

## Almost Heaven Area

November 5, 2022

Meeting was opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Vision for NA Services read by Don V. The 12 Traditions were read by Erick C. The 12 Concepts were read by Ron S. and the Purpose was read by Mike B.

### Roll Call:

Addicts Welcome:	A	A
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:	P	P
Never Alone Never Again:	A	A
New Hope:	P	P
New Image:	A	A
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:	P	P
RCM:	O	O
RCM-Alt:	A	A
VRCC:	O	O
Convention:	A	A
Literature:	P	P
Policy:	P	P

**Quorum met with 9 GSR's present.**

**Recognition of New Attendees and Interested Others:** Kristen S. – H&G

### **Secretary's Report and Approval of Minutes:**

Old business from October's minutes were read. Motion to approve October's minutes made by Cedric W. and seconded by Mike B.

## **Chair's Report:**

### **Almost Heaven Area Service November 5, 2022**

Hi everyone.

Hope everyone is well. I attended the convention committee meeting and the PR task group and the LSU (Local Service Unit) this past month in the Area.

We also received a call from our helpline for PR/H&I for meetings into a detox.

Hope we can work together day to help each other in better carrying our message in our homegroups and in our community.

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Sherry V  
Chair, Almost Heaven Area

**Vice-Chair's Report:** No report

## **Homegroup Reports:**

### **End of the Road:**

**GSR Rep:** Karen S.

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

**Average Number of Attendees:** Tuesday: 20; Sunday: 6

**Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance:** 5

**Total Number of Newcomers:** 10

**Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time?** Need support on Sundays

**Upcoming Homegroup Events:** James E. – 4 years on 11/13; Karen S. – 3 years on 12/11

**Are there any homegroup positions vacant?** Sunday co-chair

**Group Contribution to Area:** \$24.00

### **Foundations:**

**GSR:** Ron S.

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

**Average Number of Attendees:** 13

**Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance:** 9

**Total Number of Newcomers:** 8

**Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time?** Need help getting the word out about our plans of opening an additional meeting day for Saturday, starting Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-8:15pm

**Upcoming Homegroup Events:** Levi P.- 1 year on 12/4; Our homegroup will start meeting on Saturdays on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Are there any homegroup positions vacant?** No

**Group Contribution to Area:** \$0

### **Hope & Gratitude:**

**GSR Rep:** Kristen S./Allen W. Pro Tem

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

**Average Number of Attendees:** 20-25

**Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance:** 7

**Total Number of Newcomers:** 10

**Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time?** We want to know about the \$150 P.O. box. Where is the invoice? What happened with the \$406.92 car payment: half above prudent reserve region? Why is there no treasure report on the website?

**Upcoming Homegroup Events:** Thanksgiving dinner – food, fun and speakers, on 11/19 from 12-6pm. Allen W. – 32 years on 12/16; Kristen S. – 3 years on 1/13

**Are there any homegroup positions vacant?** No

**Group Contribution to Area:** \$17.81

### **It's A Brand New Day:**

**GSR Rep:** Tho'mas G.

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

**Average Number of Attendees:** 38

**Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance:** 9

**Total Number of Newcomers:** 8

**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:** \$44.00

### **Keep It Simple:**

**GSR Rep:** Mike B.

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

**Average Number of Attendees:** 35

**Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance:** 10

**Total Number of Newcomers:** 7

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

**Upcoming Homegroup Events:** Anthony K. – 4 years on 12/7

**Are there any homegroup positions vacant?** No

**Group Contribution to Area:** \$15.00

### **Miracles Do Happen:**

**GSR Rep:** Bob S.

**Date & Time of Meeting:** Sunday, in person at 6pm; Wednesday, zoom only at 6pm.

**Average Number of Attendees:** 16

**Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance:** 12

**Total Number of Newcomers:** 4

**Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time?** We need to visit various groups.

**Upcoming Homegroup Events:** Bob S. – 43 years on 11/27; Nicky H. – 27 years on 12/4

**Are there any homegroup positions vacant?** No

**Group Contribution to Area:** \$0

### **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:** 6

**Total Number of Newcomers:** 1

**Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time?** Need support. Meeting will be moving to a new location in near future. More will be revealed.

**Upcoming Homegroup Events:** None

**Are there any homegroup positions vacant?** No

**Group Contribution to Area:** \$10.00

### **Not High At Noon:**

**GSR Rep:** Ben J.

**Date & Time of Meeting:** Monday, Wednesday-Friday – virtual; Saturday- in person from 12-1:15pm.

**Average Number of Attendees:** 15

**Number of Homegroup Members in Attendance:** 5

**Total Number of Newcomers:** 2

**Does your homegroup have any needs or concerns at this time?** Just need support.

**Upcoming Homegroup Events:** None

**Are there any homegroup positions vacant?** Yes, Wednesday and Friday chair.

**Group Contribution to Area:** \$23.00

### **Start To Live:**

**GSR Rep:** Erick C.

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

**Average Number of Attendees:** 11

**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:** Tricia D. – 11 years on 11/11.

**Are there any homegroup positions vacant?** No

**Group Contribution to Area:** \$60.00

## **Review of Groups Not in Attendance for previous 2 months:**

Surrender To Win – still meeting  
Never Alone Never Again – still meeting  
To Tell the Truth – still meeting

**RCM Report:** No report. Position open.

**RCM Alt. Report:** No report.

**VRCC Rep. Report:** No report. Position open.

## **Service Reports:**

### **LSU:**

#### **PR Task Group:**

**PR Task group**  
November 5, 2022, ASC

#### **Update of Tasks:**

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](mailto:ahana-pr@outlook.com).

