

Sunday February 11, 2007
Rock River Area Group Service
Monthly Business Meeting
Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Sterling M., Rob K., Eric B., Steve Y., Gary T., Jimmy M., Rich M., Randy S., Charley S., Linda H., Eric D., Tara J., Gary G., Dave D., Katrina K., Steve R., Mark B.

- a.) Eric B. opened meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.
- b.) Volunteers read the Twelve Traditions of N.A. and the Service Workers Prayer.
- c.) Welcomed newcomers.
- d.) Roll call of trusted servants and GSR's.
- e.) Recognized new groups.
- f.) Explained voting procedures.
- g.) Minutes from last month were reviewed, and accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairperson: Paula T. *-(absent)*. Eric B. *(acting/present)* – Read statement of purpose.

Vice Chairperson: Eric B. *(present)* – Handed out flyer for next month's AREA meeting. Asked everyone to amend flyer regarding Convention Committee elections; should read April 01, 2007 at Reality Check in Sterling, Il.

Secretary: *(open)* –

Alternate Secretary: Mark B. *(present)*- Please turn in your reports to me by the end of the meeting if you want your information to be included in the AREA minutes, as I want your information to be included. I'm asking for \$18.00 reimbursement for my costs on copying this month's AREA minutes. I've turned in my receipt to the treasurer. **Motion:** For \$18.00 for copying; *passed*. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous.

Treasurer: *(open)* – Eric B. *(acting/present)* - Handed out financial figures data packet gathered since January business meeting.

Alternate Treasurer: *(open)* –

FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance From: January 07, 2007.....	\$3,750.00
INCOME	
Groups 7th Tradition	\$219.09
Literature sold.....	\$1,006.60
Area 7th Tradition.....	\$16.00
Functions Money	\$411.80
RCM.....	\$0.00
RCMA.....	\$0.00
Jimmy M. (stop payment).....	\$28.50
Individual Purchases	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,681.99

EXPENSES:

3947	Steven Y.- reimburse for copies.....	\$26.20
3948	Wagner communications helpline.....	\$84.64
3949	Sterling M.- RCM travel expense.....	\$275.94
3950	Steven Y.- RCMA travel expense.....	\$60.00
3951	Kisha Merkel- Function expense.....	\$500.00
3952	WRSO Lit / H&I Lit / PI Lit	\$1,427.25
3953	WRSO Literature Stockpile	\$48.73

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,422.76
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	\$3,009.23
STATEMENT BALANCE	\$3,009.23
PRUDENT RESERVE	\$2,873.80
WORKING FUNDS	\$135.43

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Regional Committee Member: Sterling M. (present) – Hello everyone at the Rock River Area. We attended the WRSC January cycle in Oshkosh from January 20th – 21st 2007. Steven and I had a great time at the next site for WSNAC 2007. The hotel and convention center is a beautiful place. We enjoyed all the amenities offered and we also toured the site and it is a wonderful location for the upcoming WSNAC convention. We gave Gene J. (WRSO) the checks in the amount of \$1,475.98 for literature and brought it back to Jimmy M. (RRAGS Literature). We also gave the Rock River Area 7th Tradition of \$140.74 to Ray W. (WRSC Treasurer). We attended the opening workshop, which was a round table discussion, on predatory behavior in the fellowship. Lots of solutions and problems were identified. A copy of the minutes is available per request. We have a new area called the Upper Peninsula Area, which is located in the upper peninsula of Michigan. They have joined the WRSC and we are glad to have them. Several motions were to be discussed and brought back to all Areas for further discussion. A copy of these motions will be available in the RRAGS minutes next month. We look forward to going to the next WRSC in Rice Lake in March 2007. We brought back fliers for Regional events and the new listing of the WRSC meeting directory. We would like to thank Valerie F., Bill O., and Rob K. for all their dedicated work in updating the Rock River Area meeting directory. We have never seen it look so updated. Good job to all of you. In loving NA service, Sterling M. (RCM) & Steven Y. (RCMA).

