Р
LITERATURE	Gena S.											Р	Р
PUBLIC INFORMATIO	Phil B.											Р	Р
AREA INV.	Greg V.											Р	Р

Motion to accept minutes made by the Giving It Back group and seconded by the Last House on the Street Group

PASSED

Administrative & Subcommittee Reports

<u>Chair</u> — New area has been formed. Haven't been given any knowledge of who meetings that left are. Forming ADHOC committee to review bylaws. Appointed Paul L. to be chair of committee.

Q: Is now a good time to do review bylaws because of the area splitting?

A: These need to be reviewed regardless.

Vice Chair – No report given.

Secretary - No report given.

Helio Fellowship of the GSMANA,

The following is the RCM report from the regional meeting on Saturday, August 3rd at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Hotel.

We discussed various issues, it seems most of the issues we discussed where issues that have been discussed repeatedly. I am hoping to see our regional meeting take less time and get more to the point of business. We discussed the following issues under fiver business? We have a new chair person, Ricardo, who was the vice chair, and he is trying to help us take care of business in a

Our regional treasure will give us a one page letter regarding our sales tax. Sh will be working with a CPA to come up with some solutions to the way we wan to do our literature taxes.

There will be a regional assembly in March 200
The pert Zonal Forum will be in Covington 1.4.

I also want to note that Walker attended the RSC meeting, presenting himself as the newly elected RCM off the Knoxville Area. The KANA was recognized by the committee. He also stated that GSMANA would carry their area vote at the RSC meeting, with the intent that the newly formed area will carry their own votes at the nord Recipical meeting.

NLS,

RCM Report-

Nominations and Elections:

All personal information of all nominees is on file with the Secretary.

Nomination #1 was made by GNA and seconded by West Tn. The nomination is for Martin L. as Regional Alternate Treasurer.

Clean Date:

February 21, 2003

Service positions held in the last 5 years:

Secretary of Home Group 1-04 to 6-05, GNANA Treasurer 1-06 until present, Home Group Treasurer 6-07 until present, Member of Activities sub-committee for GNANA 12-07 until present. Project Coordinator for Williamson County Men's H&I 10-06 until present. Member of H&I sub-committee 6-06 until present. (Dates may be a little off as I don't remember exactly...however they are close).

Resources and experience you can bring to the position:

Masters Degree in Business Administration

Any other information you may consider relevant to your nomination:

I stay active in NA. I have a sponsor that has a sponsor. I continue to work the 12 Steps and keep the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts to the best of my ability. Sometimes I fall short, but progress not perfections is what my sponsor tells me.

Nomination 2 was made by GNA and seconded by West Tn. The nomination is for Craig G. as Regional Secretary.

Clean Date:

February 17, 2004

Service positions held in the last 5 years:

Home group meeting secretary for 4 terms, Alt-GSR and GSR for Rutherford County Night Owls 1-06 to 7-08, Activities chair for GNANA from 1-07 to present, member of P&P subcommittee for GNANA for 1 yr., Panel leader for H&I for 3 years, Regional Alternate Secretary for the last 4 months, and currently Interim Secretary for the Region.

Resources and experience you can bring to the position:

I read all the NA literature I can. I type fast. I have a computer, fax machine, scanner, and printer. I completed the Regional minutes that included the RD and RD-Alternate reports from the WSC 2008 with the CAR motions (these were probably the largest set of minutes we will have during my term).

Any other information you may consider relevant to you nomination:

I practice the principles of our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. I have a NA sponsor. I attend Step, Tradition, and Concept studies every week.

New Business:

Motion #1 was made by PI Vice-Chair and seconded by CTA and reads as follows:

To rescend the proposal for VRSC PI Guidelines.

Intent: We as a subcommittee want to get more spiritually unified regarding our guidelines before we ask for them to be approved.

*This does not need a vote! PI will be revising their guidelines over the next few subcommittee meetings because they found some things themselves, that need to change. They will resubmit new guidelines in the near future for the fellowships approval.

Motion #2 was made by MWT and seconded by Chattanooga and was withdrawn.

Motion #3 was made by MWT and seconded by Upper Cumberland and was defeated on the floor.

Motion #4 was made by the RD and seconded by CTA and reads as follows:

That a 30 minute break be included in the VRSC agenda.

Intent: To provide trusted servants the opportunity to nourish themselves to help increase the attention of members and increase productivity in the afternoon.

*This was voted unanimous in favor of, but was noted that a recess is already in the guidelines as part of the agenda. Comment was made that now the chair would have to allow for a 30 minute break for lunch.

*The VRSC Regional Inventory Ad-hoc committee brought up in new business that they wanted to make sure that the facilitator for the regional inventory would be reimbursed for his hotel room and mileage. A show of hands from the RCM's was unanimous that this body would be responsible for reimbursing the facilitator for his room and mileage and the VRSC Treasurer stated that we had the money to do so.

Treasurer_

Hello Family,

Our balance as of today is \$2406.19. We will not be sending anything on to Region, because it doesn't meet.

There was money needed by the Activities Sub-Committee this month for the activity on August 23rd, yesterday. It worked out fine, and I met up with Max.

I ended up having to give our Regional Donation last month to David, who was at the Region. This was because our RCM, Dawn, was not at our last Area.

Also, I would like to make everyone aware that the Alternate Treasurer position is available. Please report this to your home groups, because it would be nice to be able to show someone how to do this before my term is up.

Just in case not everyone is aware of our operating budget, this is it. I've received questions about whose budget is what, so here it is.

