

Sunday November 02, 2008
Rock River Area Group Service
Held at 7914 Scott Lane Machesney Park, Illinois
Hosted by – 90 IN 90
Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE: 27

Eric B., Chris K., Marla M., Mike C., Stefanie H., Jeff A., Nancy M., Rich M., Debbie H., Yvette M., Rich H., Mark R., Correnna N., Paula J., Lauren J., Jake R., Renardo W., Bernard N., Terri A., Andy N., Randall L., Carrall Y., Johanna K., George D., Rachel W., & 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. (1)
- e.) Roll call of Trusted Servants and GSRs. (11 of 16 GSRs reporting)
- f.) Recognized new groups.
- g.) Explained voting procedures.
- h.) Reviewed minutes from last month.

MOTION: To accept as presented, seconded, no one opposed – accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Facilitator: (*open*) –

Co – Facilitator: Eric B. (**present**) – 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, 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 addition, as we have many people here today, please stick to the topic at hand so that we can accomplish all that needs to be accomplished in a timely fashion and please do it in a loving and caring way. In loving service, Eric B. In addition, I've been told that Clean is unable to host next month and that The Group will host.

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 \$0.08 per page. I am charging \$0.05 per page black & white and \$0.08 per page for colored fliers. The cost for copying October's Minutes and fliers is \$18.10. 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: **1)** getting an accurate count, **2)** being able to double check contact information, **3)** establishing new contact information, and **4)** 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 November 26th of any planned subcommittee meetings for the month of December! You can call me with the information or you can e-mail it to me. 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. As stated earlier, Clean will not be able to host next month. The December ASC will be held at The Group. Thankyou for allowing me to be of service to NA. Your Secretary, Mark B. Peace!

Alternate Secretary: Stefanie H. (present) – Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Debbie H. (present) – Handed out financial figures data packet gathered since the October ASC. In grateful service, Debbie H.

MOTION: To accept report as presented, seconded, no one opposes – accepted.

Treasurer passed the 7th Tradition.

Alternate Treasurer: (open) –

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Beginning Balance From: October 05, 2008..... \$3,027.36

INCOME

TOTAL INCOME..... \$1,135.69

EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES..... \$1,037.28

CHECKBOOK BALANCE..... \$3,125.77

STATEMENT BALANCE..... \$3,125.77

PRUDENT RESERVE..... \$2,941.20

WORKING FUNDS..... \$184.57

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: Marla M. (present) – WRSC (Region) will be November 15 – 16 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. I am asking for \$60.00 per diem for the 2 days. In loving service, Marla M.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Nancy M. (present) – We will be going to Region November 15th and 16th, will need the following funds: Motel for 2 nights @\$89.00 + tax = \$220.00, Per Diem for 2 days @ \$30.00 = \$60.00, Gas round trip approximately 330 miles - \$40.00. Total requested is \$320.00. In loving service, Nancy M.

Literature Stockpile: Scott A. (absent) –

Literature Stockpile Alternate: Yvette M. (present) – Report given at the end of New Business.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Functions: Marla M. (present) – 7 people were in attendance at the meeting prior to the ASC! The Gratitude Dinner will be December 13, 2008 at West Side Family @ 2 pm. The News Years Eve Dance will be at the Rockton Community Center on (*drum roll please*) News Years Eve. The Valentines Day dance will be Saturday February 14, 2009 at the Self Help Building in Sterling, Illinois. We are working on a moonlight bowling function for May or June. Due to the date of RRCNA, the Function Committee feels that the St. Patrick Function should be dropped and a late spring function added in its place.

MOTION: [*F2008-11-01-7*] To remove the March St. Patrick's Day function from Policy. (Section XI, A, #2) **VOTE: PASSED.**

MOTION: [*F2008-11-02-7*] To add a Spring Function in May to Policy section XI, A, #2. Discussion, **VOTE: PASSED.**

MOTION: [*F2008-11-03-7*] \$100.00 to Marla M. for Gratitude Dinner food. **VOTE: PASSED.**

MOTION: [*F2008-11-04-7*] \$50.00 to Rockton Community Center for deposit on hall. **VOTE: PASSED.**

MOTION: [*F2008-11-05-7*] \$200.00 to Rockton Community Center for hall rental. **VOTE: PASSED.** In loving service, Marla M.

Literature Review: Rich M. (present) – Nothing to report.

