

Rock River Area Group Services
Area Services Committee March 7, 2004
90 in 90
Machesney Park, IL

Attendance: Jim R., Woody S., Dave E., Phil N., Marla M., Donna D., Denise N., Kim W., Mike R., Poncho S., Jon D., Sterling M., Eric B, Grant E., Kevin R., Paul B., David S., Thomas T., Susan L., Tim G., Glen S., Kathy O., Dawn E., Bill N., Chris K.

Meeting opened with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer and the Service Worker's Prayer.

Motion: To accept minutes. **Carried.**

New Groups to be recognized: Clean and Free, Janesville WI.
Also, visiting for possible future recognition are delegates from Sterling, IL.

Officers Reports:

Chairperson

Chris K.
Nothing to report.

Vice Chairperson

Dave S.
Jim, the Policy and Procedure Chair, was the only person to show up for the Area Inventory. I totally forgot about it and did not show up. Thanks to Jim for showing up and calling me at home. I recommend this event be removed from the Area Policy Package due to disinterest.
At the last RRAGS meeting under old business there were two motions that were unanimously defeated after being considered at the group level. At the suggestion of one of the GSR's, I consulted Robert's Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order allows the assembly to avoid altogether any question which it may deem irrelevant, unprofitable or contentious by objecting to the consideration of a question.

23. Objection to the Consideration of a Question. An objection may be made to the consideration of any original main motion, and to no others, provided it is made before there is any debate or before any subsidiary motion is stated. Thus, it may be applied to petitions and to communications that are not from a superior body, as well as to resolutions. It cannot be applied to incidental main motions [11], such as amendments to by-laws, or to reports of committees on subjects referred to them, etc. It is similar to a question of order in that it can be made when another has the floor, and does not require a second; and as the chairman

can call a member to order, so he can put this question, if he deems it advisable, upon his own responsibility. It cannot be debated, or amended, or have any other subsidiary motion applied to it. It yields to privileged motions and to the motion to lay on the table. A negative, but not an affirmative vote on the consideration may be reconsidered.¹

When an original main motion is made and any member wishes to prevent its consideration, he rises, although another has the floor, and says, "Mr. Chairman, I object to its consideration." The chairman immediately puts the question, "The consideration of the question has been objected to: Will the assembly consider it? [or, Shall the question be considered?]" If decided in the negative by a two-thirds vote, the whole matter is dismissed for that session; otherwise, the discussion continues as if this objection had never been made. The same question may be introduced at any succeeding session.

The *Object* of this motion is not to cut off debate (for which other motions are provided) but to enable the assembly to avoid altogether any question which it may deem irrelevant, unprofitable, or contentious. If the chair considers the question entirely outside the objects of the society, he should rule it out of order, from which decision an appeal may be taken.

Objection to the consideration of a question must not be confounded with objecting where unanimous consent, or a majority vote, is required. Thus, in case of the minority of a committee desiring to submit their views, a single member saying, "I object," prevents it, unless the assembly by a majority vote grants them permission.—Taken from www.constitution.org

Secretary

Marla M.

Jeff B. e-mailed me his report. I did not realize that he would not be here today, so I did not print and bring it. I will include it in the minutes.

Alt. Secretary

Open

Treasurer

Denise N.

Treasurer's report submitted.

Motion: To accept Treasurer's report. **Carried.**

Alt. Treasurer

Nancy M.

Absent with notification.

Area Delegate

Donna D.

WRSC will be March 20-21. Need money for expenses.

Motion: \$241.90 to Donna D. for WRSC expenses. **Carried.**

Alt. Delegate

Jeff B.

Absent with notice, report submitted.

The literature review workshop went well with 10 people attending, eight for the whole time. I got no negatives from the participants on the material. We did the pamphlet first and completed the review and discussion before moving on to the book. Everyone liked the proposed informational pamphlet better than the current version. The Sponsorship book is approximately 100 pages in length and divided into five chapters. We decided early on to thoroughly review as much as we could rather than try to skim over the entire work. We made it through the first two chapters of the book and part of the third. I wouldn't say that everyone agreed with all the views expressed, but because much of the material is portrayed as "one addict's experience", all felt that the diversity of opinions was more like attending a regular NA meeting. Also, because sponsorship is such a personal and subjective experience, nobody thought that a Basic Text style could ever reach overwhelming approval.

