

April 26, 2009 Minutes

The next meeting May 31, 2009

Area Meeting Times:

Administration	12:30–2:00pm
Literature Sales	1:30–3:00 pm
Subcommittees	2:00–3:00 pm
New GSR Orientation	3:15–3:30 pm
Area Service Meeting	3:30–5:30 pm

Area Service Meeting Agenda:

1. Meeting called to order / Moment of silence / Service prayer
2. Reading of the Twelve Concepts
3. Introduction / Roll Call / GSR Report
4. Secretary Report
5. Treasurer Report
6. Vice-Chair Report
7. RCM Report
8. BOD Report
9. Subcommittee Reports including:
Activities, Finance, H&I, Literature, Phone Line, Policy, PI, Convention, Ad-Hoc
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Motions (submit at beginning of ASC meeting)
13. Open Forum

Roll Call and GSR Reports:

Groups in Attendance (20)

Total Area Meetings (43*)

Groups that made a donation are marked with \$

Groups that attended ASC meeting marked with @

Addicts “R” Us

Breakfast Club @

Blackstone NA

Choose Life

Clean & Crazy @

Dig Deep

Faith in Recovery @

Gimme Shelter @ Moved to 500 Hope St

Hardcore Recovery @

IP Time

Jamestown NA

K.I.S.S. @

Late Nite @

Living Free

Loveline @

Lie is Dead 7:30-9:00 133 Delaney Street

Meeting Street Meeting @

Narragansett Recovery System

Never alone again

New Associations.....@
 New Way of Life
 Opt for Life
 Ray of Hope
 Recovering with the Vets
 Recovery and Beyond.....@
 Recovery in the Chapel.....@
 Recovery in the Country
 Recovery in the Lake
 Recovery is More than Abstinence.....@
 Resurrection.....@
 Road to Recovery.....@
 Sisters in Recovery.....@ Needs Support
 Smith Hill NA
 Start your Nite Right
 Starting Over
 Step Sisters.....@ Monday nite Amos House
 Stepping into Recovery
 Straight Today
 Stepping Out Wednesday
 Sunday/Insanity.....@ needs support
 Surrender or Die.....@
 We do Recover.....@
 Why are we here.....@ needs support

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: John D

Family Addict Barefoot Bob, H&I is going well. All of our commitments have been met for the month. We have filled 2 open panel leader positions. The chair appointed these members to fill in until getting voted on by the subcommittee today. Kim J was voted on to be GTS PL Thanks Kim The other person was not in attendance but will continue to fulfill that position. BTS PL also resigned Allen T nominated + accepted the position and was voted in to PL RW Syc Sat 10:30-11:00. Adhoc committee is still meeting to rewrite Policy: plan on completing in June.

Vice Chair: Delia F

No Report

BOD: Kevin V

No Report

Phone Line: Lewis S

Hi Family, Phone line is up and running well calls received last month 19 paged or dial out 12 mailing meeting list 41 patched minutes total. Phone line is going to be participating in the Learning Day May 2, 2009 at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church anyone looking to volunteer should come to the Learning day it starts at 10:00 am to 2:00pm it's a free event. I also attend the regional meeting in Worcester. Love & Service, Lewis

Policy: James M

Was not present

PI: Robin D

Hi Family, Public information received a contact from fuller memorial hospital regarding a commitment also the case manager at the Nickerson house requested literature the request was filled, public information also brought meeting list to the east providence police station. Subcommittee is working on revising public information policy I did contact free spirit and request there policy for pi for some guidance. Meeting list are in and updated. On may 26th PI has an event at the state house RI recovery legislative day from 11-3 we will be doing this event with free spirit. ILS Robin D

Activities: Lyz M

The activities subcommittee has met several times over the past month. All is well with in the committee. We are excited about the shindig coming up. Most of the questions for the trivia show are done. As of right now, only one home group has registered for the game show. Please bring this back to the groups!!! And if your group is going to participate PLEASE call and register... ILS, Lyz M.

Convention Committee: Wayne G (subcommittee chairperson)

The Sub-committee has met twice for the last month and the continued effort to up-date the Polices and Guidelines has been encouraging. There are still several positions available- Convention Information/ Arts & Graphics also Merchandising and there are 2 executive positions which need to be addressed. There is a Motion to receive a book to maintain the Sub-committee's 7th tradition to pay the rent for use of the hall for our meeting. Our next meeting will be May 17th 1-4pm Nickerson House and May 31st 2-3:15pm Area Meeting. ILS Wayne G

Outreach ADHOC committee:

The outreach committee would like to thank all the groups in the GPA for welcoming this committee into their business meetings. Overall the greetings we received were warm, and welcoming. When we began this ADHOC committee the number of groups attending the ASC regularly on average was 14, now at the end of this ADHOC committee there is an average of 22 meetings represented at the ASC meeting regularly. The information gathered was that groups that do not attend Area Service on a regular basis are groups that are lacking support and members willing to be active.

Some feedback we received from groups is as follows; the ASC meeting is too long, the ASC meeting is chaotic, and frustrating, and hard to follow. Individual feedback was that addicts did feel welcomed at Area and felt lost during the process of doing business. They also stated they did not feel welcomed or encouraged to ask questions. It appears that after the Outreach presentation that included what the ASC is for and what it does, groups have responded positively by now sending a GSR. A suggestion from this ADHOC is to continue to have a position that welcomes newer groups and GSR's and checks in with groups regularly for feedback. This could be accomplished by either making the Outreach Committee a standing Sub-committee or once a year appointing an ADHOC to visit groups that are struggling with attendance at the ASC meeting. In closing the committee would like to state that this was an incredible learning experience and gave the committee members a chance to visit other groups in our Area that they may not have attended in the past. It also gave us an opportunity to meet more members of our Area. We also feel as individual it was a great chance to learn more about NA's service structure. ILS, Delia

Finance: Susan W

No Report

Secretary: Dawn J

No Report

Treasurer Report

See attached report

Literature Report Timmy C

April, 2009

Literature Sales for the month of March, 2009	
H&I:	\$170.81
PI:	\$10.00
Phone line:	\$0
Group Sales w/o tax:	\$1290.96
Tax Total:	\$90.38
Group Sales total w/tax:	\$1381.59

Total RI meeting lists sold: 735

Total N.E region meeting lists sold: 10

Cost for literature restock: \$1545.70

Sixteen 25th Anniversary basic texts were ordered and received this month.

RCM report: Hal B and GPA Vice Chair Delia F

Hi family, I had the pleasure to attend the Regional Committee Meeting with our RCM Hal. Hal and I were able to collaborate on GPA business and develop a GPA report. The RCM meeting was held on 2/15/09 at Coventry RI. There were 9 out of 11 Regions represented at the meeting.

- The motion to suspend the Regional donation to World Service was adopted (passed).
- There was no Donation made to World Service Office.
- The Convention Committee reported that they have more confidence now, and feel that they may be able meet their financial contracts. Reported that 332 rooms out of the 388 rooms committed have been sold and that there is 150 registrations
- Penny B was elected to the Finance Committee
- Regional PI Chair John resigned due to health reasons.
- There will be a PI Training day on February 28th 83 Glendale rd Quincy ma 02169 starts at 9:00am.
- There will be a Service Slam put on by the Region the date has not been confirmed at this time however the 2 tentative dates are July 18th or the July 25- more will be revealed.
- At this time the newenglandna.org website is running test for our new website, you can access the test site by going to nerna.org. The new site will be in place for June 2009. The new site will have a "calendar of events" in a calendar format. Also NA.org our World site is also beta testing their new site- this can also be accessed through the original site. The original sites are still accessible at the original webmaster address ie: na.org and newenglandna.org
- There was a motion passed to create a new position Regional Assist Secretary.

In open forum it was discussed at length that if the Regional Convention Committee does need to use this money that is being held the process would be that a motion would need to be made at the next Regional meeting in April and that motion would need to go back to Area's. The motion would then be called for a vote during the June Regional meeting. The RD and the RDA facilitated the 'issue topic discussion' made available by World Service. The topic discussed was "Leadership". The committee separated into round table discussion regarding the concepts, traditions and how they pertain to "Leadership".

The next Regional meeting will be held in Worcester Ma. The flyers still needed some updating however they will be available on line. The flyer will also be available once the regional meeting minutes are complete. The winner of the Presidential Suite for the NERCC- Harry D from NH ILS, Delia F Hal B.

Old Business:

To All GPA Groups

An area inventory sheet was sent out to all groups. For the purpose of determining how this area can better serve our groups. All the GSR's were given this inventory sheet to be discussed at their next business meeting. If you have any questions feel free to call the Delia 556-3464.

Motions:

.** Motion Passed******

032209-m3

Submitted by: Lyz M

Seconded by: Dawn J

Motion: To receive \$500.00 from the ASC

Intent: To put on that 70's Shin-Dig, our next area activity.

******Motion Passed******

032209-m4

Submitted by: Susan W

Seconded by: Kim L

Motion: To change May 24th ASC meeting to May 31st

Intent: Memorial Day Weekend

*****Motion Passed*****

032209-m1

Submitted by: James M

Seconded by: Delia F

Motion: To change line A. to read (Attend the Sunday meeting of the Regional Service Committee and the Sunday meeting of the Greater Providence Area Service committee.

Intent: To clear up RCM Responsibilities

*****Motion Failed*****

032209-m2

Submitted by: James M

Seconded by: Delia F

Motion: To delete letters C + A wording and to reallocate the letters accordingly.

C = Suggested involvement with Regional Subcommittee to promote the RCM participation with Region.

H = Coordinate accommodations for GPANA members who are required to attend the RCS meeting for both days.

Intent: To clarify the responsibilities of the RCM

In regards to the donation to Northern New Jersey Region

Dear NERSC OF NA:

It was with great pleasure and sheer gratitude when we found that your region had sought to help us financially with our dilemma. Your donation inspires our Area that hope is still alive in the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated from our members and those who are in service. We would like to thank you so much again for your heartfelt gesture and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely yours,

The Northern New Jersey Region and Greater Paterson Area members of N.A.

New Business:

Motions:

***** Motion Passed*****

042609-m1

Submitted by: Wayne G

Seconded by: Lyz M

Motion: To obtain a book from the Area Literature Committee.

Intent: To pay for our Sub-committee's Agreement to give a book to the Nickerson House as to pay for our rent/use of the building for our meeting.

*****Motion Passed*****

042609-m2

Submitted by: Robin D

Seconded by: Wayne G

Motion: Requesting \$125.00 for Unity Learning Day \$24.20 for two Basic text \$100.80 Cash for rent of church, food, and drinks, etc.

Intent: To carry the message.

*****Motion to go back to Groups*****

042609-m3

Regional Motion

Submitted by: Delia/ Brian (alt rcm)

Motion: For Region to donate \$1000.00 to NJ Region

Intent: To help defray legal costs.

*****Motion to go back to Groups*****

042609-m4

Submitted by: Mtg Street Mtg

Seconded by: Breakfast Club

Motion: To delete the line item in the Administrative Qual.+ Responsibilities for the RCM that reads: Coordinate accommodations for GPANA members who are required to attend the RCS meeting for both days.

Intent: To revise the previously submitted motion # 032209-m2 (that failed) by keeping the requirement of suggested participation in Regional subcommittees, but deleting an unnecessary requirement since the RCM is the only Area position required to attend the Regional weekend.

Elections:

The following positions are still open see the Administrative Qualifications and Responsibilities document online for information about these position:

Treasurer

And Alt Secretary

Congrats to Brian C for his new position as Alt RCM

Open Forum:

Announcements:

20th Annual Southside Unity Picnic

Lincoln Woods State Park

Lincoln, Rhode Island-Fields A&B

Sunday, August 23rd, 2009

12:00 Noon until 6:00pm

Supplies will be extremely limited; donations will be gladly accepted!

For additional information contact:

Kevin V. (401) 331-2871

Pete R. (401) 331- 4282

That 70's SHIN-DIG

May 9, 2009

6pm-9pm

Nickerson Community Center

133 Delaney St

Providence, RI

We are asking anyone that would like to submit any questions to be asked as part of the NA trivia game.

\$5.00 suggested donation. No Addict will be turned away.

	Income	Expenses	Check #
Literature Sales	\$1253.86		
RI State Sales Tax Received	\$86.82		
Group Donations	\$309.63		
Free Spirit Area			
Church Hall Rent (2 months)		\$50.00	1937
Verizon		\$24.20/\$73.35	1939/1940
Answering Service (NE in Touch)		\$135.70	1938
Regional Phonenumber		\$58.93	1941
Secretary Expenses returned \$23.31		\$50.00	1943
Treasury Expenses			
Literary Purchase		\$1,356.20	1944
Meeting List Purchase		\$87.90	1942
H&I Subcommittee			
PI Subcommittee			
Activities Subcommittee		\$500.00	1945
Literature Subcommittee			
Policy Subcommittee			
RCM Expenses			
Sales Tax (Balance:)		\$256.03	1947
Other Tax Responsibilities		\$2062.64	1946
Convention Committee			
Region or World Donation			
Corporation Fee			
Post Office Box		\$94.00	1948
Previous Balance			\$12,011.63
Monthly Income			\$1673.62
Monthly Expenses			\$4748.95
Final Balance			\$8936.30
Area Prudent Reserve			\$3500.00
Available Activities Fund			
Area Insurance Reserve			
Available Funds			\$5,436.30