

Rock River Area Group Services
Area Services Committee
June 6, 2004
Home Group
Janesville, WI

Attendance: Michael C., Glen S., Andrea S., Mike R., Michelle M., Jim R., Paul B., Marla M., David S., Chris K., Jonathon D., Sterling M., Eric B., Tim G., Kim W., Nancy M., Denise N., Phil N., Kevin R., Eric D.,

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

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

New Groups to be recognized: None

Officers Reports:

Chairperson

Chris K.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Vice Chairperson

Dave S.

I will be unable to continue structured service due to my health. I am available to share experience, strength and hope as needed.

Secretary

Marla M.

The minutes were not available until today, I apologize for that. Thanks for letting me serve.

Alt. Secretary

Open

Treasurer

Denise N.

Report submitted.

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

Alt. Treasurer

Nancy M.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Area Delegate

Donna D.

Motion from RSC: To approve the change of BOD meetings from July to September. **Carried.**

Thank you for allowing me to be your ASR (or RCM). I attended 3 subcommittee meetings. Due to the times each subcommittee meets they are looking to change the format so everyone will be able to attend each meeting. The big news is from our Regional Delegation, Larry K., who submitted a very lengthy report from the World Service Conference. (See archives if you are interested in complete report it will not be retyped here) What I would like to point out is:

1. IP on Sponsorship and the changes to the Basic Text passed.
2. The Tradition Workbook failed.
3. Regions to post literature on the Web failed.
4. Do not send literature to Cuba. Addicts are being persecuted.
5. Our public image is the focus of the next World Board.
6. World Services will be involved in a Drug Court Convention in Milwaukee this summer. This will be an opportunity to increase our positive public image with professionals.
7. I have a copy of the First Draft Record of WSC 2004 Decisions.
8. I have a copy of the US Phone-line Directory.

H&I submitted a copy of the Welcome to Writing Steps for Recovery draft. It has been forwarded to the ASC policy chair for review. This is an anonymous way for inmates to work steps.

Literature submitted the "Spiritual Principles" worksheet and it will be archived.

I have given 50+ meeting directories to Public Information at RSC with emphasis on getting our name in doctor offices and the community in a positive way.

WSNAC representatives are needed.

Basic Area will be hosting WSNAC 2005 at The Abby in Lake Geneva.

All meeting changes and event fliers should go to Region and/or Jim P. for inclusion on the Regional Web Site.

Regional positions open:

Activities Chair

Additional Needs Chair

Co-Secretary
WRSO BOD Pool

The next RSC will be at the Park Plaza Hotel and Convention Center
1 North Main St.
Oshkosh WI
July 17-18.

Alt. Delegate

Jeff B.
Not present

Literature Stockpile

Paul B.

Literature Sold in May	\$824.80
Convention Lit. Sold	\$590.45
Literature Sold	\$615.90
Literature Ordered	\$2432.53

No literature was ordered last month due to meeting ending before finish of business.

Alt. Stockpile

Open

Sub-committee Reports:

Function Chair

Michelle M.
No report submitted.

Literature Chair

Open

Hospitals & Institutions Chair

Susan L.- not present

Michael C. reporting: Mercy Options in Beloit has closed. We are getting organized to enter Rosecrance on Alpine. All other commitments are going well. We are getting ready for our Learning Day on June 19th from 10 am – 2 pm at Freedom to Grow.

Public Information

Glen S.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Public Information position. As a result I have more self honesty and self discipline in my recovery. Also I feel we have more integrity as a group as a result of all of the efforts we put forward. Please have all the meeting changes written down so that the correct times and

meeting places can be put on the next printing of the schedules. Thank you again and God bless you all.

Policy and Procedure Chair

Jim R.

Hello all, I have the updated pages for the policy package that were approved last month. They will replace pages #5 and #43. I put them out at the break along with more copies of the ASC meeting rotation for those who need it. Thank you for the privilege to serve.

Convention Chair

John L.- not present

Denise N. reporting: We met on Friday June 4th. Our committee asked for volunteers for open positions. Nancy M. volunteered for Merchandise Chair. Our committee recommends approval of this election. We will meet the Friday prior to each ASC at 7:00 pm. Locations will be made available at our next ASC. Our July meeting will be at Awakening group.

Ad Hoc Committee on Fundraising for H&I:

Donna D./Eric D.

