

Rock River Area Group Services
Area Services Committee
February 1, 2004
Westside Family
Rockford, IL

Attendance: Phil N., Woody S., Chris K., David S., Tim G., Nancy M., Denise N., Bill N., Candi W., Donna D., Jeff B., Glen S., Doug T., Eric B, Marla M., Joe P., Shawn W., Eric D., Greg W., Jim R., Dewayne S., Michele M., Mike R., Dawn E., Dave E., Sterling M.

New groups to be recognized: Clean Group and Monday Night Primetime Group of NA.

Motion: To accept minutes. **Carried**

Officers Reports:

Chairperson: Chris K.
Nothing to report.

Vice Chairperson: Dave S.
Remember the Area Inventory later this month.

Secretary: Marla M.
Nothing to report. Thanks for the reports on FULL pieces of paper!!

Alt. Secretary: Tanya M. Absent

Treasurer: Denise N.
Report submitted.
Motion: To accept Treasurer's Report. Carried.

Alt. Treasurer: Nancy M.
Nothing to report.

Area Delegate: Donna D.
Vice-chair position is still open. Topics discussed at open forum included: director's terms, children at meetings and functions and the budget. The RD reported that there are only 12 weeks for the CAR reports to be discussed and voted on. The votes must be in by April 24, 204. Chicago is struggling as they have no policies and do not keep any books. They have not given WSC a donation and many would like to know where the money went from the last convention. The insurance company will be changing our policy or we may have

to go to another company. WRSO stresses again that individuals should not contact the insurance company, all requests should go through the service office. Spanish and Non-English literature is available to our Area, please pass this information on to each group. The WSNAC Board needs people to apply as Pool members. Other areas are also having difficulties with children and several solutions have seemed to work including; excluding children and providing alternative activities for children. The following positions are still open: Activities Chair, Additional Needs Chair, Outreach Chair, Alt. Secretary. The RRAGS Treasurer has been given copies of the Region and WSNAC budgets. WSNAC would like to know if members are willing to pay \$109 per night for a room at the Wisconsin Dells for the 2005 convention (limit 4 per room). The next WRSC will be March 20-21 at Wilson Town Hall in Sheboygan Wisconsin.

Alt. Delegate: Jeff B.

We met in Oshkosh, WI at the Park Plaza Hotel, the same hotel that will be the host site for WSNAC in Oct. 2004. I attended the Literature Committee meeting, the WRSO Board meeting and the Open Forum on Saturday. Literature: the chair has been facilitating review workshops for the IP and booklet on "Sponsorship in NA" in any area that wishes to hold them. The consensus at the workshops has been that the informational pamphlet is ready for approval but the booklet is not. There was some discussion about the literature questions in the CAR, but no action was taken. The chair brought a copy of the Traditions Working Guide that will be presented to the conference for consideration as NA literature. I have a copy that I can pass around. It is also available electronically. One thing we should consider is, do we want to host a workshop to review the SPONSORSHIP materials up for approval at this year's WSC? Board meeting: The board discussed the recent problem with RRAGS member contacting the insurance company directly. Apparently, even the office manager works through their agent, not the home office of the insurance company. The corporate agent who called Gene J. said that when the policy expires in July, they will be renegotiating the terms. NA fliers will have to be sent directly to her, rather than through the office and any functions over and above the first twenty will have a surcharge of \$50 - \$100 per function. Most of the B.O. D. members felt that if the terms don't change by the time the contract is renewed, then they will drop the rider that provides insurance for NA functions. Prior to our actions, the insurance company never asked how many functions NA has, so Gene did not turn in any unless there was a claim. In six years, there was only one small claim that was never filed because the damage did not exceed the deductible. Once they asked the question, he told them the truth and that is what got the snowball rolling downhill. The WRSO filed taxes for 2002 and will soon be filing for 2003. The CPA said that as long as they stay under \$100,000 per year in gross revenue, they are under the IRS radar screen for audits. They had approx. \$92,000 in gross sales last year, about 60% of that was literature. Gene reported that only about three percent of literature sales were in Spanish, even though the Spanish speaking population in Wisconsin, particularly in institutions, is much higher than that. He questioned how well we are carrying our message to that segment of

