

Almost Heaven Area

September 3, 2022

Meeting was opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Jocelyn A. The 12 Concepts were read by Ron S. and the Purpose was read by Erick C.

Roll Call:

Addicts Welcome:	P	P
End of the Road:	P	P
Foundations Group:	P	P
Hope & Gratitude:	P	P
It's a Brand New Day:	P	P
Keep it Simple:	P	P
Miracles do Happen:	A	A
Never Alone Never Again:	A	A
New Hope:	P	P
New Image:	P	P
Not High at Noon:	P	P
Start to Live:	P	P
Surrender to Win:	A	A
To Tell the Truth:	A	A

Trusted Servants:

Chair:	P	P
Vice-Chair:	O	O
Secretary:	O	O
RCM:	A	A
RCM-Alt:	P	P
VRCC:	O	O
Convention:	A	A
Literature:	P	P
Policy:	P	P

Quorum met with 10 GSR's present.

Recognition of New Attendees and Interested Others: Karen S.

Secretary's Report and Approval of Minutes:

Old and new Business from Augusts' minutes were read. Motion to approve Augusts' minutes as read made by Don V. and seconded by Shawn C.

Chair's Report:

**Chair's Report
Almost Heaven Area
Service Meeting
September 3, 2022**

Good afternoon everyone

Hope all are doing well. Looking forward to hearing from everyone as to how we are doing and if we can help each other in any way.

I attended our Local Service Unit and our PR Task Group and much thanks to all are serving.

As always feel free to contact me if any questions or concerns so I can put them in new business.

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Sherry V.
Chair, Almost Heaven Area
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Vice-Chair's Report: No report.

Homegroup Reports:

Addicts Welcome:

GSR Rep: Shawn C.
Date & Time of Meeting: Monday from 7:30-8:30pm (hybrid)
Average Number of Attendees: 12
Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance: 6
Total Number of Newcomers: 0
Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time? No
Upcoming Homegroup Events: None
Are there any homegroup positions vacant? No
Group Contribution to Area: \$26.00

End of the Road:

GSR Rep: Cedric W.

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday from 7-8:15 & Sunday from 3-4:30

Average Number of Attendees: 25-30

Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance: 6

Total Number of Newcomers: 10

Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time? Yes, we need support.

Upcoming Homegroup Events: This homegroup is moving to Parkside Community Center on 416 Sumans Ave, Hagerstown, MD.

Are there any homegroup positions vacant? GSR

Group Contribution to Area: \$50.00

Foundations:

GSR: Ron S.

Date & Time of Meeting: Sunday from 5:30-6:45pm

Average Number of Attendees: 12

Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance: 8

Total Number of Newcomers: 5

Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time? No

Upcoming Homegroup Events: Jake T. celebrates 1 year on October 2nd.

Are there any homegroup positions vacant? No

Group Contribution to Area: \$132.00

Hope & Gratitude:

GSR Rep: John C.

Date & Time of Meeting: Monday & Friday from 7-8:15pm

Average Number of Attendees: 45

Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance: 6

Total Number of Newcomers: 12

Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time? No

Upcoming Homegroup Events: None

Are there any homegroup positions vacant? No

Group Contribution to Area: \$145.78

It's A Brand New Day:

GSR Rep: Sherry R.

Date & Time of meeting: Wednesday from 7:30-8:30pm

Average Number of Attendees: 18

Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance: 9

Total Number of Newcomers: 2

Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time? No

Upcoming Homegroup Events: None

Are there any homegroup positions vacant? No

Group Contribution to Area: \$22.00

Keep It Simple:

GSR Rep: Vernon S.

Date & Time of Meeting: Wednesday from 7:30-8:30

Average Number of Attendees: 25

Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance: 15

Total Number of Newcomers: 2

Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time? No

Upcoming Homegroup Events: None

Are there any homegroup positions open? No

Group Contribution to Area: \$20.00

New Hope:

GSR Rep: Misty M.

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday from 7-8pm (hybrid)

Average Number of Attendees: 8

Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance: 7

Total Number of Newcomers: 3

Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time? No

Upcoming Homegroup Events: Sherry V. celebrates 36 years on September 6th.

Are there any homegroup positions vacant? No

Group Contribution to Area: \$10.00 via paypal

New Image:

GSR Rep: Jocelyn A.

Date & Time of Meeting: Saturday from 7-8:15pm

Average Number of Attendees: 15

Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance: 5

Total Number of Newcomers: 10

Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time? No

Upcoming Homegroup Events: Jeanna M. celebrates 2 years on October 8th. Deana B. celebrates 1 year on October 29th.

Are there any homegroup positions vacant? No

Group Contribution to Area: \$0

Not High At Noon

GSR Rep: Ben J.

