

Sunday June 28, 2009

Rock River Area Group Service

Held at 4430 Manchester Drive Rockford, Illinois

Hosted by – Freedom To Grow

Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE: 34

Eric B., Chris K., Marla M., Correnna N., Rich M., Nancy M., Debbie H., George D., Stefanie H., Bernard N., Scott A., Mark R., Eric D., Laurie L., Eddie R., Renardo W., Jeff A., Dan R., David K., Linda K., Kasey D., Eric M., Debby M., Yvette M., Mike C., Valerie P., Brett L., Sterling M., Rob K., Mark B., Andrew N., Kate C., & Jennifer K.

- 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. (1)
- e.) Roll call of Trusted Servants and GSRs. (16 of 20 GSRs reporting)
- f.) Recognized new groups. (None.)
- g.) Facilitator explained voting procedures.
- h.) Reviewed minutes from last month.

MOTION: To accept minutes from last month as presented, seconded, **VOTE: PASSED.**

OFFICER REPORTS:

Facilitator: Correnna N. (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 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. 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, Correnna N.

Co – Facilitator: OPEN

Secretary: Jennifer K. (present) – It has been a pleasure to serve both Narcotics Anonymous and RRAGS for the last 2 years as Secretary. Whoever is voted in as our next RRAGS Secretary, I will help in whatever way I can. Now on to the regular stuff. 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 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. After elections today I will pass around a sheet and I ask that the new Trusted Servants and Subcommittee Chairs please fill in your contact information so that I can create a new RRAGS Committee Contacts sheet for the monthly minutes. This month, in an effort to save RRAGS some money, I did the minutes on my printer. I am normally charged \$0.08 per page black and white. I am charging \$0.055 per page black & white and \$0.09 per page for colored fliers. The cost for copying May’s Minutes and fliers is \$21.60 and I have turned a receipt in to the Treasurer. I 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 June 20th of any planned subcommittee meetings for the month of July! If you do not get the information to me, the subcommittee before ASC will be listed in default! You can call me with the information or you can e-mail it to me. Lastly, there are fliers over on the chairs announcing all planned Subcommittee Meetings for the month of June and the next Area Service Committee Meeting at Freedom To Grow 4430 Manchester Drive in Rockford, Illinois; GSRs, please take one back to your group. *Again, Thankyou for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous. Your Secretary, Mark B. PEACE!*

Alternate Secretary: Kasey D. (present) – As the Secretary has made this job really easy for me, I’ve had to do nothing. Due to schooling, I will be unable to accept the Secretary position. Thanks for letting me serve, Stefanie H.

Treasurer: Debbie H. (present) – Handed out financial figures data packet gathered since the May ASC. As you can see, we are \$5,166.81 above Prudent Reserve! Please turn in any group 7th Tradition that you might have to me. Everything balances, even the audit! In grateful service, Debbie H.

NOTE: *The Treasurer passed the 7th Tradition basket.*

MOTION: To accept Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded, no one opposed – **PASSED.**

MOTION: To accept Treasurer’s Audit as presented, seconded, no one opposed – **PASSED.**

Summary from Audit: *Income:* 7th Tradition collected from groups - \$3,986.07; Literature sold - \$9,386.12; 7th Tradition collected at ASC - \$340.74; from RRCNA - \$6,774.56; from Functions - \$1,299.70; & RCM / RCMA (funds returned) - \$242.82. **Total Income: \$22,030.01.**

RRAGS Expenses: Secretary - \$228.72; Literature Stockpile - \$9,490.21; Literature for H&I -

\$1,444.22; Literature for PR – 92.45; WRSC Donations - \$105.84 (*May ASC*); 7th Tradition to hosting groups - \$340.74; Phonenumber – AT&T - \$308.32; Phonenumber Answering service (Nation Wide Inbound) - \$962.02; Schedule printing - \$550.00; RCM / RCMA Region attendance - \$2,148.00; Functions - \$2,410.00; Post Office Box rental - \$58.00; Policy packet copies - \$48.12; Treasurer (checks ordered) - \$16.25; Archive Ad-Hoc - \$20.00; & Digital Information - \$93.35. **Total Expenses - \$18,316.24.**

Audit Beginning Balance: \$4,450.24 + Total Income: \$22,030.01 = **\$26,480.25** – Total Expenses: \$18,316.24 = **\$8,164.01** (Checkbook Balance as of June 07, 2009: **\$8,164.01**).