<u>O</u>	Monthly	Reserve	
	Rent	\$ 80.00	\$ 140.00
	Meeting Schedules	\$ 110.00	\$ 220.00
	General Supplies for Executive	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
	Hospitals & Institutions	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Public Information	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
	Activities	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
	Phone Line	\$ 166.67	\$ 333.34
	Treasurer Discretionary Fund		\$ 200.00

P (two months prudent reserve plus 200 \$ 2,373.34

In Loving Service,

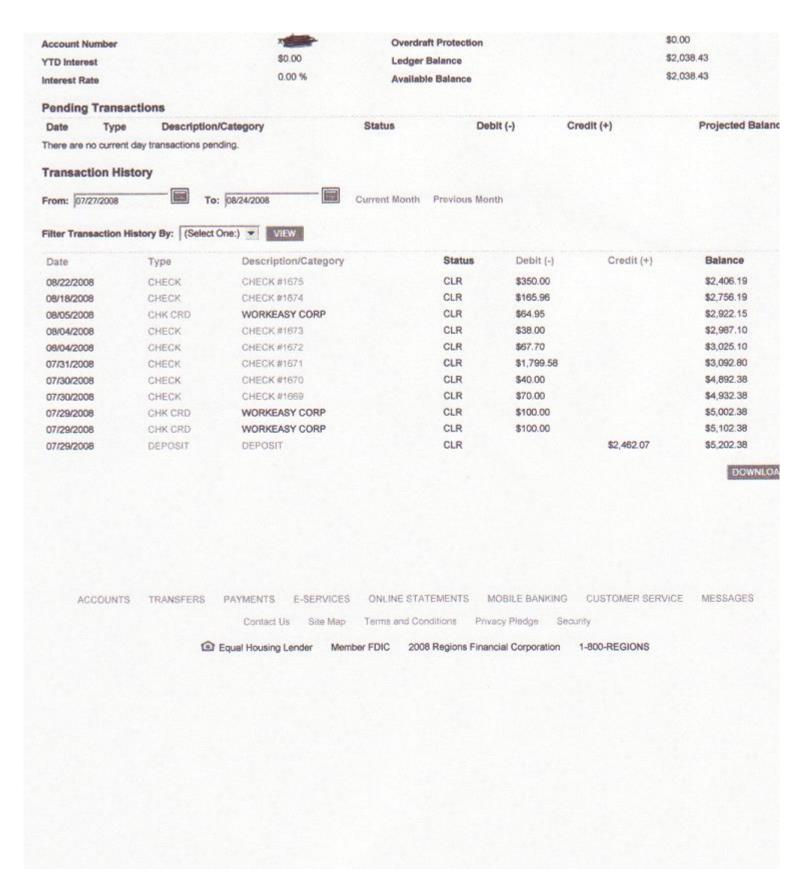
Robert

Income/Expense Monthly:24 7/27/2008 through 8/23/2008 (Accrual Basis)

8/23/2008

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Category Description	7/27/2008- 8/23/2008
INCOME	
Contribution	
Better Way Of Life	25.0
Free To Be	15.0
Giving It Back	44.0
Glow In The Dark	360.3
Primary Purpose	65.0
Serenity In The Smokies	35.0
Solutions 'R' Us	80.0
Spiritual Principles	337.2
Together We Can	50.0
Volunteer Group	30.0
TOTAL Contribution	1,041.5
Literature	1,417.3
TOTAL INCOME	2,458.9
EXPENSES	
Uncategorized	185.0
H&I Literature	382.2
Operating Expenses	
Box Rental	38.0
Change Back From Mins.	-3.1
Phoneline	264.9
Public Information	67.7
TOTAL Operating Expenses	367.5
Regional Contribution	165.9
Subcommittees	
Activities	350.0
Literature	decreasing
Other Subcommittees:Literature	1,417.3
TOTAL Literature	1,417.3
TOTAL Subcommittees	1,767.3
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,868.0
OVERALL TOTAL	-409.1



Activities - Softball tournament at activity yesterday. Hot dogs, good

showup.

 $\underline{H\&I}$ — Anderson county male detention facility still has no chair, did have a couple people interested in being part but not being panel member.

Talked to Adam L., the H&I chair, and through a phone conversation stated that he feels that his term is up and is willing to discontinue his service commitment and agreed to email Jeremy E. a letter stating this.

Emphasize that Roane County jail is going good, still looking for male speakers for their 1st & 3rd Friday of the month. But talked about how well this meeting is going.

Disbursements \$247.76 lit + 10.00 rent = 257.76

Also made a motion to elect Jeremy E. as chair of H&I. passed.

Thank you for allowing me to service,

Jeremy E.

Q: Are we providing literature to patients in treatment centers?

A: Yes, we are giving them literature

A: The panel leader uses the literature to provide an H&I meeting at the institution, not to fill the facilities with literature. We do give out information pamphlets.

Q: Does H&I give out keytags?

A: No

<u>Literature</u> – Steven – miscommunication between Steven & chair, and unable to get literature order from Show ME, so some literature will be on backorder to the groups. If you are short on literature this month, get with me and I might can meet with you during the month.

The total literature order for the area is \$1061.35

The total H&I literature is \$247.76

So Total Literature is \$1309.11

I apologize for the lack of literature and am more than willing to work something out with any group that needs their back order before the next area.

Public Information-

PI August subcommittee report 8-24-08

There were 11 addicts present and a total of 4 different home groups represented for our subcommittee meeting today.

