

Sunday September 09, 2007
Rock River Area Group Service
Held at 4430 Manchester Drive Rockford, Illinois
Hosted by: Freedom To Grow
Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE: 23

Rob K., Eric B., Eric D., Teresa C., Linda F., Katrina K., Amy I., Marla M., Chris K., Phil C., Barney W., Tara J., Allie H., Mike C., Laurie L., Linda S., Jane S., James W., Fred S., Ron R., Renaldo W., Mark B.

- a.) Eric B. opened the meeting at 1:00 pm 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.) Chair read statement of purpose.
 - d.) Welcomed Newcomers.
 - e.) Roll call of Trusted Servants and GSRs. (12 of 17 GSRs reporting)
 - f.) Recognized new groups. (Footprints in Sterling, Illinois – Linda S.)
 - g.) Explained voting procedures.
 - h.) Reviewed minutes from last month – accepted.
- MOTION:** To accept Footprints as a new group to RRAGS. Discussion; **VOTE: PASSED.**

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chairperson: Eric B. (*present*) – Thank you all for allowing me to be of service. In order for us to accomplish everything we need during these Area meetings, it is imperative that we do not have everyone speaking out of turn whenever they wish. In an effort to maintain order during this and future ASC meetings, I would like to request that if anybody wishes to speak, please raise your hand and wait to be recognized by the Chairperson. If it looks like it may be some time before you can be recognized, then I will let you know that I have seen your hand up. Please wait to speak until after you have been recognized. If you have a question about something procedurally, please ask the Policy & Procedure Chairperson quietly off to the side. If you have a question about the topic, please raise your hand, state “point of information” and wait to be recognized by the Chairperson. If you feel that procedure is being violated, please raise your hand, state “point of order” and then wait to be recognized by the Chairperson. From time to time, I will make periodic rulings. Any member in attendance may appeal the ruling of the Chairperson by raising your hand, stating that they appeal the ruling of the Chairperson, and wait to be recognized. Only the person making the motion to appeal and the Chairperson may speak

on the issue at this point, but the GSRs will make the final decision to either uphold the Chairperson’s ruling or sustain the motion. I will do everything I can to ensure that every voice and viewpoint is heard on all discussions. If we could all strive to maintain order, I am sure that we will accomplish all that needs to be accomplished. In loving service, Eric B.

Vice – Chairperson: (*open*) –

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. GSRs, Trusted Servants, and Subcommittee Chairs; please check the information on the contact listing to make sure it is correct. If it is not correct, please let me know so that I can correct it. My cost for copying August’s minutes was \$27.44 and I have turned in my receipt to the treasurer and am asking for reimbursement. Lastly, don’t forget to sign in on one of the attendance sheets going around the room so that I may get an accurate count and so that you will be included on this month’s attendance listing. Again, thank you for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous. Your Secretary, Mark B. Peace!

Alternate Secretary: (*open*) –

Treasurer: Rich M. (*absent*) I want to thank Marla M. for delivering my reports for the last two (2) months. Because of the commitments that took me out of town, I failed to make the deposit within the week that is expected. I will make every effort to prevent delays in making the deposits in the future. In Loving Service, Rich M.

Report given by: RCMA Marla M. (*present*) – Handed out financial figures data packet gathered since the August business meeting. Acting Chair explained financial report. Check # 3998 was returned because it was made out to WRSC instead of WRSO. A new check was rewritten today (09/09/07). A mistake made in the calculation of the Expenses was corrected [check # 4006 written to Dave D. (It Works) for \$21.70 was included in the Area Expenses worksheet, but was left off the front Expenses listing] and the report was accepted as amended.

Alternate Treasurer: (*open*) –

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<i>Beginning Balance From: July 01, 2007</i>	<i>\$3,321.08</i>
<i>INCOME</i>	
Groups 7 th Tradition.....	\$341.64
Literature sold.....	\$533.65
Area 7 th Tradition.....	\$21.70
Functions Money.....	\$0.00
RCM.....	\$47.32
RCMA.....	\$0.00
Individual Purchases.....	\$0.00
<i>TOTAL INCOME</i>	<i>\$944.31</i>

EXPENSES

3995	AT&T – phone bill.....	\$34.97
3996	Wagner Communications – Ex Answering Service.....	\$7.32
3997	Nation Wide Inbound – Answering Service.....	\$86.60
3998	WRSC – (Literature Purchase).....	\$1,094.36
3999	VOID – (It Works 7 th Tradition).....	\$0.00
4000	Mark B. – Printing Area Minutes.....	\$16.90
4001	Skipped	\$0.00
4002	Yellow Pages – (PR).....	\$596.38
4003	Nation Wide Inbound – Answering Service.....	\$86.60
4004	Commercial Printing of Rockford – (PR posters).....	\$50.00
4005	VOID.....	\$0.00
4006	Dave D. – 7 th Tradition (It Works).....	\$21.70