Hospitals & Institutions: Mike C. (present) – Rosecrance has asked us to contact individuals who speak at Rosecrance about them hosting a dinner or lunch. It is the consensus of H&I not to do it because of Traditions. We have turned it over to PR. In January we will be having another H&I learning Day. Details will follow next month. If there are any groups wishing to have a learning day, please contact me at 815-243-0232. My e-mail address has changed to muleboyxtr@gmail.com. We need women with 2 years clean to speak at the jail. Please contact Nancy M. at 815-978-0725. In loving service, Mike C.

Public Relations: Eric D. (absent) Mark R. (Secretary) (present) – No report turned in! Talked about PSAs. **Q:** Are the PSAs that PR was working on a couple of months ago adapted from another script?

A: Yes, I believe so. *From asker*: Keep in mind that if they are, it needs to be approved by this body.

Policy & Procedure: Mark B. (present) – I have been working on condensing the Subcommittee Guidelines (all of the same) into one heading – General Subcommittee Guidelines. It is ready for presentation to the Policy & Procedure Subcommittee for approval or modification. No update yet on when I will have the replacement literature pages for your policy packets. I hope that I will have them next month. If you are a GSR or Trusted Servant of RRAGS, and did not receive a revised Policy packet in July, I can get one for you next month. Like wise, anyone may request a copy and it is available for downloading from the website, www.rragsna.org. The next Policy & Procedure Subcommittee meeting probably won't be until after the first of the year, unless someone requests it. However, Policy & Procedure will have time available @ noon at each ASC for subcommittee. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous, Mark B.

Convention Committee: Correnna N. (present) – We met on October 14th because of Halloween. Things are going very smoothly. Everyone is working together as a team. **1)** Convention Registration is now available on-line. Go to rragsna.org and click on the flashing link. I have registrations with me for GSRs to take back to the groups. They have also put together pre-registration postcards. Registration meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 at The Group. **2)** We have signed a 3 - year contract with Tape To Tape. **3)** Funding & Entertainment had the Halloween Dance last night. It was very well attended. I'll have that report next month. The entertainment for the weekend of the Convention will be Friday Night Fellowship Follies. This event is free for every one to promote unity. Saturday is a Show / Dance called Dueling DJ. Cost is free for those that have a Convention Registration. For un-registered the cost is \$5.00. F & E meets the 2nd Monday of each month at Freedom To Grow @ 7:15 pm. **4)** Program is actively listening to tapes and has developed a list of workshops. They are doing awesome at applying the steps, traditions, and concepts in the list of workshops. **5)** Hotels & Hospitality says there are not any hotel rooms booked yet, as of October 24th. So call and book your room. **6)** I brought copies of the Treasurers report and minutes. Our next meeting is December 5th. Subcommittees @ 6:00, meeting @ 7:00 at the Alano Club in the boardroom. There should be a list of the subcommittee times and meeting places here. In loving service, Correnna N. *From Convention Treasurer:* Beginning Balance (10/03/08) \$6,102.08; Income - \$0.00; Expenses - \$540.52; Ending Balance - \$5,561.56.

NOTE: *The Co-Facilitator stepped down in order to give the Digital Information report and turned the Co-Facilitator duties over to the RCM.*

Digital Information: Eric B. (present) – No report turned in! You can now donate to Convention on-line. We have developed a Digital Information Calendar request form. Jake R. was elected Secretary of D.I. Newsletter. Has got a hold of original archives from 1990 (also named RRAGS To Recovery). We should have an actual Newsletter by December. Chair will make up some hardcopies to bring to ASC; otherwise will be available at www.rragsna.org for reading, printing, and downloading. In loving service, Eric B.

NOTE: *The RCM turned the Co-Facilitator's duties back over to the Co-Facilitator.*

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

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

Open Forum Discussion: 15 Minutes – RCM opened: Topics: 1) Q: about signing a church waiver. Don't consider it as being an issue. You generally have to sign one type of waiver or another when

renting. **2)** Approval of PSA scripts – vote on at subcommittee, then bring to AREA to vote on. **3)** Halloween function was the 1st time I felt unity in this AREA in a long time! **4)** Concern was brought up about another fellowship's stuff being on the walls at the Halloween function – concerning situation, Convention Chair made a compromise. During meeting it was covered up, then after meeting it was uncovered – out of our control! Recurring theme. Would rather some one get confused about fellowship rather than holding functions where there are alcohol signs etc. 11th Tradition – an entertainment thing, not a meeting. Decorations on any wall are none of our business as we are not endorsing. Fine line to walk. We rent where we can being prudent with our money. It's about carrying a clear message, not what's on the walls. It's great that we are keeping in the front of our minds how this might affect the newcomer.

