

Greater Smoky Mountain Area of Narcotics Anonymous

November 18, 2007

Clay opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, Steve read the Twelve Traditions and Donna read the Twelve Concepts. Clay read the GSMANA Purpose and Definition. NEW VISITOR: Nicci D.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Quorum was established. 16 of 20 voting groups were present

GROUP:	GSR	JUN	MAY	APR	MAR	FEB	JAN	DEC	NOV	OCT	SEP	AUG	JUL
W.O.L.F	Chris W								P	P	P	P	P
Glow in the Dark	Debra L.								P	P	P	P	P
Giving it Back	Ken C.								P	P	P	P	P
Hugs Not Drugs	Mitch C.								P	P	P	P	P
Just for Today	Hugh S.								P	P	P	P	P
Little River Group	Sara E.								P	P	P	P	P
Nickel and Dime	Ann Y.								P	P	P	P	P
Peace And Surrender	Jeff B.								P	A	P	P	P
Primary Purpose	Kelly D.								P	P	P	P	P
Saturday Night Live	Miranda B.								P	P	P	P	P
Serenity in The Smokies	Steve P.								P	P	P	P	P
Solutions "R" Us	Jason T.								P	P	P	P	Aw/ notif
Spiritual Principles	Dixon C.								P	P	P	P	P
Together We Can	Nicci D.								P	P	P	P	P
Volunteer Group	Glance J.								P	A	P	A	P
Last House on the Street	Kris R.								A	A	P	A	P
The Long road Home	Glen J								A	P	P	P	P
Road To Recovery	Lester A								A	P	P	P	A
Thank God For New Beginnings	Leesa F.								A	P	P	P	P
A Better Way of Life	Becky D.								P	P	P	P	P
Solo Por Hoy	Roberto								P				

TRUSTED SERVANTS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

POSITION	NAME	JUN	MAY	APR	MAR	FEB	JAN	DEC	NOV	OCT	SEP	AUG	JUL
CHAIR	Clay J.								P	P	P	P	P
VICE CHAIR	Charlie H.								P	V	V	V	V
SECRETARY	Jonathan D.								P	P	P	P	P
ALT-SECRETARY	Steven C.								P	P	V	V	V
TREASURER	Ethan W.								P	P	P	P	A w/ Notif.
ALT-TREASURER	Robert H.								P	P	P	P	P
RCM	Steve C.								P	P	P	P	V
ALT- RCM	Rex C.								A	A	P	P	V
ACTIVITIES	Max C.								P	P	P	P	P
H&I	Adam L.								P	P	P	V	V
LITERATURE	Jackie G.								P	P	P	P	P
PI / PHONELINE	Greg V.								P	P	P	P	P
WEBSITE	Josh F.								A	P	P	P	P
ROR XII	Christy L.								P	P	A	P	P
VRC	Jim F.								A	P	P	P	P
AREA INV. AD- HOC	Greg V.								P	P			
ROR XIII AUDIT AD-HOC	Jim F.								A	A			

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Motion to accept minutes made by the Nickel and Dime group and seconded by the Primary Purpose Group●
PASSED

Treasurer – Treasurer’s Report for November

Hello Family,

Our balance as of today 4044.54 leaving us 1791.20 over our prudent reserve. Our regional donation will be 1491.20 this month.

I was asked a question last month about our tax situation in case of an audit. I was unable to answer this in full because I didn't have all the facts. I have done some research and found that the area is actually not doing things the appropriate way. If the area were to get investigated it would face some penalties.

This has been a problem for many years and has been overlooked for some reason. There are two solutions the area can make to fix this. First, the area can stop buying literature for the home groups. The home groups could purchase their own literature directly from SHOWME RSO. The area would just get their literature for their own services such as H&I, public relations, and activities. I have been told that Nashville is doing this. The home groups would have a 4800 dollar maximum of literature they could purchase yearly.

The next option is to incorporate the area with the state as a non-profit corporation. To do this the executive committee (chair, secretary, treasurer) would have to set up a meeting with a CPA of the state. This would cost a minimum of 150 to 200 dollars an hour. There are a few conflicts that may arise in incorporating the area. First, the executive committee would be registered with the state thus losing their anonymity. Second, the area would be obligated to set up by-laws with the state. These by-laws could only be changed once every several years without fear of investigation. Note that the area's by-laws as of today would mostly be considered guidelines. The difference between guidelines and by-laws is simple; guidelines are to serve the area, by-laws the state would use to govern. This would also limit the area to only two fundraisers a year. This would include ROR.

As I said before this has been a problem for many years. The area needs to make a decision with this sooner rather than later. I will say that the area would have more information on this if the executive committee met with a CPA of the state. However this would leave the past years up for investigation. This is not my decision and for that I am grateful. I hope I gave you enough information on this so we could make a clear and spiritual decision.

