

Sunday January 04, 2009

Rock River Area Group Service

Held at 4430 Manchester Drive Rockford, Illinois

Hosted by – Freedom To Grow

Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE: 29

Eric B., Chris K., Marla M., Stefanie H., Jeff A., Nancy M., Rich M., Debbie H., George D., Nick F., Correnna N., Jake R., Bernard N., Andy N., Randall L., Scott A., Jennifer K., Mark R., Rob K., Brett L., Dave P., Paul B., Mike C., Kate C., Debra W., Paula T., Stephanie S., 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. (2)
- e.) Roll call of Trusted Servants and GSRs. (14 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 amended, seconded, no one opposed – accepted. (Amend PR report item 4, line 4 to read – at least 6 months. Group Reports - “There is Hope” is non-existent.)

OFFICER REPORTS:

Facilitator: (*Correnna N. elected at the January ASC.*) –

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, Subcommittee Chairs, and GSR to the RRAGS Committee Contact and the GSR Contact listings at the back of the minutes. 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 December’s Minutes and fliers is \$16.60. 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 January 25th of any planned subcommittee meetings for the month of February! 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. Thankyou for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous. 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 December ASC. We are \$978.67 into our Prudent Reserve!!! We will have significant deposits this month. In grateful service, Debbie H.

MOTION: To accept report as presented, seconded, no one opposes – accepted.
Treasurer passed the basket for the 7th Tradition.

Alternate Treasurer: (open) –

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Beginning Balance From: December 07, 2008 **\$2,296.13**

INCOME

TOTAL INCOME **\$1,504.00**

EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$1,837.60**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE **\$1,962.53**

RECONCILED CHECKBOOK BALANCE **\$1,962.53**

PRUDENT RESERVE **\$2,941.20**

WORKING FUNDS **-\$978.67**

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: Marla M. (present) – The next WRSC will be held January 17 – 18, 2009 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. I am requesting \$160.00 for lodging and \$60.00 per-diem for a total of \$220.00 to attend Region. In loving service, Marla M.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Nancy M. (present) – Addict, Nancy M., I will be going to Region this month. I need to request \$50.00 for gas and \$60.00 for the per-diem for food. This will come to a total of \$110.00. In loving service, Nancy M.

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

Literature Stockpile Alternate: Yvette M. (absent) –

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Functions: Marla M. (present) – 3 people were in attendance at the meeting prior to the ASC. The Gratitude Dinner was held Saturday December 13, 2008 at West Side Family. Approximately 50 – 75 people came and went during the 5 hours! There was plenty of food. Some one from most groups in our Area were present. Overall, this event was a success. The News Years Eve Dance was held 12/31/08. A huge thanks to those who helped out at the function while I was home becoming intimately acquainted with my toilet. Especially *HUGE* thanks to Chris K. for all of his help. The dance was well attended and almost broke even! (See income / expense report) Flyer is now out for the Valentines Day Dance, February 14, 2009 in Sterling, Illinois. We will be needing funds for this event soon. We are also looking at making our Spring Function a one (1) day spiritual retreat. Freedom To Grow is willing to help / host this event. In loving service, Marla M.

Main MOTION: [F2009-01-01-7] For \$50.00 to Self Help Enterprises for St.Valentines Day Dance. **VOTE: PASSED.**

Expense / Income report from Gratitude Dinner:

Expenses: Facility rent - \$0.00, DJ - \$0.00, Food - \$100.00, *TOTAL* \$100.00.

Income: Door Money - \$0.00, Refreshment Money \$0.00, *TOTAL* \$0.00

Profit / Loss: - *\$100.00*

Expense / Income report from New Years Eve Dance:

Expenses: Facility rent - \$225.00, DJ - \$300.00, Food - \$100.00, and Decorations \$80.00, *TOTAL* \$715.00.

