

**Sunday May 04, 2008**

**Rock River Area Group Service**

**Held at 203 West Sunny Lane Janesville, Wisconsin**

**Hosted by – Home Group**

**Business Minutes**

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## **ATTENDANCE: 34**

Eric B., Chris K., Marla M., Katrina K., Mike C., Sterling M., Barney W., Stefanie H., Eric D., Rob K., Scott A., Rich H., Brett L., Rich M., Debbie H., Nancy M., Vicki H., Correnna N., Marcie M., Mark R., Rachel W., Mary W., Marvin W., Linda F., Yvette M., Paul B., John L., Mike L., Bill B., Laurie L., Lauren J., Gary T., George D., & Mark B.

- a.) Facilitator 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.) Facilitator read statement of purpose.
- d.) Welcomed Newcomers.
- e.) Roll call of Trusted Servants and GSRs. (15 of 20 GSRs reporting)
- f.) Recognized new groups.
- g.) Explained voting procedures.
- h.) Reviewed minutes from last month. **MOTION:** To accept as amended, seconded, no one opposes – accepted.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Facilitator:** 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 Facilitator. 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 Facilitator. If you feel that procedure is being violated, please raise your hand, state “point of order” and then wait to be recognized by the Facilitator. From time to time, I will make periodic rulings. Any member in attendance may appeal the ruling of the Facilitator by raising your hand, stating that they appeal the ruling of the Facilitator, and wait to be recognized. Only the person making the motion to appeal and the Facilitator may speak on the issue at this point, but the GSRs will make the final decision to either uphold the Facilitator’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 addition, if anyone feels that I am out of control or out of line, you can always make

a motion of no confidence to remove me for the remainder of this meeting. In loving service, Eric B.

**Co – Facilitator:** (*open*) –

**Secretary:** Mark B. (**present**) – Please turn in your reports to me by the end of the meeting if you want your information and your group’s 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 may get your information corrected. In an effort to save RRAGS some money, this month I did the minutes on my printer, instead of getting the minutes done where I usually do. I am normally charged \$0.07 per page. I am charging \$0.04 per page black & white. I am charging \$0.04 per page for minute copying and \$0.06 per page for color fliers. The cost for copying April’s Minutes and fliers is \$19.00. The cost for copying is up this month due to an increase in number of copies (from 32 to 40) and due to 2 sets of fliers (regular and election announcement) instead of 1 set; along with a \$0.02 per page increase to cover costs of printing color fliers. I have turned a receipt in to the Treasurer and am asking for reimbursement. Over the last few months, it has been asked of me why I do not mail minutes out to all the GSRs? After I took this position, while looking thru policy, I discovered that I was supposed to mail out minutes within 20 days to GSRs, Trusted Servants, Subcommittee Chairs, and all who request them. Upon conferring with Policy & Procedure and previous Trusted Servants etc., I was informed that minutes have not been mailed out for a few years now. Just to inform everyone about the cost to mail the monthly minutes, over the winter I mailed minutes to Jeff B. from Dope To Hope while he was unable to come to ASC and it cost me \$0.73 at first, then \$0.78 and last month I mailed minutes to Road To Recovery and it cost me \$0.83. Area now has 21 groups and 18 electable positions. This means up to 39 mailings each month at a cost of up to \$32.37 a month. I have talked with Policy & Procedure and need to talk to Digital Information as well as this body to see if it is both feasible and acceptable to post the monthly minutes on the website within 15-20 days after ASC and label them as “unapproved”. As always, input, ideas, and direction are all welcomed. Don’t forget to sign in on one of the attendance sheets that are going around the room. The attendance sheets assist me in getting an accurate count and ensure that you will be included in the monthly attendance listing. As elections are in June, there will be no listing in the June flier about Subcommittee meetings. Lastly, there are fliers over on the table announcing all planned Subcommittee Meetings and the next Area Service Committee Meeting. GSRs, please take one back to your group. Thankyou for allowing me to be of service to NA. Your Secretary, Mark B. Peace!

