

Knoxville Area Service Committee Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2023

Serenity prayer
Traditions
Concepts

Area Trusted Servants

Administrative positions (chair, vice chair, treasurer, alt treasurer, secretary, alt secretary) are nominated in August, voted on in September and roll over in October.

Subcommittee positions (RCM, alt RCM, H&I, Public relations, Policy and Procedures, Outreach, Activities, Webmaster, Literature Coordinator) are nominated in February, voted on in March, and roll over in April.

Kacna Chair and ROR Chair nominations the month after the event, voted on and roll over.

VRC is hosted by the Knoxville Area every 4 years.

POSITION	NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
Chair	Justin	865-360-3175	
Alternate Chair	John	865-599-8968	
Treasurer	Joe- absent with notice		
Alternate Treasurer	vacant		
Secretary	Rachel	865-919-2800	
RCM	Sam absent w notice		
Alternate RCM	James		
H&I Chair	James		
Public Relations Chair	Vacant- voting today		
KACNA Chair	Justin		
ROR Chair	Ian absent with notice- Robert		
Policy & Procedures Chair	Amber		
Outreach Chair	Preston absent with notice		
KAZM Chair	Vacant		
Activities Chair	Robert		
Webmaster	Jimmy		

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

POSITION	REPORT
Chair	Sam talked to Craig G to do area inventory: 4/1 (preffered) 4/15, 4/22, 4/29.
Alternate Chair	No report
Treasurer	ROR and Kacna will be easily tracked with quickbooks. Almost 2k donation to region. \$2275.85 in account at end of January in operating account. Kacna 7500 in account. 2250 will go in from old account. ROR has right under 5k. transferred all auto pay accounts to new account. Blake will close old accounts and transfer money. Filed the state annual report to IRS. Do not have any excess reserve to donate to region this month. We really need an alt treasurer to start training bc Joe will not be treasurer again next year. Wants a strawpoll to see if he needs to keep adding the redacted bank statements. Its in guildlines that treasurer needs to provide a bank statement. It would have to be voted on for guildeline change. Needs to be made into a motion. 2/3 majority needed.
Alternate Treasurer	Vacant
Secretary	Group reports and motion reports provided
RCM	Report attached at bottom
Alternate RCM	James
H&I Chair	James M- going strong. Most panel positions are filed but more support is always welcome. Positions roll over next month so this will be my last month as chair for anyone who wants to step up! Need nomination
Public Relations Chair	Harold being voted in today- talked with other PR chairs in other areas, trying to figure out what to do, great ideas. PR NAWs website and a PR fb. Starting to get ideas rolling and talked with people to be on the panel. Booth up at local fair. Workshop in march in murphreesboro for PR (what the position looks like)
KACNA Chair	Justin- met for the first time in person last Sunday. Meeting Sunday before area every month at noon at 530 West Ave at the gateway. First payment made to hotel, fundraisers and activities coming up. Maybe one each quarter. We raised lots of money from the one that never happened. Looking for speakers- if homegroup would like to co-host a fundraiser let us know. We are planning a speaker jam with a dunking booth coming up TBD. Love the extra support-the more people the better.
ROR Chair	Ian-absent with notice- Robert- ROR27 we filled a bunch of postions. Merchandise is open. (clean time requirement is 3 years)Superhero theme and Friday the 13 th theme being discussed Next meeting is Shoneys on chapman on first Sunday of each month at 5:30pm
Policy & Procedures Chair	Amber- all is well. Still determining chages due to 501c3. Position is technically up-if anyone is interested. Has the willingness to stay in the postion.
Outreach Chair	Had workshop for meeting chairs and GSR on 1/29/23 at LRG. Was a success but needs improvement. Will have another set of GSR and chair works shops sponsored by the Fix at the Flatiron Sunday , Feb 26th at 630 pm. Also would like to request an individual to stay after to lock up after March area meeting. I would like to present a GSR workshop after area in March while we have GSRs present. No starter kits for new groups given out.
Webmaster	Jimmy-updating meeting schedules as needed. Google suite being set up by James. Postion will be vacant soon-if anyone is interested
Activities Chair	Robert- nothing new to report. Also coming at end of commitment for this postion.

