

Sunday June 01, 2008

Rock River Area Group Service

Held at 4430 Manchester Drive Rockford, Illinois

Hosted by – Freedom To Grow

Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE: 26+

Eric B., Chris K., Marla M., Katrina K., Mike C., Sterling M., Stefanie H., Eric D., Rob K., Scott A., Brett L., Rich M., Debbie H., Nancy M., Correnna N., Marcie M., Mark R., Renardo W., Mary W., Marvin W., Linda F., Bernard N., Tom C., Josh E., Jeff, & 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. (11 of 19 GSRs reporting)
- f.) Recognized new groups.
- g.) Explained voting procedures.
- h.) Reviewed minutes from last month. **MOTION:** To accept as presented, seconded, no one opposes – accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Facilitator: Eric B. (present) – Thank you all for allowing me to be of service. I would like to say that this has been one of the most rewarding service experiences I have had and it has been a pleasure to serve with and for you all. I have seen drastic changes here at Area over the last two (2) years. Heated arguments have become spirited discussions. A general desire for consensus has taken precedence over winning positions. Cooperation and leadership have been cultivated and our Area has grown. I am optimistic and hopeful that our next group of leaders will build upon these assets and strive to fulfill RRAGS statement of purpose, in helping our member groups better carry the message. Having said that, 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. Additionally, with elections happening this month again, I would like to request that all Officer Reports be presented as concise as possible. We have a lot to accomplish in a short amount of time. My last act as outgoing Facilitator will be to conduct a Service Workshop Meeting on Monday June 09, 2008 at Freedom To Grow from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm. In loving service, Eric B.

Co – Facilitator: (*open*) –

Secretary: Mark B. (**present**) – I would like to thank everyone involved with RRAGS for a wonderful experience during this last year, and for letting me be your Secretary. As Chris would say, thanks for letting me play. Now to my regular report. 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 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. New Trusted Servants and Subcommittee Chairs, please make sure that I have your correct information to put on the contact listing. 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 May's Minutes and fliers is \$16.16. I have turned a receipt in to the Treasurer and am asking for reimbursement. 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. Subcommittee Chairs, as information about your monthly Subcommittee meetings has been put on the monthly announcement flyer, please let your new Secretary know by June 22nd of any planned subcommittee meetings for the month of July so that the Secretary will have time to put them on the next ASC Flyer. Thankyou. Lastly, there are fliers over on the table announcing all planned Subcommittee Meetings and the next Area Service Committee Meeting. As we were informed, Reality Check was where the next ASC was to be held, however they are not present. The next ASC meeting will be held at West Side Family. Any GSRs requesting a new flyer will be sent one. 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 May ASC. Passed the basket for the 7th Tradition. Thanks for letting me serve this last year. Thanks to the Alternate Treasurer for her thoroughness and assistance the last couple of months. In loving service, Rich M.
MOTION: To accept report as presented, seconded, no one opposes – accepted.

Alternate Treasurer: Debbie H. (**present**) – I have been grateful for the opportunity - albeit brief - to be Alternate Treasurer and have learned a great deal. I look forward to future opportunities to serve. I have given a copy of the audit to the Secretary for Area records. See below for 2008 RRAGS Treasurers Audit. Debbie.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Beginning Balance From: May 04, 2008..... \$1,900.13

INCOME

TOTAL INCOME..... **\$4,466.43**

EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES..... **\$1,916.32**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE..... **\$4,450.24**

STATEMENT BALANCE..... **\$4,450.24**

PRUDENT RESERVE..... **\$3,041.20**

WORKING FUNDS..... **\$1,409.04**

2008 RRAGS Treasurers Audit:

Beginning Checkbook Balance From: June 02, 2007..... \$3,912.77

TOTAL ASC INCOME..... **\$18,427.14**

TOTAL ASC EXPENSES..... **\$17,889.67**

Ending Checkbook Balance as of MAY 30, 2008..... \$4,450.24

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: Chris K. (present) – RCM asked if his report could be given after elections due to its length. No one opposed.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Marla M. (present) – WRSC was held May 17-18 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We spent \$375.99 of the \$383.00 requested (Hotel - \$223.94, Per Diem spent - \$112.05, Gas - \$40.00) and are returning \$7.01 to RRAGS. In loving service, Marla M.

Literature Stockpile: Katrina K. (present) – Report given after Open Forum. This month's sales are \$468.00, the reorder amount is \$416.73 + \$56.02 for H&I's order = \$472.75 total reorder. We did not get any key tags that had been ordered either last month or the previous month from Gene (WRSO). I ask that GSRs look at buying extra literature due to prices going up as of July 1st 2008.

