

Sunday December 07, 2008
Rock River Area Group Service
Held at 3223 North Main Street Rockford, Illinois
Hosted by – The Group
Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE: 21

Eric B., Chris K., Marla M., Stefanie H., Jeff A., Nancy M., Rich M., Debbie H., Yvette M., Nick F., Correnna N., Jake R., Renardo W., Bernard N., Eric D., Andy N., Randall L., Scott A., Jennifer K., Laurie L., & 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. (12 of 16 GSRs reporting)
- f.) Recognized new groups.
- g.) Explained voting procedures.
- h.) Reviewed minutes from last month.

MOTION: To accept minutes from last month 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.

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. 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. I added @rragsna.org e-mail addresses for RRAGS Trusted Servants and Subcommittee Chairs to the RRAGS Committee Contact listing at the back of the minutes. I hope they are correct. If not, I will get with Digital Information to get it corrected. I hope that next month I will be able to do the same for GSR contacts. 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 November’s Minutes and fliers is \$15.10. 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 December 27th of any planned subcommittee meetings for the month of January 2009! 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. Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 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 November ASC. We are just over \$645.00 into our Prudent Reserve! 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..... **\$3,125.77**

INCOME

TOTAL INCOME..... **\$1,068.95**

EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES..... **\$1,898.59**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE..... **\$2,296.13**

RECONCILED CHECKBOOK BALANCE..... **\$2,296.13**

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

WORKING FUNDS..... **-\$645.07**

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: Marla M. (present) – Wisconsin Regional Service Committee was held November 15 – 16, 2008 in someplace way up north on Lake Michigan. (Manitowoc, Wisconsin)

1) The RD reported that due to WCNA losing money at the last convention, members must Pre-Register for the convention in Barcelona, Spain 2009. The RD team also attended a Multi-Zonal Forum (MZF) in Minneapolis, Minnesota in October. They attended world service workshops on Communication and Leadership in the fellowship. They will be presenting this workshop to the WRSC in January and hopefully in our Area soon.

2) The new Regional Meeting Schedule will be out soon. All meeting updates are due by December 20, 2008. They will be sending a spreadsheet to update the PR Chairs and RCMs soon.

3) **ELECTIONS:** Facilitator – Bob, Co-Facilitator – Greg, Treasurer – Deb, Vice-Treasurer – Open, WSNAC Rep 1 – Open, WSNAC Rep 2 – Open, Activities – Open, Policy – John H., Co-Secretary – Open, and H&I – Open.

4) A long discussion was held on outreach to those with additional needs, especially those who speak another language. Suggestions made include provide information and Public Relations to their community center, churches, and network with AA Meetings that are provided in the language. RCMs are to provide information at the next Region regarding what meetings are needed in our Area and what services are currently provided to special needs populations.

I turned in my expense receipts from the trip to the Treasurer. All funds were used this trip. The next WRSC will be held January 17 – 18, 2009 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. In loving service, Marla M.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Nancy M. (present) – Addict named Nancy, I am returning \$47.57 from the \$320.00 received for Region in November not needed for hotel, gas, and food. Thank you for letting me be of service, Nancy M., RCMA

Literature Stockpile: Scott A. (present) – Report given at the end of Open Forum.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Functions: Marla M. (present) – 5 people were in attendance at the meeting prior to the ASC. The Gratitude Dinner is next Saturday December 13, 2008 at West Side Family @ 2 pm. Please talk it up at your groups and encourage attendance. Everything is set for the News Years Eve Dance – again encourage people to be there or be square! Final arrangements for the Valentines Day Dance should be done by next Area. We are still working on a Spring Function. Motions to follow, if approved we have asked H&H from RRCNA to sell Pop & Water.

Main MOTION: [F2008-12-01-7] For \$25.00 to Rockton Community Center (location for New Years Eve) **VOTE: PASSED.**

Main MOTION: [F2008-12-02-7] For \$300.00 to William G. Stokes – D.J. for New Years Eve Dance **VOTE: PASSED.**

Main MOTION: [F2008-12-03-7] For \$80.00 to Marla M. for decorations for New Years Eve Dance **VOTE: PASSED.**

Main MOTION: [*F2008-12-04-7*] For \$100.00 to Marla M. for food for New Years Eve Dance **VOTE: PASSED.**

Main MOTION: [*F2008-12-05-7*] To have H&H (RRCNA) sell pop & water at the New Years Eve Dance and keep the proceeds from their sales **VOTE: PASSED.** In loving service, Marla M.