On separate note, I attended the area inventory this month and found something somewhat disturbing about how we are doing things. It has been placed on my heart to read something with the area. I would like to refer to the Eleventh Concept in the concept packet, the seventh tradition in the IT WORKS HOW & WHY, and NA world service bulletin to shed some light on this.

I did not read these things to share my opinion with the area. I just merely wanted to let the area know that how we've been doing activities is not according with the 7th tradition or the 11th concept. We've had problems with fundraising in the years that I've been clean. I'm just wondering if solution may be to do activities the way our literature states.

In loving service,
Ethan W.

#21 the generation of funds (fundraising) and the seventh tradition in narcotics anonymous

This article was generated in December 1991 by the World Service Board of Trustees and revised in 2002 by the World Board in response to the needs of the fellowship. It represents the board's views at the time of its writing.

Questions about fundraising and how fundraising relates to the traditions, especially Tradition Seven ("Every NA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.") have been asked on numerous occasions in the past few years. As groups, areas, and regions grow, the perceived need for finances to help fulfill the Fifth Tradition ("Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.") may also grow. When the cost of ancillary services—such as helplines, meeting lists, and literature for use in H&I meetings, among others—is considered, many groups, areas, and regions find themselves in the position of needing or wanting more funds than are provided by members' donations to the "basket" at the group level. It is at these times that questions arise as to how to fund the services that help carry our message to the still-suffering addict. This article will attempt to answer some of these questions as well as offer some simple guidelines about raising funds. We will try to provide a brief historical perspective on fundraising in NA, look at some of the problems that may result from various efforts, and strive to show the relationship of Tradition Seven to this issue.

In looking at this topic, it is helpful to understand how fundraising started in our fellowship. Many early groups held a variety of activities such as dinners, picnics, and other social events to promote recovery, unity, and a sense of belonging. While these activities were not specifically intended to raise funds, a number of them turned out to be financially successful, allowing the host group to purchase additional literature or other supplies for their meetings. As the fellowship grew and the need or want for additional services became greater, the purpose of some of these activities changed; instead of celebrating recovery, they were designed to raise funds.

As the fellowship continued to grow and more area and regional service committees were formed, the focus continued to change—in some instances, to make up for the perceived lack of funds being donated from the groups' Seventh Tradition collections. As time went on, more and more service committees began relying on this form of funding, reaching the point, at times, where the success or failure of an event such as a convention determined the area or region's ability to provide services and participate in the fund-flow. In other instances, groups, areas, and regions had such success with their social events that they began to put an extraordinary amount of time and effort into these activities, becoming invested in having a "successful" convention, dance, or campout.

A considerable number of problems arose from such practices. The accountability of service committees to their groups was affected as the committees began to rely upon these events instead of on contributions from the groups' Seventh Tradition collections for their funding. In some cases, the various service bodies began to get diverted from their original purpose by "money, property, and prestige." Some groups and service committees began to amass huge "prudent reserves," in some cases amounting to many thousands of dollars. For some groups and committees, this "prudent reserve" grew so large that the body holding it did not have to rely upon contributions for upwards of six months or more, despite the fact that in various fellowship service publications the recommended amount for a prudent reserve is one month's expenses. Merchandising efforts became a "business" in some cases, leading us away from the spiritual focus of our program. It became harder and harder to insure that donations to our fellowship came only from our members at various social events. And some members began to raise concerns that we could be perceived by those outside our program as a fellowship that is more involved with social functions and merchandising

efforts than with helping addicts recover from the disease of addiction. As these problems became apparent, members began to share their concerns and started questioning the need for such practices. Some of the questions focused on the relationship between Tradition Seven and fundraising.

While this tradition specifically talks about self-support—declining donations from outside sources—some of the principles underlying the tradition, such as simplicity and faith, may prove to be of assistance in answering questions about funding our services. Our experience has shown that, as recovering addicts, all of our needs add up to the need for ongoing freedom from active addiction. To attain this freedom, we need the principles contained in the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions of NA, recovery meetings where we can share our experience, strength, and hope, and other recovering addicts to help us apply these spiritual principles in our lives. These three things are simple; they do not require us to obtain college degrees or expend vast sums of money.

In our active addiction, most of us seemed to have one thing in common: self-centeredness. As we begin the recovery process, we learn that we "keep what we have by giving it away." We start to learn the value of being a contributing member of our fellowship and of society as a whole. We begin to learn the simple truth that if we want to keep attending NA meetings and help carry the message, we need to contribute our fair share financially as well as with our time and energy. Self-support, within the context of Tradition Seven, goes far beyond mere financial support. Along the way, we learn that contributing our fair share is one way in which we can express our gratitude for what has been freely given to us. Over time, we develop faith that as long we are doing what we're supposed to—practicing the principles of our program—the God of our understanding will take care of us and show us a new way to live.