GROUP REPORTS

GROUP NAME	GSR	REPORT
The Fix		
Glow in the Dark		
H.O.P.E.	Tim absent	-Hope still needs support---Mondays needs attendance both in person and on the zoom platform -Thursdays in person is flourishing! Great meeting focused on recovery and the newcomer -Upcoming celebrations: March 17 th Belinda L-27 yrs and Melissa H-9yrs April 3 rd Elizabeth C-4 yrs.
Fearless inventory		
Hope in da Hood		Attendance has been low on Monday and Tuesday nights, could use more support. Wednesday night book study needs to be added to schedule. Friday night speaker meeting needs to be added to schedule. Elections were this month and Troy was elected to serve as GSR for another year. Mike was elected new GSA to serve for a year.
Little River Group	James	-New website at LRGROCKFORD.com. simple website using free google pages, anyone can copy it and change the content, see James. -capture the flag-still finding unity with other groups about rules. We held a living GC vote at at recovery meeting to allow night shift to capture our flag using percentage-based rules for now. -April 1 st at 7pm-11pm, April Fools Day Event. The theme is a focus on the spiritual principle of humor. Lasagna cookoff and talent show.
Nightshift		
No Name		
Noon Thirty		Attendance is good/no birthdays -april 29 th we are having a unity day from 12-4pm. With 2 speakers. We are cooking hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza free
Practical Applications		80min meeting opening with 20min of quiet time for recovery related work. Meeting is going well with strong home group support.
No More excuses		
Recovery Riders		
Something More Than Free		Eat and Speak March 2 7pm-8pm. Speaker, main protein and drinks provided. Please brings sides, sweets, and yourself! John R will be speaking and we ask any and all addicts to come!
Solutions R Us		We are making an inventory list and ordering most of our excess, in literature this month, we are having around 15-20 people on Mondays and 25-30 on Fridays with avg of 7 th tradition +/- \$25.00. we don't have any needs or wants this month.
Thank God for New Beginnings		Attendance is good, no birthdays
Vol Group		Attendance has greatly improved in recent months. We still need more predecessor experience, strength and hope

		so come and visit and help our newcomers.
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OPEN FORUM

Nominations in feb-march voting-april is first month as new
KANA subcommittees chairs, RCM, and alternate RCM
(Exectutive is in fall)

Open chair postions- clean time suggestions

H& I---2yr

RCM James will move up from alt.... 3 years

RCM alt min of 2 yrs

Policy and procedure- amber willing to stay 2 yr cleantime

Activities 1 yr commitment with suggested 18mo

PR- 2 years

Not in guildlines for clean time suggestion:

Outreach

Webmaster

Justin wont be here next month....GSR workshop next month after area

3 Conventions next year—VRC, Kacna, ROR

RCM needs to take VRC chair back to region..it will happen every 4yrs if we don't change it. So kacna could be changed next time? It would be hard to move it this time bc of signed contract and deposit down. So in the future-kacna can switch to odd years? Kacna 7 would have 1 or 3 years to plan..talk to homegroups about this.

Harold being willing to be involved in VRC. (thanksgiving weekend 2024)

Mike willing to do whatever he can

Interested in having a CARR workshop in the spring—coordinate with activities?

Proposed rules for capture the flag—talked with Harold-used to be percentage based. More fair for smaller groups. 50% of homegroup members to capture flags.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominations:

The fix nominates Harold P for PR position, thank god for new beginnings 2nds to fill vacant spot.

Harold- 27 years clean, Gsr several times, area treasurer, group treasurer, has a sponsor to has a sponsor who works steps. Willing to take position-will need help.

ALL VOTED YES 13/13 **PASSED**

Motions:

HOPE motion to create area literature coordinator (nightshift 2nd) back to groups to establish new position which will be yearly sub committee position that includes doing bulk orders for homegroups for literature. Homegroups bring order and money to area and an order will be made and lit will be picked up the following month. Intent is to create position that coordinates lit orders on behalf of area groups to reduce the burden of shipping costs. Financial impact; knox area will be absorbing shipping cost.

(need alternate as well)

12 YES **PASSED**

1PNV

HOPE nominates Sam D to fill position of area literature coordinator. Sam has willingness and experience with service. Intent: fill position. LRG 2nd. Sam has a sponsor to has a sponsor who works steps and traditions. Does service work, been mulitple chairs of conventions, VRC, GSR for homegroup as well as other positions, ROR 26merch chair, ROR 25 hospitality chair. As of today 10 years and 363 days clean.

12 YES **PASSED**

1PNV

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: The Fix is to nominate Tim D aka Rev Rock as activities chair for knoxville area to suppor and organize continuing activities for knoxville area. No 2nd bc it was withdrawn bc Tim was not present. Tim D has willingnes for activities—will try to get him to come to area next month

MOTION: Practical Application makes motion to move Kacna to odd years after Kacna 6. 2nd by Thank God for new beginnings. Intent is to ensure 3 conventions not going on every 4 years.

MOTION: PA nominated James M for Alt treasurer. Hope in da hood 2nds. Intent is to fill position. Resume: 9 years clean, served as treasurer at DC area for 2 years. Never misappropriated funds. Recently served as H&I chair. Has a sponsor, works steps and traditions.