Income: Door Money - \$430.00, Refreshment Money \$132.00, 7th Tradition - \$114.25, *TOTAL* \$676.25

Profit / Loss: - *\$28.75*

Literature Review: Rich M. (present) – Nothing new to report. As of yet, no groups got a hold of me wanting to host a Literature Review. In loving service, Rich M.

Hospitals & Institutions: Mike C. (present) – On January 18, 2009 @ 2:00 pm at 90 IN 90, H&I will be having a learning day. Everyone is welcome to come and learn how to carry the message. I was contacted by PR about bringing a meeting once a month to PHASE on Church Street (Rockford), clean-time requirements are 6 months and 90 days. Still working on the time. PHASE also wants us to bring a meeting once a week and supply the topic. Clean-time requirements are the same. I have ordered 10

Basic Text, 20 NA White Booklets, 10 Introductory Guide to NA. We are still in need of men and women to speak at the jail!!! Clean-time requirement is 2 years. Please contact Freddie or Nancy M. In loving service, Mike C.

Public Relations: Eric D. (**absent**), report given by Rob K. – Attendance at mid-month was 7, prior to ASC was 4. Hi all, I am sorry that I am unable to attend today, but I am moving and I really have a lot to do. I have asked Rob K. to represent the PR Subcommittee in my place. I picked up the mail on Tuesday because I was in Chicago for CRC during the end of the week. The AT&T bill was there, but the Nation Wide Inbound Bill was not.

1) Regarding the need for Spanish speaking meetings, I brought this up in the mid-month PR meeting and we came to the conclusion that I was wrong when I suggested that this was not something that PR wanted to handle. The committee as a whole made a decision that this is properly PR work, and while we will need some help, we would be very happy to work on this issue. I apologize for speaking about it before I brought it up in the PR Subcommittee. We sent a request regarding an announcement seeking support for Spanish speaking meetings to the Digital Information Subcommittee to be included in the next Newsletter. I e-mailed Nation Wide Inbound and asked them if they have Spanish-speaking operators. While they do not currently, they said that they may have in the near future and they asked me if we have such a need. I have not yet answered that question because I don't want to get them going on something until I get further guidance on the issue from RRAGS ASC.

2) I spoke to PHASE (Resource Intervention Center) and told them we would probably get back to them in about one (1) month with an idea of what level of H&I we can support. I will let them know as soon as we know from H&I.

3) In regards to the rumored desire of Rosecrance to hold a luncheon for our H&I members, I spoke with Dale White at Rosecrance... He did not know of a luncheon, but I explained our position to him (why we could not accept or support this event based on the 6th and 7th Traditions) while assuring him that we appreciate the opportunity to carry the NA message in their facility. He said he would talk to Mike C. if anything comes to his attention – he assured me he would hear of it if someone within Rosecrance wanted to do it. Thanks Eric D.

4) PR goals / proposed activities (to do list) for the month of January 2009 and forward:

A) Make list of places that we provide literature and assign people to keep them stocked. **B)** Complete the radio PSAs and get them aired. **C)** Working on obtaining WRSC DBA Privileges.

5) Mid-Month PR Subcommittee Monthly Meeting: PR Subcommittee meets in conjunction with H&I on the third Saturday of every month at Noon. The next combined H&I / PR Subcommittee Meeting will be noon on Saturday January 17, 2009 at Freedom To Grow.

6) Notes from Discussion prior to ASC: **A)** Received Rosecrance staff contact information. PR will be contacting Rosecrance regarding situation of groups not having doors open for 7:30 / 8:00 meetings. Any group willing to commit to having doors open, Please let PR know! Thus far, “The Group” has committed to having M/W/F @ 8:00 pm open and Monday Night Prime Time committed that doors are always open! **B)** Further discussion of PHASE (Resource Intervention Center) and handoff to H&I. **C)** Discussed a proposed amendment to (PR originated) motion regarding “rockriverna.org” domain name. Received input from: Digital Information Subcommittee, Monday Night Prime Time, A Way Out Group, Pride, and 2 standing PR committee members. Consensus was mixed. Majority were opposed to PR Subcommittee second of proposed amendment. In loving service, Rob K.