Alternate Treasurer: **OPEN**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Beginning Balance From: May 03, 2009..... **\$1988.94**

INCOME

TOTAL INCOME..... **\$8,048.19**

EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES..... **\$1,873.12**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE..... **\$8,164.01**

RECONCILED CHECKBOOK BALANCE..... **\$8,164.01**

PRUDENT RESERVE..... **\$2,997.20**

WORKING FUNDS..... **+\$5,166.81**

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: Marla M. (present) – Wisconsin Region Service Committee (WRSC) met on May 16 – 17, 2009 in Stevens Pointe, Wisconsin. **1) Regional Activities:** “Our Common Denominator” a black and white themed dance, will be August 22nd in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This will also include speaker, auction, raffle, and cookout. The location will be Solutions Recovery Club Inc. Tickets are available in advance for \$8.00 from the RCM. The price includes a meal and dance. **2) PR:** Will be producing a new meeting list. Updates are needed back by June 20, 2009. **3) Budgets:** Literature budget was passed - \$1200.00 per year; Policy budget was passed - \$360.00 per year; & WSNAC Rep budget was passed - \$908.00 per year. **4) Elections:** Policy – John H., Literature – Nancy M., WRSO Pool – Shaw P., Public Relations – Brian nominated, WSNAC Rep even year – *Open*, Outreach – *Open*, and H&I – *Open*. **5) MOTIONS:** **A) [RCM2009-06-01-1]:** *From an AREA* – To rescind the IP “For The Parent / Guardian” **Intent** – it violates our Traditions (Tradition 6), discussion, **VOTE: FAILED.** **B) [RCM2009-06-02-1]:** Question from Region: How much should Region contribute financially for participants to attend Region? **Discussion** – *Relevant information:* As of right now, Regional position holders get \$50.00 to help pay for gas, hotel, food, etc. to attend Region leaving Regional position holders to fund the remainder of the cost themselves. *Observation:* Eventually, if there is an open position at Region because someone who is qualified to hold that position, but can not hold the position due to financially not being able to pay the extra to participate, then the newcomer will suffer! RRAGS spends on average \$358.00 every time we send our RCM and RCMA to Region. Financial security should not be a factor in whether or not you can hold a Regional position. **Sub-MOTION:** To take back to groups - How much should Region contribute financially for participants to attend Region? **VOTE:**

PASSED. 6) Sunday's Business: Business resumed Sunday morning, but there were not enough RCMs to continue business for several hours! The quorum issue was discussed at length by those present. PR has funds in the amount of \$300.00 to attend the NRIADA Conference. If anyone knows of a conference, let PR know. An Area brought up an idea to form "Multi-Area Work Groups" where 2-3 adjacent Areas would get together and discuss common concerns and overlapping services. H&I has been floundering at the Regional level for several years. WRSC requests that all Area H&I Chairs available come to the next Region in Scenic Bluffs in July. Thankyou for allowing me to serve in this position. I have learned a lot and hope that I served you well. In loving service, Marla M.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Nancy M. (present) – I went to Region in Stevens Pointe, Wisconsin 5/15 through 5/17. Here are the totals of money spent: Hotel - \$170.26; Gas - \$30.94; and Food - \$60.00. Total spent was \$261.20; I returned \$3.80 to the Treasurer. In loving service, Nancy M.

Literature Stockpile: Scott A. (present) – Report given after Open Forum.

Literature Stockpile Alternate: Yvette M. (present) – Ditto.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Functions: Marla M. (present) – The RRAGS Picnic is NEXT Saturday June 13, 2009 at Aldeen Park in Rockford, Illinois. (*Outburst – YEA!*) Everyone who just said "YEA" better be there! Please come and join us. Meat and buns will be provided as well as a few vegetarian items. Bring a dish to pass and a car / truck load of people. Final preparations are being made for this event. Planning continues for the Spiritual Retreat. **MOTION**: [*F2009-06-01-1*] for \$400.00 for food and drink for the Spiritual Retreat. **VOTE: PASSED.** **MOTION**: [*F2009-06-02-1*] for \$50.00 for deposit for the Spiritual Retreat. **VOTE: PASSED.** Thankyou for allowing me to serve, Marla M.