Motions from Region:

1) Meeting Directories: The WRSC shall include on its meeting list all active meetings within its geographical boundaries. Any NA group, within the geographical boundaries of the WRSC regardless of Area affiliation, may apply to the WRSC for inclusion on the Regional meeting list. The WRSC shall use the criteria established in the guide to Local Service to determine a groups eligibility for inclusion. **Intent:** To fulfill the primary purpose of carrying the message of recovery to every addict. Provide a means for any NA group within the geographical boundaries of the WRSC to have access to the WRSC and the Regional meeting list regardless of

Area affiliation. To fulfill the stated purpose of the 2nd Tradition and the 12th Concept, which is to serve and not govern. Also whether or not a group is responsible for costs of being included in an AREA / REGIONAL schedule if they don't want to be a part of that AREA / REGION.

Discussion. **Motion:** Take back to groups. **Vote:Passed.**

2) Should subcommittees continue to stay active, even though no longer needed, at the Regional level? **Motion:** To take back to groups. **Vote:Failed a)** To remove the Literature subcommittee. Discussion. **Vote:Failed. b)** To remove the activities subcommittee. Discussion. **Vote:Failed. c)** To remove the unity subcommittee. Discussion. **Vote:Failed. d)** To remove the additional needs subcommittee. Discussion. **Vote:Failed.**

3) Minority Outreach: with regard to AD-HOC subcommittee continuing to try to get in touch with Native Americans on their reservations. Discussion. **Motion to Abstain:** Discussion. **Vote:Passed.**

4) Regarding 10th Concept re-dress; grievance issues; should we stick with current guidelines or not? Discussion. Chair ruled to move to Open Forum for further discussion. Re-discussed in Open Forum; consensus is to stick with current guidelines.

Alternate Regional Committee Member: Steven Y. (present) – Please see RCM's report. Nothing else to report.

Functions: Kisha M. (absent) – No report.

Literature Review: Steven Y. (present) – Full report available on request.

Hospitals & Institutions: Kim S. (absent) – No report.

Public Information: Rob K. (present) – PI activity for the month of January 2007:

1) Additional subcommittee meeting: Held 1-20-07 at Freedom To Grow. Attendance = 6. Summary in brief: **a)** discussed possible re-format of schedule. **b)** Discussed how to support RRAGS website ad-hoc committee. **c)** Established goal to present Phonline Service Learning Day, proposed for May of 2007, exact date- TBA. It Works group committed to host.

d) Discussed getting radio and television public service announcement materials (PSA's) from WSO, and approaching local media.

2) Schedules: Updated with most recent changes, 2500 printed, 500 distributed to Convention Committee. The printer will send an invoice to the ASC PO box.

3) Beloit Treatment Center: Three PI Committee members visited this facility on January 24, 2007. The director was receptive to the prospect of an NA presence (H&I panel), but was not sure about what time slot. We are waiting to here back from him on this. We made contact with members in the Beloit area who are prepared to organize the panel whenever we get the go-ahead.

4) PHASE Belvidere: Discussion with this facility established that they would like an H&I presentation on the last Thursday of each month. We have approached a member from the Belvidere area about serving as panel coordinator. His response is still pending. This is basically ready to hand off to H&I committee.

5) www.na.org: Attempted to use the website forms to update the database used by the "meeting locator" program to add new group (The Group), add new meetings (It Works, Freedom To Grow), and change address (Westside). The response from World organization

ranges from no action taken, to the addition of completely incorrect information. I would ask affected group's GSR's to contact World directly to try to fix this situation. My requests have gotten no response.

6) www.wisconsinna.org: Due to diligent efforts by Regional Website Coordinator and Regional PI Chair, the listings at Regional website are almost an exact match with the actual schedule! Also, a printable copy of the current ("Convention Edition") RRAGS schedule is available at this location. Thanks very much to Valerie F. and Bill O.!