In our investigation of fund-raising ideas for the H&I Subcommittee members of this group attended the Wisconsin Regional Service Subcommittee meeting and questioned its members. We also researched the WSC rules and policy and studied examples of fundraising from other Areas and Regions. We have found that the concept of fundraising is a very difficult proposition and we strongly recommend that before H&I fundraising is considered, RRAGS consider the following questions:

1. If we require funding, are our area funds truly not sufficient as provided by members donations to the "basket" at the group level? We respectfully ask all groups and the ASC to consider this question.
2. If we require funding, is RRAGS sufficiently accountable to the groups it represents? Would new fundraising efforts / do current fundraising efforts adversely affect this accountability?
3. If we require funding, is RRAGS sufficiently focused on our primary purpose? Are all of our current efforts and expenditures taking into consideration our primary purpose?
4. If we require funding, are RRAGS wants supplanting needs?
5. Finally, we feel that the most important question to ask is: If we have satisfied ourselves in answering the preceding questions, is a fundraiser for H&I of such a nature that not holding it will result in our primary purpose going unfulfilled? If the answer to this is yes after we are satisfied with the answers to questions 1-4, then we would recommend that a fundraiser may be appropriate.

We thought it instructive to quote the following from NA World Services Bulletin 21R "The Generation of Funds and the Seventh Tradition in Narcotics Anonymous":

"All of the solutions we see to the problems addressed in this article involve communication. We believe that improved communication about the needs of our service bodies results in increased support from NA groups and members. Improved communication improves the accountability of the service structure to our groups and members. Finally, improved communication helps us maintain our focus on spiritual principles like faith and trust, leading us away from fear, distrust and self centeredness." (the entire bulletin was included with the report but will not be retyped here)

Old Business:

Motion: To add to Rock River Area Group Services, Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee Guidelines, section IX Literature Stockpile, Subsection E. 10 Basic Texts (softcover), 10 It Works: How and Why (softcover), 10 Step Working Guides, 10 Just for Today. **Carried.**

Elections

Convention:

Merchandise Chair- Nancy M. elected.

ASC:

Chair person- Marla M. elected.

Vice Chair person- open

Secretary- open

Alt. Secretary- Eric B. elected.

Treasurer- open

Alt. Treasurer- open

Area Delegate (RCM)- Donna D. elected.

Area Delegate Alt. (RCM-A)- Judy C. elected.

Literature Stockpile- Mike R. elected.

Motion: To extend business for 30 minutes. **Carried.**

Literature Stockpile Alt.- open

Function- Michelle M. elected.

Literature- open

Hospitals and Institutions- Michael C. elected.

Public Information- Glen S. elected.

Policy and Procedure- Chris K. elected.

New Business:

NONE

Group Reports:

Awakening: Not present

Reporting member: Dave E.

7th Tradition: 0

Attendance:

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Clean Group:

Reporting member: Kim W.

7th Tradition: \$67.89

Attendance: 12

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: none

Report: none

Clean and Free Group:

Reporting member: Jon D.

7th Tradition: will donate in July

Attendance: 30-40

Meeting Changes: new address is 407 West Van Buren, Janesville

Functions/Speaker Meetings: 5th Tuesday of the month

Report: We took care of our prior obligation to the Basic Area and we are helping out with the camp-out which is scheduled this coming weekend.

Dope to Hope: Not present

Reporting member: Doug

7th Tradition: 0

Attendance: 3-5

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: none

Report:

Freedom to Grow:

Reporting member: Phil N.

7th Tradition: \$159.65

Attendance: 9-14

Meeting Changes: Wed. 730 closed.

Functions/Speaker Meetings: June 22, Jimmy S.

Report: Yes to literature stockpile for H&I. We closed the Wed. 7:30 meeting.

Update the Regional schedule to reflect that the above change and the Sat. meeting is at 6:00 pm (still shows as 7:30).

Home Group:

Reporting member: Michelle M.

7th Tradition: \$5.09

Attendance: 2-20

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Last Friday of the month, June is Nancy M.

Report: none

Just for Today: Not present

Reporting member: Dawn E.

7th Tradition:

Attendance:

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: none

Report:

Kiss Ass:

Reporting member: Tim G.

7th Tradition: 0

Attendance: 21

Meeting Changes: 3rd Sat. of month is a Midnight candlelight meeting.

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Sun 6/20, Kris B. from Wis.

Report: none

Monday Night Primetime Group of NA:

Reporting member: Eric B.

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Attendance: 10-15

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings: none

Report: none

New You: Not present

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

90 in 90:

Reporting member: Sterling M.
7th Tradition: \$161.00
Attendance: 15-40
Meeting Changes: none
Functions/Speaker Meetings: First Friday of each month
Report: yes to increase literature stockpile.

Reality Check: not present

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

Road to Change: Not present

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: Not present

Reporting member: Kathy O.

7th Tradition: 0

Attendance:

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report: none

Westside Family:

Reporting member: Donna D.

7th Tradition: \$500.71

Attendance: 1435

Meeting Changes: none

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report: June is Men's month. There will be a speaker every Sunday, potluck/speaker on the Third Sunday.

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

Meeting was closed with the Twelfth Tradition and group hug.

In loving service,

Marla M.

Announcements:

Clean and Free Groups new address
407 West Van Buren, Janesville, WI

**Next A.S.C. will be Sunday July 11, 2004
90 in 90
7914 Scott Lane
Machesney Park, IL**

Subcommittees meet at Noon, ASC at 1:00 pm