We met on October 17, 2022, at 6 pm. This month we participated in several events. 1. Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness, it was reported that there was 200 people in attendance; 2. Hope Fest in Keyser WV where we saw about 45 people and explained the joint effort between Gateway to Freedom and Almost Heaven Area. We gave out QR codes to individuals and to organizations. Last, we have one more event this month on Friday October 28, Washington Recovers (this is their last event this year).

We have received calls/emails seeking assistance on how to get information to potential member. 1. was with Hagerstown Housing Authority and we are looking at how to best provide services to them. 2 A Doctor is seeking to bring NA H&I meeting into a Detox Center in Martinsburg. We sent out an email Sunday October 23, 2022, but after looking for it we do not see where it went through. We are asking GSR to talk to their homegroups about this and if there are individuals that would be willing to go through orientation as we are seeking an increase in organizations wanting information.

Last there was a misprint on the QR cards and we are asking homegroups if 1-Would Homegroups correct the helpline number on the QR card to state 1-800-777-1515 or 2. Homegroups would like us to order all new cards. Sorry for the confusion with the cards.

We are providing homegroups will a larger printed QR card that homegroups may wish to hang up where members can take a picture of it and save it on their phones.

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

Our next meeting will be November 21, 2022, 6:00 pm  
549 West Queen Street, Back of Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Parking lot in the basement

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

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Almost Heaven Area  
Public Relations Task Group  
Narcotics Anonymous

H&I Task Group:

1<sup>st</sup> report- H&I Task Group  
Mountaineer-Thaddeus M.  
Nothing new to report  
Going well being received well.

Capture the Flag Task Group:

The Capture the Flag Task Group met on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> via zoom. There were 6 members in attendance. A copy of a representation of the flag that each homegroup will have was presented to the GSR's as well as a copy of the rules of the event. See attachments to view the flag and rules.

Convention:

**Convention Committee Report:**

We met on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Three addicts in attendance. Next meeting is on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm at Otterbein UMC.

Here are the numbers from the AHA Convention held on August 5-7:

Total Expenses = \$20,193.37
Income = \$26,326.68
Grand Total = \$6173.31

Thaddeus M.

Policy:

Policy Subcommittee Report for October 6 – November 10, 2022

The policy subcommittee met on October 6 at 730pm online. There were three in attendance and the first task at hand was the change in the policy on page 8, item 2 that was voted on at the October ASC by the GSRs. The second task was the budget for policy subcommittee, and it was decided that there no need for one at this moment. The third was on page 9, item 1, with changing phrase “**annual budget**” to “**annual expense budget**”, and since this would be a change in policy, a motion would be written up

and emailed by the Policy chair to ASC chair. The last task was where to add the proposed annual budget report on Almost Heaven Area website and after discussion the consensus of the members in attendance was that under the Service Section, Guidelines should be changed to Guidelines/Budget and options for the two choices would populate similar to the choices under Local Service Unit. The Policy chair will ask the chair of the PR Task Group at the next ASC. The next policy subcommittee meeting at 730pm online on November 10, 2022.

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Cedric W

### **Literature:**

Literature Report November 5, 2022

Beginning Balance. \$655.96

Literature Deposit. \$117.12

Balance \$773.08

Literature Ordered. \$0

Expenses. \$16.47

Current Balance \$756.61

In loving service: Ronnie W.

### **Old Business:**

#### Area:

1. Discuss schedule of AVCNA: AVCNA is being held January 6-8, 2023. This will conflict with our normally scheduled Saturday for ASC meeting. It is the conscience of the group to move ASC to the second Saturday in January. Will be held on 1/14 at Immanuel House.
2. Foundations Group GSR, Ron S., was given the floor. The Foundations Group is considering opening another meeting to be held on Saturdays from 7-8:15. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 7-8:15pm.
3. Karen S., GSR for End of The Road, brought forth a meeting request from the Hagerstown Housing Authority that more NA meetings be opened in Potomac Towers and 6 other apartment locations in Hagerstown. Is this something that can be addressed by H&I?  
There was a discussion about whether this qualifies for H&I since these are apartment complexes and not hospitals or institutions. Don V. stated that it doesn't qualify for H&I, but we can try to help them somehow. It was suggested that Karen S. talk with the PR Task Group, David W., to get some suggestions from them. Thaddeus M. asked if Karen S. could get some information to

bring to the next LSU meeting for discussion. The PR Task Group report addressed this situation.