**Alternate Secretary:** (*open*) –

**Treasurer:** Rich M. (**present**) – Handed out financial figures data packet gathered since the April ASC. I have given the Secretary a copy of the corrected figures for last month’s Treasurer Report and passed a copy out to all GSRs. Passed the basket for the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. Would this body like to pay Nation Wide Inbound (answering service) one (1) month in advance so as to not pay late? The Alternate Treasurer and I will do the yearly audit of the books and have that information ready for June’s ASC meeting. In loving service, Rich M. **MOTION:** To accept report as presented, seconded, no one opposes – accepted.

**MOTION:** To pay answering service (Nation Wide Inbound) one (1) month in advance (basic bill). Discussion – pros and cons, **VOTE: PASSED.**

**Alternate Treasurer:** Debbie H. (**present**) – I’m learning as I go. Nothing else to report.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**Beginning Balance From: April 13, 2008..... \$1,711.08**

**INCOME**

**TOTAL INCOME** ..... **\$997.23**

**EXPENSES**

**TOTAL EXPENSES** ..... **\$808.18**  
**CHECKBOOK BALANCE** ..... **\$1,900.13**  
**STATEMENT BALANCE** ..... **\$1,900.13**  
**PRUDENT RESERVE** ..... **\$3,041.20**  
**WORKING FUNDS** ..... **-\$1,141.07**

**Announcement:** *From Treasurer:* There was \$36.00 collected in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition today that goes to Home Group.

## **TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:**

**Regional Committee Member:** Chris K. (present) – The next WRSC will be held May 17 – 18, 2008 in Brookfield, Wisconsin. **1)** The sixth Edition Basic Text has been approved. The new printing should be available around the end of October 2008. More on this next month.

**Regional Committee Member Alternate:** Marla M. (present) – We are requesting \$383.00 to attend May’s WRSC cycle. (Hotel - \$223.00, Per Diem - \$120.00, Gas - \$40.00.) In loving service, Marla M.

**Literature Stockpile:** Katrina K. (present) – Report given prior to group reports. This month’s sales are \$600.15. The reorder amount is \$580.10 + \$41.12 (5 Basic Text increase) = \$621.22 + \$379.48 for H&I’s = \$1,000.70 total reorder.

**Literature Stockpile Alternate:** Scott A. (present) – No notable information to report.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Functions:** Marla M. (present) – The RRAGS Picnic is Saturday August 09, 2008 from Noon until 6:00 pm at Aldeen Park, 623 North Alpine Road Rockford, Illinois. The Gratitude Dinner is set for Saturday December 13, 2008 at the Home Group’s Janesville location. The committee asks that RRAGS donate \$50.00 to RVCP for rental of the facility. We have still been looking at other locations to hold events. Tentatively we are scheduling as follows: October – Halloween Dance on Friday October 31, 2008 or Saturday November 01, 2008; February – Valentine Dance on Saturday February 14, 2009; May – Spring Dance on weekend of May 15/16 or May 22/23, 2009. In loving service, Marla M.

**Comments** – *from an addict from Home Group:* regarding functions at Home Group RVCP, the facility says no kids! There were problems with kids at the last function.

*From another addict from Reality Check:* The Self Help hall in Sterling, Illinois is always available to hold functions. Fee - \$50.00.

**Literature Review:** (open) –

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Mike C. (present) – No report turned in! Orientations going great. PR is going to hand off some items. Transitions at Rosecrance have been greatly accepted and is going to

expand from once a month to twice a month.

**Public Relations:** Rob K. (present) – P.R. activity for the month of April 2008:

1) **Mid-Month Subcommittee Meeting:** Phonline Learning Day was held instead.

2) **Phonline Learning Day:** Was held April 19<sup>th</sup> at Freedom to Grow. Attendance was sparse, but we will be able to add the names of both attendees to the volunteer list.

3) **Other Activities:** A) **“Switch” Program:** NA was invited to participate in a community information day for at risk youth on April 30, 2008 from 4-7 pm at the Millennium Center. PR committee members were in attendance, set up with literature (directories, IPs, and White Books). Public attendance was sparse; a few attendees took literature. However, our interaction was very successful with the other presenters in attendance. Many service professionals stopped by the table to talk and pick up literature. Several opportunities arose to explain the NA program, direct professionals to the website for future reference and generally increase NA visibility. In one instance, essentially did a brief version of a PR Presentation for a staffer from Rosecrance Eastrock Clinic (outpatient adolescent facility). This staff person was strongly interested in an NA presence in the facility. Their contact and other information will be presented to H&I for follow up. We also left contact information with the event organizers for future opportunities. B) **Salvation Army Women’s Program:** Received contact information for this residential facility, possibly interested in facilitated H&I “Institutional Meeting”. PR will investigate and discuss with H&I.

