

Sunday June 29, 2008

Rock River Area Group Service - July

Held at 326 College Avenue Rockford, Illinois

Hosted by – West Side Family

Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE: 30+

Eric B., Chris K., Marla M., Mike C., Sterling M., Stefanie H., Eric D., Scott A., Brett L., Rich M., Debbie H., Nancy M., Correnna N., Mark R., Rachel W., Mary W., Marvin W., Linda F., Yvette M., Paul B., Jim S., Lauren J., Gary T., George D., Bernard N., Jeff A., Paula T., Sandra A., Taucia P., & Mark B.

- a.) Co-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.) Co-Facilitator read statement of purpose.
- d.) Welcomed Newcomers.
- e.) Roll call of Trusted Servants and GSRs. (13 of 18 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: (open) –

Co – 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 Co-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 Co-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 Co-Facilitator. From time to time, I will make periodic rulings. Any member in attendance may appeal the ruling of the Co-Facilitator by raising your hand, stating that they appeal the ruling of the Co-Facilitator, and wait to be recognized. Only the person making the motion to appeal and the Co-Facilitator may speak on the issue at this point, but the GSRs will make the final decision to either uphold the

Co-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.

Secretary: Mark B. (present) – I would like to thank everyone involved with RRAGS for having faith in me and reelecting me as your Secretary. I hope my second and final term runs as smoothly. I would also like to thank Stefanie H. for being willing to volunteer for the Alternate Secretary position. I will teach her what I know about being Secretary and give her all the files it takes to fulfill the position. Now 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, 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. This month I had the minutes copied at Office Depot. I was charged \$0.08 per page minus the \$5.00 coupon I had. I am charging \$0.07 per page for color flyers. The cost for copying June's Minutes and fliers is \$22.80. 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 I have been putting information about your monthly Subcommittee Meetings on the monthly announcement flier, please let me know by July 26th of any planned subcommittee meetings for the month of August! Thankyou. 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: Stefanie H. (present) – Thanks for letting me serve. Nothing else to report.

Treasurer: Debbie H. (present) – Handed out financial figures data packet gathered since the June ASC. The statement balance is un-reconciled. If you look at the back page of the Treasurers Report, the reconciled balance is \$4690.68. **MOTION:** To accept report as amended, seconded, no one opposes – **PASSED.** **MOTION:** To approve a check for \$115.00 to Nation Wide Inbound and a check for \$22.88 to AT&T to be mailed when I receive the bills. **Intent:** To make sure the bills are paid on time, as I did not receive the mail yet. Discussion, **VOTE: PASSED.**

Alternate Treasurer: (open) –

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<i>Beginning Balance From: June 01, 2008</i>	<u>\$4,450.24</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	
<i>TOTAL INCOME</i>	<i>\$918.25</i>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
<i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i>	<i>\$677.81</i>
<i>CHECKBOOK BALANCE</i>	<i>\$4,690.68</i>
<i>STATEMENT BALANCE</i>	<i>\$4,690.68</i>
<i>PRUDENT RESERVE</i>	<i>\$3,041.20</i>
<i>WORKING FUNDS</i>	<i>\$1,649.48</i>

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: Marla M. (present) – The next WRSC will be held July 19 – 20, 2008 in West Bend, Wisconsin. **1) Breakdown of projected expenses:** Hotel - \$99.00 X 2 nights = \$198 + tax; Per Diem - \$30.00 X 2 days = \$60.00; Gas - \$60.00. Total to attend WRSC - \$318.00. In loving service, Marla M.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Nancy M. (present) – Thank you for letting me serve. However, I will be on vacation that was planned prior to me being elected to this position so I will be unable to attend this cycle of the WRSC. In loving service, Nancy M.

