

April 27,2008

The next meeting is May 25,2008

Area Meeting Times:

Administration	12:30–2:00om
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 (15)

Total Area Meetings (41*)

Groups that made a donation at the previous ASC meeting are marked with \$

*****Donation information was not provided *******

Groups that attended this ASC meeting are marked with @

- Breakfast Club.....@
- Choose Life.....
- DigDeep.....
- Faith in Recovery\$
- Gimme Shelter.....@..\$
- Hardcore Recovery.....@..\$
- IP time\$
- Keep it Simple Saturday.....@
- Lie is Dead
- Living Free.....
- Loveline.....@..\$
- Meeting Street Meeting.....\$
- Narragansett Recovery Systems.. ..
- Never Alone Again.....@..\$
- New Way of Life.....
- New Assication.....
- Opt For Life.....@..\$
- Ray of Hope.....

Recovery and Beyond..... @..\$
 Recovery in the Chapel @...\$
 Recovery in the Country@...\$
 Recovery in the Lake..... \$
 Recovery is More Than Abstinence@
 Regardless of
 Road to Recovery..... ..\$
 Sister in Recovery.....
 Smith Hill NA
 Starting Over.....\$
 Step Sisters.....\$
 Straight Today.....@
 Steppin Out Wednesday.....
 Sunday/ Serenity..... @...\$
 Surrender or Die.....@...\$
 We Do Recover.....@

Reports:

Activities: Cyndi W

GPA activities will be putting on an event “Tradition One” on Friday May 16th from 6:30pm- 8:00pm with a dance to follow from 8:30pm- 12:00am at John Hope Settlement House 7 Thomas P Whitten Way Providence RI . \$5.00 suggested donation. We the committee have asked the “Gimme Shelter Group” to participate in the event- as their meeting meet’s at the same time as the function.

This committee is having major issues as far as active group members and trying to plan activities. At our meetings there are usually 2 members. I do announce we need support on this committee at meetings I attend. I am asking for help and guidance from area. I feel I am at a stand still for future functions. I am open to any suggestions any one may have.

ILS Cyndi W

Board of Directors: Kevin V.

We paid the insurance for the Area’s Liability and Directors and Officers Liability from 4/27/08 to 4/27/09.

ILS Kev V

Finance: Open Position

Myself and Delia have meet with both the Area Treasure and The Convention Committee Vice Chair who is acting Treasure to gather the information needed to file for our taxes. We are on the final stages of completing the application for 501c3 . We hope to have all the tax information and the application to the account by the next Area Meeting.

ILS Susan

H&I: John D

hi family,

a total of 84 commitments this month. 56 are Detox and treatment facilities. 28 are correctional commitments. 24 commitments were taken by groups reps.12 H&I group reps were in attendance.

I attended region on April 12th, also attended the learning day on April 19th.

Announcements:

4 panel leader position open

1 year clean time 6 months H&I experience

boys training school Tuesday 7:00-8:00P.M.

Kent House Tuesday 7:30-8:30P.M.

Butler Kent unit Wednesday 7:15-8:15p.m.

Donald Wyatt Tuesday 8:00-9:00p.m.

2 alternate panel leader position

6 months clean time willingness to attend an H&I Learning day

Wilson House bi-weekly Sunday 7:00-8:00p.m.

Urban League women only Thursday 7:00-8:00p.m.

H&I is always looking for support, commitments speakers, panel leaders and alternate panel leaders

in loving service, H&I chair john d.

Phone Line: Lewis

Hi Family, Phone Line is working well. Phone Line Learning Day went well there was a estimated 60 people in attendance throughout the day. A lot of good information was given out. ILS Lewis S

Policy: Kim L

I did some research on why the line item "Activities Prudent Reserve" appears at the bottom of the Treasurer's Report. Consensus has been that the wording is in error. It is not meant to be a "prudent reserve" they way groups or Area keeps a prudent reserve, but rather more of an ongoing operating account. I will be submitting a motion during the main meeting to correct this error by changing the wording of the lie item. Also the BOD/GPACNA bylaws are nearly unusable because they contain many internal contradictions and lack clarity. These need to be reviewed, revised, and in some areas rewritten. I am proposing to work with the BOD and the administrative committee executive members to try and complete this task before we begin another convention cycle since the BOD was created to provide oversight and guidance for the convention. The bylaws constitute our legal responsibilities due to our status as an incorporated and not-for-profit organization. Questions or concerns? feel free to contact me. ILS, Kim

PI: Robin D

hi family

meeting list are in and updated, attended region on April 12th also attended the legislative day at the state house on April 23rd Mccauley house requested meeting list they have received them. Attended the learning day on April 19th at pilgrim lutheran church was very informational.