Unfortunately a combination of work responsibilities, health issues and personal life events have made the months of February and March pretty unmanageable for performing NA service. Donna D. has graciously agreed to chair the C.A.R. review on March 13th and will cover that in her report. I will be in Waterloo, Iowa.

I also will not be attending today's meeting because I am traveling back from northern Wisconsin and I will not be attending the RSC this month because I will be traveling for work from March 19-26 and possibly through the 28th. I apologize for my inability to attend these scheduled meetings, but it is unavoidable. I expect life to return to some form of normalcy by early April.

Literature Stockpile

Paul B.

Literature sold	\$887.32
Literature ordered	\$785.50

Please take back to your groups: Do we want to order more Anniversary Edition Basic Texts?

Alt. Stockpile

Scott W.

Absent with out notice.

Sub-committee Reports:

Function Chair

Michelle M.

Mike R. reporting: The Valentine's Day Dance netted a profit of \$203.07. Proceeds less \$100 were given to the Treasurer. The remaining was kept as seed money for the St. Patrick's Day Dance.

Motion: \$160.00 for rent of Camp Winnebago for the St. P's Dance. **Carried.**

Motion: \$180.00 for DJ for the St. P's Dance. **Failed.**

Literature Chair

Open

Hospitals & Institutions Chair

Susan L.

The Winnebago County Jail, Rosecrance Detox., Rosecrance Inpatient, Beloit Mercy and Sojourn House are all attended and going well. The jail reports that the women's facility is just about to open. They already have 4 women approved but more are needed. I have clearance forms for anyone interested. I need to submit a literature order for restocking the H&I stockpile. The total order comes to \$616.00. I was contacted by the DOC facility in Dixon. They would like to set up a regular H&I commitment at the facility. There is no clean time requirement, but no felonies will be accepted. Some misdemeanors can be overlooked at the discretion of the warden. I also received an H&I request from the Salvation Army. They would like a speaker meeting on Mondays at 6 pm and a topic meeting on Wednesdays at 6 pm. Regarding the motion that was directed to H&I, we would like to request more time as it is still in discussion.

Public Information

Glen S.

The new meeting schedules are here for you. Please feel free to get some. The NA phonenumber that we operate has been receiving a lot of calls. Some are for treatment programs, others are for schedules and some have been for people wanting to start NA meetings. Working with H&I, we have talked to one place about starting one of those meetings. The meeting seemed to go well and they are waiting to hear back from us. Thanks everyone for your support of PI.

Policy and Procedure Chair

Jim R.

Last month I asked the GSR's to bring up the discussion at their groups about hosting the ASC for the next service year. Again, to host the group should be able to; be available noon – 4 pm on ASC Sunday, have large enough space to accommodate all, provide coffee and be wheelchair accessible.

Groups available next year are: Awakening, Home Group, Kiss Ass, New You, 90 in 90, Westside Family, Clean and Free.

Next month I will be presenting a rotation schedule for approval.

Convention Chair

Woody S.

We are 26 days away from RRCNA 13 at the Ramada Inn in S. Beloit. As a committee we are in the final stages of being prepared for the weekend. On Saturday March 13 we will be having Nachopalooza, the Last Chance Dance, the last opportunity for you to get the low, low early registration price of \$15.00. Also, with every paid in full admission to Nachopalooza, you will receive admission to our free nacho buffet and one raffle ticket. Nachopalooza is being held at the Ramada Inn in S. Beloit so you will be able to reserve your hotel room at that time. Dinner will be from 5-6:30 pm, speaker at 8 pm and dance at 9 pm. Our check book balance is \$395.09. Our next convention meeting will be on March 19 at 6:30 pm at Awakening group. Convention Treasurer's report submitted.