Literature Review: Rich M. (**present**) – Subcommittee attendance – 2. Attended the Wisconsin Region meeting last month. The Regional Literature Review Trusted Servant is continuing to gather information from world on the current literature revision and writing projects. Flyers were previously distributed to groups in our Area requesting that people interested in participating in the review or writing of NA literature contact me or the Regional Literature person. Only 2 people contacted us! There is a flyer available to take back to your groups requesting interested individuals to contact us. Additionally, we are asking GSRs to bring up literature writing and review at your next business meeting to determine to host a literature workshop. In loving service, Rich M.

Hospitals & Institutions: Mike C. (**absent**) report given by Eric B. – Mary W. has stepped down from Thursday Night Rosecrance Panel coordinator. Tamara T. has stepped in. We still need men and women with 2 years clean to speak at the jail. In loving service, Mike C.

Public Relations: Eric D. (**present**) – I reported last month that I would be in Indianapolis on a business trip today, but it was cancelled, so I am happy to be here with you. Items from last month's report:
1) Rosecrance Dinner: They want volunteer addresses to invite members to a luncheon; I still need to set up a meeting with them to discuss.

2) Schedule Printing process: We have spoken to the person involved in our current process and he has been very responsive and considerate in addressing the concerns that we had and we are happy to continue with things as they are.

3) Mark R's media efforts: **A) Press Releases:** I have an example of the press releases that we have sent out for the ASC to look at... I spoke with Mark R. and we are going to begin with the general PR Chair e-mail address and also include the Secretary's PR e-mail address at the top where you see my e-mail address to better preserve anonymity. **B) Radio PSAs:** We have copies for everyone to look at and approve if that is what ASC wants as a whole. Going forward, however, we would like to know if the ASC wants to approve all of our media efforts. We had thought that this was subcommittee work and that we had the blessing of the ASC to carry out these efforts at the PR Subcommittee level. If the GSRs would like to approve everything we do with the media, we would happily comply, but it may slow down the process considerably. We also need to discuss the acquisition of www.rockriverna.org for the radio PSAs... To be discussed before the ASC and Digital Information.

4) Other Items: **A) PHASE on Church Street (Rockford) –** Eric D. and Rob K. met with them on November 11, 2008. Conclusions as to their needs were: **A) a facilitated meeting.** Suggested times and days: 4-5 pm; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. Requirements are one NA member with at least 90 Days and another NA member with at least 60 Days. **B) Request for H&I speaker panel at PHASE.** Suggested day and time: once a month Monday, Tuesday, Thursday @ 6 -7 pm. Audience – coed. **B) Need to asses level of support H&I can provide in this Area.** To be discussed with H&I before ASC. Results of discussion: H&I unable to attend (due to Chair being absent).

5) I have given the Nation Wide Inbound bill and AT&T bill to the Treasurer. In loving service, Eric D. **Main MOTION:** [*PR 2008-12-01-7*] That D.I. purchase rockriverna.org so we can use it for the radio PSAs. It would point to rragsna.org. **Intent:** When people hear it, they will remember it more easily and are more likely to go to the website. Discussion – **Q:** cost. **A:** \$10 - \$15 per year. Pros and cons **Sub MOTION:** To take back to groups, seconded. **VOTE: PASSED.**

Policy & Procedure: Mark B. (present) – Nothing new to report as far as policy goes this 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 during the 10-minute break. 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 won't be until after the first of the year, probably in February or March. 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) – The Halloween Function was a great success. If my figures are right, the function made a profit of almost \$600.00. **1)** GSRs please grab a flyer for the Fellowship Follies. We haven't had anyone sign up for the entertainment for the Fellowship Follies. We need people to sign up. It's the entertainment for the Friday of the Convention. If no one signs up, there won't be entertainment on Friday night! **2)** We are looking at a couple of vendor proposals. **3)** There are hardly any rooms booked. So please book your room. **4)** Convention Information is doing an excellent job getting our flyers out with e-mails, mailing, and distributing flyers at WSNAC. **5)** Our next meeting is January 02, 2009. Subcommittees @ 6:00, meeting @ 7:00 at the Alano Club upstairs in the boardroom. 1210 11th Street Rockford, Illinois. In loving service, Correnna N.

From Convention Treasurer: Beginning Balance (10/24/08) \$5,561.56; Income - \$984.05; Expenses - \$0.00; Ending Balance - \$6,545.61.

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) – Subcommittee attendance – 5. We did not broadcast the minutes due to my negligence / illness. They are posted on the web as of yesterday. In the future, the Secretary has agreed to broadcast them and D.I. will post them. We also have not completed the first newsletter, also due to illness, we intend on having it ready for next Area. D.I. will be working with the Archive Ad-Hoc Committee to develop a content management system for maintaining a digital archive using our web hosting resources. In addition, D.I. Subcommittee is not opposed to PR purchasing rockriverna.org. It is a common practice for other domains to purchase a domain name and point it at another. In loving service, Eric B.