4) **PR Goals / Proposed activities (to do list) for the Month of May 2008 and Forward:** A)

Follow up on open action items (Rosecrance Eastrock, Salvation Army Women’s, etc.) B) Meeting Directory – update for latest data (Region, WSO Website, Region 888# recording, etc.)

5) **Mid-Month PR Subcommittee monthly meeting:** PR Subcommittee meets in conjunction with H&I on the third Saturday of every month. The next combined H&I / PR Meeting will be at Noon on Saturday May 17, 2008 at Freedom To Grow.

6) **Committee Activity Prior to the May 4<sup>th</sup> ASC:** A) Discussed possibilities for additional media interactions: Radio PSAs (?) and press releases to newspapers (Belvidere, Freeport, etc.) B) Specific request for contact with Janesville Gazette to update current listing. C) Question regarding next Directory printing – estimated to be done for the July ASC, depending on how the stockpile holds up.

**Policy & Procedure:** Chris K. (present) – Working on ideas for quorum. In addition, a new ASC Meeting rotation schedule will be presented next month, get in touch with me if your group wants to be added or taken off the schedule.

**Convention Committee:** Barney W. (present) – No report turned in! Chair stated that they were able to close out RRCNA 17 business and thought the Convention was a great success. Chair then passed out copies of the final RRCNA Treasurers report to the GSRs and Trusted Servants of RRAGS. Chair stated that \$3,545.14 in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was given to RRAGS from RRCNA 17.

**Newsletter Committee:** (open) **Vice-Chair** Eric D. (present) – Stating this month, I will be constructing an events calendar on the website. This will be the newsletter until we are able to add other elements.

**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) – **MOTION:** To post “as labeled” “unapproved” the minutes prior to the ASC on RRAGS website. Discussion – pros and cons. **VOTE: PASSED.** Always grateful to be of service, Eric B.

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

**Open Forum Discussion: 15 Minutes – RCM opened: Topics: 1)** Cleantime requirements – different between RRAGS and RRCNA. Why? A reason is due to RRCNA having to deal with a greater amount of money. Just because you do not meet cleantime requirements does not mean you can not get involved. Attendance of two (2) RRCNA meetings means you can vote.

*RCM closed Open Forum.*

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Convention Committee Elections:** All positions open. (13 GSRs present)

1) **Chairperson:** Nominations: Chris K. and Correnna N. accept. Both Chris K. and Correnna N. stated qualifications; Questions or concerns were asked; nominees left room; additional concerns.

**MOTION:** To vote by ballot for all positions. Discussion – pros and cons. **VOTE: FAILED.**

**VOTE:** Correnna N. elected.

2) **Vice – Chairperson:** Nominations: Anita S. and Eric B. accept. **NOTE:** Facilitator turned the meeting over to the RCM. Both Anita S. and Eric B. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominees left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Eric B. elected.

**NOTE:** Meeting was turned back over to the Facilitator.

3) **Treasurer:** Nominee Nancy M. accepts. Nancy M. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Nancy M. elected.

4) **Vice – Treasurer:** Nominee Sterling M. accepts. Sterling M. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Sterling M. elected.

5) **Secretary:** Nominee Rachel W. accepts. Rachel W. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Rachel W. elected.

6) **Registration:** Nominees Marla M. and Rich H. accept. Volunteer Yvette M. Marla M. stated qualifications, Rich H. stated qualifications, Yvette M. stated qualifications – ruled out of order due to cleantime (no motion to waive cleantime was presented); questions or concerns were asked; nominees left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Rich H. elected.

7) **Merchandise:** Nominees Gary T. and Rich M. accept. Gary T. and Rich M. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominees left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Gary T. elected.

8) **Arts & Graphics:** Nominee Rich M. accepts. Volunteer via letter – Paul S. Rich M. stated qualifications; Paul S's qualifications were stated in letter; questions or concerns were asked; nominees left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Paul S. elected.