P.I. has been in contact with a company named direct media the contact name is George ford regarding public transportation advertisement.

The principle of service, critical to the application of our eleventh tradition, is not a passive principle. To be of maximum service to the still-suffering addict, we must energetically seek to carry our message throughout our cities, towns and villages. We must take vigorous steps to make our program widely known. the better and broader our public relations, the better we will be able to serve.

Tradition 11, it works how and why

options for 1500.00 dollars

here are the following four quotes we have received

- 1. 120 interior rail cards (11X28) for up to 3 months longer if they have space (inside of bus)
- 2. 10-12 small tails 17 1/2x50) for up to 3 months longer if they have space (back of bus)
- 3. 10 tails (21x72) for 2 months (back of bus)
- 4. 7 kings (30X144) for 2 months (sides of bus)

our advertisement will stay longer if the space is not sold at no extra cost it is Mr. Fords recommendation for quote 2 which is 10-12 small tails

Due to the fund flow from the convention we would like to see pi fulfill there responsibilities

outside advertising such as billboards, transit signs, and the bus benches is commonly used to inform the public about narcotics anonymous areas are encouraged to be creative in finding the most appropriate outside advertising locations in there community.

putting your plan into action public relations handbook pg. 43

in loving service public information, chair robin d

Treasurer: Sully D

See attached report

Literature: Tim C

Literature Sales for the month of March	
HI:	\$175.30
PI:	\$48.70
Phone line:	\$0.00
Group Sales total w/o tax:	\$1211.40
Tax Total	\$ 84.80
Group Sales total w/tax:	\$1296.20

Total RI meeting lists sold: 940

Total New England region meeting lists sold: 10

Cost for literature restock: \$ 991.89

Timmy C.

Convention Committee- Daryl F

The CC would like to give a thanks to this Area and all Areas for the support of the 2008 Convention. The Convention was a great success. The Convention start money was \$5,000.

The Convention Committee total gross \$19,904.21 Bank Balance- \$1,000.00 of that total needs to be repaid to GPA Area Leaving a balance of \$18,904.21. I ask that this Area take care of it's home and then donate to Region/World.

ILS Daryl

RCM report: Hal B –

Report read- not handed in.

Ad-Hoc Outreach- Delia F

Out reach Committee Report

Hi Family,

The out reach committee meet on 4/18/2008 at 7:30pm to discuss which meetings the committee would be visiting the month. The committee agreed to visit 3 meeting this month : Steppin Out, Better Way, and Gimme Shelter which will bring the total number of groups visited to 9. The committee members were all meet by group members with open mindedness and support. The committee again has received information from each group that they lack enough active group members that are able to fulfill positions such as H&I and GSR. The committee found that each group had the following service positions filled; Secretary and Treasurer. During one of our visits a group was able to fulfill all of their positions including GSR. Congratulations to them. This committee is also encouraging groups that do not have GSR's to use the GPA website to access the ASC minutes. This committee will meet again on May 16th at 7:00pm. If anyone is interested in going this committee please contact my self or any other group member.

ILS, Delia

Old Business:

Motions:

033008-02 Submitted by Hal B- Seconded by Ray D

To purchase basic text and a step book for every corrections facility in the GPA that has a library in their individual building. Whether they have a commitment or not.

Intent: To allow our literature to carry our message in different buildings that house addicts.

****This motion has been tabled for more information****

The facility names and total will be brought back to next meeting

*****this motion was withdrawn****

INFORMATION BROUGHT BACK DID NOT SUPPORT THE MOTION

033008-04 submitted by Delia- seconded by Tim

To have all 3 lap tops owned by Area present at the next Area meeting 4/27/2008. To be handed over to Hal B who then have the computer's appraised.

****This motion was passed*******

****2 LAPTOPS WERE HANDED TO HAL B****

SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Elections:

No nominations for open positions

New Business:

Motion

****** This motion must go back to your group******

042708-01 Submitted by Robin d- seconded by Claude J

Asking for \$1500.00 for 10-12 PI signs to go on the back of buses (RPTA).

(17x50 small tails) For 3 month. (READ PI REPORT FOR MORE INFORMAITON)

Intent: to fulfill PI purpose to inform the public that NA is a credible program of Recovery.