Literature Review: OPEN

Hospitals & Institutions: David K. (present) – There is not much to report this month, except that - We are still in need of men and women to speak at the jail!!! Clean-time requirement is 2 years. You also need to be off paper and have an orientation meeting at the jail. We need men and women for PHASE in Belvidere, Illinois. The H&I Subcommittee has recommended that Bernard take over as Chair of the Subcommittee. He is very involved in H&I and I believe he will do a great job. These last 2 years have been a wonderful experience for me. I'm glad I was volunteered for this position. I received 11 5th Edition Basic Text from Freedom To Grow. 5 of these are going to Sojourn House and 2 are going to the N-Center. In loving service, Mike C.

Public Relations: Eric D. (present) 1) NA World Website: The NA World website is completely up to date. I had to add A Way Out, It's Time To Make That Change II, and Monday Night Prime Time. I had to re-add almost every meeting on the schedule to get the codes corrected. From here on out it should be just a matter of monthly updates, so the tedious part is done. I deleted KISS and also deleted old Trusted Servant information. After elections today, I would appreciate it if any newly elected Trusted Servant who wants to have their contact information in the NAWS database, give me that information: address, phone, e-mail, etc... Currently I am the sole contact for the RRAGS Area in the NAWS database. I brought a printout of the NAWS meetings and would like everyone to double check their meeting information. With all those changes, I could have made mistakes. 2) **NA Way**: 2 groups –

West Side Family and New Beginnings NA Way subscriptions are going to Linda's and Christian P's addresses respectively. All others come to the RRAGS Po Box. Could those GSRs please confirm that they want the NA Way sent to those members? If not, I can change it. **3) RRAGS Website:** The RRAGS website has been updated and is now correct. Please go to www.rragsna.org and check to see if your group's information is correct. **4) WRSC Website:** I asked the Wisconsin Region if I could directly modify the Regional website. They said no, but then invited me to send a service resume to be considered for a Regional Webservant position. I will be doing that, but haven't gotten to it yet. So unless I am selected to serve in that capacity, our meeting information at Region will still only be updated via my sending a spreadsheet. Thanks Eric D.

Policy & Procedure: Mark B. (present) – I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity that was given me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous and RRAGS as Policy & Procedure Chair this last year. I have learned much about Policy and know more than I did when I was elected about procedure. I feel that there is a lot more that I need to learn about Policy & Procedure (especially procedure) to truly be an effective Policy & Procedure Chairperson. Again thanks. Now on to the regular stuff. Policy is completely updated and unless a policy motion passes today, ready for its next printing. Basic Policy encompasses 22 pages and 18 pages of position specific forms and additional information (phoneline guide, literature forms, minutes format, inventory format, etc). I got a sweet deal on ink and will print the Policy packets on my printer, and with a little ingenuity, Policy will for the most part be printed on both sides. Doing so, we only use 24 pages for a complete Policy packet instead of 40 pages, or the 54 pages last year! Also, the forms and additional information that is position specific will only be printed and included in the specific policy packet for said position. Example #1 – GSRs will receive basic policy, literature order forms, and 6 copies of the GSR report form; Example #2 – Treasurer will receive basic policy, 6 copies Trusted Servant report form, working reserve form, and service Committee Inventory format pages; Example #3 – Public Relations will receive basic policy, literature stockpile quantities, 6 copies Subcommittee report form, working reserve form, and 12 Step volunteer & phoneline guidelines and instructions pages. The estimated cost to print this edition of Policy is going to be between \$40 and \$48. Additionally, I thought it would be nice for the GSRs and Trusted Servants of RRAGS to have their copies of Policy in a portfolio. Who knows, they might even look at Policy more often; the GSRs can give their copy to the next GSR in line etc. They can be reused and also have 2 pockets. Cost of the portfolios minus the worklife rewards I have amassed is \$11.00, well within my working reserve. I am asking for reimbursement and have turned a receipt in to the Treasurer. Keep in mind that anyone may request a copy of Policy, and it is available for downloading from the website www.rragsna.org. I will get the new revised copy to Digital Information so it can be posted. Any GSR who was not here last month when the 2009 / 2010 meeting rotation was passed can see me for a copy during the 10 minute break. As a reminder, the July 5th ASC meeting has been moved to June 28th so everyone can enjoy the 4th of July weekend; also that the September 6th ASC meeting has been moved to August 30th so everyone can enjoy the Labor Day weekend.