Literature Stockpile: Katrina K. (not present) –

Literature Stockpile Alternate: Scott A. (present) – Report given at end of group reports.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Functions: Marla M. (present) – We have some leads on locations for dances. Chair will be checking into these during the next month. We have secured West Side Family as the new location for the Gratitude Dinner on Saturday December 13, 2008 from 2 pm – 7 pm. We are still planning on the Halloween dance for Saturday November 01, 2008 ... location not set, but hoping for Self Help building in Sterling, Illinois. The contact there should be back in the office on Monday. I have spoken to one of the previous Function Chairpersons and am in the process of procuring supplies and records from several different people. The RRAGS Picnic is fast approaching, Saturday August 09, 2008 from Noon until 6:00 pm at Aldeen Park, 623 North Alpine Road Rockford, Illinois. We would like to request funds at this time to take advantage of any sales during the next month. The Chair has a chest freezer large enough to hold any perishable foods in the interim. An expense / income form is attached delineating the proposed expenses. I hope to spend less than requested. Pop and water will be sold at the event for 50 cents. Expense breakdown (projected): Facility rent - \$25.00 (already paid); Refreshments - \$90.00; Food - \$500.00; Misc. supplies (plates, silverware, napkins, etc) - \$150.00. Total projected expenses - \$765.00. **MOTION:** for \$740.00 for picnic; discussion; **VOTE: PASSED.** **Note:** the day of the picnic we need help setting up – any volunteers willing be there at 11 am. In loving service, Marla M.

Literature Review: Rich M. (present) – Subcommittee meeting before ASC – attendance 2. There are some upcoming literature projects coming up soon at World. One is a book length piece titled “Living Clean” and the other is “In Times Of Illness” – revision. None have started yet. At next months Area meeting, I will have a schedule of meetings for the Literature Review Subcommittee for any additional meetings other than the ones 1 hour before Area. In loving service, Rich M.

Hospitals & Institutions: Mike C. (present) – On June 22nd we had an H&I learning day – 3 people from Freeport showed up. The panel coordinator for Sojourn House in Freeport is now Eddie R. On Sunday July 13, 2008 @ 2 pm, we will be having a learning day for Transitions, which is a new H&I service for Rosecrance. Scott A. is the panel coordinator for it. If you would like to get involve d with Transitions, call Mary W @ 815-967-0213. Freddie S. reports that he needs 2 more people willing to go into the jail. You need to have 2 years clean, 2 years off probation or parole, and be approved by the jail. Meeting is Saturday mornings @ 9 am. Call Freddie @ 815-963-0579 to get involved. I ordered 100 IPs each of Sponsorship, Youth & Recovery, and Am I An Addict?; 150 IPs of Just For Today; 10 soft

cover Basic Texts; 10 It Works How and Why; and 3 Just For Today. Everything is going great. In loving service, Mike C.

Public Relations: (open) **Vice-Chair Eric D. (present)** – P.R. activity for the month of June 2008:

1) Mid-Month Subcommittee Meeting: Held June 21, 2008 at Freedom To Grow, 4 attended.

A) Need to generate more women for helpline. **B)** Schedule printing is in process of being completed. We have 3,000 of 5,000 schedules here now and the bill will be delivered when the other 2,000 are delivered. **C)** Outgoing PR Chair reviewed PR Committee documents with Vice-Chair in anticipation of Vice-Chair becoming PR Chair. **D)** We did not get the phone bill or the answering service bill before the post office close. We will get them Monday morning.

2) Committee Activity Prior to the June 29th (July) ASC: **A)** Freedom To Grow suggested printing business meeting times on the schedule. This would likely take up too much space. Digital Information suggested posting them on the website.

Policy & Procedure: **Mark B. (present)** – First, I would like to thank the outgoing Policy & Procedure Chair for having enough confidence in me to nominate me for this position. I would also like to thank everyone involved with RRAGS for electing me. Please show a little patience with me as I learn what it takes to fulfill being the Policy & Procedure Chair. I hope to be able to understand Policy and be able to uphold Policy to the best of my present ability. However, it will take time to fully comprehend the Procedure end of it. I have the hope that the outgoing Policy & Procedure Chair will guide me along with others who have knowledge about Policy & Procedure. I will be sitting down with the outgoing Policy Chair, Chris K., during the next month so he can explain and work with me on my understanding of Policy & Procedure. New Policy Packets have been printed for all GSRs, Officers, Trusted Servants, and Subcommittee Chairs. I would like to thank Chris K. for printing them for us. The Literature Stockpile section still needs to be updated and I will hopefully have the new Literature Stockpile information for everyone by next month, which will just be replacement of four (4) existing pages (pages 45 – 48). There is one correction to be made in the new Policy packet – Public Information heading needs to be changed to Public Relations. I am asking RRAGS for reimbursement of \$48.12 to cover the cost of printing @ \$0.035 per page. I have turned a receipt in to the Treasurer. Thankyou for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous, Mark B.

Convention Committee: **Correnna N. (present)** – Our kick off Function is a cookout on July 19, 2008 from 4:30 – 11 pm at the Alano club. A \$5.00 donation or a dish to pass. There will be a 50/50 raffle. People are encouraged to bring a favorite game. Recovery Bingo is happening @ 8 pm with mystery prizes. Alano Club cost is \$50.00 and \$450.00 for supplies. Hotels and Hospitality got \$150.00 for pop and water. Finding a hotel for RRCNA 18 is challenging. Each Subcommittee is making an inventory of all archives and will be put in the minutes. Program and Arts & Graphics are meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Alano Club @ 6:30 pm. (See flyer for more information.) Funding & Entertainment will meet the 2nd Monday of ea. month at Freedom To Grow @ 7:15 pm. The Convention Committee brings the following motion to RRAGS because we felt that we needed approval from those we are responsible to. **MOTION:** that RRAGS ASC approve the use of pay pal checkout on the website to facilitate the sale of Convention Registrations. (A pay pal checkout cost schedule was handed out. Fee is 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction. Convention Committee will be absorbing the fee. There are no monthly, setup, or gateway service fees.) Discussion – pros and cons, **MOTION:** to take back to groups. **VOTE: FAILED.** Discussion continued with pros and cons; **VOTE: PASSED.** RRCNA 18 Treasurer report – Beginning Balance \$8,421.41, Ending Balance \$8,421.41.

Newsletter Committee: (open) **Vice-Chair Eric D. (present)** – I did not get anything done for the Newsletter this month. I am sorry.

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) – Subcommittee prior to ASC – 5 attended. We have been working with Convention on a proposal for the GSRs, which Convention should have already presented. We are also looking at software to automate the events calendar. We have not made any decision as of yet, more will be revealed. We are also working with newsletter to develop an online newsletter using blog software. Right now, we are testing the feasibility and user access, more will be revealed. Groups have expressed an interest to have access to the website to make updates to their group pages. At this time, there is no feasible way to limit such access, however it would be suggested for a member of a group to get involved in the Digital Information Subcommittee at which point they could learn how to access and make changes to the website. Always grateful to be of service, Eric B.

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

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

Meeting resumed with Co-Facilitator asking for a moment of silence.

Note: Treasurer passed the 7th Tradition.

Open Forum Discussion: 15 Minutes – RCM opened: Topics: 1) Difference between Area Functions and Convention Funding & Entertainment. Convention has expenses and needs to raise money for such. **2)** Concerns about no addict being turned away at functions. It states in Policy suggested donation, but no addict turned away.

RCM closed Open Forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ongoing RRAGS Elections: Positions open: Facilitator, Alternate Treasurer, Public Relations, and Newsletter. (13 GSRs present)

Public Relations: Eric D. accepts nomination from Public Relations Subcommittee. Eric D. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Eric D. elected.

Eric D. volunteers for **Newsletter:** Eric D. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; volunteer left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Eric D. elected.

Elections closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE!

Announcement: From Treasurer: There was \$24.64 collected in 7th Tradition today that goes to West Side Family.

From Policy & Procedure: It states in Policy Section VIII Attendance B, that all Trusted Servants, Subcommittee Chairpersons, and Convention Committee Chairperson are required to attend

and report at the Area meeting. If unable to attend, they are to contact the Facilitator, Co-Facilitator, or the Area Delegates (RCM, RCMA) as to reason why. Having said that, the Literature Stockpile Chair only told the Alternate Literature Stockpile Chair – do we want to leave it as Chair excused or label it as unexcused? Consensus – we already labeled it as excused, so leave it as is.