Date & Time of Meeting: Monday, Wednesday-Friday & Saturday (hybrid) from 12-1:15pm

Average Number of Attendees: 16

Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance: 5

Total Number of Newcomers: 0

Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time? Yes, just needs support to all meetings.

Upcoming Homegroup Events: Mona B. celebrates 22 years on September 10th. Keith C. celebrates 1 year on October 9th.

Are there any homegroup positions vacant? GSR, Treasurer and Friday Chair

Group Contribution to Area: \$13.00

Start To Live:

GSR Rep: Erick C.

Date & Time of Meeting: Friday from 8:15-9:15 (hybrid)

Average Number of Attendees: 15

Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance: 7

Total Number of Newcomers: 3

Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time? No

Upcoming Homegroup Events: Kurtz M. celebrates 12 years on September 30th. Jennifer D. celebrates 25 years on October 14th.

Are there any homegroup positions vacant? No

Group Contribution to Area: \$40.00

Review of Groups Not in Attendance for previous 2 months:

Miracles Do Happen – still meeting

Never Alone Never Again – still meeting

To Tell the Truth – still meeting

RCM Report: No report.

RCM Alt. Report:

Pro-Tem RCM Report 9/3/22

Hi Family,

I was unable to attend the August 2022 Central Atlantic Region Conference due to a work commitment. I did send an area report but since it was not read on the conference floor it could not be included.

Next Regional Conference will be held on 10/15/22 beginning at 10am via Zoom.

ILS,

Dora R.

Pro-Tem RCM Alt. Almost Heaven Area

VRCC Rep. Report: “The VA Beach Bureau on tourism is offering \$10,000 to support the Virginia Regional Convention Corporation (VRCC). There will be a vote later. More will be revealed.”

Service Reports:

LSU/PR Task Group:

LSU Report – ILS, Dan D Vice Chair Pro-Tem

9/3/22

The LSU met on Monday August 22 at 6:15 PM via Zoom. Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and a reading of the 12 Concepts. Dan D, Jenn D, Sherry V, Thaddeus M, and Dave W in attendance. Next meeting will be September 26 at 6:00 PM. **Zoom meeting ID - 400 725 607; PW 845954.**

Current Task Groups

MRC Task Group – Currently meeting on Men’s and Women’s sides on alternate weeks. Two addicts take a meeting in together except the first week of the month there is only one. MRC would like us to hold meetings in both sides concurrently. Currently there are not enough volunteers to carry the message in both sides at the same time. Need additional volunteers to be able to answer this call. Discussion about providing literature (IP’s) to the H& I Volunteers. Jenn D is following up with Progressive Printing for printing of IP sets and additional QR meeting lists to give the residents. No task group meetings scheduled.

Washington County Detention Center – Is expressing interest in having meetings brought in. Need a person to take on this task group.

ERJ Task Group – Sherry V is contacting ERJ to see if they are allowing meetings in yet.

LSU Chair note - We are working toward contacting those who have had the H&I training already to help fill these needs. Would appreciate announcement of the need for more H&I volunteers from the fellowship at meetings so that we can determine whether to hold another H&I training.

PR Task Group - We continue to meet the 3rd Monday of each month in-person at 6:00 pm. Please visit our website @ <https://almostheavenareana.org>. Please continue to send meeting updates to the ahana-pr@outlook.com.

We met on August 15, 2022, at 6 pm. This month we participated in a couple of events. 1. Day of Hope which was a community event in Hagerstown with over 150 people in attendance; 2. Received email asking for information form potential members; 3 Took QR codes to a treatment program looking to refer clients to meetings. We have several potential events to include Out of the Darkness, Recovery Month Events, and an event in Martinsburg. We were invited to Hopefest in Kesyer but that is in another area. The plan is that we may partner with them to be a part of the event.

If you know of any events that we could reach out to please email us.

Our next meeting will be September 19, 2022, 6:00 pm. 549 West Queen Street, Back of Church, 2nd Parking lot in the basement

Please help carry our message into the community so that no addict seeking recovery need die!

ILS

Almost Heaven Area Narcotics Anonymous
Public Relations Task Group

Convention: No report.

Policy:

Policy Report for August 18 – September 8, 2022

The policy subcommittee met on August 18 at 730pm online. And there were three members in attendance. The task at hand that day was the matter brought up at the last ASC (08-13-2022) by a GSR for conscience of their home group about the listing qualifications of the nominees in each positions. And should there be more specific questions related to each individual position? Although it was detailed that each service position had a set of duties and responsibilities written in policy, we discussed on whether there to be change or add to the list. One of the member suggested to add a sentence in item 2 on page 8 under Nominations. Since it was getting late it was agreed to meet the next Thursday night to complete the task. On August 26, there were five members attendance and we came to an agreement in item2 to altered the phrase “**Verbal qualifications are to be at that time. Written qualifications are to be submitted for the minutes**” to “**Verbal qualifications will be given at that time. Written qualifications are to be submitted for the minutes. Qualifications should include, but are not limited to, any required skills that may be helpful for completion of duties for the position. GSR’s take these back to home groups.**”

Since this was a change in policy a motion was typed up to be emailed to ASC Chair by the Policy Chair. The next policy subcommittee meeting will be at 730pm online on September 8th. All are welcome.