****DECIDE WHICH WEEKEND WE WILL DO AREA INVENTORY IN APRIL (CHECK WITH FACILITY)**

****REMEMBER TO LOOK AT REGION NOTES TO SEE REGIONAL VOTES TO TAKE BACK TO GROUPS**

Motion to close: Something more than free- Glow in the dark 2nd.

VRSC 02/05/2023 Notes

7 of 10 areas present, quorum met

Treasurer's report

Laptop ordered but it never came in, so it was canceled. New order placed, delivery soon. Old computer had no charger, but new charged was replaced so that old data could be retrieved. Current Treasurer is waiting on bank account to get access - no reports available yet, should be resolved by end of this week. Laptop with 4 year warranty with filing storage is \$435.26.

Area reports

Chattanooga

In annual elections, most filled in January and more coming. Website is updated. Started doing 90-day carpools to groups. ROATS - Reach Out And Touch Someone is a new program started. Several area activities coming down the line. Local CAR/CAT workshop. 1st weekend in March.

Clarksville

December area meeting had a lot of addicts step up for service and have been seeing traction. Lots of their groups' meetings got corrupted and dropped off of regional and world lists but that is being addressed. Meeting attendance is picking up.

East TN Ridges of Recovery

Home groups continue to fall off and still struggling, area finances are critically low.

Greater Nashville Area + Middle Tennessee Area = Greater Middle Tennessee Area

Hosted CAR workshop already, low attendance. Unity convention 3rd week of August.

Valentine's Day Bash on February 11. Greater Nashville Area and Middle Tennessee Area merged into one larger area called Greater Middle Tennessee Area.

KANA

501(c)3 updates shared, nominations and vacancies shared, H&I is picking up, update on Outreach activities, Capture the Flag, new Literature Coordinator position being voted on, KACNA, ROR, upcoming Area Inventory, report on VRC shirts sold. Sam gave exit report to thank VRSC.

Mountain Area

RCM stepped down due to medical and no Alt RCM, Alternate Delegate stepped in. 2nd Chance Prom February 11. Multiple servant positions changed and some vacant. Looking at 501(c)3 status.

North Central Tennessee Area

GSR and service positions workshops, home groups are struggling with servant positions being filled. H&I doing well. Dodgeball in December event will be annual now. Valentine's Event

February 14th. Looking for CAR/CAT workshops and PR workshops. Looking for website and hotline.

West Tennessee Area

Open vacancies but major positions filled. Outreach putting pamphlets in libraries. H&I is growing. Many events going on. Nainmay.com - May 5-7 campout in Memphis.

Regional servant reports

RD

NAWS is moving storage to LA. Iran region has decided not to print literature. Philippines legal issue has been resolved in favor of NAWS. Special Edition of SPAD coming middle of 2023.

WSC is looking at removing the option to abstain, new voting will be yes/no/present not voting.

Revising process of appealing the WSC facilitator. Looking at simplifying WSC straw poll voting options. na.org/conference has more information on CAT and CAR. Service Day is May 1st

every year. Volunteer Region CAR Workshop February 25 9:30am CST East Main Street

Murfreesboro + Zoom

Alt RD

Zonal Forum in Austin with a Professionals Day and successful turnout. Fellowship development programs in progress. Zonal PR is hosting monthly PR meetings in preparation for Professionals Days held for regions. Multizonal Symposium Convention in Detroit in October.

Zonal Forums guidelines changes passed.

Zonal nominations are coming down the line, Greg will get more info - this may be voted straw poll by RCMs, or it might go back to groups.

Zonal Delegate: Troy S. and Scott K. both were nominated

Troy S: Waiting on info about their background.

Scott K: Waiting on info about their background.

Zonal Co-Facilitator: Scott M.

Scott M: Waiting on info about their background.

Next Southern Zonal Forum July 29 2023 Murfreesboro, TN. Includes Professionals Day (all addicts wanting to attend must first go through a PR training before attending), workshops on Saturday will be Atmosphere of Recovery in Groups, MAT/DRT, and World Service Conference and the results of the conference.

Chair

Held in-between meeting, Dell facilitated the meeting. Topics were info & resources pages / events calendar / newsletter pages on regional website being handled by Craig, discussed Southern Zonal Forum t-shirt and flyer and we submitted our designs by Lucy, talked about PO Box change, PO Box payment due before next VRSC so check is needed, bank account and email address changes discussed, potential guidelines changes about Treasurer.

Policy & Procedures

Guidelines amended to reflect 10% to Southern Zonal Forum and 90% to World Services.

RCMs are compensated for travel to CAR/CAT workshops the same as for VRSC meetings.