9) **Hotels & Hospitality:** Nominees Chris K. and Barney W. accept. Chris K. and Barney W. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominees left room; additional concerns.

**VOTE:** Chris K. elected.

10) **Program:** Nominees Rich M., Bill B., Mike L., and Mary W. accept. Rich M., Bill B., Mike L., and Mary W. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominees left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Bill B. elected.

11) **Convention Information:** Nominees Mary W. and Rich M. accept. Mary W. and Rich M. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominees left room; additional concerns.

**VOTE:** Rich M. elected.

**MOTION:** To extend business until completed. No one opposed - **PASSED.**

12) **Funding & Entertainment:** Nominee Mary W. accepts. Mary W. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Mary W. elected.

13) **Serenity Keepers:** Nominees John L. and Eric D. accept. Both nominees ruled out of order due to cleantime. Nominees Marla M. and Marvin W. accept. Marla M. and Marvin W. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominees left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Marvin W. elected.

**Continuing RRAGS Elections: *positions remaining OPEN: By-passed due to RRAGS Elections being held next month.***

***Elections closed.***

**Announcement:** The first Convention Committee meeting will be on Friday May 30, 2008 @ 7:30 pm at Freedom To Grow, 4430 Manchester Drive in Rockford, Illinois.

***2 motions from last month that were sent back to groups:***

**MOTION #1:** “suggested qualifications to serve” instead of “requirements to serve.” **Intent** – That GSRs can make a judgment of 30-90 days cleantime waive for an addict who is willing to serve.

**VOTE: FAILED.**

**MOTION #2:** add to subsection VII Attendance. E) A committee member can be removed from their position after three (3) no-shows during their term. **VOTE: FAILED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** That all officer positions for Area and Convention Committee have the same cleantime requirements. – Policy & Procedure Chair asked that the motion be ruled out of order due to vagueness. Facilitator agreed. Motion ruled out of order.

**MOTION:** To give remainder of Convention Auction items away. No one opposed - **PASSED.**

## **GROUP REPORTS:**

### ***90 In 90***

**Reporting member:** GSR – Stefanie H. (**present**).

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$20.00

**Literature:** \$97.00

**Attendance:** 5 – 20

**Meeting changes:** None.

**Functions:** None.

**Speaker Meetings:** 6/6 – Phil C. (1 year)

@ 7:30 pm, 7/11 – Denise H. (9 years) @ 7:30 pm, 8/1 – Caroll Y. (4 years) @ 7:30 pm, and 9/5 Denise N. (15 years) @ 7:30 pm.

**Report:** Thank you to those who attended our function in April.

### ***A New Beginning aka New Beginnings***

**Reporting member:** GSR – George D. (**had to leave**).

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$10.00

**Literature:** \$0.00 (?)

**Attendance:** 4 – 15

**Meeting changes:** None.

**Functions:** None.

**Speaker Meetings:** None.

**Report:** None.

### ***Anonymous Group***

**Reporting member:** Acting GSR – Bill B. (**present**).

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$20.00

**Literature:** \$0.00

**Attendance:** Avg. 10

**Meeting changes:** None.

**Functions:** None.

**Speaker Meetings:** Last

Friday of every month.

**Report:** Nothing to report.

### ***Awakening***

**Reporting member:** GSR – Debbie H. (**present**).

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$18.00

**Literature:** \$0.00 (?)

**Attendance:** Avg. 20

*Meeting changes:* None.  
*Report:* Nothing else to report.

*Functions:* None.

*Speaker Meetings:* None.

### ***A Way Out***

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

*7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:* \$10.00

*Literature:* \$0.00 (?)

*Attendance:* 8 – 10

*Meeting changes:* None.

*Functions:* None.

*Speaker Meetings:* None.

*Report:* None.

### ***Clean***

*Reporting member:* GSR – Tom C. (**not present**).

### ***Clean In The Park***

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

### ***Dope to Hope***

*Reporting member:* GSRA – Jim. (**not present**).

### ***Footprints***

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

### ***Freedom To Grow***

*Reporting member:* GSR – Marla M. (**present**) & GSRA – Kevin M. (**not present**).