Literature:

Literature Report

September 3, 2022

Beginning Balance.	\$551.48
Literature Deposit.	\$267.53
Balance	\$819.01
Literature Ordered.	\$163.10
Expenses.	\$0
Current Balance	\$655.91

In loving service: Ronnie W.

Old Business:

Area:

1. Motion Maker: Policy Committee. Seconded by New Image.
Motion: On page 8, under nominations, item 2. To change from “verbal qualifications will be given at that time. Written qualifications are to be submitted for the minutes. GSR’s take these back to groups for additional nominations.” To “verbal qualifications will be given at that time. Written qualifications are to be submitted for the minutes. Qualifications should include, but are not limited to, any acquired skills that may be helpful for completion of the duties for the position. GSR’s take these back to groups for additional nominations.”

Intent: To better inform our members of a nominee’s qualifications.

Take back to homegroups.

2. Motion Maker: Start To Live. Seconded by It’s a Brand New Day.
Motion: To waive the requirement for being a cosigner on the area bank account for Dan D. in the event that he is elected as Vice Chair of the area while Jenn D. is serving as treasurer. This waiver would cease upon completion of either term.

Intent: To allow Dan D. to be nominated.

Vote: Abstain – 2 Yes – 6 No – 1
Motion fails.

Region: No old business to discuss.

Budget Requests: None

Break

2nd Roll Call: Quorum met with 10 GSR's present.

Trusted Servants Nominations and Elections:

Area:

Vice Chair: No nominations.

Secretary: No nominations.

RCM Alt.: Dora R.- voted in.

Literature Chair: Nominations closed. Ronnie W., pro tem, goes back to homegroups.

Region:

Vice Treasurer: Open since June 20, 2015.

Speaker Jam: Open since June 20, 2020.

Vice Chair: Open since June 19, 2021.

H&I Chair: Open since February 18, 2021.

Policy Chair: Open since April 17, 2022.

Announcements:

9/9 - Frank B. celebrates 3 years at H&G

10/8 - Keith C. celebrates 1 year at NHAN

9/19 - PR Task Group meeting at 6pm at Otterbein UMC

9/19 - AHA Full Convention Committee Meeting at 6:30 at Otterbein UMC

10/2 - Jake T. celebrates 1 year at Foundations

9/10 - Mona B. celebrates 22 years at NHAN

9/30 - Kurtz M. celebrates 12 years at Start to Live

10/14 - Jennifer D. celebrates 25 years at Start to Live

10/8 - Jeanna M. celebrates 2 years at New Image

10/29 - Deana B. celebrates 1 year at New Image

11/2 - Ronnie W. celebrates 14 years at It's a Brand New Day

9/26 - LSU meeting at 6pm on zoom

10/12 - Sherron H. celebrates 1 year at Keep It Simple

11/12 - Diane L. celebrates 30 years at It's a Brand New Day

9/17 - Pam E. celebrates 1 year at NHAN

10/5 - Melody B. celebrates 4 years at Keep It Simple

10/2 - Jason S. celebrates 5 years at To Tell the Truth

Treasurer Report as of 09/03/2022	
BANK STATEMENT BALANCE as of 08/31/2022	\$3,222.77
Beginning Balance for Area	
	\$769.90
Contributions Deposited 08/13/22 through 09/02/22	\$335.43
Sub-Total	\$1,105.33
Prudent Reserve	\$500.00
Available funds (Sub-Total minus Prudent Reserve)	\$605.33
PAID Expenses	
ASC rent for August	\$20.00
Regional contribution	\$124.95
Autonomy Zone contribution	\$62.48
NAWS contribution	\$62.47
TOTAL PAID Expenses	\$269.90
PENDING Expenses	
ASC rent for September	\$20.00
PO Box	\$166.00
H&I QR codes and IPs for speakers	\$50.00
Regional contribution	\$49.72
Autonomy Zone contribution	\$24.86
NAWS contribution	\$24.85
TOTAL PENDING Expenses	\$335.43
Total Available Area Funds above Prudent Reserve (available funds - total expenses - pending expenses)	\$0.00
Ending Area Balance	
	\$835.43
Beginning Balance for Literature Sales	
	\$551.48
Income	\$225.26
Current Balance	\$776.74
Expenses other than literature order	
Literature Order	\$163.10
Total Expenses	\$163.10
Ending Literature Balance	
	\$613.64
Beginning Balance for Special Events	
	\$1,773.70
Income Deposited	
Total Expenses	
Ending Special Events Balance	
	\$1,773.70
Grand Total for All Three Accounts	\$3,222.77
Group Contributions received/pledged during Area Service \$ 422.78	