RCM closed Open Forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

On-going RRAGS Elections: Positions open: Facilitator, and Vice-Treasurer.

(11 GSRs present) None.

Elections closed.

MOTION: [2008-10-05-7]: **That went back to groups:**

That this body asks GSRs to ask their groups to send back suggestions on how we may improve our Function Subcommittee. **Intent:** To improve ASC Function Subcommittee and promote unity.

Suggestions brought back: **1)** Our group willing to send 1 member per month to functions subcommittee. Other groups could do it. **2)** Talk up the Gratitude Dinner and please bring a dish to pass. **3)** Make a point to network before each function. **4)** Divide between groups what needs to be done prior to and at each function.

NEW BUSINESS:

Main MOTION #1 [2008-11-01-7]: To create an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for the purpose of researching, preserving, and continuing an archive of Literature, Minutes, Newsletters, and the like.

VOTE: PASSED. **Note:** Chair will be Chris K.

New Business closed

Alternate Literature Stockpile: This month's sales - \$729.97; Reorder - \$825.32 (includes new price increases); H&I re-order \$176.50, (\$187.62 with new pricing). Total reorder - \$992.80. Thanks for allowing me to serve, Yvette M.

GROUP REPORTS:

90 In 90

Reporting member: GSR – Stefanie H. (**present**) & GSRA Carrall Y. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$73.50

Attendance: 5 – 35

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: 1st Friday of the month @ 7:30 pm TBA.

Functions: Thanksgiving marathon meetings Thursday and Friday.

Report: We will send a member to the Function Subcommittee monthly.

Awakening

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

7th Tradition: \$33.68
Meeting changes: None.
Report: Recovery is happening!

Literature: \$0.00 (?)
Speaker Meetings: None.

Attendance: 20-ish.
Functions: None.

A Way Out

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

Clean

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

Dope to Hope

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

Freedom To Grow

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

7th Tradition: \$73.78

Literature: \$252.17

Attendance: Noon's – 20,

2:30's – 8, & 6 pm's – 13.

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: Mary W. on 11/25 @ 6:00 pm & Jeff B. on 10/26 @ Noon.

Report: Meetings are being chaired and attended. We now have 4 of our Trusted Servant positions filled. In loving service, Nancy M.

Home Group

Reporting member: GSR – Andy N. (**present**) & GSRA – Randell L. (**present**).

7th Tradition: turned in.

Literature:

Attendance: Avg.

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: Home Group needs speakers.

Report: No Old Business, New Business: to start a Tuesday night meeting at the Salvation Army.

It Works

Reporting member: GSR – Bernard N. (**present**). No report turned in!

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: We are growing and doing better.

Just For Today

Reporting member: GSR – Paul B. (**left before start of meeting**).

Monday Night Prime Time

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

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 10 – 15

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Sterling M. has stepped down as interim GSR. Jake R. has been elected as new GSR.

New Beginnings

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

7th Tradition: \$25.00

Literature: \$0.00 (?)

Attendance: 8 – 17

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

New You

Reporting member: GSR – Jeff A. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$59.00

Attendance: Avg. 24

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: Starting last Saturday of month, flyer to come.

Functions: None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Pride

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 3 – 5

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: We are growing, we are here. Come visit us.

Reality Check

Reporting member: GSR – Paula J. (**had to leave**).

7th Tradition: \$15.00

Literature: \$58.00

Attendance: Avg 10.

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: 4th Sunday potluck @ 5 pm.

Speaker Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 6 pm.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Road to Recovery

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

The Group

Reporting member: GSR – Rich H. (**present**) & GSRA – Mark R. (**present**). No report turned in!

7th Tradition: \$31.00

Literature: \$0.00 (?)

Attendance: Avg.

Meeting changes: None

Speaker Meetings: Saturday November 29th @ 5:30 – Barney W.

Report: Next Business meeting Saturday November 29th @ 4:00. 8:00 meetings need support.

There Is Hope

Reporting member: (?) – **Non-Reporting**.

Westside Family

Reporting member: GSR – Renardo W. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$41.25

Attendance: 5 – 30

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: 1st and 3rd Sunday. Speakers – TBA.

Functions: Thanksgiving marathon meetings 9 am – 9:30 pm.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Announcement: *From Treasurer:* There was \$25.80 collected in 7th Tradition today that goes to 90 IN 90.

Announcement: The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday December 07, 2008 @ 12:00 pm at The Group, 3223 North Main Street in Rockford, Illinois.

Motion: To close, seconded.

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