When looking at the needs of the group, simplicity once again comes to mind. Our needs are simple: a place where we can hold our meetings, literature to help carry our message, and, in most cases, simple refreshments. We do not need spacious, luxurious meeting facilities, excessive quantities of literature, or refreshments of every type to attract addicts to our meetings. The simplicity of our message and the effectiveness of our program are sufficient. We do not need large financial reserves if we have faith that the God of our understanding will take care of our needs. Our experience has shown that when a group's financial needs are not met, and that fact is communicated to the members, those needs are generally taken care of. The simplicity of our needs is reinforced by the simplicity of our primary purpose—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. Our experience has shown that we must carry out this simple task to the very best of our ability, for it is the very essence of who we are and what we do in NA. We have discovered that if everything we do is done to fulfill that purpose, generally, we will find the funds necessary to do what we must.

Many groups and service committees have decided to avoid controversy by simply seeking to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. In this manner, they rely solely on attracting new members to their groups by striving to strengthen their personal recovery, working and living NA's Twelve Steps. As new members are attracted, groups grow, Seventh Tradition collections increase, and more money is available for group needs. Accordingly, funds are donated to the area, the region, and world services. (For further information on this topic, please refer to IP No. 25 Self Support: *Principle and Practice*.) As services are funded more efficiently, the NA message of recovery is carried farther and better than ever before. The result is that more addicts seek recovery through Narcotics Anonymous and more NA meetings begin. This approach is seen as practical and realistic by many members of our fellowship. These members have reported that frustration over lack of funds and the sense of urgency to raise money can be counterbalanced by the spiritual unity that results from this focus on our primary purpose.

One of the things that have become evident over the past few years, however, is that large segments of the fellowship want activities and merchandise. If we don't assist in these efforts, members may end up conducting them on their own. Whenever this has

occurred, the resulting problems have had considerable impact on all elements of NA, affecting our fellowship's overall success in achieving its primary purpose. We strongly believe that fundraising activities, which divert us from the spiritual nature of our program, are inappropriate and should not be encouraged within the fellowship. Social activities designed to enhance recovery and further unity and members' sense of belonging, however, are not only acceptable but should be encouraged.

We believe that fundraising for the sake of fundraising is questionable, at best. There may be times, however, when a group or service committee finds itself in extraordinary financial constraints and begins to consider holding a fundraiser. At such times, we suggest that careful attention be given to the following questions: Are the funds collected from ordinary Seventh Tradition contributions enough to support the group or service committee's actual needs? Are wants supplanting needs? Is the need for the fundraiser of such a nature that not holding it will result in our primary purpose going unfulfilled? In addition to these questions, we recommend that all aspects of sponsoring a fundraising event be carefully considered.

When these events are held, members of the hosting group or service committee should examine the event with respect to all our traditions, lending their collective experience, strength, and hope to these examinations. One of the major points to consider is the motivation for holding such an event. An examination such as this helps keep us in tune with our principles. The following general concepts have arisen from the experience of our fellowship, and we present them here as starting points for your consideration:

1. Fundraising activities at an NA meeting are not usually appropriate because they may detract from our primary purpose and can present an inaccurate impression of the NA message, especially in the eyes of the newcomer or the non-addict visitor.
2. In order to follow the guidance of our traditions, a fundraising event should be planned and held by and for Narcotics Anonymous members.
3. In order to conform to the ideals of the Seventh Tradition, donations from nonmembers should not be accepted.
4. Since there are often times when we sponsor activities where there is a fixed charge for full participation, the term "donation" should not be associated with these types of fees. In this way, we are not confusing contributions with assessed charges for activities.
5. It must be determined whether the local NA community is willing and large enough to support the event.
6. All aspects of the fundraising event should be consistent with our goal of encouraging recovery from addiction. We should avoid hosting events that might encourage gambling, appear to offer "something for nothing," or award prizes that are either not recovery-oriented or that otherwise may be seen as being inappropriate. For example, a raffle prize such as a car or a television might make someone's living circumstances more comfortable, but at the same time may not be directly related to his or her recovery, whereas a prize of NA literature or tickets to an NA workshop or convention would be recovery-oriented. It should also be noted that, in many USA states and in some other countries, raffles are illegal. It may also be helpful to consider whether raffles—and especially cash raffles or lotteries—appeal more to the spirit of self-interest than the spirit of voluntary support implicit in our Seventh Tradition.

All of the solutions we see to the problems addressed in this article involve communication. We believe that improved communication about the needs of our service bodies results in increased support from NA groups and members. Improved communication improves the accountability of the service structure to our groups and members. Finally, improved communication helps us maintain our focus on spiritual principles like faith and trust, leading us away from fear, distrust, and self-centeredness.