4. Jenn D. brought a discussion about a Unity Day, Capture the Flag Event, that might be something the AHA might be interested in doing. It was decided that a task group should be formed to discuss this event. It was requested that Jenn D. be the facilitator of this task group and she accepted. A zoom meeting has been set for October 13 at 7pm. The link for the meeting will be put on the AHA website calendar.
5. Dora R. requested a discussion about why AHA lost our convention meeting place at the 4H in Front Royal.  
Sherry V. read a letter that was sent by the 4H Campground detailing the events that occurred during the convention. As a result, they have asked that we not return. Sherry V. also read a letter she wrote in response to their request.  
The question now is, what do we do now? The convention committee will continue to meet monthly to discuss the situation.
6. New Hope has been asked to move their Tuesday meeting place around the beginning of the year. This will affect the meeting places of other committee meetings like the PR Task Group and the Convention Committee. More will be revealed.

Region: There was no old business.

Budget Requests: None

### **Break**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Roll Call:** Quorum was met.

### **Trusted Servants Nominations and Elections:**

Area:

**Vice Chair:** No nominations.

**Secretary:** No nominations.

**RCM:** No nominations.

**VRCC Rep:** No nominations.

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:**

- 11/11 – Policy Committee meeting at 7:30pm, virtually.
- 11/11 – Tricia D. – 11 years at Start To Live
- 11/13 - James E. – 4 years at End of the Road
- 11/19 - Thanksgiving dinner and speaker at Hope & Gratitude from 12-6pm.
- 11/21 - PR Task Group meeting at Otterbein UMC at 6pm.
- 11/21 - Convention Committee meeting at Otterbein UMC at 6:30pm.
- 11/27 - Bob S. – 43 years at Miracles Do Happen
- 11/28 - LSU meeting via zoom at 6pm.
- 12/3 - Foundations first new meeting from 7-8:15pm.
- 12/3 - Area Service meeting at Immanuel House at 1:30pm.
- 12/4 - Nicky H. – 27 years at Miracles Do Happen
- 12/4 – Levi P. – 1 year at Foundations
- 12/7 - Anthony K. – 4 years at Keep It Simple
- 12/9 - Megan G. – 8 years at Hope & Gratitude
- 12/9 - Yahya W. – 3 years at Start To Live
- 12/16 - Allen W. – 32 years at Hope & Gratitude
- 12/18 - Karen S. – 3 years at End of the Road
- 1/13 - Kristen S. – 3 years at Hope & Gratitude

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer’s report was not approved to be put in minutes.

## **New Business:**

### Area:

1. Discuss phone call from Immanuel House. There were complaints about things being moved around in the room and not being put back. We need to be good stewards.
2. Motion Maker: Don V. Seconded by Miracles Do Happen  
Motion: To approve the attached budget for the year 2023.  
**Intent: To be prudent in the handling of NA funds.**  
Amendment: To include \$48.00 for 2-year website back up.  
GSR’s, take this back to homegroups for discussion.
3. H&I request from a new detox facility, Crisis Support Recovery Center, in Martinsburg. They have requested that H&I come in any day throughout the week. We can go in from 7-8:30pm any day at this point. There is currently no one going in. There is currently 3 members who can go in every other week, and we would like to get at least 3 more. Days would alternate between Tuesday and Thursday. There will be further discussion at the next LSU meeting on 11/21. Take back to homegroups for discussion and to see if anyone is interested.
4. Motion Maker: Don V. Seconded by Miracles Do Happen.  
Motion: To order 500 business sized QR cards for distribution to homegroups.  
**Intent: To allow easier access to AHA meeting list and website for newcomers.**  
Take back to homegroups for discussion.
5. There is a wrong phone number on the yellow QR code cards. Discussion was whether to throw away the cards with the error and print new ones or just write the correct phone number on the

existing cards. It was decided that the correct phone number will be written on the cards that have already been given to each homegroup.

6. Motion Maker: End of the Road. Seconded by Hope & Gratitude  
Motion: To host every other monthly ASC meeting in Hagerstown at 416 Sumans Ave. from 1:30-5:30pm.  
**Intent: To broaden the base for newer members to engage and learn about being in service.**  
Amendment: Financial Impact: \$20.00 a month  
Take back to homegroups for discussion.

**Region:** Collaboration of US Zones Survey. See attachment.

**Review of Business:**

January ASC meeting moved to January 14.  
Foundations new meeting begins December 3 from 7-8:15pm.  
Meeting requests from Hagerstown Housing Authority addressed in PR Task Group report.  
Discussed phone call from Immanuel House.  
Motion Maker #1 - budget  
H&I requested in new detox facility in Martinsburg.  
Motion Maker #2 – Order business sized QR code cards to hand out at meetings.  
Discussion to correct wrong number on yellow QR code cards.  
Motion Maker #3 – End of the Road wants to host ASC meeting every other month.  
Regional collaboration of US Zones Survey.

Next area service will be held on December 3, at 1:30pm at Immanuel's House, 713 Buxton St., Martinsburg, WV.

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer:** Motion to close the meeting made by Allen W. and seconded by Erick C.

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Misty M.  
Secretary - Volunteer