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,629.45
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	\$2,635.94
STATEMENT BALANCE	\$2,635.94
PRUDENT RESERVE	\$3,041.20
WORKING FUNDS	-\$405.26

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: Chris K. (*present*) – The September WRSC is next weekend (September 14 – 16) in Marquette Michigan. The Chairperson of the Youth Ad-Hoc Committee is planning to attend with a few others from that committee, so we will be asking for two (2) rooms. We are asking for the following monies to attend Region: *Hotel* \$357.52; *Gas (700 Miles)* \$100.00; *Per Diem (RCM)* \$60.00; *Per Diem (RCMA)* \$60.00. **Total** \$577.52 (made out to Chris K.). **MOTION:** to bring a motion to Region to raise the Per Diem to \$100.00 (from \$50.00) for Officers and RCMs. Intent is to bring reimbursement some what in line with costs. Discussion; **VOTE: PASSED.** **MOTION:** to bring a motion to Region for them to clean up their Policy Packet. Discussion; **VOTE: PASSED.** In loving service, Chris K. and Marla M. (RCMA).

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Marla M. (*present*) – See above report.

Literature Stockpile: (*open*) –

Literature Stockpile Alternate: Katrina K. (*present*) – This month’s sales are \$705.95; the reorder amount is \$638.79; H&I’s order is \$291.00; the total reorder is \$929.79.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Functions: Maggie I. (*absent*) – I apologize for not being here, I am out of town. Allie H. was voted in as Vice Chair. **Report given by:** Allie H.; Functions Vice-Chair – (*present*) I have called around to find a place to host a Halloween dance. I have booked the Millennium Center for October 27th from 7 pm – Midnight. The total cost will be \$230.00. The event is \$180.00 + \$50.00 deposit. (\$40.00 for the 1st hour and \$35.00 each hour after) I have to pay in cash. I have asked Carmen to help find a DJ. Jennifer K., a fellow recovering addict, is a DJ. She charges \$125.00 for five (5) hours, but we are just weighing our options at this point. I have a contact name and number for the Millennium Center – Dawn @ 815-969-7408. I also have the contract for the event. In addition, I need to know if it is required to have a speaker prior to having the dance. The Policy that I pulled up on the computer does not state whether I need to find one or not. Kisha M. advised me to call Kim S. about the pop and the bins. I have called many times and left messages, but have not gotten a return call. I'm slightly unsure about the budget, is it \$750 per event? **A:** Yes. I have to turn in the money to the Millennium Center right when I get back into town. Is it possible to give the Vice-Chair of the Functions Subcommittee (Allie H.) the check? I am requesting \$230.00. Also, in Policy it says we are suppose to have a picnic in September. I would like to know if this body would like to have one this year or not.

From Area Chair – MOTION: do we want to force the Functions Chair to have a picnic?
Discussion; **VOTE: FAILED.**

If you have any questions, please call. Please come and be a part of the Functions Subcommittee meeting. I need ideas, suggestions, and help. Please see flier for dates of our next meetings. In loving service, Maggie I.

Literature Review: (*open*) –

Hospitals & Institutions: Mike C. (*present*) – Everything is going well. Judy with PHASE – Rockford has asked if we could support a meeting at night. We think we can.

Public Relations: Rob K. (*present*) – P.R. activity for the month of August 2007:

1) Additional Subcommittee Meeting: Held August 18, 2007 at Freedom To Grow, a total of seven (7) were in attendance. **Summary In Brief:** **A)** Reported to Committee on August 05, 2007 ASC activity. **B)** Reviewed numerous open action items, which need to be closed. **C)** Delegated some facility contact and literature distribution activities to PR members.

2) Helpline: An updated Phonenumber volunteer list was sent to the answering service. Also, inquired as to why they were not rotating through the volunteers. Explanation was that this was an oversight and should be corrected in September by new software.

3) Facility Activities: **A) Mercy Hospital (Beloit, Wis.):** Exchanged e-mails with staff (follow up from July contact), requesting a PR presentation and if possible set up an H&I panel. Received response from staff that changes are occurring in the facility and it would be better to talk next month (September). (Action to contact in September – Rob K.) **B) Rosecrance Adolescent (Rockford, Ill.):** PR Chair was given new staff contact information (different from

previous contact information) regarding a possible H&I presence in the facility. Delegated to a Committee member. (Action – Mary). Latest status -? (unknown). **C) PHASE (Rockford, Ill.):** Received a response from previous call to facility; no PR Presentation required, they said they would work directly with H&I. (Action – Sterling). **Note:** H&I is in contact with the facility.

4) Meeting Directory Update: PR would like to remind GSRs that the next schedule printing will be initiated immediately after this ASC. Please give PR your changes before leaving today.