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 or after the meeting. 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 will be on Monday February 16, 2009 @ 7:30 pm at Freedom To Grow. We will

be going over the General Subcommittee Guidelines prior to presenting them at Area in March. There are flyers over on the table, GSRs please take one back to your group. 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) – 1) We have chosen a jewelry vendor, it will be Parable Design. 2) Speakers have been selected and we now have a Serenity Keeper logo. 3) We have not got a response to the Recovery on the Road or the Fellowship Follies. 4) If you have trouble booking your room, ask to speak to the hotel manager. 5) The next function is the Last Chance Dance, sometime in March. Our next meeting is January 30, 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 (12/05/08) \$6,545.61; Income - \$260.00; Expenses - \$517.10; Ending Balance - \$6,288.51.

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) – The Newsletter is here! I will bring 2-3 hard copies each month; however, you can subscribe to the newsletter on-line @rragsna.org.

Main MOTION: To approve this copy of the newsletter. Discussion, **Q:** Could GSRs be sent a copy prior to Area? **A:** Possibly, depends on time, this month’s was done this morning. **VOTE: PASSED.** **Things to do in the month of January and forward:** **A)** Add GSR e-mails to the website for those not already listed. **B)** Would like to add contact information (@rragsna.org) to the newsletter. **C)** Would like to showcase the groups – history, maybe one (1) group a month. 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) – Nothing to report this month.

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

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

Open Forum Discussion: 15 Minutes – RCM opened: Topics: 1) Monday Night Prime Time is interested in going forward with spiritual retreat. 2) Our group has talked about moving vs. the storefront we now rent. Our landlord dropped the rent and we now share trash bill with neighbor. 3) Looking at the possibility of purchasing special edition collector Basic Texts while still available. Is the group interested? 4) We should be looking at more dollars to put in the basket instead of buying special edition collector Basic Texts as we are already into our prudent reserve.

RCM closed Open Forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

On-going RRAGS Elections: Positions open: Facilitator, and Alternate-Treasurer. (14 GSRs present) **Facilitator:** Correnna N. accepts nomination, stated qualifications, questions or concerns, nominee left room, additional questions or concerns, **VOTE:** Correnna N. elected.

Elections closed.

1) **Motion** [PR 2008-12-01-1] *that was sent back to groups*: That D.I. purchase rockriverna.org so we can use it for the radio PSAs. It would point to rragdna.org. **Intent**: When people hear it, they will remember it more easily and are more likely to go to the website.

Sub-MOTION [OB 2009-01-01-1]: To amend motion [PR 2008-12-01-1] to read – That Digital Information purchase 123na.org so we can use it for the radio PSAs. It would point to rragdna.org. **Intent**: If the idea behind the original motion is to make it easier for the listener to remember and not necessarily to be specifically associated with this Area, Monday Night Prime Time’s group conscience was such that 123na.org would be a much more fitting solution than rockriverna.org given that not every city / town covered by our Area can easily associate with the “Rock River.” No second from maker (or subcommittee) of original motion – **FAILS**.

Back to Motion [PR 2008-12-01-1]: **VOTE: PASSED**.

Literature Stockpile: This month’s sales - \$844.40; Reorder - \$903.36; H&I \$147.98; no PR re-order. Total order \$1,051.34.

Main MOTION [LS 2009-01-01-1]: To purchase 15 special edition Basic Text (\$397.50) from WRSO and sell for \$26.50 each. Discussion, pros and cons;

Sub-MOTION: amend to tack on an extra \$5.00 for purchase through Area. Original motion maker does not second motion, Sub-Motion **fails**.

Back to Main Motion [LS 2009-01-01-1]: **VOTE: FAILED**. (Due to requiring 2/3 vote because of affecting Policy Prudent Reserve.) Thanks for allowing me to serve, Scott A.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE!