MOTION: in favor of continuing conversation on lost key tags. **VOTE: FAILED.**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Functions: Marla M. (present) – I have failed to plan the entire next year, which was my goal. I recommend that the next Function Chair secure the Self-Help building in Sterling for the Halloween dance on November 01, 2008. People could come down and spend the night in Sterling in order to attend the ASC scheduled there the next day!! This would leave 2 functions in 2009 to secure locations for.

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. Thank you for allowing me to serve. In loving service, Marla M.

NOTE: Home Group no longer at RVCP building.

Literature Review: (open) –

Hospitals & Institutions: Mike C. (present) – No report turned in! There are issues at Sojourn House. There is an H&I Learning day planned for June 22, 2008 at 90 IN 90 @ 2:00 pm. No other notable information to report.

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

1) Mid-Month Subcommittee Meeting: **A)** Discussed open action items: directory updates, facility contacts, etc. **B) Election:** Elected Eric D. PR Subcommittee Vice-Chair. **C) Motion:** To nominate Eric D. for RRAGS PR Subcommittee Chair. (To allow him to serve as acting Chair until meeting cleantime requirement on August 03, 2008.)

2) Since Mid-Month Subcommittee Meeting: WRSC has requested updated schedule information; sent excel file for updates, requests emphasis on handicapped accessibility.

3) Other Activities: **A) Janesville Gazette:** Attempted to contact this newspaper per request to update listing. Left message, no response as of yet. Will keep trying. **B) Rockford Register Star:** Responded to request for meeting information, for potential publication in future article on addiction. Provided both phone numbers and website; Media representative took Chair's personal information in case any follow up is desired.

4) PR Goals / Proposed activities (to do list) for the Month of June 2008 and Forward: The usual including – **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) Meeting Directory Up Dates: Meeting directory stockpile is low; recommend an updated printing. The following are changes we have tracked since the last printing (Convention Edition). **A)** "It Works" – changes: meeting day and time to Wednesday 7:00 pm. **B)** "Reality Check" – delete meetings: group has deleted 10:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. **C)** New group: "Pride" – PR committee has no confirmed information. **D)** We request that GSRs confirm these changes and supply PR with any other updates by close of meeting today and we can both forward to WRSC and print new directories. "Summer 2008 Edition" color to be determined (not blue), quantity to be 5,000 per ASC guidelines.

6) Mid-Month PR Subcommittee 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 June 21, 2008 at Freedom To Grow.

7) Thank You: It is the intention of the PR Chair to observe ASC Guidelines on office term limits and this means my service as PR Chair ends as of today. However, I will remain active at the committee level, supporting transition to next Chairperson and helping any possible way I can. The last 2 years have been perhaps the most rewarding activity in 20 years of NA Service. Thanks to the ASC, the GSRs and most importantly, the members who have faithfully and consistently attended the Subcommittee. They have insured that this has truly been a group effort, which is the way NA Service should be done. Thank you very much; it has been my honor and pleasure to serve.

8) Subcommittee Activity Prior to the June ASC: **A) New Information:** "Home Group" no longer meeting at 203 West Sunny Lane – more will be revealed. "Clean In The Park" group has closed. **B)** Participated in H&I Subcommittee. **C) During Report:** "90 IN 90" – Tuesday 8:00 am meeting cancelled. "The Group" – All 7:30 pm meetings move to 8:00 pm effective immediately.

Policy & Procedure: Chris K. (present) – I was hoping to have a new updated policy packet available this month, but the literature stockpile still needs to be updated – all other facets of policy have been updated. All information will be given to the new Chair. The Policy & Procedure Subcommittee recommends Mark B. for Policy & Procedure Chair. Thanks for allowing me to play, Chris K.

Convention Committee: Correnna N. (present) – Our first meeting went well. It is our goal to lovingly work as a team. The subcommittee meeting is at 6:00 pm and the regular meeting is at 7:00 pm at the Alano Club in the board room. Go upstairs, go left, and it is the last room on the left. The subcommittee is the perfect place to learn what all the different Subcommittees do, a good way to be a part of the Convention, plus getting involved. I want to encourage people to get involved. There are some Subcommittees that have meetings at times other than the Friday before Area. The next meeting is June 27, 2008 at the Alano Club 1210 11th Street Rockford, Illinois. Subcommittee at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. The starting balance for RRCNA 18 is \$8,421.41 (Prudent Reserve - \$7,500.00; Newcomer Donations - \$156.41; Pre-Registrations - \$825.00) In loving service, Correnna N.