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

Archive Ad-Hoc: Chris K. (present) – Archive Ad-Hoc requested sub-domain: archive.rragsna.org and e-mail address: archivist@rragsna.org from Digital Information Subcommittee. Request \$20.00 from Area for acid-free plastic slip covers for the purpose of preserving archive documents safely.

Main MOTION: [AA 2008-12-01-7] For \$20.00 to purchase acid-free slipcovers to protect the archives, **VOTE: PASSED.**

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

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

Open Forum Discussion: 15 Minutes – RCM opened: Topics: 1) comment from an addict – I noticed that every group was unified at the Halloween Function! **2)** GSRs, is there any interest in having an Area Spiritual Retreat? Maybe just a weekend. Looking for support before I do the footwork! Bishop Lane

would require a minimum charge (a financial commitment). **3)** Additional needs at Region – language, etc. Can check literature on website; have certain information translated for use in Spanish speaking publications.

RCM closed Open Forum.

Literature Stockpile: This month's sales - \$1,179.05; Reorder - \$1,210.15; no H&I or PR re-orders. Thanks for allowing me to serve, Scott A.

Alternate Literature Stockpile: Nothing else to report. Thanks for allowing me to serve, Yvette M.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

(12 GSRs present) **Alternate Treasurer:** Thomas volunteers via letter, stated qualifications, concerns, **MOTION:** To postpone the nomination / volunteer / election until next month, **VOTE: PASSED.**

Elections closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Main MOTION #1 [2008-12-01-1]: To approve both the press release and PSAs, **VOTE: PASSED.**

Main MOTION #2 [2008-12-02-1]: To form an Additional Needs / Outreach Subcommittee, Seconded, **VOTE: PASSED.** *Note:* will hopefully have position policed by next month.

New Business closed

GROUP REPORTS:

90 In 90

Reporting member: GSR – Stefanie H. (**present**) & GSRA – Jennifer K. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$267.00

Attendance: 5 – 35

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: 1st Friday in January @ 7:30 pm TBA (male).

Functions: Marathon meetings 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, and 01/01.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Awakening

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

7th Tradition: \$4.35

Literature: \$70.25

Attendance: Avg. 20

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Recovery is happening! We've been talking about possibly adding another meeting.

A Way Out

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

Clean

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

7th Tradition: \$25.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 4 – 8

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Meetings are step / tradition. Have seen members come from various groups which has made topics more lively.

Dope to Hope

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

Freedom To Grow

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

7th Tradition: \$78.14

Literature: \$221.50

Attendance: 10 – 25

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: Randall S. on 12/23

@ 6:00 pm & Linda H. on 12/24 @ Noon.

Report: Meetings are happening, doors are being opened. In loving service, Nancy M.

Home Group

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

7th Tradition: \$49.09

Literature: \$53.50

Attendance: Avg. 11

Meeting changes: To take coffee out of 7th. Add Tuesday night meeting at 618 Broad Street Salvation Army Beloit, Wisconsin from 7 – 8 pm. **Functions:** January 10, 2009 @ 5 pm 306 State Street (Beloit), bring a dish to pass. **Speaker Meetings:** January 10, 2009 @ 7 pm 306 State Street (Beloit), Andy N. and Tara J. Chris K. from Rockford to speak January 30, 2009 @ 7 pm.

Report: Nothing else to report.

It Works

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

Just For Today

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

Monday Night Prime Time

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

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$77.50

Attendance: 10 – 15

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Attendance has been growing steadily. Oh happy days.

New Beginnings

Reporting member: GSR – George D. (**not present**). Report turned in by Randall L.

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$0.00 (?)

Attendance: 8 – 15

Meeting changes: None. **Speaker Meetings:** None. **Functions:** January 10, 2009 Clean Time Party.

Report: Nothing else to report.

New You

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

7th Tradition: \$6.32

Literature: \$57.50

Attendance: Avg. 34

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: 3rd Sunday of month.

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. (**not present**).

Road to Recovery

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

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$65.85

Attendance: 15 – 30

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Eddie R. has accepted the Alt GSR position and will be attending future ASCs. In loving service, Laurie L.

The Group

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

There Is Hope

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

Westside Family

Reporting member: GSR – Renardo W. (**present**). No report turned in!

Announcement: *From Treasurer:* There was \$23.98 collected in 7th Tradition today that goes to The Group.

Announcement: The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday January 04, 2009 @ 12:00 pm at Freedom To Grow, Manchester Drive in Rockford, Illinois.

Motion: To close, seconded.

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