Main MOTION: [PP2009-06-01-1] To change the April 04, 2010 ASC at Reality Check to Sunday March 28, 2010 due to Easter being on April 04, 2010. **VOTE: PASSED.** *Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous, Mark B. PEACE*

Convention Committee: Eric B. (present) – We met Friday. It was a good productive meeting, although we had a few absences. A few Subcommittee notes: **1)** Registration will meet Saturday June 20th from 5 – 7 pm. **2)** Hotels & Hospitality has already met with last years facility and is working on other facilities. **3)** Both Program and Arts & Graphics will meet at 90 IN 90 the 2nd and 4th Sunday from 5 – 7 pm. **4)** The Convention Committee has approved meeting at the Rockford Public Library for a donation based on the 7th Tradition collected at the Convention Committee meeting. We have not as yet secured the location for the next Convention Committee meeting, so we will meet next on Friday June

26th at Freedom To Grow. Subcommittees start @ 7 pm and Convention Committee Starts @ 8 pm. In loving service, Eric B. **MOTION:** [CC2009-06-01-1] For Convention Chairperson to take inventory of all items and archives received from all Convention Subcommittees and turn the inventory over to the next Chairperson. **VOTE: PASSED.**

Digital Information: Rich M. (present) – 1) Not much to report. I have been behind on the updates to the website. My time was limited by work obligations this past month. It has been a pleasure developing and maintaining the website for RRAGS. It has been an excellent communications tool. We really only have 3 active members on a regular basis. We have for the most part, divided responsibilities. Having consulted the active members, it is the recommendation of this Subcommittee for Rich M. to be nominated for Digital Information for the next cycle. **2)** I will continue to serve as web-monkey under whoever is elected and offer my experience to their direction. In loving Service, Eric B.

Outreach: Renardo W. (absent with notice) – Report given by Chris K. Not much going on this month. Very soon there will be a Spanish speaking meeting. We have a Chairperson, looking for a meeting place. In loving service, Mary W.

Archives: OPEN

RRAGS Expense Ad-Hoc: Jennifer K. (present) – The Ad-Hoc Subcommittee met over the course of 8 weeks and there was anywhere from 6 – 11 in attendance. Recommendations coming out of this Ad-Hoc subcommittee are as follows: **1) To Literature Stockpile:** We recommend that they round literature in the sales process. Perhaps rounding up the literature slightly may offset the costs of what is donated to Hospitals & Institutions and Public Relations. **2) To Literature Stockpile:** We recommend that Literature Stockpile have groups order and pay for their literature in advance. In other words, for example...the groups will place and pay for their order in May, Literature Stockpile will then order it, and the groups will pick it up in June. This will reduce the amount of literature that must be kept on hand to fulfill group orders. **3) To Public Relations:** We recommend that although the Helpline was determined to not be a duplicate service, it is still a fairly sizable expense. We recommend that Public Relations continue to look at alternate options for the Helpline. There may be other ways to lower the Helpline expenses and these should be analyzed. **4) To Public Relations:** We recommend that a new Subcommittee be formed possibly called “Membership Services” to bridge the gap between ASC and the groups. Responsibilities of this Subcommittee would be to have its members visit groups every month to find out what the groups need from the ASC. This Subcommittee would also schedule workshops and other events hosted by the individual groups to promote group unity. **5) To Individual Groups:** We recommend that when groups are planning events or are adding new meetings, that they be conscious and courteous of other group’s schedules. If individual groups could increase their attendance at their meetings and events, it could increase their ability to become fully self-supporting. Motions coming out of this Ad-Hoc Subcommittee are as follows:

1) Main MOTION: [REA-H2009-06-01-1] That AREA and it’s Subcommittees become budget based as opposed to Prudent Reserve based. Each Committee and Subcommittee would be responsible to analyze how much they spend annually and break that down into a monthly amount. **Intent:** All of the reporting Subcommittees reported that their Prudent Reserve amount is never consumed on a monthly basis. This would free up the ASC to donate to WRSC and NAWS as well as provide a simpler accounting method. Each Committee and Subcommittee has reported that they could work within a monthly budget. Discussion - pros and cons; **Sub MOTION:** To send back to groups, Seconded, **VOTE: PASSED. 2) Main MOTION:** [REA-H2009-06-02-1] That Functions (Subcommittee) lowers their Prudent Reserve from \$750.00 per month to \$300.00 per month with a \$500.00 cap per event. **Intent:** Currently the monthly Prudent Reserve is never needed and the events have been under

\$750.00, so it makes sense to lower the Prudent Reserve amount. This will free up ASC to donate to WRSC and NAWS as it will be easier for ASC Prudent Reserve to be met. **Sub MOTION:** To table until resolution of motion #1 [*REA-H2009-06-01-1*], Seconded, **VOTE: PASSED.**

3) Main MOTION: [*REA-H2009-06-03-1*] That Convention Committee split their annual donation to ASC into 12 equal monthly installments. **Intent:** To help ASC function in a more prudent manner. As it is now, after Convention makes their donation the first portion of the funds are used to bring ASC current on the Prudent Reserve. The remaining portion is sent on to WRSC and NAWS. As ASC runs short on funds throughout the year, it must dip into the Prudent Reserve. If Convention Committee donates monthly to ASC, this will allow ASC to have funds to donate to WRSC and NAWS on a monthly or semi-monthly basis. As it stands now, everything above Prudent Reserve must be donated. When we donate the large amount all at once, we then fall short the rest of the year and we are unable to donate the rest of the year. Discussion – Pros and cons. **Sub MOTION:** To send back to groups, Seconded, **VOTE: PASSED.**

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

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

Open Forum Discussion: 15 Minutes – Co-Facilitator opened: Topics: 1) An increase of 15% on literature would bring in an extra \$100.00 per month (\$1200.00 per year) effectively paying for both H&I’s and PR’s literature. **2)** Note the back of the newsletter this month – the NA Picnic, don’t leave the picnic table empty! **3)** With elections, after the person leaves the room, why is there discussion? **A:** If I or you had a concern or a question and wanted to remain anonymous, it’s the time to bring it forward and if the person needs to come back in to answer said question or concern, it can be done with the Facilitator asking. **4)** Term limits – 2 years.

Co-Facilitator closed Open Forum.

Literature Stockpile: Scott A. – This month’s group sales - \$914.70; Reorder - \$1,025.40; No H&I or PR order this month. Thanks for letting me be of service, Scott A.

Literature Stockpile Alternate: Yvette M. – Nothing else to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Main MOTION: [*NB2009-03-01-1*] That Area do away with the live service and local phone number and revert back to the “800” number and automated answering service provided for us by Regional services. **Intent:** If the Area expenses exceed the Area’s 7th Tradition donations from groups, then we need to reduce expenses. This will be more fiscally responsible and prudent with NA funds.

Sub-MOTION: To remove from table. **Intent:** Answers provided by the RRAGS Expense Ad-Hoc cleared the motion – see Ad-Hoc report. Seconded, **VOTE: PASSED.**

MOTION: [*OB2009-06-01-1*] To extend business until concluded or until it interferes with next meeting, Seconded, **VOTE: PASSED.**

RRAGS ELECTIONS: All positions open. (16 GSRs voting)

Facilitator asked that everyone remain seated and no whispering!

1) Facilitator: Nominee Correnna N. accepts. **NOTE:** Facilitator turned the meeting over to the Co-Facilitator. Correnna N. stated qualifications; Questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Correnna N. elected.

NOTE: Meeting was turned back over to the Facilitator.