Newsletter Committee: (open) Vice-Chair Eric D. (present) – I have the template for the calendar put together. Initially the newsletter will be a calendar of events. I would encourage the GSRs to look at the Area website in about 1 week. I should have the newsletter up by then with current event information included. The calendar will be in a format that I believe will be useful to the Chair people of the groups in reading the Area announcements from one piece of paper with the necessary information presented concisely.

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) – No report tuned in! Looking at the feasibility of selling Convention Registrations online. Also looking at obtaining a card swiper for use at Convention linked to either Pay Pal or our bank to ease some of the purchases.

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

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

Meeting resumed with Facilitator asking for a moment of silence.

Announcement: *From Treasurer:* There was \$41.00 collected in 7th Tradition today that goes to Freedom To Grow.

Open Forum Discussion: 15 Minutes – RCM opened: Topics: 1) Elections: Why are Convention elections held out of town? We do not change the rotation to favor any one group over another. We do not even know exactly when Convention elections will be held when the rotation is made. Convention elections cannot be held until Convention books are closed. **2)** 50/50 raffles – fell like gambling, looking for experience, etc. There used to be a local fee. The issue of fund raising vs. self-supporting came up. As far as Convention goes – it is fund raising; Funding & Entertainment raises funds to help put on our Convention. A reminder – this fellowship is concerned with drugs. 50/50 raffles are done at the Regional and World level. Need to look at – does it affect the groups’ primary purpose? Doesn’t a 50/50 raffle at a function just support the function? Need to look at the Concepts, also Traditions.

RCM closed Open Forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

RRAGS Elections: All positions open. (9 GSRs present)

1) **Facilitator:** No nominees, no volunteers!

2) **Co – Facilitator:** No nominees, no volunteers!

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

Note: A question was brought forward about the question and concern procedure.

4) **Vice – Treasurer:** No nominees, no volunteers!

5) **Secretary:** No nominees. Mark B. volunteers. Mark B. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; volunteer left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Mark B. elected.

6) **Alternate Secretary:** No nominees. Stefanie H. volunteers. Stefanie H. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; volunteer left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Stefanie H. elected.

7) **Regional Committee Member:** Nominee Marla M. accepts. Marla M. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Marla M. elected.

8) **Alternate Regional committee Member:** Nominee Eric B. accepts. (Note – facilitator turned meeting over to RCM) Nominee Nancy M. accepts. (Eric B. stepped down and resumed Facilitator duties) Nancy M. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Nancy M. elected.

9) **Literature Stockpile:** Nominee Katrina K. accepts. Katrina K. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Katrina K. elected.

10) **Alternate Literature Stockpile:** Nominee Scott A accepts. Scott A. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Scott A. elected.

11) **Functions:** Nominee Marla M. accepts. Marla M. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Marla M. elected.

12) **Literature Review:** Nominee Rich M. accepts. Rich M. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Rich M. elected.

13) **Public Relations:** Eric D. accepts nomination from Public Relations Subcommittee with respect to having 22 months cleantime (24 months required). *Note:* Eric D. is the current Vice Chair of PR. **NOTE:** RRAGS would have to change policy to allow said addict to chair subcommittee. Nominee agreed to wait until next month.

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

14) **Hospitals & Institutions:** Nominee Mike C. accepts. Mike C. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Mike C. elected.

15) **Policy & Procedure:** Mark B. accepts nomination form Policy & Procedure Subcommittee. Mark B. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Mark B. elected.

16) **Digital Information:** Nominee Eric B. accepts. (Note – Facilitator turned meeting over to RCM) Eric B. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Eric B. elected. (RCM turned meeting back over to Facilitator)

17) **Newsletter:** No nominees, no volunteers. Vice-Chair Eric D. agrees to keep newsletter going until someone is elected into this position.

- Revisit **Co-Facilitator:** Eric B. volunteers. (Note – Facilitator turned meeting over to RCM) Eric B. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Eric B. elected. (RCM turned meeting back over to Facilitator)

Positions remaining open include Facilitator, Vice-Treasurer, Public Relations, and Newsletter. GSRs please take these openings back to your groups.

Elections closed.

MOTION: *from Literature Stockpile:* To increase the group prices to the amount suggested by the Treasurer. Discussion – pros and cons. **Q:** Which ones? **A:** In times of Illness, Group booklet, and Behind the Walls form \$0.65 to \$0.90; IP #25 – Self support from \$0.30 to \$0.55.

Friendly amendment – to increase all Literature that is going up as of July 01, 2008. (Vague)

Friendly amendment – to give the Literature Stockpile Chair and the Treasurer a vote of confidence to write a check and do the figuring on new price increases that go into effect July 01, 2008.

VOTE: PASSED.

