

Sunday November 6th 2011

Rock River Area Group Service

Held at: Freedom To Grow

Hosted by – Freedom to Grow

Business Minutes from 10/02/2011

ATTENDANCE: 25+

Jason B., Eddie R., Kasey D., Paul P., Dee S., Larry M., Marla M., Paul P., Tanya M., Valina F., Scott A., Jeff A., Terry C., Pieter B., Stacey C., Alyssa S., Correnna N., Will C., Chris K., Linda F., Angie P., Randy S., Nancy M., Lee G., Dennis B., Mike C., Chris B., David M., Rich M., Ron L., Richard P., Quincy H., Jennifer K., Bernard N., Denny R., Frieda B., Rob K., George D., and Doreen J.

- 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 read statement of purpose.
- d.) Welcomed Newcomers.(1 newcomer)
- e.) Clean time birthdays were recognized
- f.) Roll call of Trusted Servants and GSRs. **(16 of 20 GSRs reporting)**
- g.) No new groups.
- h.) Reviewed minutes from last month:

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

OFFICER REPORTS:

Facilitator: Bernard N. (Present) – Today right now immersed in this spirit of unity and what it all stems from is the fact that we can disagree without being disagreeable.

Co – Facilitator: Debbie H. (absent with notice) -

Secretary: Kasey D. (Present) – Please look over the minutes if you have prepared our report electronically, please feel free to email me at Kaseyd07@live.com. 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)** ensuring 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 October 20th 2011 of any planned subcommittee meetings for the month of November. 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. Thanks for allowing me to serve, Kasey D.

Alternate Secretary: Paul P.: Please sign the attendance sheets before you leave. If you need a group report form I have some in limited supply. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.
Paul P.

Treasurer: Marla M. (Present):

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<i>Beginning Balance from August 4th 2011.....</i>	<i>\$5,108.75</i>
<i>INCOME from September 4th 2011</i>	<i>\$2, 097.27</i>
<i>TOTAL EXPENSES from September 4th 2011</i>	<i>\$2,881.16</i>
<i>CHECKBOOK BALANCE.....</i>	<i>\$4,924.86</i>
<i>RECONCILED CHECKBOOK BALANCE.....</i>	<i>\$4924.86</i>

In Loving Service, Marla M.

MOTION: To accept Treasurer’s report as given, seconded.

VOTE: PASSED.

Alternate Treasurer: Nancy M (present): Passed the basket for the 7th tradition. \$19.00 was given to 90 in 90 from the 7th tradition collected.

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: George D. (present): I attended Region in Black River Falls. It was a productive weekend. CAR review will be in Feb. in Ohio. The plan is to have a review in at Region then the RCM’s will report to areas. I have copies of a new social networking IP that would want to print. Our RDA is going to US fellowship Assembly in Tulsa Ok on Oct.28th-30th. Becky H. accepted for H&I chair. Open Positions include P.R. Chair, WSNAC rep odd and even. We will be putting in a bid to bring the USFA to our region. Any fliers that you want to go to Region or any meeting schedule changes please give to me. The next Region is on Kenosha on November 18-20th. I am returning \$10 from funds not used.

In loving service George D.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Kate C. (absent with notice) – Unable to fill the commitment and is resigning. No report turned in!!!

Literature Stockpile: Mac M. (Absent with notice) –

Literature Stockpile Alternate: - Jennifer K. (present):

Today’ total sales was.....	\$554.95
Today’s reorder total is	\$505.62
H & I ordered.....	\$00.00
PR ordered.....	\$00.00

When the RCM went to region Gene was not there to give the check and I have it with me. Also he was supposed to mail us the orders from last month and we have not received them yet.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Functions: Lee G. (Present) – Halloween Unity Bash on October 22nd from 5pm –midnight. Requested \$400.00 for Gratitude Dinner on November 12th at 1335 Carroll ST. Freeport IL. The first subcommittee meeting will be October 14th at 7:45pm at recovery works 303 Galina AVE. Freeport.

Literature Review: Paul P.: nothing to report!!

Public Relations: David M. (Present) – Schedules on the back table. We need more phone line volunteers, especially women.

Policy & Procedure: Correnna N. (present): Policy ad-hoc report: We are matching minutes with the policy packet from 2008. We have found a few differences, neither good nor bad. It's a long drawn out process to go line for line with the minutes. Our goal is to have this review completed by the end of this year, 2011 or sooner. Our Next committee meeting will be Monday Oct. 10th at 5:30 pm at awakening. Any input on policy or minutes from 2008 to current will be gratefully welcomed, contact Chris, Correnna, or Dave. We follow the WSC rules of order, so it is policy that the convention chair signs all contracts. In loving service, Ad-hoc committee.

At this time I feel I am unable to fulfill this position and am resigning. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Correnna N.

Convention Committee: Angie P. (Present) – All subcommittees were present and the only officer missing was vice-chairperson she was ill. We had 1 first time attendee (newcomer). We are moving right along and getting our work accomplished.

Our current checkbook balance as of September 9 is \$7,540.85.

Merchandise- made a motion to have Golden Touch Designs as our jewelry vendor this year and it passed. Merchandise will be attending the RRCNA 21 dance at the YMCA lodge November 26 to sell merchandise.

Hotel and Hospitality- The hotel changed the contract as we requested allowing time to cancel the 2013 convention at the Clock Tower Inn and Resort after the 2012 convention without penalty. This was done in case they provide inadequate service we can get out of the contract without costing us a penny.

The new contract was signed by the convention chairperson.

Arts and Graphics- motion was made and carried that allows Marge to make our RRCNA 21 banner. The price was raised by 50 dollars this year.

Programming- They had 13 addicts at their meeting and decided on a few things. A motion was made to give the Saturday noon speaker a registration for speaking. That motion passed. They also made a motion to use Tape to Tape to record the convention. This motion passed as well. Program is narrowing down the topics for the workshops and reviewing speaker tapes. They also are considering a jeopardy game format to be held Friday night during the dance. The answers will be from NA literature and prizes will be awarded.

Serenity Keepers- We first approved a football jersey style shirt for serenity keepers. After we looked at the jerseys we noticed they were see through and some people may not like being on display. So we now are looking at baseball style shirts. We are trying to keep the cost under 20.00 per shirt. We also discussed time slots and sign-up sheets to send out to the groups for volunteers.

Funding and Entertainment- Our first function is a dance and it will be held November 26th at the YMCA Lodge on Madison Street, Rockford. Speakers at 6 and dance to follow. Speakers are Gary T. from Sterling and Doreen M. from Elgin. Door Prizes and 50-50 raffle will be a part as well as a literature package will be given to the newcomer. Literature was donated by members.

Convention Information- We will be mailing out dance fliers to treatment centers and other ASC's. Our next meeting is November 4, 2011 at the Clock Tower Inn and Resort in the Eli Terry Room. We start promptly at 7:00 with some subcommittees meeting at 6:00.

In Loving service,
Angie P.

Digital Information: Chris K - (Present) – I won't be able to attend as many meetings due to family issues, so please show my vice chair respect. Working with Public relations and website.

Outreach: Valina F. – (Present) – P.R and H&I have invited outreach to help on their subcommittees. Outreach is still sitting idle waiting to be of service. I am asking all GSR's to keep in mind that outreach is here to assist the groups in anything they may need. Outreach is designed to help new groups and struggling groups with things like low meeting attendance, as well as coordinating meetings on wheels. Fliers will be out next month. In loving Service Valina F.

H&I: Eddie R.-(Present): No Report turned in!

Spiritual Retreat: Open Position!!!!!!

Archives: Rich M. (Present) – We have lots of gaps in the approved minutes for area, so if you have copies of anything please bring them to the next area. In loving service Rich M.

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

*Meeting reconvened with the Facilitator asking for a moment of silence.
Then co-facilitator opened open forum.*

15 minutes later the RCM closed Open Forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Elections: Spiritual Retreat: Jennifer K. Elected.
Open positions: Policy and Procedure, and RCMA**

Old Business closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Motion: To remove the Policy chair for the remainder of the meeting.
Vote: Failed**

New Business closed.

GROUP REPORTS

90 In 90

Reporting member: Tim F. GSR–(absent) & GSRA – Doreen E. (present)

7th Tradition: \$100.00 Literature: \$200.00 Attendance: 10-40

Meeting changes: None Speaker Meetings: Fri. October 7th speaker meeting. Sat. October 15th is our last campfire meeting. They will start again in April. Functions: None.

Report: Hope to see you all at the picnic today!!!

Awakening

Reporting member: GSR – Scott A. (present)

7th Tradition: \$00.00 Literature: \$0.00 Attendance: 20 Avg.

Meeting changes: None Speaker Meetings: None Functions: Nov. 5th is the 1st annual fall into fall speaker and game night. Food for sale, doors open at 5:30 speaker at 7pm.

Report: meeting attendance is low for the fir. 6:30 meeting.

A Way Out

reporting member: GSR – Frieda. (Present) GSRA-

7th Tradition: \$15.00 Literature: \$5.50 Attendance: 8

Meeting changes: None Speaker Meetings: None Functions: none

Report: Group is in need of trusted servants and is still looking for a speaker or speaker tape.

Dope to Hope

Reporting member: GSR – Jeff B. (Absent) GSRA – Lisa M. (absent)

7th Tradition: Literature: Attendance:

Functions: None Meeting changes: None Speaker Meetings: None

Report: No Report Turned In!

Freedom to Grow

Reporting member: GSR – Stacey C. (Present) & GSRA – Nancy M.

7th Tradition: \$64.97 Literature: \$53.25 Attendance: 20

Meeting changes: none Functions: none Speaker Meetings: Oct. 26th at noon speaker to be announced. Oct. 27th at 6:00 p.m. speaker is TBA.

Report: Yes to the USSC

Home Group

reporting member: GSR – Jason. (Absent) & GSRA –

7th Tradition: \$50.00 Literature: \$65.00 Attendance: 5-10

Functions: None Meeting changes: None Speaker Meetings: Speaker at the River of Life Church hosted by the home group Oct. 28th at 7pm. Melinda speaking.

Report: No Report Turned In!

It Works

Reporting member: GSR – Alyssa S. (Present)

7th Tradition: \$0.00 Literature: \$00.00 Attendance: 4-10

Meeting changes: None Functions: None Speaker Meetings: None

Report: Our newcomers need your support!

Just For today

reporting member: GSR – Tanya M. (Present)

7th Tradition: \$0.00 Literature: \$0.00 Attendance: 50-60

Meeting Changes: None Speaker Meetings: Every 4th Saturday Oct. 29th Paul P. Functions: None

Report: Nothing else to report.

Monday Night Prime Time

reporting member: GSR – Terry C. (Present)

7th Tradition: \$20.00 Literature: \$0.00 Attendance: 12

Meeting changes: None Speaker Meetings: None Functions: None

Report:

Recovery Works

Reporting member: GSR – Jeff A. (Present) GSRA – Anthony

7th Tradition: \$20.00 Literature: \$42.00 Attendance: 16-17

Meeting changes: None Functions: None Speaker Meetings: Speakers on the 4th

Friday of the month.

Report: We welcome all visitors. Hope to see you soon!!!

Never alone never again

reporting member: GSR – Chris K. (Present) GSRA –

7th Tradition: \$37.96 Literature: \$0 Attendance:

Meeting changes: None Speaker Meetings: None Functions: any

Report: No report turned in!!!

New You

Reporting member: GSR – Larry M. (Present)

7th Tradition: \$0.00 Literature: \$0.00 Attendance: Avg. 25 - 45

Meeting changes: Speaker Meetings: 3rd Sunday of the month Functions: None

Report: Nothing else to report.

No Matter What

Reporting member: GSR – Cynthia F. (absent)

7th Tradition: \$0.00 Literature: \$0.00 Attendance:

Meeting changes: None Functions: None Speaker Meetings: None

Report: We could use support.

Off the Walnut

Reporting member: GSR – Dennis B. (present)

7th Tradition: \$0.00 Literature: \$0.00 Attendance: 15-20

Meeting changes: Meetings back to one hour Thurs. 6:30 to 7:30 Speaker Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month. Functions: None Report: attendance down

Reality Check

reporting member: GSR – Chelle L. (Absent) GSRA – Kenny T. (Absent)

7th Tradition: \$0.00 Literature: \$0.00 Attendance:

Meeting changes: none. Speaker Meetings: none Functions:

Report: no report turned in!!!

Road to Recovery

reporting member: GSR – Valina F. (present)

7th Tradition: \$0.00 Literature: \$32.25 Attendance: 30+

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

Report: Nothing new to report.

Roscoe Conscious Contac (RCC)

Reporting member: GSR – Elizabeth L. (absent) GSRA – Tracey C.

7th Tradition: \$0.00 Literature: \$0.00 Attendance: 6

Functions: None Meeting changes: None Speaker Meetings: None

Report: No report turned in.

The Group

Reporting member: GSR – Paul P. (Present) GSRA – Dee S. (Present)

7th Tradition: \$41.25 Literature: \$0.00 Attendance: 10-65

Meeting changes: add noon meetings to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Functions: Speaker Meetings: Speaker meeting Saturday October 29th 2011 @ 5:30 P.m.

Report: We will be moving before Nov. 1st

Time to make that change II

Reporting member: GSR –. (Absent) GSRA –. (absent)

7th Tradition: Literature: Attendance:

Functions: None Meeting changes: None Speaker Meetings: None

Report: Has moved to the Fox River Valley Area.

Westside Family

Reporting member: GSR – Linda F. (Present) GSRA –

7th Tradition: \$0.00 Literature: \$30.00 Attendance: 14-18 avg.

Meeting changes: None Functions: Oct. 23rd 2011 3pm speakathon. Speaker Meetings: Oct. 2nd 6pm Kelsey speaking.

Report: Westside is in need of trusted servants to chair meetings.

Announcement from the Secretary: The next RRAGS business meeting will be on November 6th at West side Family. Subcommittees meet at noon; ASC begins at 1:00 pm.

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

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