Income/Expense Monthly:12

6/24/2007 through 11/18/2007

Category Description	6/24/2007- 11/18/2007
INCOME	
Uncategorized	171.27
Activities	0.00
Contribution	
Foundations	0.00
Glow In The Dark	1,020.08
Hugs Not Drugs	70.00
Just For Today	600.00
Last House On The Street	18.00
Little River Group	151.84
Mystery Donation	1.56
Nickle & Dime	300.00
Peace & Surrender	25.00
Primary Purpose	171.00
Road To Recovery	48.00
Saturday Night Live	250.00
Serenity In The Smokies	100.25
Solutions 'R' Us	160.00
Spiritual Principles	1,358.77
Spiritual Solutions	0.00
Thank God For New Beginnings	450.00
Together We Can	223.00
Volunteer Group	0.00
TOTAL Contribution	4,947.50

Contribution	
Giving It Back	350.00
TOTAL Contribution	350.00
Left Over Money From Meeting Schedules	43.53
Literature	6,762.13
Money Left Over From Printing Minutes	4.35
Volunteer Group	120.00
TOTAL INCOME	12,398.78

EXPENSES

Uncategorized	463.76
Cash	521.59
Operating Expenses	
Misc	205.78
Phoneline	279.90
Postage	36.00
Printing or Copying	352.75
Rent	300.00
TOTAL Operating Expenses	1,174.43
P&I	103.79
Regional Contribution	1,484.88
Start Up Kit	42.71
Subcommittees	
Hospitals & Institutions	
Other Subcommittees:Hospitals & Instituti...	2,062.76
TOTAL Hospitals & Institutions	2,062.76

Income/Expense Monthly:12

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Category Description	6/24/2007- 11/18/2007
Literature	
Operating Expense	14.95
Other Subcommittees:Literature	6,762.28
TOTAL Literature	6,777.23
Phoneline	
Other Subcommittees:Phoneline	130.00
TOTAL Phoneline	130.00
Public Information	50.00
TOTAL Subcommittees	9,019.99
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,811.15
OVERALL TOTAL	-412.37

NON-PROFIT CHECKING
September 29, 2007 through October 31, 2007

SUMMARY

Beginning Balance	\$4,665.87	Minimum Balance	\$3,818
Deposits & Credits	\$2,340.43 +		
Withdrawals	\$287.35 -		
Fees	\$0.00 -		
Automatic Transfers	\$0.00 +		
Checks	\$684.76 -		
Ending Balance	\$6,034.19		

DEPOSITS & CREDITS

10/30	Deposit - Thank You	2,340.43
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WITHDRAWALS

10/04	CheckCard Purchase Workeasy Corp 800-9675327 WA 3071	64.95
10/23	CheckCard Purchase Workeasy Corp 800-9675327 WA 3071	100.00
10/29	CheckCard Purchase Kopykat Knoxville TN 3071	87.40
10/31	Bank Debit	35.00

Total Withdrawals \$287.35

CHECKS

Date	Check No.	Amount	Date	Check No.	Amount
10/22	1608	14.95	10/12	1616	498.86
10/01	1613 *	70.00	10/31	1620 *	90.00
10/03	1615 *	10.95			

Total Checks \$684.76

* Break In Check Number Sequence.

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
10/01	4,595.87	10/12	4,021.11	10/29	3,818.76
10/03	4,584.92	10/22	4,006.16	10/30	6,159.19
10/04	4,519.97	10/23	3,906.16	10/31	6,034.19

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

No report for this month. We do have some of the flags available. Mitch: the material we chose to paint on is not holding up very well. The paint is flaking off. Instead of the search and rescue, we are going to distribute these to the GSRs after the meeting and this will kick off the event.

H&I – We had a good meeting this month that was very productive. Jeremy E. was voted in as vice-chair and all of the service positions are now filled. We are going to have an H&I meeting at VRC with all of the H&I chairs to share our experience, strength and hope (Nov. 24th at 9am) We have new Knox county applications for anyone interested. I will be posting all of this info on the area website under the H&I section.

LITERATURE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2007

Area literature sales for October was \$1251.85

H and I \$389.80

P & I \$103.79

Inventory was done on 10-07-07, in stock was \$4441.77 worth of literature
The literature chair position is open, please ask your home group members for willingness to take over the position.
In loving service, Jackie G.

Public Information Report November 18th 2007

In the month of October there were 137 calls, 30 were for the female line, 36 for the male line the rest were inquires for meeting information thought the menu by day option. The 10 Basic Texts PI requested for libraries will be mail out on Monday or Tuesday on this week with a letter requesting the book be placed into the inventory of the library and a flier for there public bulletin boards. The Committee reviewed the inventory that was taken earlier in the month of our services from that inventory we set priorities. The Committee reviewed the 2008 forecasted budget which will submit in December.

Cost for the month;

Phone line	125.00	
Yellow pages Knoxville	68.00	
Meeting schedules (VRC)	105.00	
Rent for committee actives	60.00	(inventory plus reg. meeting)

In loving serves
Phil B.