MOTION: *from Literature Stockpile:* To increase Literature Stockpile to the suggested amounts: group Booklet form 15 to 30; In Times of Illness form 5 to 15; Behind the Walls from 4 to 10; IP # 25 – Self support form 7 to 20. Discussion – pros and cons. **VOTE: PASSED.**

MOTION: for a five (5) minute break. No one opposed. **PASSED.**

Meeting resumed with Facilitator asking for a moment of silence.

Regional Committee Member report: WRSC was held in Brookfield (Milwaukee), Wisconsin May 17-18, 2008 in conjunction with WSNAC. WSNAC will not be purchasing CDs until after the next WSNAC. Flyers are out; please take one if you haven't already. RD handouts from world.

H&I: There has been no information received from any AREA!! Beginning Writing Steps in Recovery in our Region will need Trusted Servants and members willing to be writing guides. If you are interested in doing institutional writing, please get a hold of Tony H.

Region Elections: July Secretary – open; Vice-Treasurer – open; Regional Delegate – Chris K.; Alternate regional delegate – Bill O.; WSNAC representative 2 – Gene J.; Activities – open; & Literature Review – Nancy M. RCM passed out copies of the World disposition of Business Motions. RCM then went through the results of said World Business Motions. Thanks for letting me play, Chris K.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE!

GROUP REPORTS:

90 In 90

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

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$130.30

Attendance: 7 – 15

Meeting changes: Tuesday 8 am meeting was cancelled several months ago.

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. **Functions:** None.

Report: We would like a new flyer. Nothing else to report.

A New Beginning aka New Beginnings

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

Anonymous Group

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

Awakening

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00 **Literature:** \$35.00

Meeting changes: None. **Functions:** None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Attendance: Avg. 21

Speaker Meetings: None.

A Way Out

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

7th Tradition: \$5.00 **Literature:** \$0.00

Meeting changes: None. **Functions:** None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Attendance: 6 – 8

Speaker Meetings: None.

Clean

Reporting member: GSR – Tom C. (**had to leave**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00 **Literature:** \$0.00

Meeting changes: **Functions:**

Report: No report turned in!

Attendance: –

Speaker Meetings:

Dope to Hope

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

Freedom To Grow

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

7th Tradition: \$287.24 **Literature:** \$138.80 **Attendance:** Avg.

Meeting changes: None. **Functions:** None. **Speaker Meetings:** 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 pm
& 4th Wednesday @ Noon.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Home Group

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

7th Tradition: \$50.00 **Literature:** \$23.25 **Attendance:** Avg.

Meeting changes: RVCP meetings (Sunny Lane) Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday are no longer.

Functions: None. **Speaker Meetings:** None.

Report: Please announce the closing of meetings in Janesville. Contact Tara J. (608-931-8048 or Marcie M. (608-931-8749) if you have any questions.

It Works

Reporting member: GSR – Bernard (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00 **Literature:** \$0.00

Meeting changes: None. **Functions:** None. **Attendance:** 2

Report: We are still keeping the doors open in Belvidere. Due to meeting time change caused by the facility that hosts our meetings, we have only had one (1) meeting in the last month (attendance was only 2, though we usually have 2-5). This month we should be back to having normal meetings once every week on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.

Just For Today

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

Monday Night Prime Time

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

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$16.25

Attendance: 7 – 11

Meeting changes: Start time is now 7:43 pm. (7:30 old time)

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

New You

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: aprox. 17

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: June 22nd TBA.

Report: GSR was told that New You mailed 2 checks to Area. Elections are next month.

Pride

Reporting member: Non-Reporting.

Reality Check

Reporting member: GSR / GSRA – Lauren J. (**not present**).

Road to Recovery

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

The Group

Reporting member: GSR – Rich H. (**not present**) & GSRA – Mark R. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$27.70

Attendance: 12 – 18

Meeting changes: All 7:30 pm meetings will be changed to 8:00 pm beginning June 01, 2008.

Speaker Meetings: Saturday June 28, 2008 Mona B. form 8-9 pm. **Functions:** Cookout Saturday June 28th, 3 pm until 5:30 pm – \$2.00 brats or burgers and chips. Please bring a dish to pass.

Report: Nothing else to report.

There Is Hope

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

Westside Family

Reporting member: GSR – Linda F. (**had to leave**) & GSRA Renardo W. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$42.25

Attendance: 14 – 18

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: June is Men's month, speakers every Sunday

@ 6 pm. June 1st – Eric W.

Functions: None.

Report: Business Meeting held on 5/24/08. Open positions – Secretary, Alt. Secretary, and Chair.

Announcement: The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday June 29, 2008 @ 12:00 pm at West Side Family, 326 College Avenue in Rockford, Illinois.

Motion: To close, seconded.

The Area Service Meeting closed with a group hug and the 12th Tradition.