5) P.R. Goals / Proposed Activities for the Month of September 2007 and forward:

A) Meeting Directory updates: **a)** Printing. **b)** Also update Region, RRAGS website, and WSO website. **B) Revised “Drug Problem” Flier:** Need to add local tear-offs for Belvidere and Freeport. **C) PSAs:** New master has been received from WSO. Need to resume efforts with local media. **D) Community Outreach (Belvidere, Freeport):** Phone books for these communities would be helpful in this activity. **E) WRSC:** Need to write up user instructions for WRSC 888# phoneline. **F) Website Inputs:** **a)** Spanish language outreach, pending NA membership support. **b)** RRAGS website calendar – (2nd) request for update of flier for combined PR + H&I meeting. **G) Follow up on PR Contacts:** **a)** Mercy Hospital – Beloit, Wis. **b)** Rosecrance Adolescent – Rockford, Ill. **c)** PHASE – Rockford, Ill. **H) Proposed PR Outreach to:** **a)** “That Place”- have contact information. (Action – Rob K.) **b)** Rock County Jail (contact information?) **c)** Stephenson County Jail – have contact information “Sheriff Dave Snyder”. (Action – Rob K.) **d)** PHASE (Belvidere – Evenings) – (contact information?)

6) Monthly Mid-Month P.R. Subcommittee Meeting: The PR Subcommittee meets in conjunction with H&I on the third (3rd) Saturday of every month. The next combined PR / H&I meeting is Saturday September 15, 2007 at Freedom To Grow @ 11:00 am. GSRs please take a revised flier back to your groups if you haven’t already done so.

7) Committee Activity Prior to September ASC: September 09, 2007 @ Noon (6 in attendance): **A)** Added one (1) name to the phone list. **B)** Discussed PR opportunities in the Sterling, Illinois area. **C)** PR was given a request for a PR Presentation at a facility called SLEAZER House in Freeport, Illinois. PR Chair has contact information – will follow up.

Policy & Procedure: Randy S. (*absent*) – This is now an *open* position as chair was absent twice in a row and removed per policy.

Convention Committee: Barney W. (*present*) – We met on Friday September 07, 2007 at The Group @ 7:00 pm. We welcomed Ron C. to Program Chair. All is going well. We will meet October 5th at the Ramada Inn in South Beloit, Illinois @ 7:00 pm. In loving service, Barney W.

Newsletter Committee: Randy S. (*absent*) – This is now an *open* position as chair was absent twice in a row and removed per policy.

NOTE: *The Chairperson stepped down in order to give the Digital Information report and turned the Chairperson duties over to the RCM*

Digital Information: Eric B. (*present*) – The Digital Information Subcommittee is pleased to announce that the Literature Order page has been launched. Chair explained how to use said page. Chair also distributed copies of the Literature Order page as it appears on www.rragsna.org. Always grateful to be of service, Eric B.

NOTE: *The RCM turned the Chairperson’s duties back over to the Chairperson.*

Youth Issues Ad-hoc: Allie H. (*present*) – The first ad-hoc meeting was August 18, 2007. Three (3) other members came to support. Many topics were discussed including having a youth issues meeting once a week at 90 IN 90. We talked about having a focused topic meeting. Other discussions were on Hand1 week, how to help the youth at Rosecrance, and contacting schools to speak with the help of Hand1. Ron C. has found a mission statement and a Youth Subcommittee start-up packet on the internet, which is very helpful. The next meeting will be September 23, 2007 @ 2:00 pm at 90 IN 90. **MOTION:** I am attending Region and am requesting \$30.00 Per Diem. Discussion; **VOTE: PASSED.** I am still looking for direction; trying not to have separate meetings for youths and am trying to keep it as more of an outreach and to integrate youths into our meetings. **Recommendation from PR:** If it is decided to go ahead with a “Youth Issues” Meeting, the labeling of the meeting should be looked at; so as to stay in line with what is already being done with our “Men’s Issues” and “Women’s Issues” meetings. Clarifying that it is a “Men’s Issues” or “Women’s Issues” meeting, but that anyone may attend.

Ten.....Minute.....Break

Open Forum Discussion: 15 Minutes – RCM opened: Topics: 1) Clarification on Functions money - \$500.00 or \$750.00. **A:** \$750.00 (policy). **2)** Concern with money both at Area and Convention; also with not many people showing up for subcommittee meetings. **People get involved!!!** A reminder that functions are to be a celebration of recovery. Sometimes we need to think outside the box when it comes to putting on a function. **3)** Believe a need is there to address Youth Issues all around the Area – the possibility of all groups possibly having at least one (1) meeting on their schedules pertaining to Youth Issues.

RCM closed Open Forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

Continuing RRAGS Elections: positions remaining OPEN: Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Treasurer, Alternate Secretary, Literature Stockpile, and Literature Review. None.