Website Subcommittee: No report given.

RECOVERY ON THE RIDGE:

ROR Announcement

Hello Family!

I was wanting to inform everyone to please pass this message on to all NA members! The scheduled R.O.R. 14 eat, speak & dance for December 15, 2007 HAS BEEN CANCELED. Oak Ridge is hosting a dance on that same night and we would like to encourage everyone to go out there and support that group! Have a safe and blessed holiday season. R.O.R. 14 will be hosting a New Years Eve function and more information is soon to follow, so keep your schedules open!

In Loving Service
Christy L.
(865)963-5211

R.O.R. 14 Report

Hello Family,

The sub-committee of R.O.R. 14 had its second meeting this past month. We will be having a Holiday Eat-Speak & Dance on December 15, 2007. It will be at SNL and flyers will be passed out. It'll be \$5.00 to eat & dance and \$3.00/person or \$5.00/couple for the dance only. We'll eat from 6-7 and Tony D. will be speaking at 7:30 and the dance will be from 9-11:30. SNL will be selling drinks and providing the meat and the rest is pot luck. If you'd like to bring something call Alexis Y. (her # is on the flyer)! We will also be having a New Years Eve banquet and

there will be more information on that event very soon. There are positions that are still available such as: Vice Chair, Secretary, alt. Secretary, and Registration. If **you** have any questions/comments/suggestions about R.O.R. **PLEASE** come to the next R.O.R meeting which will be December 8, 2007 at 5pm at SNL meeting location. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In Loving Service,
Christy L.

RCM REPORT: No report for this month, next regional meeting is 11/25/07.

VRC: No report given.

Area Inventory Ad-Hoc committee:

Area Inventory Ad-hoc Subcommittee

The Greater Smoky Mountain Area inventory was conducted using questions from the Area Planning Tool, which is part of the new public relations handbook.

There were approximately 12 members of the area present. With four of the 19 home groups represented. Three GSRs and one GSRA from our member groups participated.

When the numbers are totaled, the consensus was that we need to improve in several areas of service.

Taking the inventory is just the first step in a process that can result in a more affective service body focused on delivering the functions needed to fulfill our primary purpose. The area has decided to have a follow up solution finding session. It is scheduled for February 9 starting at 12 pm. It will be held at the Square Dancers Incorporated building where the Area meets. We hope to have full participation from the member groups.

The results of the recent area inventory are attached.

In Faith and Service,

Greg V.

Greater Smoky Mountain Area Inventory

November 3, 2007

The following responses were obtained during the recent area inventory. The inventory was conducted using the area planning tool questions which are a part of the public relations handbook. There were approximately 12 members of the area present. Four of the 19 home groups were represented and two GSRs from the member

groups. When the numbers are totaled, the area can see what most needs improvement (1) and what is going quite well already (5).

1	2	3	4	5
Not at all	Needs Improvement	Adequate	Outstanding	Excellent

No.	Questions	Grades				
		1	2	3	4	5
I.	How well has the area served local groups this year?					
1.	• How well does the area communicate with local groups?	0	5	7	0	0
2.	• How well does the area respond to the needs of local groups?	1	11	0	0	0
3.	• How well is the area managing its donations and area treasury?	2	5	3	0	0
4.	• How effectively does the area demonstrate responsibility and accountability?	4	6	0	0	0
5.	• How fully does the area train and support members who serve on the area service committee?	8	2	0	0	0
6.	• How well does the area service committee foster an atmosphere of courtesy and mutual respect?	7	4	0	0	0
7.	• How completely does the area provide opportunities for communication about committee concerns to the local members and groups?	0	9	2	0	0
8.	• How well is a sense of unity fostered within the area service body?	7	5	0	0	0
9.	• How positively is a sense of unity shown within local groups?	0	14	0	0	0
10.	• What is the area's experience with trusted servants?	0	10	1	0	0
11.	• How well has the area fostered the willingness of the local fellowship to volunteer for service positions?	1	11	0	0	0
12.	• How well does the area practice continuity and rotation?	0	12	0	0	0
13.	• How well does the area function in maintaining a full complement of trusted servants with no open commitments?	8	7	0	0	0
14.	• How fully does the area create an environment where the conscience of the body guides the decisions and direction of the area?	1	9	1	0	0
II.	How well has the area done this year in making NA's message more widely known in the larger community?					
15.	• How well is the area communicating with those in the community who interact with addicts?	0	6	6	0	0
16.	• How completely does the area respond to the needs of the larger community?	0	15	0	0	0
17.	• How well is the area using human and financial resources to carry NA's message of recovery in an efficient and effective way?	7	6	0	0	0
18.	• How fully trained and supported are the trusted servants who interact with members of the community?	2	8	0	0	0
19.	• How well has the area built cooperative relationships with those in the larger community?	5	7	0	0	0
20.	• How easily can those in the larger community reach an NA member who is in a position to respond to their questions or requests?	0	8	2	0	0