Old business included but was not limited to;

- * Phone line reports were given by three of the four voluntaries.
- * For the month of July we had a total of 168 calls.
- * David attended the regional PI committee meeting bought back a wealth of information and on the GSMANA PI committee's progress to the regional PI meeting.
- * The committee has found anther 10 libraries needing a Basic Text we will request the book at the September Area due to the lack of text this month.
- * The printer for the last printing of our Meeting schedule didn't charge us due to a problem they had with there card machine this month we will be charge 150.00. The charge will be for the printings.

 August and September printings.
- * Again this month three of our committee members presented a presentation. This was done to again more experience and field possible questions they would face in a real presentation.

New business;

- * Our Website Coordinator has resigned due to new employment responsibilities. As chair I will fill this position till we find a replacement. On Sunday the day of ASC the website was in need of updating and some minor repairs. The repairs have since been made but some minor updates to the meeting locator are needed this should be completed by 9-2-08 There is a flier from the Kingston group for a Halloween Dance I'm still working on should have completed by 9-2-08 also.
- * Phone line volunteers were assigned for the month.

Monthly cost; 68.00 yellow pages 10.00 rent 75.00 meeting schedule 126.45 phone line

Phil B. 386-0417

Recovery on the Ridge XV- The first ROR XV meeting is September 11th at 6:30 pm at the Free to Be Home group at Lighthouse Christian Church in Powell.

Outreach-

GSMANA OUTREACH REPORT August 24, 2008

Hello family,

We began in usual fashion by first making coffee, then hugging each other, saying the serenity prayer, reading the traditions and concepts.

We had 8 members present, representing 3 different home groups.

Our agenda for the day was to read Outreach Service Bulletins #'s 1 and 3, titled "What is Outreach" and "Creating an Outreach Subcommittee," respectively.

This was very informative.

Outreach Service Bulletin #1: What is Outreach?

Here is a synopsis of the information in the Bulletin. The Bulletin itself will be included in the minutes.

Helping groups, assisting groups in solving problems and helping them help themselves. Goals are designed specifically to insure that ANY NA member, group, or meeting can participate in the NA service structure.

Service is meant to compliment, rather than duplicate the activities of any existing service committee. Activities vary widely, because each area has different needs. Tailored to each area's needs. (examples in bulletin #1)

Three categories: extended, community, and institutional.

Extended – minimize isolation created by geographical, language, and cultural barriers. Facilitating correspondence, coordination of long distance travels to support groups, maintaining contact info files, helping plan activities for those who could not otherwise come together, and collecting info for outreach newsletters. (we saw the possibility for our area outreach subcommittee to be of service in this capacity at this moment.)

Community – the focus in this setting is on participation. Assisting groups in need of support, helping GSRs to attend area meetings, helping groups to become re-involved in the local service structure, and helping groups to register.

Institutional – designed to allow groups in institutions to participate in the service structure, can inclue personal contact, correspondence, newsletters, and literature mailings. These are directed at NA meetings that are not H&I panels. Sometimes, the only link to NA for a group in one of these facilities is contact with an outreach subcommittee or registration with the WSO.

We discussed each of these three categories and the consensus was that we have the potential to serve in each of these capacities...

Here are two excerpts from this bulletin:

"Some NA communities have used outreach services for many years, and some are just now considering the idea. To the struggling group or the isolated member, it is often outreach services that rekindle the hope and spirit of "Together We Can" as a theme for recovery in Narcotics Anonymous."

"It is important to emphasize that the mission of outreach activities is to assist groups to become self-sustaining, and not to enforce a uniform understanding of traditions, foster dependency nor to simply start new groups."

Bulletin #3: Creating an Outreach Subcommittee

We read this bulletin and realized that we have completed most of the tasks suggested therein. However, there are a few more suggestions that we are going to follow through with. One of the most important suggestions we took from the bulletin was that it is important for us to make sure the area knows and understands that we are not here to govern or address issues, but simply to provide services and support to the groups and individuals.

After Reading:

We talked a lot about making sure we did this slow and right, rather than fast and risking our effectiveness. We realize that there is a lot for us to learn, and the consensus of the subcommittee is that we want to make sure we have a solid foundation regarding what we are and what we are not before we take any formal action outside of reading this literature.

We also are keeping in mind the spiritual principle of prudence. Financially, this means that if we meet more than once per month, we look for a public park or something else that can be rented for free.

We stopped reading after each paragraph in order to discuss the content of the previous paragraph. This is a slow and fulfilling process. We hope more people become interested in making a commitment to this subcommittee. All are welcome.

We have planned on meeting again before the next ASC meeting. This will be on Saturday, September 20th at 4pm. Location TBA. If you would like to be in attendance, please get with me so that I can e-mail you the location as soon as it is set.

We will also meet at 9am on Sunday, September 28th.

There will be a Group Booklet Learning Day in our area this coming month on September 27th. It will be from 11am to 5pm. It will be put on by the Regional Outreach Subcommittee. This will be a good time to come and fellowship while either reviewing or learning about the Group Booklet for the first time.

ILS, David Ethier

WHAT IS OUTREACH?

Most dictionary definitions of "outreach" describe it as: to reach beyond, to surpass. In Narcotics Anonymous, we use the term to describe an array of services designed specifically to insure that any NA member, group, or meeting can participate in the NA service structure and receive services if they so desire. The goals of outreach service are to assist groups in solving problems that may impede their growth or threaten their survival and to help groups overcome many kinds of isolation by encouraging increased knowledge, contact, and exposure to NA as a whole and to the NA service structure. The fundamental approach in outreach efforts, often described as support services for groups and service committees, is helping groups and committees to help themselves. In many ways, this really is reaching beyond or surpassing our normal or routine service efforts.

Outreach service is meant to complement rather than duplicate the activities of any existing service committee, board, or the WSO. Many of our service committees, to be effective, must prioritize the nature and schedule for delivery of their services due to the limits imposed by available human and financial resources. Sometimes this results in a lack of basic communication and support to NA members and groups. Formalized outreach subcommittees appear around our fellowship because they provide a systematic approach for one group of addicts to help another by serving these basic needs.

The activities of existing outreach subcommittees vary widely, each one tailored to the needs of those it serves. There are, however, common themes and tasks shared by many who participate in outreach efforts. Describing what outreach subcommittees do may be the best way to define outreach. While none do all, most outreach subcommittees do perform some of the following functions:

 Provide a direct line-of-communication to isolated members and groups, in and out of institutions

 Presents or take part in activities designed to bring isolated members and groups together with each other and the NA community

Conduct workshops on group level service, provide orientation sessions for GSRs, and develop GSR information packets

Conduct outreach workshops at learning events

- Facilitating, encouraging and improving GSR attendance at area meetings
- Assisting groups in need of support and group trusted servants
- Helping to register groups with service committees and the WSO
- Compiling or advising in the compilation of meeting schedules
- Developing or maintaining an informative map of service boundaries
- * Encouraging members to be involved in NA service
- Helping members and groups to learn about ordering literature and receiving NA publications
- Facilitating the development and availability of simplified service materials
- Help groups to provide for members with additional needs

For discussion purposes, we can describe three general categories of outreach service; extended, community, and institutional.

Extended Outreach

Extended outreach efforts focus on communication as a way to minimize the isolation created by geographical, language, and cultural barriers. The main objective is to bring isolated members or groups together with other parts of NA. These services can include; facilitating correspondence, coordination of long distance travels to support groups, maintaining contact information files, helping plan activities for those who could not otherwise come together, and collecting information for outreach newsletters. Compiling information about differing cultural practices and crossing national borders can also be very helpful to group members from dissimilar cultures.

Community Outreach

Whether in an emerging NA community or an established urban setting, fellowship development seems to follow a very similar process. Often, alternating spurts of growth followed by plateaus characterize this development process. In many cities or communities where NA already exists, some type of service structure has been developed to meet local needs. In these situations, it is fairly common to find NA members or outreach subcommittees providing support services to the existing NA communities in countryside, suburban, and/or metropolitan settings. The focus in this setting is on participation. Assisting groups in need of support, helping GSRs to attend area meetings, helping groups to become re-involved in the local service structure, and helping groups to register are the primary functions of community oriented outreach subcommittees.

Institutional Outreach

Institutional outreach efforts, designed to allow groups in institutions to participate in the service structure, can include personal contact, correspondence, newsletters, and literature mailings. These services are directed at NA meetings that are not H&I panels, yet have been started in institutions, long-term facilities, prisons, state hospitals, military bases, and nursing homes. These meetings and groups spring up from a variety of sources. Often, NA is not available at all until our hospital and institutions committees conduct a series of panel presentations. Sometime later, staff professionals, patients, or inmates start an NA meeting. Sometimes, meetings in an institutional setting result from one or more recovering addicts becoming incarcerated. Also, professionals who have learned about NA through our public information efforts start NA groups in various settings. Regardless of how they came to exist, these NA meetings can easily become isolated from other NA groups and service committees. Sometimes, the only link to NA for a group in one of these facilities is contact with an outreach subcommittee or registration with the World Service Office.

Some NA communities have used outreach services for many years, and some are just now considering the idea. To the struggling group or the isolated member, it is often outreach services that rekindle the hope and spirit of Together We Can" as a theme for recovery in Narcotics Anonymous.

Outreach subcommittees work to promote growth and unity by bringing a variety of groups or meetings into contact with the service structure, allowing new and existing elements of the fellowship to benefit from shared experience. Funding comes from the service committee to which they are responsible. In some places outreach efforts are a regional activity. Elsewhere, area subcommittees provide these services directly with a regional subcommittee serving as a forum or coordinating body. It is important to emphasize that the mission of outreach activities is to assist groups to become self-sustaining, and not to enforce a uniform understanding of traditions, foster dependency nor to simply start new groups. Successful outreach committees have learned to avoid creating an additional level of structural bureaucracy or barrier to the direct communication between new, emerging, or isolated groups and the rest of the fellowship and service structure.

At the 1992 World Service Conference annual meeting, the WSC Outreach Ad Hoc Committee was created to provide a resource to outreach subcommittees in their efforts to develop and sustain NA groups and to encourage their involvement in NA service. WSC Outreach works closely with the World Service Office to assist in the formation of new outreach subcommittees, compile and distribute resource information, and coordinate an outreach network for communication. To register your outreach committee or receive other outreach bulletins and resource information, please contact the WSC Outreach Ad Hoc Committee, c/o World Service Office.

NA Outreach Service Bulletin #3

CREATING AN OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE

When we talk of bringing about a new service subcommittee there is often a mix of both hope and concern expressed. There may be fear of creating yet another subcommittee with a budget and in need of support. On the other hand, the hope for a workable new way to "carry the message" and help addicts generally brings unity and fulfillment. This bulletin is about creating an outreach subcommittee. Some of this information may apply to other efforts, though most of this material is specific to outreach.

We offer this process as a way to increase awareness and understanding of outreach, and help service committees in identifying outreach needs and in shaping a mechanism to meet those needs. Any productive service effort requires us to build consensus, develop support, and devote time and effort to many individual commitments. Experience shows that outreach is no different, and the process for creating an outreach subcommittee should be as open and inclusive as possible. The following outline is general in nature and suggests the relevant topics discussed by others along the way.

Creating An Outreach Subcommittee

I. Is there a need? Are there members or groups who are isolated in any way? Do group business meetings, service committee open forums, subcommittee meetings, phoneline workers, confusion at the ASC, suggest that some members and groups want to be more involved than they are able to be?

II. Gather Information about outreach

A. Contact WSO Group Services, see outreach bulletin "What Is Outreach," visit nearby areas/regions with outreach

III. Would outreach address the concerns expressed?
Are the volunteers and financial resources available?
Is there another alternative? Does the ASC or RSC want to know more?

IV. Plan and present an outreach workshop (see outreach bulletin "Outreach Workshop Presentation

 V. Draft a statement of intent and purpose and propose an ad hoc outreach subcommittee to the ASC or RSC

VI. If approved, form ad hoc outreach subcommittee.
Set regular time and place for subcommittee meeting, contact WSO Group Services again, receive additional materials and samples, register your ad hoc outreach subcommittee

A. Initial task will be to examine the statement of intent and purpose and refine it to include a plan for implementation. Gather more input from members and other subcommittees, work together to complete ad hoc outreach subcommittee guidelines. Present proposed guidelines to service committee

B. Ad hoc outreach subcommittee begins outreach tasks to address needs

 Ad hoc outreach committee reports on progress and problems at each regularly scheduled service committee meeting

Maintain communication with WSC Outreach Ad Hoc and send WSO a copy of approved guidelines and any other successful materials so others may borrow from your experience

may borrow from your experience
VII. Reassessment. Is it working? Shall we continue?

Ad hoc or standing committee?

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Notes

The "Gather Information" stage is basically what would be happening anyway when an idea is presented. To do a good job though, we suggest digging a little deeper than local current wisdom. Contact the WSO Group Services Department and gain some new insights. Talk to members in other places that are doing outreach. Become a resource of information about outreach.

Presenting an outreach workshop is not as hard as it sounds. Follow our WSC outreach bulletin "Outreach Workshop Presentation Guide" and add to it as may be appropriate. The intent here is to introduce interested members and especially your service committee to this new idea called outreach. We recommend a panel style format and make sure to have time for questions and sharing. Attendance will be better if flyers are distributed announcing the workshop. Refreshments also help. The goals of the workshop are to provide information, generate interest and pull together a few interested members who wish to follow through with this process.

Drafting a statement of intent and purpose is easily accomplished with a few interested members working around a table. With this demonstration of commitment your service committee may be willing to appoint the work group as an ad hoc. The initial task of the ad hoc outreach subcommittee will be to refine the statement of intent and purpose for proposal to the service committee, including plans for implementation.

The rest of the process is fairly self explanatory. We can assure you there will be lots of questions. Sometimes the best answer is "I don't know, though I'll find out." We encourage you to call the WSO and to keep in touch with members doing outreach in other places. When it comes right down to it--people won't expect you to be a guru on outreach. What they will decide is if they've developed a measure of trust in your integrity and ability to follow through. The key to this process is: keep following through.

MOTION RESULTS

	Maarja F. ROR XV Chair	Eliminate Group
A Better Way of Life	Υ	N
Free To Be	Y	Υ
Glow in the Dark	Y	Υ
Giving It Back	Y	N
Hugs Not Drugs	Absent	Absent
Just for Today	Absent	Absent
Last House on the Street	Y	N
Little River Group	Y	Υ
Long Road Home	No voting	priveleges
New Life	Y	Abstain
Nickel and Dime	Abstain	Abstain
Peace and Surrender	Y	Υ
Primary Purpose	N	N
Road to Recovery	N	N
Saturday Night Live	Absent	Absent
Serenity in the Smokies	Y	Υ
Solutions R Us	Y	N
Spiritual Principles	N	N
Together We Can	Absent	Absent
Volunteer Group	Absent	Absent
PASS	10	5
FAIL	3	7
ABSTAI N	1	2
PASS/FAIL	PASS	FAIL

Group Reports

GROUP: A Better Way of Life

LOCATION: New Providence Presbyterian Church

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

7:30p 7:30p 7:30p

GSR: Becky D. TREAS: Jonathan D.

GSRA: SEC: John I.

AVG ATTEND: 13 AVG 7^{TH} : \$13

FUNDS AVAIL: \$125

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE:

Struggling with attendance at group conscience, need support

GROUP: Daily Reprieve

LOCATION: 228 Flat Fork Rd Wartburg TN

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

6:00p

GSR: Bill M. TREAS:

GSRA: SEC:

AVG ATTEND: 3 AVG 7TH: \$3 FUNDS AVAIL: \$0

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/27/2008 Need on meeting schedule, new to the area

GROUP: Free To Be

LOCATION: Light House Christian Church at Façade Lane & Copeland in Powell

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

7:30p

GSR: Michaelan H. TREAS: Michaelan H.

GSRA: SEC: Dawn K.

AVG ATTEND: 15

AVG 7TH:

FUNDS AVAIL:

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/25/08 9:00p Struggling & need help with attendance

GROUP: Giving it Back

LOCATION: St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 224 Main St. & Church St. in Clinton

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

7:30 PM 7:30 PM

Trad&Step 1st Fri. Speaker/Remainder OD

GSR: Ken C. TREAS: Mark C. GSRA: Justin L. SEC: Margaret

AVG ATTEND: 15 AVG 7^{TH} : \$17.50

FUNDS AVAIL: \$45.00

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/26/2008

Good, speaker 1st Friday of month eat and speak, struggling financially

GROUP: Glow in the Dark

LOCATION: Serenity Club, Oak Ridge

DAYS&TIMES:

TUES WED MON THUR FRI SUN SAT 12:00p 12:00p 12:00p 12:00p 12:00 12:00p 12:00p р q00:8 8:00p q00:8 q00:8 q00:8 q00:8 q00:8 TREAS: James W. GSR: James W.

GSRA: Kevin B. SEC: Angie G.

AVG ATTEND: 20 AVG 7^{TH} : \$15

FUNDS AVAIL: yes

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/14/2008 5:30p

High attendance, doing well

GROUP: Hugs Not Drugs

LOCATION: Emerald Ave. Church, Corner of Emerald and Central

DAYS&TIMES:

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 7:30p
 7:00p
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 8:30p

GSR: Walker TREAS: David R.

GSRA: SEC:

AVG ATTEND: 20 AVG 7^{TH} : \$10 FUNDS AVAIL: 0

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 7/24/2008

No verbal report was given.

GROUP: Just for Today

LOCATION: Emerald Ave. Church

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

10:30a 10:30a 10:30a 10:30a 10:30a

GSR: Hugh S. TREAS: Tony C.

GSRA: Anthony B. SEC: Kay

AVG ATTEND: 15

AVG 7TH:

FUNDS AVAIL:

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 8/23/2008 12:30p

GROUP: Last House on the Street

LOCATION: 2301 Davenport Rd. #2 & Boggs

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

9:30p

GSR: Steve W. TREAS: Curtis D. SEC: Adam C.

AVG ATTEND: 12 AVG 7TH: \$10 FUNDS AVAIL: \$60

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/20/2008 9:00pm

Reached prudent reserve, doing well

GROUP: Little River Group

LOCATION: AROC Clubhouse 3722 Old Knoxville Hwy. 37853

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED SUN THUR FRI SAT 8:00p q00:8 12:00p q00:8 q00:8 a00:8 12:00p 5:30p 9:30p q00:8

GSR: Sara E. TREAS: Jeremy E.

GSRA: Steve H. SEC: Emily

AVG ATTEND:

AVG 7TH:

FUNDS AVAIL:

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/17/2008 6:30p

Running smooth

GROUP: Long Road Home

LOCATION: Missionary Baptist Church 1531 Wilder 37915

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

6pm 7pm

GSR: Glenn C. TREAS: Glenn C. SEC: Glenn C.

AVG ATTEND: 3

AVG 7TH:

FUNDS AVAIL:

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/24/2008

3 Home group members, need help from Outreach subcommittee

GROUP: New Hope

LOCATION: Central United Methodist Church, Lenoir City, TN

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

7:30p

GSR: Paul TREAS: SEC: Patty

AVG ATTEND: AVG 7TH: \$ FUNDS AVAIL: \$

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE:

GROUP: New Life

LOCATION: 119 N, Henry St. Morristown TN 37814

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

8:00p 8:00p

GSR: TREAS: Margaret S.

GSRA: Lisa D. SEC:

AVG ATTEND: 20 AVG 7^{TH} : \$25

FUNDS AVAIL: \$159.52 NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE:

Need trusted servants, need regular GSR

GROUP: Nickel & Dime Time

LOCATION: Westminster Pres. Church Northshore

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

7:00p

GSR: Zack S. TREAS: Steve W.

GSRA: Chris B. SEC: Webster B.

AVG ATTEND: 39 AVG 7TH: \$25

FUNDS AVAIL: \$300

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/17/2008 8:15pm

7th tradition is good, female treatment center coming to meeting

GROUP: Peace and Surrender

LOCATION: 5th Avenue Baptist

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

7:00p 8:00p

GSR: Jeff B. TREAS: Bill R.

GSRA: Bill R. SEC:

AVG ATTEND: 5 AVG 7TH: \$3

FUNDS AVAIL: \$14

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/22/2008

Struggling, 5 average in attendance, could use help

GROUP: Primary Purpose

LOCATION: St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church 110 Sugarwood 37934

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

7:30p 7:30p

GSR: Kelly D. TREAS: Brent E. GSRA: Maria S. SEC: Donna V.

AVG ATTEND: 15 AVG 7^{TH} : \$15 FUNDS AVAIL: 0

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/23//2008 8:45p

GROUP: Road to Recovery

LOCATION: Kingston United Methodist Mission Center Blvd. Kingston TN

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

6:30p 7:30p

GSR: John W. TREAS: Robert C GSRA: Suzie F. SEC: Patty I

AVG ATTEND: 15 AVG 7^{TH} : \$12.50 FUNDS AVAIL: \$72

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/25/2008

Good, established prudent reserve, dance coming October 25th

GROUP: Saturday Night Live

LOCATION: Macedonia United Methodist Church, 4630 Holston DR. Knoxville TN 37914

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

7:00 PM

GSR: Christy L. TREAS: Alexis Y.

GSRA: SEC:

AVG ATTEND:

AVG 7TH:

FUNDS AVAIL:

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE:

GROUP: Serenity in the Smokies

LOCATION: Sun/Tue 214 Cedar St. Sevierville TN 1st United Methodist Church

Thur/Fri 240 Pigeon River Rd. Sevierville TN Pigeon River Clubhouse

DAYS&TIMES:

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 8:00p
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 8:00p

GSR: Steve P. TREAS: Betty C. GSRA: SEC: Phillie Joe

AVG ATTEND: 18 AVG 7TH: \$14.56 FUNDS AVAIL: \$20.00

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/21/2008 6:30p

Had 1st eat and speak, went well, Maria S. spoke, attendance is up because of treatment

center

GROUP: Solutions-R-Us

LOCATION: Tazewell Pk./ Northside Christian Church

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN 7:30p 7:30p

GSR: Heather E. TREAS: Heather E.

GSRA: Open SEC: Heather E.

AVG ATTEND: 20 AVG 7^{TH} : \$15

FUNDS AVAIL: \$40/PR

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/15/2008

Doing well, reading Guide to Local Service at group conscience, need trusted servants

GROUP: Spiritual Principles

LOCATION: Church of the Good Samaritan 425 N. Cedar Bluff Rd. 37923-3600

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

8:00p 7:30p

GSR: David E. TREAS: Greg V. GSRA: Scott B. SEC: Steven M.

AVG ATTEND: 45 AVG 7^{TH} : \$30

FUNDS AVAIL: \$50

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE: 9/22/2008

Discussed meeting attendance sheets at group conscience, everything is the same

GROUP: Together We Can

LOCATION: Central United Methodist Church Lamar & 3rd

DAYS&TIMES:

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 7:00p
 7:00p

GSR: Beth B. TREAS: Luther T.

GSRA: Ezell SEC:

AVG ATTEND: 50-75

AVG 7^{TH} : \$20 FUNDS AVAIL:

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE:

GROUP: Volunteer Group

LOCATION: 1st Christian Church Gay & 5th Ave.

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

5:30p 5:30p 5:30p 5:30p TREAS: Max

GSRA: SEC: Christy M.

AVG ATTEND: 15 AVG 7^{TH} : \$10

FUNDS AVAIL: \$50

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE:

GROUP: WOLF Group

LOCATION: Parkside Community Center 2361 E 5th Ave.

DAYS&TIMES:

MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN

1pm

GSR: Chris W. TREAS: Ralph F.

GSRA: SEC: Paul M.

AVG ATTEND: 10 AVG 7TH: \$8 FUNDS AVAIL:

NEXT GROUP CONSCIENCE:

Only Sunday meeting, no Wed. meeting, does not support Outreach, believes it will be NA police, looking for area with vision statement, group is good, literature reserve is up

Q: Were you represented by the new area at the regional level?

A: I do not see anything wrong with being in 2 areas, but we have not made out decision yet, we are looking for an area with a vision statement

S: I don't know what your looking for but we have a vision statement, every ASC's vision statement is to provide services for the group

New Business

Region Motions

Motion Made by: Greater Nashville Area

Seconded by: West TN Area

Service Resume: Clean date 02/21/2003, secretary of home group 1-04 to 6-05, GNANA Treasurer 1-06 until present, home group treasurer 6-07 until present. Member of activities subcommittee of GNANA 12-07 until present. Project coordinator for Williamson County Men's H&I 10-06 until present. Member of H&I subcommittee 6-06 until present. Masters Degree in Business Administration, I stay active in NA, have a sponsor that has a sponsor. Continue to work the 12 steps, and keep the 12 traditions and 12 concepts to the best of my ability. Sometimes I fall short, but progress not perfection is what my sponsor tells me.

NOMINATION #2: To nominate Craig G. as Regional Secretary

Motion Made by: Greater Nashville Area

Seconded by: West TN Area

<u>Service Resume:</u> Clean date – 2/17/2004, home group secretary for 4 terms, GSRA & GSR for Rutherford County Night Owls for 1-06 to 7-08, activities chair for GNANA from 1-07 to present, member of Policy & Procedure subcommittee for GNANA for 1 year, panel leader for H&I for 3 years, regional alternate secretary for the last 4 months, and currently Interim Secretary for the Region. Read all NA literature I can. Type fast, I have a computer, fax machine, scanner, and printer. I completed the Regional minutes that included the Regional Delegate and Alternate Regional Delegate reports from WSC 2008 with the CAR

motions (they were probably the largest set of minutes we will have during my term). I practice the principles of our steps, traditions, & concepts. I have an NA sponsor. I attend step, tradition, and concept studies every week.

DON'T VOTE

MOTION #1: To rescend the proposal for VRSC PI Guidelines.

Motion Made by: PI Vice-Chair Seconded by: Central TN Area

Intent: We as a subcommittee want to get more spiritually unified regarding our guidelines before we ask for them to be approved.

*This does not need a vote! PI will be revising their guidelines over the next few subcommittee meetings because they have found some things themselves that need to change. They will resubmit new guidelines in the near future for the fellowships approval.

DON'T VOTE

MOTION #2: Was made and withdrawn. Does not need vote.

Motion Made by: Mid-west TN Area

Seconded by: Chattanooga

DON'T VOTE

MOTION #3: Was defeated on the floor. Motion Made by: Mid-west TN Area Seconded by: Upper Cumberland Area

DON'T VOTE

MOTION #4: That a 30 minute break be included in the VRSC agenda.

Motion Made by: Regional Delegate Seconded by: Central Tennessee Area

Intent: To provide trusted servants the opportunity to nourish themselves to help increase the attention members and increase productivity in the afternoon.