7) Phoneline: Answering service now has a copy of current ("Convention Edition") RRAGS schedule to use in handling questions. Volunteer list needs to be reworked to distribute calls more evenly. Answering service presently calls volunteers in alphabetical order. Need to find a method acceptable to them to change this.

8) Literature distributed: IP's and schedules were taken to Winnebago County Parole office, drug court, and Crusader clinic. Literature reorder- \$91.65.

9) Additional PI Subcommittee Monthly Meeting: Next meeting is 2-17-07 at FTG at Noon.

10) PI goals/proposed activities for the month of February 2007 (and forward): **a)** Focus House: (Rochelle) This facility returned call from message left in December! Needs appear to be for literature only at this time, will investigate other possibilities. **b)** Rosecrance River District: Will continue attempts to contact this facility. **c)** Rock County Jail: Have contact info from NA members, will try to set appointment for a PI presentation. **d)** Boone County Jail: Have contact info from NA members, will try to set appointment for a PI presentation. **e)** Salvation Army: (Rockford) Proposed contact, will try to set appointment for a PI presentation. **f)** Begin planning for Phoneline Service Learning Day. **g)** Close open actions from January (Beloit Treatment Center, PHASE, etc.). **h)** Continue follow up on ideas about PSA's in local media.

11) Committee activity prior to February ASC: **a)** Distributed mail; reviewed active group list with acting chair. **b)** Since no one else expressed interest in PI subcommittee at ASC, I sat in with the website ad-hoc.

12) Activity during report: **a)** If your group does not wish to receive mail at your location, please let me know. **b)** Will take action to make updates to Regional Website and printed schedule, correct address for "The Group"; change "K.I.S." address.

Policy & Procedure: (*open*); **Eric B.** (*acting/present*) – Nothing to report.

Literature Stockpile: **Jimmy M.** (*present*) – Please see the Literature Stockpile chairperson for a full report regarding information from the last RRAGS meeting.

Convention Committee: **Gary T.** (*present*) – Convention went well. Haven't got a report on how the money came out, but there was a profit. Had a lot of positive feedback. The final meeting will be, I don't know. (March 02, 2007)

Newsletter: **Randy S.** (*present*) – Report available upon request.

Ad-hoc Website committee: **Eric D.** (*present*) – Full report available on request. Our next committee meeting will be on February 27, 2007 at 7910 Scott Lane in Machesney Park, Illinois at 8:00 pm. We also meet one hour before ASC.

- Open Forum Discussion: Topics – 1)** Concerns about the Convention Committee giving (donating) merchandise to Project Hope.
- 2) Concerns about whether or not subcommittees should meet at someone’s house instead of a group.
- 3) Announcement: Steven Y. is moving to Bloomington, Illinois as of May 01, 2007 to finish schooling. Please consider RCMA and Literature Review positions.
- 4) Idea: about whether or not to include group / committee contacts in the minutes each month; or make available and include every 4th month, or when changes are required.
- 5) Should Region stick with current guidelines concerning 10th Concept re-dress / grievance issues, or not?

Old Business: 1) Elections: None. Open positions are Secretary; Treasurer; Alt. Treasurer; and Policy & Procedure.

2) Regarding motion that was sent back to groups last month: That group reports be moved to the beginning of the meeting. Intent is that groups be taken care of first, to better serve the group.

Vote: Failed.

New Business: Motion: To donate 10 of each item left over from the RRCNA16 Convention to Project Hope so that they can raise funds. Discussion, pros and cons. **Motion:** To send previous motion back to Convention Committee. **Vote: Passed.**

GROUP REPORTS

90 In 90

Reporting member: GSRA – Charlie S.
 7th Tradition: \$20.00
 Literature: \$0.00
 Attendance: 15 – 20
 Meeting changes: Sunday 11 pm meeting is now a non-smoking, meditation meeting.
 Functions/Speaker Meetings: Paula T.- March 2nd @ 7:30 pm. Bill B.- April 6th @ 7:30 pm.
 Report: Business meetings are the last Thursday of the month @ 9 pm. Next one is February 22, 2007.