Pertaining to last month’s discussion on the smoking ban that is to take effect on January 01, 2008; no other information was presented, PR announced that PR has a copy of the actual Illinois Public Act on Indoor Smoking if anyone wants to look at it.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE!

GROUP REPORTS:

90 In 90

Reporting member: GSR – James W. (**present**) & GSRA – Allie H. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$38.43

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 10 – 20

Meeting changes: Women's Meeting at 2 pm Tuesdays.

Functions: 90 IN 90 picnic – Sunday September 23rd; Fun, Food, & Fellowship.

Speaker Meetings: Friday October 5th – Corina (multiple years).

Report: Nothing to report.

Anonymous Group

Reporting member: GSR – Randy S. (**not present**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions:

Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Awakening

Reporting member: GSR – Kim S. (**not present**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions:

Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Clean

Reporting member: GSR – Teresa C. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$100.00

Literature: \$4.00
Attendance: 4 – 10
Meeting changes: None
Functions: None.
Speaker Meetings: None
Report: None.

Dope to Hope

Reporting member: GSR – Jeff B. (**not present**).
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance:
Meeting changes:
Functions:
Speaker Meetings:
Report:

Freedom To Grow

Reporting member: GSR – Marla M. (**present**).
7th Tradition: \$41.70
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: 5 – 10
Meeting changes: Wednesday 6 pm no longer a sponsorship study, now a literature study.
Functions: None.
Speaker Meetings: 4th Tuesday @ 7:30 pm – Jay. 4th Wednesday @ Noon – Correnna N.
Report: Nothing major to report.

Home Group

Reporting member: GSR – Tara J. (**present**).
7th Tradition: \$7.44
Literature: \$50.20
Attendance: 3 – 15
Meeting changes: added a 10 minute break to the 1 ½ hour meeting.
Functions: remember there's a campout on September 14 – 16 at Crazy Horse campground.
Speaker Meetings: on the last Friday of the month. September – Christina.
Report:

It Works

Reporting member: GSR – Eric D. (**present**).
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: 5 – 7 per meeting.
Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.
Speaker Meetings: None.
Report: Nothing to report.

Just For Today

Reporting member: GSR – Paul B. (**had to leave**).
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance:
Meeting changes:
Functions:
Speaker Meetings:
Report: No report.

Keep It Simple

Reporting member: GSR – Jane S. (**present**).
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: 8
Meeting changes: None.
Functions: None.
Speaker Meetings: Friday September 21, 2007 – Tonya of Rockford.
Report: None.

Monday Night Prime Time

Reporting member: GSR – Katrina K. (**present**).
7th Tradition: \$20.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: 3 – 12
Meeting changes: None.
Functions: None.
Speaker Meetings: None.
Report: Nothing to report.

New You

Reporting member: GSR – Chris K. (**present**).
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: 3 – 13
Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Come play with us.

Reality Check

Reporting member: GSRA – Amy I. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$50.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 8 – 12

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: Potluck on the last Sunday of each month at 5:00 pm.

Speaker Meetings: On the last Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm.

Report: Nothing to report.

Road to Recovery

Reporting member: GSR – Laurie L. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$47.70

Attendance: 6 – 12

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: The potluck / Speaker meeting went well. Approximately 30 – 35 addicts were in attendance. Thanks to Richard S. for carrying a beautiful clear message of NA. We are looking into having a Speaker Meeting every other month. Still looking for outside support for our Monday night meetings – come be a part of. In loving service, Laurie L.

The Group

Reporting member: GSR – Steve R. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$59.00

Literature: \$53.50

Attendance: Avg. 15

Meeting changes: Our daily 8:00 pm meeting will be changing to 7:30 pm. Exact date of change is not determined, but will coincide with new schedule printing. (**note:** new schedules to be printed by October ASC). Vote on no smoking to be held on September 22, 2007.

Functions:

Speaker Meetings: September 29, 2007 @ 8:00 pm – Kim P. (non-smoking)

Report: None.

There Is Hope

Reporting member: GSR – Bill N. (**not present**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions:

Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Westside Family

Reporting member: GSR – Linda F. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$25.00

Attendance: 10 – 15

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: Next Business meeting – 9/22/07 @2:00 pm. Fall Dance September 29, 2007 to be held at YMCA Log Lodge from 6 pm till Midnight. \$5.00 suggested donation.

Speaker Meetings: September 16th @ 6:00 pm – Linda F with a Potluck / Clean-time celebration.

Report: None. Humbly Submitted, Linda F.

Announcement: From PR – New Schedules arriving at the October ASC.

The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday October 07, 2007 @ 12:00 pm at Freedom To Grow, 4430 Manchester Drive Rockford, Illinois.

Motion: To close, seconded.
The Area Service Meeting closed with a group hug and the 12th Tradition.