III.	How well has the area cooperated and collaborated with the region and NA World Services this year?					
21.	• How effectively does the area communicate with the region and with NA World Services?	1	8	1	0	0
22.	• How well does the area respond to requests from the region and from NA World Services? How fully does the area share its needs and concerns with the region and NA World Services?	3	4	1	0	0
23.	• How reliably does the area forward funds to the region and/or NA World Services?	1	9	0	0	0
24.	• How effectively does the area use resources (such as written materials or experience from other trusted servants) that are available through the region and/or NA World Services?	6	2	0	0	0
25.	• How fully has the area formed a cooperative relationship with the region and NA World Services?	5	3	0	0	0
26.	• How well is the area creating a sense of unity with the region and NA World Services?	7	1	0	0	0

Is there any particular area of service and/or area function that you perceive is outstanding? Please identify:

Phoneline – 5 votes

Literature – 2 votes

Secretary – 1 vote

H&I – 1 vote

Is there any particular area of service and/or area function that you perceive would need improvement? Please identify:

Follow Rules of Order at ASC – 2 votes

Needs Lots of Improvements in All areas – 1 vote

Workshops and Learning Days – 6 votes

Better Communications with NA as a Whole – 1 vote

Area Guidelines Consistent with Guiding Documents – 1 vote

Funds Management – 1 vote



NEEDED!

**Experience, Suggestions, Ideas,
Frustrations, Resentments, Opinions,
Hopes, Dreams, and most of all...**

Solutions

**Please share with us at the
Greater Smoky Mountain Area's**

Area Inventory Follow-up

Using NA World Services - Area Planning Tool

Date: February 9, 2008

Time: 12am - 6pm

**Square Dancer Inc
*Where the Area Meets***

ROR 13 AUDIT AD-HOC COMMITTEE

No report given.

MOTION RESULTS

NOMINATION #1 Nomination made by Giving it Back group and seconded by Nickel and Dime. Motion states, “Nominate Charlie H. for Area Vice Chair.” His service resume’ is listed below.

Passed 14 yes/o no/2 abstentions

Nomination #2: To nominate Pete F. for VRC 26 chair, which will be held in Chattanooga next year. Pete’s service resume is attached. Passed 14 yes/0 no/2 abstentions

NOMINATION #3: To nominate Wanda M. for regional delegate alternate. Wanda has 24 years clean . This nomination was made by Matt V and seconded by Sherree F

Passed 12/ yes/1 no/ 3 abstentions

Motion #1: Regional hotel expenses reimbursement. Passed 10 yes /1 no/5 abstentions

Motion #2: Regional gas mileage reimbursement. Passed 12 yes/o no/ 4 abstentions

Motion #3: regional prudent reserve. The area abstained from this vote due to the amount of abstention votes.

Motion #4: regional per diem reimbursement. Passed 9 yes/ 1 no/ 4 abstention

	Charlie H. area vice chair	Pete F. VRC 26	Wanda M. Reg. Del. Alt.	Regional Hotel Expenses	Regional Mileage Expenses	Regional Prudent Reserve	Regional Per Diem
WOLF	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
GLOW	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BETTER WAY	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HUGS	Y	Y	N	A	A	A	A
JUST 4 2Day	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
LAST HOUSE	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
LTL RVR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
LONG ROAD	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
NKL DIME	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
PEACE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
PRIMARY	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
ROAD	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
SATURDAY	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y
SERENITY	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SOLUTIONS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SPIR PRIN	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
THANK GOD	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
TOGETHER	Y	Y	Y	A	A	A	A
GVN IT BAK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
VOLUNTEER	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
YES	14	14	12	10	12	8	9
NO	0	0	1	1	0	3	1
ABSTAIN	2	2	3	5	4	5	4
PASS/FAIL	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	ABSTAIN	PASS

GROUP REPORTS

GLOW IN THE DARK- We are sponsoring a dance/karaoke/speak. We are asking for some support. Debra L is the new GSR. 12 pm and 8 pm daily. GSR: Debra L. Alt GSR: Maria S. Treasurer: John W. Secretary: Dawn K. Avg Attend:30 Avg 7th:\$12 Funds Available: Yes nxt Group Conscience:2nd Sunday of Nov @ 6:30

Q: David E. – this flier, speaker reads former NFL player career law enforcement officer, how does this promote anonymity. In regards to the 50/50 raffle, after hearing what our treasurer said, do you think you'll find it in your group conscience to have the raffle. Do you plan to change the flier?

A: Debra L – Yes.

GIVING IT BACK –Alls well. Attendance is good. St Mark's Episcopal Church 252 North Main St. Clinton Tues & Fri @7:30PM GSR: Ken C. Alt GSR: Bill M. Treasurer: Mark C. Secretary: Gena S Avg Attend:10 Avg 7th: Next group conscience is 2nd Friday in December.

HUGS NOT DRUGS-.Walker is new literature chair, looking for new location. Emerald Ave Methodist Church Emerald and Central Knoxville TN 37921 Tue & Wed @ 7PM Sat @ 8:30PM GSR: Mitch C Alt GSR: vacant Treasurer: David R Secretary: Dustin Avg Attend:20 Avg 7th:\$10

JUST FOR TODAY- good attendance. Saturday meeting is in the basement. Also donated basic texts to steps house. GSR: Hugh S. Alt GSR: Anthony B

Secr: Kay P Treas: Tony C, meetings are Mon_Sat at 10:30 am.

LAST HOUSE ON THE STREET- No report. 2301 Davenport Rd. Knox 37920 GSR: Kris R Alt GSR: Steve W Treasurer: Curtis D Secretary: vacant Avg Attend: 10 Avg 7th:\$5 Next Group Conscience Fri before area @ 10:30 PM

LITTLE RIVER GROUP- No longer any smoking at Rockford. Thursday young adult meeting and Sunday tradition study not meeting anymore. Regional motions in last months minutes were hard to read. GSR:Sara E. Alt GSR: Treasurer: Jeremy E Secretary: Dane G Avg Attend:20 Avg 7th:\$11.94 Funds Avail:\$77.33 Next group conscience is 12/12/07.

LONG ROAD HOME- No report.1531 Wilder (Wilder Missionary Baptist Church) Mens meeting Wed 6-7PM, Women's meeting Thur 7-8PM. GSR:Glenn J Avg Attend:6 Avg 7th:\$5 Funds Avail:\$0

NICKEL AND DIME- Doing great. Attendance is high, 20+. Wed 7PM. GSR: Ann Y Alt GSR: Donna V Treasurer: Steve H. Secretary: Webster B Avg Attend:20

PEACE AND SURRENDER-. We could use some old timers experience for speakers. Thursday night book study has increased attendance.5th Ave Baptist Church 2500 E. 5th Ave, Mon Tue Thur @ 7PM GSR: Jeff B Alt GSR: Bill L Treasurer: Bill L Secretary: Charlene B Avg Attendance: 35 Avg 7th: \$25 Next group conscience: 3rd Sunday in December.

PRIMARY PURPOSE- No report. Tue Thur 7:30 PM GSR: Kelly D Alt GSR: Kat H Treasurer: Brent E Secretary: Lindsey M Avg Attend:15 Avg 7th:\$15 Next Group Conscience 12-11-07

ROAD TO RECOVERY- No report. Kingston United Methodist 121 S. Kentucky St Kingston Mon Thur 7:30 PM GSR:Lester A Attend:3-5 Funds Avail:\$100

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE-we are doing good, In process of buying a PA system. Macedonia United Methodist Church Sat 7PM GSR: Miranda B Alt GSR: Charles Sec: Varshawn Treasurer: Alexis Y Avg Attend:100+ Avg 7th:\$35 Next group conscience 12-15-07.

SERENITY IN THE SMOKIES-35 addicts at meetings. Attendance is up. We are thinking about adding another meeting in Gatlinburg. 1st united Methodist Church 214 Cedar St Sevierville TN 37862 Pigeon River Club house 240 Pigeon River Road Sevierville TN 37862 Tue Thur Fri Sun 8PM GSR: Steve P Treas: Betty C Secretary: Regina Avg Attend:35 Avg 7th:\$14.25 Next group Conscience Sunday December 9

Q: Donna – How many home group members do you have?

A: 15

SOLUTIONS-R-US- Doing great. Meetings now closed instead of open. Wanting to host work shop. Northside Christian Church Tazewell Pike Mon Fri 7:30PM GSR: Jason T Alt GSR: Tina M. Treas: Heather E Secr: Heather. Avg attend:15-20 avg 7th:\$60

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES- Happy to be a member of the area. We would like the region outreach subcommittee to bring a workshop on outreach & group booklet learning day.Church of the Good Samaritan 425 N Cedar Bluff Mon 8PM Fri 7:30PM GSR: Dixon C Alt GSR: David E Treas: Don Secr: Eric P Avg Attend:35 Avg 7th:\$31 Next Group Conscience 12/10/07 at 9:30 PM

THANK GOD FOR NEW BEGINNINGS- No report.. St Johns Cathedral Fri 7:30PM GSR:Leesa F Treas:Jim F Secr:Walt H.Avg Attend:75 Avg 7th:\$60 Next Group Conscience Friday before next ASC meeting

TOGETHER WE CAN : Nicci D is new GSR. Good attendance, Sunday big attendance. We. 3rd & Lamar Wed Sun 7PM GSR: Nicci D. Alt GSR: Treas: Luther Secr: Beth B Avg Attend:60Avg 7th:\$15Next group Cons:

W.O.L.F. AVG. ATTENDANCE: 10 AREA CONTRIBUTION \$ NONE TILL ALL COUNTY JAILS HAVE NA BOOKS TRADITIONS ARE FOLLOWED AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS ARE MET

WE HAVE ORDERED AND RECEIVED THE ITEMS TO START A SPANISH SPEAKING MEETING. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THIS STATE AND IS IN ITS EARLIEST STAGES. WE ARE TRANSLATING DRUG PROBLEM FLYERS AND PLAN ON DOING THE SAME FOR THE PR FLYER. AS WELL WE PRAY FOR A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION CONCERNING THE PHONELINE WHEN THAT TIME COMES.

IN CONCLUSION WE SUPPORT THE SPLITING OF THIS ASC AND FORMATION OF A NEW ASC DUE TO THE LACK OF SUPPORT FOR INNER CITY GROUPS AND THE CURRENT WHICH HUNT TACTICS AND MANIPULATION)THAT BECAME OBVIOUS AT THE LAST ASC) EMPLOYED BY THIS ASC I HOPE YOUR GROUP WILL JOIN US IN LIVING IN THE SOLUTION AND JOIN WITH US IN CREATING A NEW SOLUTION BASE ASC THAT TRULY FOLLOWS THE TRADITIONS.

VOLUNTEER GROUP: No report.First Christian Church 211 S Gay St Knoxville TN 37917 Mon Tue Thur Fri 5:30 PM GSR: Glance J Avg Attend:12 Avg 7th:\$5 Next Group Conscience:

A BETTER WAY OF LIFE: Average attendance is 10. New Providence Presbyterian Church Maryville TN 37803 Mon Thur 7:30PM GSR: Becky D Treas :Jonathan D Secr: John Avg Attend:8 Avg 7th:\$8 Funds Avail:\$90 Next Group Conscience

SOLO POR HOY: New Spanish speaking meeting off Northshore.GSR: Roberto Treasurer: Alejandro Secretary: Graviel Avg Attendance: 5 Avg 7th: 0 Thursday 8PM. Next group conscience: 1st Thursday of month.

NEW BUSINESS/VOTES

POINT OF INFORMATION #1: A motion was made to increase the literature reserve to \$199.99. Intent : to keep literature on hand for the new Spanish meeting literature stockpile. Since this amount was below \$200, it was voted on by the GSRs and was passes unanimously.

MOTION #1: Made by ROR 14 subcommittee and seconded by Primary Purpose, to approve the ROR guidelines. Intent: to help guide this subcommittee and to be better able to serve our area and the still sick and suffering addict. These proposed guidelines are attached to this month's minutes.

MOTION #2: Motion made by Spiritual Principles and seconded by Primary Purpose. Motion states, to change our by-laws section 6D, add the following new sentence, "upon counting the second series of votes, only yes and no votes will be counted; abstentions will be ignored."

Intent: To support the 5th, 6th and 7th concepts.

NOMINATION #1: To nominate Phil B. as chair of PI/Phone Line. Made by Nickel and Dime and seconded by Primary Purpose. Phil's service resume is below.

Phil B. clean date 10-3-2000

Service position nominated for;

Area Public Information Chair

Current Service position held since June 2006 Vice chair PI.

Current home group Primary Purpose since conception Jan 2007

I have a NA sponsor he has a NA sponsor I work NA steps.

I was a GSR of my home group, Hump Day from the Mid Missouri Area of NA for over two years.

I served on the Mid Missouri PI committee for three years as a committee member, vice chair and as Chair. I didn't complete the Chair position due to my own decision. I did continue as a committee member.

Hospitality Chair Cabin Fever Prevention Convention 2002.

Entertainment Chair Show-Me Region Convention 2004

Ad-Hoc Chair for locating a new Meeting room for Mid-Mo ASC

If anyone has any question I can be reached at 865-386-0417.

NOMINATION #2: Made by Giving it Back and seconded by Nickel and Dime, to nominate Gena S. as area literature chair. Gena's service resume is below.

Gena S. Service Resume

Clean Date 12/8/96

Working knowledge of the 12 steps and 12 Traditions, I have an NA sponsor who has an NA sponsor.

H&I Literature chair in Southern Nevada 1 ½ Years.

Have served as RCM for Southern Nevada 1 year.

I am currently the secretary for Giving It Back Group.

I have not misappropriated any NA funds. I maintain my own bank account and I do have a job.

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Next GSMASC Meets on 12-16-07

GROUP REPORT FORM

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MEETING PLACE & ADDRESS:

Meeting Days and times

Mon.@ Tues.@ Wed@ Thurs@ Fri@ Sat.@ Sun.@

GSR:

Treasurer:

Alt.GSR;

Secretary

Avg. Attendance:

Avg. 7th :

Funds available:

Next Group Conscience:

Phone:

E-mail address: _____@_____

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