New Business closed

GROUP REPORTS:

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

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$224.00

Attendance: 5 – 35

Meeting changes: None.
7:30 pm.

Speaker Meetings: 2/1 Kisha M @ 7:30 pm and 3/7 Kerry K. @

Functions: None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Awakening

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00 (?)

Attendance: 20-ish.

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Recovery is happening!

A Way Out

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$40.00

Attendance: 8 – 10

Meeting changes: We added a Wednesday 7 pm meeting. **Speaker Meetings:** None. **Functions:** None.

Report: We are growing in attendance.

Clean

Reporting member: GSR – Nick F. (**present**). No report turned in!

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 4 - 6

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Nothing to report.

Dope to Hope

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

Freedom To Grow

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

7th Tradition: \$96.74

Literature: \$242.50

Attendance: Avg 10 – 15

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: Stefanie H. on

Tuesday 1/27/09 @ 6:00 pm & David K. on Wednesday 01/28/09 @ Noon.

Report: Our attendance is growing and our doors are open. We will be willing to help Functions Chair with spiritual retreat. Vote for motion taken back to groups – PASSED. In loving service, Nancy M.

Home Group

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

7th Tradition: \$11.20

Literature: \$84.95

Attendance: Avg.11

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: Chris K. on January

30th @ 7 pm at 508 Public Ave. Beloit, Wisc.

Report: We need more support from Area at meetings. Need female for our monthly speaker meetings.

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:

Just For Today

Reporting member: GSR – Paul B. (**had to leave**). No report turned in!

Monday Night Prime Time

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

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$69.00

Attendance: 10 – 12

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Motion to amend last month's PR motion (see old business). Thank you for letting me be of service! Jake R.

New Beginnings

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

7th Tradition: \$30.00 **Literature:** \$12.00 **Attendance:** 7 – 15
Meeting changes: None. **Speaker Meetings:** January 10th @ 7 pm – Andy N. and Tara J.
Functions: January 10th from 5 -7 potluck. Speakers to follow plus open mic.
Report: Nothing else to report.

New You

Reporting member: GSR – Jeff A. (**present**).
7th Tradition: \$20.00 **Literature:** \$0.00 **Attendance:** Avg. 30
Meeting changes: None. **Speaker Meetings:** January 18th – Jennifer from Rockford. **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. (**present**).
7th Tradition: \$10.00 **Literature:** \$20.20 **Attendance:** Avg 8.
Meeting changes: None. **Functions:** 4th Sunday potluck @ 5. **Speaker Meetings:** 4th Sunday @ 6 pm.
Report: Nothing else to report.

Road to Recovery

Reporting member: GSR – Laurie L. (**present**) and GSRA – Eddie R. (**not present**).
7th Tradition: \$0.00 **Literature:** \$0.00 **Attendance:** Avg. 15
Meeting changes: None. **Speaker Meetings:** None. **Functions:** None.
Report: Meetings are going well and the group is continuing to grow. In loving service, Laurie L.

The Group

Reporting member: GSR – Mark R. (**present**) & GSRA – Kate C. (**present**).
7th Tradition: \$12.00 **Literature:** \$17.00 **Attendance:** 8 – 30
Meeting changes: None **Speaker Meetings:** January 31, 2009 @ 5:30 – Corey B.
Report: Monday 8:00 is a “pick a stick” meeting where members pick a popsicle stick from a can and share on that topic. Monday 5:30 is a Step / Tradition meeting. Friday 5:30 is an inventory meeting (10th Step). Our next business meeting is Saturday January 31st @ 4:00 pm.

Westside Family

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

Announcement: *From Treasurer:* There was \$33.50 collected in 7th Tradition today that goes to Freedom To Grow.

Announcement: The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday February 01, 2009 @ 12:00 pm at West Side Family, 326 College Ave. in Rockford, Illinois.

Motion: To close, seconded.
The Area Service Meeting closed with a group hug and the 12th Tradition.