- 2) **Co – Facilitator:** No nominees accepted. **OPEN Position!**
- 3) **Treasurer:** Nominee Debbie H. accepts. Debbie H. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Debbie H. elected.
- 4) **Alternate Treasurer:** No nominees accepted. **OPEN Position!**
- 5) **Secretary:** Nominee Jennifer K. accepts. Jennifer K. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Jennifer K. elected.
- 6) **Alternate Secretary:** Nominees Mark R. and Kasey D. accept. Both Mark R. and Kasey D. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominees left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Kasey D. 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 Nancy M. accepts. Nancy M. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Nancy M. elected.
- 9) **Literature Stockpile:** Nominees Yvette M. & Scott A. accept. Yvette M. withdrew. Scott A. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Scott A. elected.
- 10) **Alternate Literature Stockpile:** Nominee Yvette M. accepts. Yvette M. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Yvette M. 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:** No nominees accepted. **OPEN Position!**
- 13) **Hospitals & Institutions:** Nominees Bernard N. & David K. accept. **MOTION:** To waive cleantime to 18 months for H&I position, discussion – pros and cons, **VOTE: FAILED.** Bernard N. withdrew. David K. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** David K. elected.
- 14) **Public Relations:** Nominee Eric D. accepts. Eric D. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Eric D. elected.
- 15) **Policy & Procedure:** Nominee Mark B. accepts. Mark B. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Mark B. elected.
- 16) **Digital Information:** Nominee Rich M. accepts. Rich M. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Rich M. elected.
- 17) **Outreach:** Nominee Renardo W. accepts. Renardo W. stated qualifications; questions or concerns were asked; nominee left room; additional concerns. **VOTE:** Renardo W. elected.

ELECTIONS CLOSED.

NOTE: *From Secretary - Remaining open positions are:* Co-Facilitator, Alternate Treasurer, & Literature Review. GSRs please take these back to your groups.

NEW BUSINESS:

11 GSRs present!

MOTION: [*NB2009-06-01-1*] To suspend Policy regarding forwarding of NA funds until motions from Expense Ad-Hoc Subcommittee are resolved. Seconded, discussion – pros and cons, **VOTE: FAILED.**

MOTION: [*NB2009-06-02-1*] That all funds over Prudent Reserve (\$5,166.82) as of the beginning of today's Area meeting be sent up to Region (WRSC) by end of business today. ***Intent:*** To maximize our support for Region and to send them funds as soon as possible so that Region and NAWS

can begin using the funds as soon as possible. Also, our future bills are not due now, so let's put the funds to work to help carry the message. **NO Second – motion drops.**

MOTION: [NB2009-06-03-1] To add to Policy that nominees or volunteers must meet cleantime requirements as of the date of election. **Intent:** To better clarify Policy and avoid conflict. Seconded, discussion, **VOTE: PASSED.**

MOTION: [NB2009-06-04-1] To make Archives a standing Subcommittee. Seconded, no discussion, **VOTE: PASSED.** GSRs, please take back to your groups: Archives is an open position - 2 years cleantime.

MOTION: [NB2009-06-05-1] To pay all bills that we can pay to years end, no second – too vague, withdrawn.

New Business closed.

GROUP REPORTS:

90 In 90

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$164.35

Attendance: 5 – 50

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: July 3rd – Phil N. @ 7:30 pm.

Functions: None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Awakening

Reporting member: GSR – Debbie H. (**present**). No report turned in!

7th Tradition: ?

Literature: ?

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: \$10.00

Literature: \$22.00

Attendance: Avg. 6

Meeting changes: None

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: The corn is growing and so is NA recovery in Dekalb! The 3 NA groups in Dekalb would like to voice our willingness to host a fundraising function for the next RRCNA. We're envisioning a family-friendly dinner-speaker function later this year and will be in touch with the Funding & Entertainment Chair soon to discuss. In loving service, Brett L.

Clean

Reporting member: GSR – Nick F. (**not present**), Acting GSRA – Eric D. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$50.00

Literature: ?

Attendance: growing.

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: For those who do not know, Clean's new address is 2514 Charles Street (Rockford Plaza). Things are going well; we have meetings once a day, every day. Attendance is growing.

Dope to Hope

Reporting member: **Non-Reporting.**

Freedom To Grow

Reporting member: GSR – Nancy M. (**present**) & GSRA – Linda K. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$184.25 **Literature:** \$144.62 **Attendance:** Noon – 27, 2:30 – 12, 6:00 – 16.

Meeting changes: None. **Functions:** None. **Speaker Meetings:** Preston H. on

Tuesday June 23rd @ 6:00 pm & on Wednesday June 24th @ Noon – Kasey D.