*7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:* \$86.62

*Literature:* \$154.60

*Attendance:* Avg. 4 – 20

*Meeting changes:* None.

*Functions:* None.

*Speaker Meetings:* 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 6:00 pm

(TBA) & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday @ Noon – Michelle from Chicago.

*Report:* FTG is opposed to changing “requirements” and is in favor of the attendance policy.

### ***Home Group***

*Reporting member:* Acting GSR – Marcie M. (**present**).

*7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:* \$54.52

*Literature:*

*Attendance:* 7 – 10

*Meeting changes:* None.

*Functions:* None.

*Speaker Meetings:* 5/30/08 Byron J. @ 7:00

pm at Home group – Beloit. Last Friday of each month.

*Report:* Nothing else to report.

### ***It Works***

*Reporting member:* GSR – Eric D. (**present**).

*7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:* \$0.00

*Literature:* \$0.00

*Attendance:* 2 – 5

*Meeting changes:* Tuesday @ 7:30 has been cancelled; Wednesday @ 7:00 pm has been added.

*Functions:* None.

*Speaker Meetings:* None.

*Report:* Have not been meeting this month.

### ***Just For Today***

*Reporting member:* GSR – Paul B. (**had to leave**).

*Report:* No report turned in!

### ***Monday Night Prime Time***

*Reporting member:* GSR – Sterling M. (**present**).

*7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:* \$20.00

*Literature:* \$62.55

*Attendance:* 7 – 14

*Meeting changes:* None.

*Functions:* None.

*Speaker Meetings:* None.

**Report:** Nothing else to report.

### ***New You***

**Reporting member:** GSR – Chris K. (**present**).

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$0.00

**Literature:** \$0.00

**Attendance:** 20

*Meeting changes:* None.

*Functions:* None.

**Speaker Meetings:** Last Sunday.

**Report:** Nothing else to report. Thanks for letting me play.

### ***Pride***

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

### ***Reality Check***

**Reporting member:** GSRA – Lauren J. (**present**).

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$0.00

**Literature:** \$25.50

**Attendance:** 7 – 8

*Meeting changes:* Closing Friday and Saturday 10 pm meetings. Monday and Thursday meetings are changed to 1 hour instead of 1 ½ hours. (Last one May 31<sup>st</sup>) All meetings are now 1 hour.

**Speaker Meetings:** May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Spring Fling Dance. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm. (TBA)

*Functions:* Spring Fling Dance on May 17, 2008. Doors open at 6 pm. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday potluck.

**Report:** Nothing else to report.

### ***Road to Recovery***

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$25.00

**Literature:** \$31.50

**Attendance:** 10 – 12

*Meeting changes:* None.

**Speaker Meetings:** May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Alano Club in Freeport.

*Functions:* May 10<sup>th</sup> potluck at the Alano Club in Freeport – flyers are on the table.

**Report:** Nothing else to report. In loving service, Laurie L.

### ***The Group***

**Reporting member:** GSR – Rich H. (**present**) & GSRA – Mark R. (**present**).

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$21.00

**Literature:** \$35.50

**Attendance:** Same.

*Meeting changes:* None.

**Speaker Meetings:** Jeff B. @ 7:30 pm on May 31, 2008.

*Functions:* Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 3 pm until 5:30 pm – cook out burgers and brats. Bring a dish to pass.

**Report:** 7:30 meetings need support.

### ***There Is Hope***

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

### ***Westside Family***

**Reporting member:** GSR – Linda F. (**present**) & GSRA Renardo W. (**not present**).

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$0.00

**Literature:** \$0.00

**Attendance:** 14 – 20

*Meeting changes:* None.

**Speaker Meetings:** Women 6 pm speakers (May), Men 6 pm

speakers (June).

*Functions:* Always a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday potluck.

**Report:** Literature Study needs major support. Noon meetings are greatly supported. Successful women's breakfast workshop held on May 03, 2008. Several meetings need committed Chair people.

**Announcement:** The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday June 01, 2008 @ 12:00 pm at Freedom To Grow, 4430 Manchester Drive in Rockford, Illinois. RRAGS elections will take place same day.

**MOTION:** To close, seconded.

The Area Service Meeting closed with a group hug and the 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition.