

Sunday November 1st 2009

Rock River Area Group Service

Held at Reality Check 10 E. 4th Street, Sterling, Illinois

Hosted by – Reality Check

Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE: 25+

Eric B., Marla M., Correnna N., Debbie H., Bernard N., Eddie R., Jeff A., Linda K., David K., Bill B., Kasey D., Scott A., Kate C., Jennifer K., Eric D., Eric M., Rich M., Deb W., Paul B., Harry Z., Travis S., Dan R., Irene B.

- 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., The Twelve Concepts and the Service Workers Prayer.
- c.) Facilitator led a moment of silence for a suffering addict in the hospital
- d.) Facilitator read statement of purpose.
- e.) Welcomed Newcomers.
- f.) Clean time birthdays were recognized
- g.) Roll call of Trusted Servants and GSRs.
- h.) Recognized new groups. (None.)
- i.) Facilitator explained voting procedures.

Reviewed minutes from last month. Minutes Amended- pg. 7-The check for literature is sent by the treasurer to the WRSO by mail after the literature deposit is made. **Intent:** That the literature order money is in the account prior to the check being sent by the treasurer. Seconded-Discussed-Sent back to groups for conscience. *Added-(dependent on the outcome of the previous motion.)* pg. 10 Announcement from Treasurer-\$29.51 changed to \$26.00 The Group. Pg.10 Announcement- *The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday November 1st 2009 at Reality Check, 10 E. 4th St Sterling, Illinois;*

MOTION: To accept minutes from last month as amended 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: Bill B. (present) – Nothing to report

Secretary: Jennifer K. (present) –Please look over the minutes carefully I am glad to report it seems I am making fewer and fewer mistakes. As a side note if you have prepared our report electronically, please feel free to email that to me shortly after ASC so that I can paste it into the minutes. 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. My printer ink comes packaged black and color it doesn’t make a difference is I print in color or black and white. With the groups permission I am not going to distinguish between the two and charge just .07 per page. The cost for copying November’s Minutes and fliers and forms is \$24.85 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. Also GSR’s and GSRA’s please look over the newly updated Group Contacts sheets. Several groups have new GSR’s and GSRA’s. I am trying to keep them up to date by the attendance sheets, I may have missed something. Please let me know of any other updates. Subcommittee Chairs, as I have been putting information about your monthly Subcommittee Meetings on the monthly announcement flier, please let me know by

December 20th of any planned subcommittee meetings for the month of January! 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 December. *Again, Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous. Your Secretary, Jennifer K.*

Alternate Secretary: Kasey D. (present) –Nothing to report

Treasurer: Debbie H. (present) –Please turn in any group 7th Tradition that you might have to me. Everything balances. 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.**

Alternate Treasurer: OPEN

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Beginning Balance From August 28, 2009 **\$3950.75**

INCOME..... **\$1065.76**

TOTAL EXPENSES..... **\$2530.52**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE..... **\$2485.99**

RECONCILED CHECKBOOK BALANCE..... **\$2485.99**

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: Marla M. (present) – I reimbursed RRAGS \$37.24 from the 09/09 WRSC. WRSC will be 11/14/09 in Milwaukee, WI. I am requesting \$90.00 to attend; \$30.00 per diem x 2 and \$30.00 for gas. In loving service, Marla M.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Nancy M. (present) Addict named Nancy, I am very grateful to be back home from our travels. I will be attending Region on November 14th and 15th 2009. I am requesting \$60.00 for food per diem. 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 Halloween function was held last night at the Salvation Army in Beloit, WI. When we arrived we were informed that we had been moved from the main room to the basement. So we ended up paying \$75.00 for the event to be held in the New Beginning's meeting room. There were approximately 25 people at the speaker meeting and 13 people stayed for the meeting. Those in attendance heard a great message and an interesting movie. We lost \$204.85 on the event. \$71.00 came in for the door/food. I returned \$45.15 of unused funds. The Gratitude Dinner is December 12th from 2-5 p.m. at The Group. In loving service, Marla M.

Literature Review: OPEN

Hospitals & Institutions: David K. (present) – The RRAGS H&I Master List update is almost finished. We, of the subcommittee are dedicated to expanding H & I in our area to as many institutions as possible. This is being done through coordination with the efforts of the Public Relations Subcommittee. I am forwarding invitations to all Panel Coordinators and GSR's to attend the next H & I subcommittee meeting on Saturday November 21st. We need to expand the number of people available to participate in H & I presentations. The participation of the groups in this area is essential to this process. Anyone needing literature that is H&I related please feel free to contact me. All information and literature is available now or may be acquired by e-mailing me at preone@comcast.net or calling me at 779-423-1721. I am turning in a literature order of \$55.50. In loving service, David K.

Public Relations: Eric D. (present) We have new schedules. The bill for printing the schedules was \$210.00. We printed 2500 of the schedules. Literature order was \$40.50. PR and H & I will be doing a 5 – 10 minute pitch for a Saturday workshop at the convention. We are working with the DeKalb members to step up our PR efforts there. Thanks! Eric D.

Policy & Procedure: OPEN

Convention Committee: Eric B. (present) – We are ordering fliers; they should be in next month and should be on the website this week. Registration has ordered stuff for the packets and is ordering name tags. We are still discussing merchandise such as travel mugs, water bottles, beanie hats and t-shirts. We may also order more fleece jackets and pullovers. We have an event next Saturday, fliers were out last month, and we are working on another function in January. We went through the list of workshop topics on a survey basis and the results will be used by programming to select workshop topics. The Serenity Keepers are close to having their t-shirt design done. And we have a policy motion that passed at convention committee that we would like ratified here.

MOTION Under RRAGS Convention Committee Guidelines, Section VIII subsection B, Read : “ Volunteer to read the Twelve Traditions of NA, volunteer to read the Service Workers Prayer, and volunteer to read The Twelve Concepts for NA Service.” **Intent:** To remind ourselves about the Twelve Concepts and better follow them and learn more about them. **VOTE: PASSED.**

In Loving Service. Eric B.

Digital Information: Rich M. (present) – No Report Turned In!

Outreach: Renardo W. (not present with notice) No Report Turned In!

Spiritual Retreat: Correna N.- (present) No Report Turned In!

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

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

Open Forum Discussion: 15 Minutes – Co-Facilitator opened: Topics: 1.) Spiritual Retreat feedback regarding the payments made to attend. Should members pay for the whole weekend or be allowed to only pay for Saturday. Keep things simpler. Maybe a wristband could be issued to indicate if people paid for whole weekend. Experience has been people come and go all the time. Keep food separate modest fee for registration. The room rate is based on available rooms. Should we have a registration fee and a registration fee with food? Could we issue tickets for meals in registration packet? If it’s NA people should be free to come regardless of paying. Workshops should be able to be attended regardless of registration. There are tent spaces available

2.) How does Freeport get on ASC rotation? Submit in May. Requirements handicapped accessible, large enough to host area first Sunday of any month. Policy and Procedures will create new ASC rotation in June after approval.

3.) When speaking for H & I shouldn’t we be mindful of promoting NA as a member of NA. We should not promote the other fellowships. In the workshops we do discuss carrying the NA message. We encourage not discussing any other fellowship either positive or negative. Some members do attend other fellowships and should not be marginalized because of that. Some people in the institutions may not come to Rockford where there are so many meetings. Some may live in rural areas where there may be no other meetings. I am there sharing my experience which may include the other fellowships and possibly church. The basic text states that we can mention these things and it is within the traditions to do so. NA should not come in with a holier than thou attitude.

4.) Literature Stockpile budget discussion. We need clarification on how the budgets are working and are intertwined. Stockpile monthly budget is \$830.00. We also need to understand the literature stockpile budget and how it relates to H & I and PR budgets. We cannot count money collected today as it is not in the bank.

Co-Facilitator closed Open Forum.

Literature Stockpile: Scott A. – This month’s Group Sales \$725.25. Reorder - \$793.08; H&I 49.92 PR 34.03. Thanks for letting me be of service, Scott M.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

RRAGS ELECTIONS: (11 GSRs voting)

Facilitator asked that everyone remain seated and no whispering!

- 1) **Alternate Treasurer:** No nominees accepted. **OPEN Position!**
- 2) **Literature Review:** No nominees accepted. **OPEN Position!**
- 3) **Archives:** No nominees accepted. **OPEN Position!**
- 4) **Policy and Procedures-** **OPEN Position!**

ELECTIONS CLOSED.

NOTE: *From Secretary - Remaining open positions are:* Alternate Treasurer, Archives, & Literature Review. Policy and Procedures is posted this month as an open position. GSRs please take these back to your groups.

NEW BUSINESS:

11 GSRs present!

MOTION [2009-11-06-1]: To require groups to place their literature order one month in advance. ***Intent:*** Do away with dipping into RRAGS budgets in order to fill orders and thus ensuring that RRAGS has the funds to support other area services and support fund flow. Failed- Revisited-Discussed-Sent back to groups for conscience.

MOTION [2009-11-01-1]: To form an ad-hoc committee to look at the literature purchasing process for ways to improve the process. ***Intent:*** To improve services to the fellowship. Discussion-Failed

MOTION [2009-11-01-1]: To replenish the general reserve at the end of each month if available. Seconded-Discussion- **VOTE: PASSED.**

New Business closed.

GROUP REPORTS:

90 In 90

Reporting member: GSR – Stefanie H. (**not present**), & GSRA – Jennifer K. (**present**),

7th Tradition: \$20.00 **Literature:** \$60.00 **Attendance:** 5 – 30 Slightly
Decreased
Meeting changes: None **Speaker Meetings:** The first Friday at 7:30 p.m. **Functions:**
None.
Report: We have moved!!! As of today to 2106 B Harlem Rd. (The building behind Gresty's
Auto Sales) we would be willing to host area functions.

Awakening

Reporting member: GSR – Debbie H. (**present**),
7th Tradition: \$0.00 **Literature:** \$0.00 **Attendance:** 20+
Meeting changes: None. **Speaker Meetings:** None. **Functions:** None.
Report: Recovery is happening!

A Way Out

Reporting member: GSR – Brett L. (**not present**)
7th Tradition: \$0.00 **Literature:** \$ 0.00 **Attendance:**
Meeting changes: **Speaker Meetings:** **Functions:**
Report: No Report Turned In!

Clean

Reporting member: GSR – Kyle W(**not present**) GSRA –
7th Tradition: \$0.00 **Literature:** \$0.00 **Attendance:**
Meeting changes: **Functions:** **Speaker Meetings:**
Report: No Report Turned In!

Dope to Hope

Reporting member: **Non-Reporting.**

Freedom To Grow

Reporting member: GSR – Linda K. (**present**), & GSRA – Gary B. (**not present**).
7th Tradition: \$304.84 **Literature:** \$198.00 **Attendance:** Noon – 26, 2:30 – 9, 6:00
- 13 **Meeting changes:** None. **Functions:** None. **Speaker Meetings:**
Tuesday November 24th 6:00p.m. Correna N. Wednesday November 25th 12:00 p.m. Mark B.
Report: Recovery is happening! In loving service, Linda K.

Home Group

Reporting member: GSR – Randall L (**not present**) & GSRA –
7th Tradition: \$0.00 **Literature:** \$0.00 **Attendance:**
Functions: **Meeting changes:** **Speaker Meetings:**

Report: No Report Turned In!

It Is Time To Make That Change II

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Functions:

Meeting changes:

Speaker Meetings:

Report: No Report Turned In!

It Works

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$14.25

Attendance:

Meeting changes: 7:30 p.m. Sundays
Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings:

Report: Nothing else to report.

Just For Today

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 50

Meeting changes: Start time is 9:15 a.m.
Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Monday Night Prime Time

Reporting member: GSR – Travis S.. (**present**),

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 12

Meeting changes: None. We still meet at the same oddball time of 7:43 p.m. because we still dare to be different!

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: Alive and Kickin’

NA Teen Recovery Group

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

7th Tradition: \$2.55

Literature: \$18.50

Attendance: Avg. 6

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: We have some teens attending on an irregular basis. God will work for us!

New Beginnings

Reporting member: GSR – George D. (**not present**)

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Speaker Meetings: None.

Functions: None.

Report: No Report Turned In!

New You

Reporting member: GSR – Jeff A. (**present**),
7th Tradition: \$40.00 **Literature:** \$17.75 **Attendance:** Avg.
40
Meeting changes: All meetings are open **Speaker Meetings:** 3rd Sunday of the month
Functions: None. **Report:** New You Recovery Is Going Strong!

Off The Walnut

Reporting member: GSR – Daniel R. (**present**), GSRA – Dennis B. (**not present**)
7th Tradition: \$15.00 **Literature:** \$0.00 **Attendance:** 10-20
avg.
Meeting changes: We now have datime meetings, M-F @ 12:00 p.m. they are open meetings
Speaker Meetings: November 19th @ 6 :30 p.m. speaker Harry G. **Functions:** None
Report: Nothing else to report.

Reality Check

Reporting member: Acting GSR – Debra W. (**present**), GSRA –
7th Tradition: \$0.00 **Literature:** \$0.00 **Attendance:** picking
up
Meeting changes: We added a Saturday @ 10:00 a.m. Spanish meeting **Speaker Meetings:**
none **Functions:** None **Report:** Debra W. is the acting GSR, our elections will
be held on November 14th.

Road to Recovery

Reporting member: GSR – Eddie R. (**present**),
7th Tradition: \$50.00 **Literature:** \$0.00 **Attendance:** 30 – 40
Meeting changes: None. **Speaker Meetings:** None. **Functions:** None.
Report: No Report Turned In!

The Group

Reporting member: GSR – Mark R. (**not present**). & GSRA – Kate C. (**present**),
7th Tradition: \$23.74 **Literature:** \$0.00 **Attendance:** 8 – 25
Meeting changes: None. **Functions:** None. **Speaker Meetings:** Speaker
meeting November 28th at 5:30 p.m.-speaker unconfirmed. **Report:** Nothing else to report.

Westside Family

Reporting member: GSR – Eric M. (**present**), & GSRA –
7th Tradition: \$0.00 **Literature:** \$0.00 **Attendance:** 5 – 40
Meeting changes: None. **Functions:** None.
Speaker Meetings: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. **Report:** Nothing else to report.

Announcement: The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday January 3, 2010
Freedom to Grow, Rockford, IL 4430 Manchester Dr.

Announcement: *From Treasurer:* There was \$16.00 collected in 7th Tradition today that
goes to Reality Check.

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

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