society. Concerning some of the discussion at last month's meeting about the purchase of NA literature, I asked Gene about it. He said that the WRSO purchases their literature through the Chicago Service Office as a type of win-win joint venture. By pooling their resources, both regions enjoy a greater discount. As far as sales to areas go, he said that we should buy our Basic Texts from Chicago and everything else from WI To enjoy the greatest discounts. Open Forum: The biggest topic of discussion was Badgerland motions slated for the next day's conference on funding for trusted servants. The WSNAC chair and other officers of that board were present and answered questions. It seemed to most participating, that the guidelines used were reasonable and prudent. There was no evidence that anyone acted irresponsibly or unethically. Still, the discussion lasted for about 90 minutes. Donna from RRAGS brought up our difficulties with the behavior of children and others at functions and the trouble that it has caused us. The solutions used in other areas ranged from not allowing children to attend functions at all to providing alternative activities with volunteers for the kids. It sounded like the challenge exists in every area and those who had the best successes were those who did not ignore it, hoping it would go away. The WRSC meeting: We need to schedule a CAR review as soon as possible. We should decide today if we want to hold an area conscience where anyone can vote or provide information to GSR's and have voting take place at groups. If we hold a CAR review day, we could do it prior to a function and hopefully build support for that event. The WSNAC board of directors is looking at the Kalahari Water Park Resort at the WI Dells for hosting the 2005 WSNAC. It is a 4 star hotel with lots of family activities, but the price per room would go up from \$99 per night to \$109 per night with a 4 person per room limit. I also spoke to Travis at the World Service Office about our Illinois meetings being listed in the world directory under Wisconsin. She said that I should talk to Steve L., the NAWS webmaster, when he returns from vacation. I will be unable to attend the March WRSC meeting due to a conflict with my work schedule. I will be in Michigan that weekend.

Literature Stockpile: Paul B.

Literature sold: \$587.10

Literature order: \$509.48

Do we want more Anniversary Edition Basic Texts?

Alt. Stockpile: Open

Sub-committee Reports:

Function Chair: Michele M.

The Valentine's Day Dance is scheduled for February 14 at the Millennium Center. The speakers will be Gary and Susan P. of Beloit, WI. Just for Today group is hosting and serving food. Do we have a coffee pot and camera? Do we want to have the CAR literature review prior to the Valentines Day Dance? We

would like to facilitate the CAR review in a conference room at the Ramada Inn prior to the Last Chance Dance on March 13th in South Beloit. We also discussed ideas about the retreat, picnic, campout and other fun activities. I need contact information for more locations to hold functions. We will be having another meeting before the Valentines Day Dance at 5:30 at the Millennium Center.

Literature Chair: Open

Hospitals & Institutions Chair: Susan L.

We have started an additional subcommittee meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10 am at Freedom to Grow. All are welcome to attend. I have copies of the 1/17/04 meeting minutes and a flier for the additional meeting for GSR's. We also have a new facility information sheet for the groups. Rob C. was elected as the subcommittee vice-chair, congratulations. Sojourn House, Mercy Options, Rosecrance Detox and In-Patient and the Winnebago County Jail are well attended. I have information about Rosecrance on Alpine. They want an on campus meeting, however, due to restrictions in adolescent policies, we can only have lead topic meetings. They are looking for 4 males and 4 females. We can start with twice a month, but they are interested in weekly meetings if possible. Their desired schedule would be Thursday nights between 6-8 pm.

Public Information: Glen S.

Schedules will be printed this week.

Policy and Procedure Chair: Jim R.

The only item to address would be the Area Meeting Rotation Schedule for next year. Next month, I will be asking groups if they want to be on the rotation schedule. Please discuss this at your group business meeting and report it to me at the March ASC meeting. In order for a group to host ASC it should have the following: Be available noon until 4 pm on the Sunday of Area, have space large enough to seat all officers, committee members and GSR's, have additional area for Literature Stockpile, provide coffee for members and be wheelchair accessible.

Convention Chair: Woody S.

Things are going along here at RRCNA 13. We are in the final stages of preparing for the big weekend. The merchandise has all been ordered and some things are in. The speakers have been confirmed. Steve T. has resigned as Serenity Keepers Chair and Kim S. was voted in as the new Chair for Serenity Keepers. Open positions at the convention are Funding & Entertainment and Registration. Our checkbook balance as of 1/30/04 is \$6640.02. Our next convention meeting will be on March 5 at Awakening Group, subcommittees will meet at 6 pm and the Convention at 7 pm. Our next function will be on March 13, 2004 at the Ramada Inn in South Beloit – Nachopalooza is the RRCNA 13 Last Chance Dance. With every \$5.00 paid in full admission to the dance you

will receive a free nacho bar and one raffle ticket. Dinner is from 5 – 6:30 pm, Speaker at 8 pm and Dance at 9 pm. This will be your last chance to register for the convention at the low, low early registration price and if you have not reserved your room for the convention, this would be a great time to do so.

Ad Hoc Committee for H&I Fundraising: Jeff B.

Because I was appointed at the very end of the meeting last month and did not have the opportunity to solicit interest among the ASC participants, I did not attempt to hold a meeting. I would like to have 2 meetings in February; the first to brainstorm and discuss ideas, the second meeting to formulate recommendations to the GSR's and possible plans of implementation. What I would like form the body today is to find out who is interested in participating and what would you like us to accomplish?

Old Business:

Elections

Alternate Literature Stockpile: Scott W. nominated, accepted and elected.

Literature: open

Convention:

Registration: open

Funding and Entertainment: open

Motion: To provide each treatment center with 4 Just for Today, 4 It Works: How and Why and 4 Step Working Guides totaling \$495.00. **Intent:** Not to exclude or give special privilege to any one facility. **Failed.**

Motion: To join the Chicagoland Region. **Failed.**

New Business:

Motion: During the banquet/speaker festivities at the Convention (RRCNA) a Basic Text is to be given away to anyone who requests one. **Failed.**

Motion: To establish a moratorium on changing regions for 2 years.