Report: This month we donated some used Basic Texts to the H&I Subcommittee. We had elections and only our Vice-Treasurer is still open. Our doors are open and the coffee pot is still on. In loving service, Nancy M.

Home Group

Reporting member: GSR – Andy N. (**present**) & GSRA – Randell L. (**not present**).

7th Tradition: \$92.52 **Literature:** \$37.10 **Attendance:** Avg.10 **Meeting changes:** None.

Functions: None. **Speaker Meetings:** June 26th @ 7 pm at 508 Public Ave. Beloit, Wisc. – TBA.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Hope Not Dope

Reporting member: GSR – Alejandro F. (**not present**).

It Is Time To Make That Change II

Reporting member: GSR – Valerie P. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00 **Literature:** \$0.00 **Attendance:** 5 – 8 **Functions:** None.

Meeting changes: 2nd Tuesday - Speaker **Speaker Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Report: Attendance has been steady and growing. Second Tuesday of the month has been determined to be a speaker meeting. Audio tapes from past NA Conventions will be listed to at this meeting. The other 3 weeks are literature study meetings. In loving service, Valerie P.

It Works

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

7th Tradition: \$8.00 **Literature:** \$0.00 **Attendance:** Avg. 5

Meeting changes: **Functions:** None. **Speaker Meetings:** None.

Report: None.

Just For Today

Reporting member: GSR – **Non-Reporting.**

Monday Night Prime Time

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

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$12.00

Attendance: 7 – 15

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: All is going well. Come on out and join us on Monday nights. We'd be glad to see ya!

New Beginnings

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

7th Tradition: \$22.00

Literature: \$26.00

Attendance: 5 – 15

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

New You

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

7th Tradition: \$15.00 **Literature:** \$104.00 **Attendance:** Avg. 35

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: 3rd Sunday of the month June 21st @ 7 pm - Dennis B.

Functions: None.

Report: Cleantime advances. Elections held, main positions filled. Jeff A.

Off The Walnuts

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

7th Tradition: \$15.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: Avg. 20

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: Thursday June 25th @ 6:30 pm. – Cindy L.

Functions: July 3rd, 4th, and 5th cookout / marathon meetings. Bring your own food!

Report: Nothing else to report. Dan R.

Pride

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 3 – 6

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: We now have a steady 2 – 6 addicts attending, one less when I am here! Come visit us.

Reality Check

Reporting member: GSR – Paula J. (**not present**), GSRA – Debra W. (**not present**).

Road to Recovery

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

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$37.50

Attendance: 30 – 40

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Meetings are going well. We are holding group elections at our next Business Meeting. In loving service, Eddie R.

The Group

Reporting member: GSR – Mark R. (**present**) & GSRA – Kate C. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$50.00

Literature: \$90.00

Attendance: 8 – 40

Meeting changes: beginning Monday June 15th: 6:30 am meeting, 1 hour long, every Monday. Topic – Just For Today.

Functions: Saturday June 27, 2009 - Cookout from 1-5 pm. Brats and burgers are \$2.00 each + each additional brat or burger is \$1.00. Please bring a dish to pass if you can.

Speaker Meetings: Saturday June 27, 2009 @ 5 pm – Ron C. Lead-in speaker meeting on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month.

Report: The Group will hold a Business meeting during the cookout from 3:30 to 4:45 pm.

Westside Family

Reporting member: GSR – Renardo W. (**present**) & GSRA – Eric M. (**present**).

7th Tradition: 15.00

Literature: \$134.25

Attendance: 3 – 50

Meeting changes: None. **Speaker Meetings:** Every Sunday of June will be a speaker meeting.

Functions: 3rd Sunday potluck. Men's rap / Breakfast potluck June 13, 2009 from 8 – 11 am. June 13th Men's night Speaker and Dance at YMCA Lodge from 6pm – 12 midnight.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Announcement: The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday June 28, 2009 @ 12:00 pm at Freedom To Grow, 4430 Manchester Drive in Rockford, Illinois.

Announcement: *From Treasurer:* There was \$29.51 collected in 7th Tradition today that goes to 90 IN 90.

MOTION: To close, Seconded, no one opposed - **PASSED.**

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