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Your account statement

For 08/31/2022

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Account summary

Your previous balance as of 07/20/2022	\$2,910.35
Checks	- 20.00
Other withdrawals, debits and service charges	- 413.00
Deposits, credits and interest	+ 746.42
Your new balance as of 08/31/2022	= \$3,222.77

Checks

DATE	CHECK #	AMOUNT (\$)
08/12	176016 ASC monthly rent	20.00
Total checks		= \$ 20.00

Other withdrawals, debits and service charges

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
08/15	ZELLE BUSINESS PAYMENT TO Car PAYMENT ID BBT149824017 Contribution sent	124.00
08/15	INTERNET PAYMENT INST XFER PAYPAL NAWORLD NAWORLD Contribution sent	62.00
08/15	INTERNET PAYMENT INST XFER PAYPAL AUTONOMYZONALPO Contribution sent	62.00
08/29	INTERNET PAYMENT INST XFER PAYPAL NAWBUS Literature	163.00
Total other withdrawals, debits and service charges		= \$413.00

Deposits, credits and interest

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
08/11	DEPOSIT Literature receipt 990842	184.00
08/15	TRANSFER PAYPAL 8012 ALMOSTHEAVEN AREANA Contribution received	15.00
08/15	TRANSFER PAYPAL 4337 ALMOSTHEAVEN AREANA Contribution received	62.00
08/15	DEPOSIT Contribution received \$113.00 receipts 990843, 990844 & 990847 Literature \$39.00 receipt 990848	182.00
08/26	TRANSFER PAYPAL 9941 ALMOSTHEAVEN AREANA Literature	66.00
08/30	MOBILE DEPOSIT Literature \$97.87 receipt 990849	263.00
Total deposits, credits and interest		= \$746.42

Consensus based decision to send money above prudent reserve; ¼ to Autonomy Zone and ¼ to NAWs and ½ will go to region.

New Business:

Area:

1. Motion Maker: Jenn D. Seconded by It's a Brand New Day.

Motion: To add \$16.00 to PO Box rental budget, (\$150), to meet billed amount by the USPS.

Intent: To ensure that AHA does not lose its PO Box.

Discussion – GSR's approve to go ahead and spend the extra \$16.00 for the PO Box before it goes back to homegroups, because it is due before next Area Service.

Take back to homegroups.

2. RCM position is now open because the current RCM, Sherron C., has missed the last 2 Area Service Meetings.
3. Ronnie W. states that, under policy, it is under the discretion of the literature chair when to fill literature orders. Ronnie W. wants to fill literature orders at Area Service each month so that GSR's must be present. He will not fill any orders between Area Service meetings. The only exception will be if a homegroup needs to order a medallion for an anniversary meeting. Dora R. stated that it is in policy that GSR's must be present, and literature is to be handed out at the end of Area Service meeting. The question was asked, what happens if a homegroup runs out of a literature item between Area Service meetings? Ronnie W. stated that the homegroup will have to wait until next meeting. If Ronnie W. will not be present at an Area Service meeting, he will send out an email to all GSR's to arrange for order and delivery of literature.
4. A question was asked about how to get more QR code cards. Should the PR task group maintain a volume of QR code cards? Is the current supply depleted? How many should each homegroup get each month? It was suggested by Sherry R. that each homegroup be given an amount according to the number of meetings each group has throughout the week. It was decided that PR task group will maintain 500 QR code cards. Each homegroup will be given 10 cards per meeting per month.
5. Dan D. was given the floor to discuss why, if he would accept the position of vice chair, he doesn't want to be a cosigner on the bank account while Jenn D., the treasurer, is currently a cosigner. He stated that there have been exceptions made in the past, notably in January 2020. He stated that Jennifer D. was secretary at the time, and she did not want to be a cosigner on the bank account. It was passed on the floor that she did not have to be and was not appointed as a cosigner during her term as secretary.

Region: There is no new business to discuss.

Review of Business: Motion to change the wording in policy under nominations. Motion to add money to rental budget to meet billed amount by the USPS. RCM position is now open for nominations. Ronnie W. gives clarification on how he will fill literature orders. PR will maintain 500 QR cards. Each homegroup will be given 10 cards per meeting per month. There was a discussion about changing duties/responsibilities and qualifications.

Next area service will be held on October 1, at 1:30pm at Immanuel's House, 713 Buxton St., Martinsburg, WV.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: Motion to close the meeting made by John C. and seconded by Cedric W.

ILS,

Misty M.
Secretary - volunteer