Motion: To take this motion back to the groups. **Carried.**

Motion: To include an additional \$1000.00 per year in the H&I budget for books (Basic Text, It Works: How and Why, Just for Today, Step Working Guide).

Motion: To take motion to the H&I Subcommittee. **Carried.**

Motion: To not have the May Spiritual Retreat until 2005. **Intent:** To allow time to find a new retreat center and possibly a new time to have this function.

Carried.

Motion: To not have the April 2004 Spiritual Retreat Fundraising function for the retreat. **Intent:** It is not needed. **Carried.**

Motion: To host a literature review day February 14, 2004 with budget not to exceed \$50.00. **Intent:** Review Sponsorship booklet and IP. **Carried.**

Motion: To have a C.A.R. review on Saturday March 13, 2004 from 12 – 5 pm with a budget not to exceed \$50.00 (excluding CAR's). **Carried.**

Motion: The CAR review process be one addict/one vote and this conscience will be taken back to Region. **Carried.**

Group Reports:

Awakening:

Reporting member: Dave E.

7th Tradition: 30.85

Attendance: ave. 21

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: 1st Thurs. Feb 5- Tim G., March 4- Susan E.

Report: Restocked literature. Meetings Mon/Wed/Thurs. @ 6:30, Sun. 10 am

Business meeting Friday before ASC at 5pm. Voted “no” on both motions taken back to group.

Clean Group:

Reporting member: Greg W.

7th Tradition: 10.00

Attendance: 7-14

Meeting Changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report: We meet on Tues/Wed at 6 pm at 2425 Charles St.

Dope to Hope:

Reporting member: Douglass T.

7th Tradition: 0

Attendance: needs support

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: none

Report: need support

Freedom to Grow:

Reporting member: Phil N.

7th Tradition: 430.43

Attendance: noons-12, 2:30-20, 6-1-, 7:30-10

Meeting Changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Mike S. from Chicago Feb 24

Report: Our new location is: 4420 Manchester Dr.

Home Group:

Reporting member: Michelle M.

7th Tradition: 30.47

Attendance: Tues-Thurs. 2-10, Fri. 15-20

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Last Friday of the month

Report: No- to join Chicagoland, Yes- to purchase literature for each treatment center.

Just for Today:

Reporting member: Paul B.

7th Tradition: 0

Attendance: 40

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: none

Report: No to join Chicagoland, No to purchase literature for each treatment center. Will work kitchen for the RRAGS Valentine Dance.

Kiss Ass:

Reporting member: Candi W./Tim G.

7th Tradition: 0

Attendance: 26

Meeting Changes: Wed, non-smoking literature study

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Sun Feb 15 at 8 pm Angie M.

Report: Brian K. stepped down as GSR. Candi W. is now GSR. Vice-Chair stepped down. David S. is chair. Fred S. Vice-Chair. Looking to move because of lack of funds.

Monday Night Primetime Group of NA: No report

Reporting member:

7th Tradition:

Attendance:

Meeting Changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report:

New You:

Reporting member: Susan L.
7th Tradition: 0
Attendance: 16
Meeting Changes: none
Functions/Speaker Meetings: none
Report: All is well

90 in 90:

Reporting member: Sterling M.
7th Tradition: 20.00
Attendance: 17-20
Meeting Changes: none
Functions/Speaker Meetings: Speaker meeting Feb 6th, Fri. March 5th, Patty H. from Blue Island.
Report: Next Bus. Meeting Feb. 26th. No to purchase literature for each treatment center. No to join Chicagoland.

Road to Change:

Reporting member: Bill M.
7th Tradition: 0
Attendance: 4-6
Meeting Changes: none
Functions/Speaker Meetings: none
Report: Nothing to report.

Road to Recovery: No report

Reporting member:
7th Tradition:
Attendance:
Meeting Changes:
Functions/Speaker Meetings:
Report:

Saturday Nite Fever:

Reporting member: Rob C.
7th Tradition: 50.00
Attendance: 4-6
Meeting Changes: none
Functions/Speaker Meetings: none
Report: Doors are being opened. Please come and support our spiritual aim and our primary purpose.

Unity: No report

Reporting member:

7th Tradition:

Attendance:

Meeting Changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Westside Family:

Reporting member: Donna D.

7th Tradition: 50.00

Attendance: 1460 for 82 meetings.

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Feb 15th at 6pm Sherrill P.

Report: none

Announcements:

Next A.S.C. will be Sunday March 7, 2004

90 in 90

7914 Scott Lane

Machesney Park, IL

Subcommittees meet at Noon, ASC at 1:00 pm

Motion: To close A.S.C. meeting. Seconded and carries.

Meeting was closed with the Twelfth Tradition and group hug.

In loving service,

Marla M.