Schedule meeting before next in-between to talk about proxy representation, nothing reflects this in guidelines although there was discussion about it in 2021. Policy & Procedures

Subcommittee March 19, 2023 4pm CST.

PR

Asking for Area PRs to reach out. Preparing for Professionals Day at Southern Zonal Forum.

ITCC

Nothing to report.

VRG 40

Total income \$75k including direct donations to expenses, \$49k actual money brought in, expenses actually paid \$43k, VRC 40 no damage reports or complaints from hotel and only compliments, we are welcome back for future events. Report will be attached to region minutes including full financial breakdown.

VRC 41

Full committee going well and bank account setup. Requested \$6 from budget to start the planning. Theme is "Hear Our Voices." Accepting artwork through February 26. VRC guidelines needed ASAP for clarity.

Financial Legal Task Group (not ad hoc)

Clarify fundraising, work to ensure VRSC is in compliance for 501(c)3. Regional chair appointed Joe S as Task Group chair. Recommending finalizing VRSC Inc. steps such as by-laws.

VRC Guidelines Ad Hoc

Completed review and restructuring guidelines. Revised draft will be sent to VRSC members and attached to minutes to bring back to groups.

Secretary

November minutes accepted. Amended August minutes will be posted to website.

Open forum

WSC needs consensus at regional level before moving forward with topics like multi-zonal collaboration. Straw poll to allow RD and Alternate RD to vote on RCM behalf

VRC 40 merchandise reports were turned in, money to be sent to Treasurer

Next VRSC 1st Sunday May 7th at 9:30am CST / 10:30am EST at Doubletree Murfreesboro, hotel code is VOL for hotel stay

CAR/CAT workshop February 25th 9:30am CST / 10:30am EST in-person and Zoom

Looking to move PO Box to Murfreesboro still.

Zone usually signs contracts for zonal forum meetings. Region has added this to our hotel contract to save on money for our other events, instead. Brought up to pay \$600 for the meeting space out of region in lieu of donating to zone. Straw poll vote, passed, region is paying the \$600 hotel fees to host the Southern Zonal Forum in July in Murfreesboro instead of donating the 10% to zonal this time.

Body is no longer interested in having an oversight committee for VRC.

Talking about restarting regional assemblies eventually.

Archival committee for conventions discussed.

Check signers - guidelines state two trusted servants cannot be co-signers on check if living together. Bank no longer requires co-signers. Looking into potentially revising guidelines to reflect that. We have only been doing one signer on checks since the pandemic, straw poll passed to continue doing that for now.

Vacancies

Vice chair is vacant

H&I chair is vacant

Outreach is vacant

Alt secretary is vacant

Old business

Regional Inventory followup: VRSC resource list, newsletter, and events calendar are being addressed by Craig. RCM Orientation is being deferred to Policy & Procedures

New business

Motion 1: #02052023-1 - Lee K. nominated by Chattanooga for VRSC H&I. 2nd by Clarksville. 4 years clean, panel leader for Walker State Prison, H&I chair, panel leader for H&I prison

meetings, have not completed term of service in last 5 years, NA sponsor with NA sponsor, works Steps and Traditions with sponsor, participates in NA service, served at home group several groups over the years, GSR and GSR Alternate, Treasurer by default at times, served at area, RCM and RCM Alternate, Serenity Under the Stars planning committee multiple times, served for VRC, H&I chair and alternate chair for several years. Never misappropriated NA funds. This would be interim, not full term.

Announcements / important dates

- Various upcoming area events
- Next Financial & Legal Task Force meeting to be announced
- Southern Zonal Forum PR meeting is 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month - see Scott G at (931) 551-6678 for meeting info
- Game night for West Tennessee Area February 25
- CAR/CAT Workshop February 25, 9:30pm CST until finished - in-person and Zoom hybrid using regional Zoom - Zoom ID 901 350 5030 Password: NATN (phone passcode: 374794)
- Chili cookoff and bake sale for West Tennessee Area March 25
- Next Policy & Procedures Subcommittee March 19, 2023 4pm CST via Zoom - Zoom ID 901 350 5030 Password: NATN (phone passcode: 374794)
- Next in-between VRSC March 19, 2023 5pm CST via Zoom - Zoom ID 901 350 5030 Password: NATN (phone passcode: 374794)
- World Service Day is every year May 1
- Nainmay.com - May 5-7 campout in Memphis.
- Next VRSC 1st Sunday May 7th at 9:30am CST / 10:30am EST at Doubletree Murfreesboro
- Southern Zonal Forum is weekend of July 29 2023 Murfreesboro, TN
- Multizonal Service Symposium - October 13-15 in Detroit