GROUP REPORTS:

90 In 90

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 5 – 15

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: 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: Nothing else to report.

A New Beginning aka New Beginnings

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

7th Tradition: \$10.00

Literature: \$0.00 (?)

Attendance: (?)

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Meetings are 7 pm Wednesday and Noon Saturday. Looking into adding a Sunday meeting.

Anonymous Group

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

Awakening

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

7th Tradition: \$13.07

Literature: \$28.75

Attendance: Avg. 21

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

A Way Out

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

7th Tradition: \$4.50

Literature: \$13.00

Attendance: Avg. 6

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Come see how we do recovery in the corn!

Clean

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

Dope to Hope

Reporting member: GSRA – Jim. (**present**), left before group reports – no report turned in!

From Treasurer - \$25.00 7th Tradition.

Freedom To Grow

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

7th Tradition: \$68.32

Literature: \$0.00 (?)

Attendance: Noon – 17,

2:30 pm – 7, 6 pm - 11

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: 7/22 @ 6:00 pm Rachel W. & 7/23 @ Noon – Preston H.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Home Group

Reporting member: Acting GSR – George D. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$90.00

Literature: (?)

Attendance: (?)

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings:

Functions: None.

Report: Monday and Thursday meetings need support. Again, RVCP meetings closed.

It Works

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

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 1

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Have not been meeting this month.

Just For Today

Reporting member: GSR – Paul B. (**present**).

Report: No report turned in! Everything going well.

Monday Night Prime Time

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

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 7 – 11

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

New You

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 20

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: Last Sunday.

Functions: None.

Report: We had elections yesterday, everything open except – (?).

Pride

Reporting member: **Non-Reporting**.

Reality Check

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

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$25.50

Attendance: Avg. 10

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: The 4th Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Functions: 4th Sunday potluck. Reality Check's 5th annual dance and speaker is at end of August. Flyers are forthcoming.

Report: Nothing else to report.

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: \$42.40

Attendance: 10 – 25

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: July 26th @ 8 pm – Scott P.

Functions: Cookout Saturday July 26th, 3 pm – 5:30 pm. \$2 brats or burger & chips. Please bring a dish to pass. Meeting to follow.

Report: Next business meeting is Saturday July 26, 2008 @ 2 pm.

There Is Hope

Reporting member: **Non-Reporting.**

Westside Family

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: Avg. 6 (good)

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: July 5th at Freedom Dance (YMCA Log

Lodge) – Reggie H. July 6th @ 6 pm – Lonny L.

Functions: July 4th Marathon meetings from

9 am – 9 pm. (see flyer) July 5th Freedom Dance at YMCA Log Lodge from 6 – 11:45 pm. (see flyer)

Report: 7th Tradition is really low!

MOTION: for 15 minute break so Alternate Literature Stockpile can finish figuring order. No one opposed - **PASSED**.

Meeting resumed with Co-Facilitator asking for a moment of silence.

Literature Stockpile Alternate report: This month's sales are \$419.70. The reorder amount is \$415.54 + \$619.72 for PR / H&I's = \$1,035.26 total reorder. We have a credit with Gene at WRSO (\$496.83) due to last month's checks being presented, but no order was presented! **Note:** *from an addict* – not all GSRs received what they wanted or needed due to last month's order not being presented to WRSO. Concerns about literature.

From an addict – **MOTION:** to remove the Literature Stockpile Chair for failure to fulfill duties. Discussion – pros and cons. **VOTE: CARRIED** - Literature Stockpile Chair removed.

From Co-Facilitator – GSRs bring this open position back to your groups.

Announcement: The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday August 03, 2008 @ 12:00 pm at A Way Out, 615 North 1st Street in Dekalb, Illinois. (1st Congregational Church)

MOTION: To close, seconded.

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