Motion

****** This motion must go back to your group******

042708-02 Submitted by Daryl Seconded by Kev V

To have the Convention in 2010.

Intent: To continue to carry the message.

Motion

****** This motion must go back to your group******

042708-08 Submitted by Hal B Seconded by Chris E

To donate 5 Basic & 5 Step soft cover books to the Residential Substance Abuse Program at the RIDOC.

Intent: to provide access to our NA Literature for Incarcerated Addicts at RIDOC.

Motion

042708-03 Was out of order

Motion

******This motion passed********

042708-04 Submitted by David C Seconded by Lewis S

To host a Regional Meeting in October 2008.

Intent: to accommodate meeting place for Regional Committee.

Motion

******This motion passed********

042708-05 Submitted by Kim Seconded by Delia

To amend the line item on the Treasurer's monthly report to read "Available Activity funds" instead of Activities Prudent Reserve.

Intent: To rectify a misunderstanding regarding that money. It is a fund made available by the Area for the activity subcommittee to throw events. It is not a prudent reserve which would by definition would only be used in an emergency and not as an operating budget.

Motion

*****this motion was tabled******

042707-06 Submitted by Kim Seconded by Delia

To postpone holding another area convention until the Board of Directors By –Laws are reviewed, revised, and updated by the Policy Subcommittee, members of the Area Executive Committee and the BOD directors. And until the Convention Sub-committee policy is reviewed and updated.

Intent: For the BOD to be better able to take a more active guiding role during the 2 year convention cycle when the area votes to hold a convention and a policy used by the convention to be agreed upon and put in writing and available upon request by any member of the area.

Motion

******This motion passed********

***042708-07 Submitted by Sully Seconded by Robert
To give \$500.00 to activities for the May 16th function.
Intent: To pay for the activity.***

Open Forum:

Discussion was based around hosting another Convention and the legal aspect of having a BOD

General Announcements:

GPA has the following OPEN POSITIONS:

Qualifications for GPASC Subcommittee

The following is a suggested list of qualifications for N.A. members who might wish to become involved in the area service structure of the Greater Providence Area.

- A. Willingness and a desire to serve.
- B. A level of recovery that reflects their ability to apply the twelve steps to their personal lives and the twelve traditions to their personal interactions with others.
- C. The ability to give the time and resources necessary to fulfill the obligations of the elected office.
- D. The suggested clean time requirement as established for the individual office.
- E. Prior service experience on a group level and working knowledge of the elected office.

Officers:

- A. The stated Qualifications of General Service apply to these positions.
- B. Clean time requirements for subcommittee officers:

Finance Chair:

Finance: Chairperson Five (5) years

Responsibilities of the FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE:

- A. Review all financial statements—past, present, and future—to help guide the Area to financial responsibility.
- B. Assist the Area Treasurer in compiling quarterly balance sheets, profit and loss statements.
- C. In keeping with the Seventh Tradition of N.A., works with the Area Treasurer to formulate an Area budget, with expenses not to exceed the income generated by the Area.
- D. Oversee all expenses and research alternatives in order to curtail unnecessary expenses.
- E. Fulfill all other responsibilities that the GPASC deems necessary.
- F. Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the Finance Subcommittee deems necessary.
- G. Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

Alternate Treasurer

Qualifications of the ALTERNATE Area TREASURER:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Two (2) years of continuous clean time from all drugs.
- C. Bookkeeping and/or accounting skills.
- D. Ability to organize and keep financial records.

Responsibilities of the ALTERNATE TREASURER:

- A. Assist the GPA Treasurer in performance of all previously stated responsibilities.
- B. In the absence of the Area Treasurer, and at the direction of the Area Chair, perform the ASC Treasurer responsibilities.
- C. Attend all GPASC meetings.

19th annual SouthSide NA Unity Picnic- Sunday August 10, 2008 from 12:00noon to 6:00pm

Lincoln Woods State Park-Field E For more info contact Kevin V 401 331-2871 or Peter R -331-4282

8th annual Free Spirit Area Golf Tournament- Saturday July 12, 2008 1:00pm

Swansea Country Club-Swansea Ma- Cost \$110.00 per player

For more information contact: Don B 401 741-2224, Tom B 401 826-2501, Peter S 401 255-7197

*******The Following meetings have asked for support *******

“IP Time “-Thursday 6:30-8:00pm Family Life Center 840 Broad Street Providence

“Sunday Serenity/Insanity”- Sunday 10:30am- 12:00pm 6th ward 957 Atwells Ave Providence