Anonymous

Reporting member: GSR – Randy S.
 7th Tradition: \$10.00
 Literature: \$0.00
 Attendance: avg. 4
 Meeting changes: None
 Functions/Speaker Meetings: Bill B.- 23 FEB 07, 8:30- 10:00 pm.
 Report: Come on down. The price is right, cause recovery is free!

Awakening

Reporting member: GSR – (*not present*)
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance:
Meeting changes:
Functions/Speaker Meetings:
Report: None

Clean

Reporting member: GSR – Gary G.
7th Tradition: \$48.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: 8 – 10
Meeting changes: None
Functions/Speaker Meetings: None
Report: None

Dope To Hope

Reporting member: GSR- (*not present*)
7th Tradition:
Literature:
Attendance:
Meeting changes:
Functions/Speaker Meetings:
Report: None

Freedom To Grow

Reporting member: Rich M., GSR & Mark B., GSRA
7th Tradition: \$37.01
Literature: \$155.15
Attendance: avg. 12; 10 newcomers.
Meeting changes: None
Functions/Speaker Meetings: Tuesday Feb 27th @ 7:30 pm- Linda H. Wednesday Feb 28th @ Noon- Ron C.
Report: Against moving group reports.

Home Group

Reporting member: Tara J., GSR
7th Tradition: \$20.14
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: 5-20
Meeting changes: Business meeting 3rd Friday of the month instead of 4th Friday starting February 16, 2007

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Feb 23rd speaker TBA.
Report: Nothing to report.

It Works

Reporting member: Eric D., GSR

7th Tradition:

Literature: \$50.00

Attendance: 4

Meeting changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report: It Works could use members with at least 30 days clean to chair meetings and we need attendance support in general.

Just For Today

Reporting member: GSR – (*not present*)

7th Tradition:

Literature:

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report: None.

Keep It Simple

Reporting member: GSR – (*not present*)

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes: From announcement, we'll be moving to 630 7th Street on February 24, 2007.

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report: None.

Monday Night Prime Time

Reporting member: GSR – Katrina K.

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 5 – 10

Meeting changes: None.

Functions/Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Nothing to report.

New You

Reporting member: GSR- (*not present*)
7th Tradition:
Literature:
Attendance:
Meeting changes:
Functions/Speaker Meetings:
Report:

Reality Check

Reporting member: GSR – (*not present*)
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: –
Meeting changes: –
Functions/Speaker Meetings:
Report: None

Road To Recovery

Reporting member: Gary T., GSR
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: No change.
Meeting changes: None.
Functions/Speaker Meetings: None.
Report: Nothing to report.

The Group

Reporting member: Steve R., GSR
7th Tradition: \$32.48
Literature: \$82.70
Attendance: 12 – 18
Meeting changes: None.
Functions/Speaker Meetings: We will be adding a monthly speaker meeting (TBA).
Report: We are excited at the prospect of an AREA website. Our group is continuing to grow.
We voted to leave the ASC agenda order the same. In loving service, Steve R.

Westside Family

Reporting member: Linda H., GSR
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$150.50
Attendance: avg. 18
Meeting changes: None
Functions/Speaker Meetings: March 4th @ 6 pm- Latonia, speaker. March 18th @ 6 pm- Lil Joe, speaker. Next chairperson workshop, 2/17/07 @ 11 am.

Report: Westside is seeing newcomers. Atmosphere appears to be more recovery oriented due to new location and more unity being displayed. Literature meetings need support!

We Do Recover

Reporting member: GSR- (*not present*)

7th Tradition:

Literature:

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report:

The next RRAGS Business meeting will be held on March 04, 2007 at Freedom To Grow, 4430 Manchester Drive in Rockford, Illinois at Noon.

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