Old Business:

Elections

Alternate Secretary- now open

Literature Chair- no interest

Convention-

Funding and Entertainment- no interest

Registration- no interest

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

New Business:

Motion: (from individual member) To hire Jimmy Thorns for the March 27th function at a price of \$180.00. Intent: to fulfill the already advertised event. **Carried.**

Group Reports:

Awakening:

Reporting member: Dave E.

7th Tradition: 0

Attendance: 23 average

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Jean O. on the last Thurs. of the month

Report: No to both motions taken back to the group. Our business meeting is the Sat. before each ASC at 5 pm.

Clean Group: no report submitted

Reporting member:

7th Tradition:

Attendance:
Meeting Changes:
Functions/Speaker Meetings:
Report:

Clean and Free Group:

Reporting member: Jon D./Poncho S.

7th Tradition: 0

Attendance: 30 average

Meeting Changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings: 5th Tuesday of the month

Report: We are switching from Basic Area to RRAGS. This is done in the hopes that we will grow to be more actively involved in Area functions. Our attendance is great, averaging from 20-40 addicts. We meet once a week on Tuesday nights at 7pm at the 12X12 in Janesville.

Dope to Hope:

Reporting member: Doug

7th Tradition: 0

Attendance: 3-5

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: none

Report: We still need support.

Freedom to Grow:

Reporting member: Kevin R.

7th Tradition: \$369.98

Attendance: well attended

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Speaker March 23, Anita S. from Rockford

Report: Some positions are still open at the group level. Literature purchase of \$77.00. We support Convention rate increase for WSNAC.

Home Group:

Reporting member: Mike R.

7th Tradition: \$14.60

Attendance: 2-20

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Last Friday of the month, Thelma of Janesville

Report: none

Just for Today:

Reporting member: Dawn E.

7th Tradition: \$80.00

Attendance: 30 average

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: none
Report: 7th Tradition includes \$40 made on food served at the Valentine's Dance.

Kiss Ass:

Reporting member: Tim G.
7th Tradition: 0
Attendance: 21
Meeting Changes: none
Functions/Speaker Meetings: Debbie M, March 21.
Report: We have moved, new address: 626 7th Street.

Monday Night Primetime Group of NA:

Reporting member: Eric B.
7th Tradition: \$20.00
Attendance: 8-12
Meeting Changes: none
Functions/Speaker Meetings: none
Report: Prior to joining RRAGS we had a Tuesday night commitment at Detox. We have since brought this commitment under the direction of the H&I subcommittee.

New You:

Reporting member: Susan L.
7th Tradition: 0
Attendance: 17
Meeting Changes: none
Functions/Speaker Meetings: none
Report: none

90 in 90:

Reporting member: Sterling M.
7th Tradition: \$38.00
Attendance: 15 average
Meeting Changes: Mon. night 7:30 pm will be a meditation meeting.
Functions/Speaker Meetings: Friday April 9, Matthew H.
Report: Speaker meeting moved to not conflict with RRCNA. In favor of moratorium on changing regions. In favor of increased room rates for WSNAC.

Road to Change:

Reporting member: Bill N.
7th Tradition: 0
Attendance: 6-8
Meeting Changes: none
Functions/Speaker Meetings: none
Report: none

Road to Recovery: not present

Reporting member:

7th Tradition:

Attendance:

Meeting Changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Unity:

Reporting member: Kathy O.

7th Tradition: 0

Attendance: 6-8

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Terry S. March 28 at 8 pm

Report: none

Westside Family:

Reporting member: Donna D.

7th Tradition: 0

Attendance: 15-40

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: March 21, Dana W. from Waukegan

Report: Mini speaker-thon with Catfish and Recovery on March 20, 3 pm – midnight at the YMCA log lodge.

Motion: To close A.S.C. meeting. **Carried.**

Meeting was closed with the Twelfth Tradition and group hug.

In loving service,

Marla M.

Announcements:

Next A.S.C. will be Sunday March 28, 2004

Awakening

1210 11th Street

Rockford, IL

Subcommittees meet at Noon, ASC at 1:00 pm