*This was voted unanimous in favor of, but was noted that a recess is already in the guidelines as part of the agenda. Comment was made that now the chair would have to allow for a 30 minute break for lunch.

Area Motions

NOMINATION #1: To nominate Jeremy E. for chair of H&I subcommittee.

Motion Made by: The H&I Sub-committee

Seconded by: Spiritual Principles

<u>Intent:</u> To fill chair position for H&I sub-committee.

Service Resume: I have a home group, Little River Group, I have a sponsor & sponsees, I work the twelve steps. My clean date is 11/22/03. My service resume is activities chair for my home group 1 term. Treasurer for my home group 2 terms. Panel leader at Gateway for 2 ½ terms, secretary for H&I sub-committee 2 terms, and vice chair for H&I 1 term and acting as chair at present. I have the willingness to fill the position and would be grateful to serve in this way.

MOTION #1: That ROR/Activities will maintain the \$2000.00 seed money in order to provide for expenses on the following ROR event. The money over the \$2000.00 shall be dispensed in the following manner:

50% goes to our area to conduct future events in <u>our</u> area and the remaining 50% is to be donated to VRC. Volunteer Regional Convention

Motion Made by: Free to B

Seconded by: Solutions R' USe

Intent:

To find a solution to an issue that is causing some disunity within our fellowship.

To help us stay unified with our Region by Knoxville having a yearly event that helps raise funds for our regional convention, as other areas do. (Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga, etc.)

Help us better carry the message of hope by generating funds for our area and for our Region.

To stay responsible in keeping our Area's funds generating so we can continue to support our sub-committees and all our necessary expenses to better help carry our message in the GSMANA area.

Q: Didn't VRC tell us that they didn't need the money if we needed to keep it.

S: I would like to remind everybody that we don't need to focus on fundraising like it is suggested in our literature. We live and die by what we put in the basket.

S: Our world board tells us that its okay to have fundraisers if it is done in unity.

Q: Where does it say in our guiding documents to do this? What spiritual principle is this motion based on?

S: Someone read out of 7th tradition out of the It Works How & Why page 176-179 speaking about doing things based on need instead of fundraising.

S: Guide to local service was read based on how activities are to be used.

This can not be taken back to the groups until is passed by 2/3's of our GSRs to even address it per the guidelines. The GSRs passed it 11-2-1 to take it back to the groups for a vote.

Area Inventory Process

Area Inventory Ad-Hoc Report Final Report

August 2008

It is our hope that the member groups will consider and institute appropriate changes either through revised area practices or generation of policy changing motions.

In Loving Service,

Your Area Inventory Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

The question of the month was "How can the area better communicate with the groups?"

Area Trusted servants should visit different group business meetings to be informational resources

Have GSR Learning Days to teach the GSRs about the position responsibilities.

Create a summary or highlight sheet of the most important things that happened from the area

Have group booklet workshops

Streamline the minutes to make it easier for the GSRs to pass on

Add additional home group member emails to the distribution of the minutes

Startup an Area outreach subcommittee

The question for this month was "How can the Area better manage its finances?"

- 1. Subcommittees should only ask for what is essential to carry out their duties
- 2. The treasurer should submit Year-to-Date and Month-to-Date reports
- 3. Home groups should not send money directly to subcommittees.
- 4. Stop fundraising and stockpiling of money
- 5. Establish one bank account for the Area
- 6. Have the ROR campout under the Activities Subcommittee
- 7. Raise the amount of the prudent reserve

How can the area better train and support members who serve our area service committee?

Have learning days and workshops on topics like the group booklet and service as a GSR

Better explain to those interested what is expected of those serving as an alternate

Change the area format to allow for time before the meeting for training and orientation for those who come to serve We should be stressing to Alternate GSRs that they are expected to participate with the primary so that they can learn Create an Outreach subcommittee

The question of the month was "How can the area promote unity?" We should have workshops and learning days.

We should have more Area functions versus Group functions.

The Activities Chair should put on more activities such as the area birthday party, or pool parties.

We should have birthday parties for anyone celebrating recovery anniversaries and make them a real celebration.

We should have more newcomer workshops that focus more on fun rather than "work".

We should establish a "travelers list". This would contain contact information for those people willing to go on road trips to other groups within the area.

We should have an Area field day to just get together and picnic.

We as home group members should make a concerted effort to be welcoming to those people visiting our home groups from other groups.

We should have learning days.

We should put on a Traditions play and rekindle the "capture the banner".

We should not split the Area.

Our groups should consider the number of meetings that they host and the effect that multiple meetings have on their ability to support other groups.

We should read the Concept and the associated questions at our group business meetings.

We should have an attitude of "How can I help" instead of "Listen to what I have to say"

We should not resist change.

"How can the area improve in managing its human resources to carry the message of recovery in an efficient and effective way?

Have three members from each home group become part of some area subcommittee

Have learning days and workshops

Read Literature

Each of us need to remind ourselves of the 12th tradition

Take responsibility and show up

Prioritize service efforts

Share personal positive services experiences

Chairs and Vice Chairs should use all their resources, including handbooks and service manuals

We should have GSR workshops to help streamline the area meeting

Remove the word "fund raiser" from anything that we do and replace it with an activity that provides a message of recovery – Concept 11.

Ensure that we create a single point of decision and accountability when giving direction for conducting work on behalf of the area.

Next ASC Meeting is 9-28-08

GROUP REP	ORT FORM					
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