

The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of NA
August 30, 2009
The next meeting is September 27, 2009

Area Meeting Times:

Administration	12:30–2:00pm
Literature Sales	1:45 to 2:45 pm**Note time change
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 (18)
Total Area Meetings (41*)
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... @.. \$
Hardcore Recovery... @ . \$
Jamestown NA...
K.I.S.S... @
Late Nite... @
Living Free...
Loveline..... @ . \$
Lie is Dead... @ . \$

Meeting Street Meeting..@ . \$
 Narragansett Recovery System.
 Never alone again
 New Associations..... \$
 New Way of Life.....@
 Opt for Life
 Ray of Hope
 Recovery and Beyond... \$
 Recovery in the Chapel.....@ . \$
 Recovery in the Country.....@
 Recovery in the Lake
 Recovery is More then Abstinence...@
 Resurrection
 Road to Recovery..... \$
 Sisters in Recovery.....@
 Smith Hill NA.....@ . \$
 Start your Nite Right
 Starting Over..... \$
 Step Sister
 Stepping into Recovery
 Straight Today.....@
 Stepping Out Wednesday
 Sunday/Insanity.....@
 Surrender or Die..... \$
 We do Recover.....@ . \$
 Why are we here..... \$

Administrative reports

Vice Chair: Delia F

The totals have been completed for the Area Inventory. 19 groups participated and the outcome is that this Area needs to work on Leadership. We will be holding round table discussions next month during the ASC meeting, all are welcome. We will be using the material provided to us from World Service. If you have any questions please contact me?

Also World NA has released the new "Member Survey". You can complete the survey on line at NA.org or you can pick one up at the next ASC meeting in September.

ILS, Delia

Secretary: Dawn J (not present), Alt Sheemeeka

No report

BOD: Kevin V

We resolved the problem for the Resurrection meeting by providing a copy of riders insurance for the church. I also turn the 2008 Convention books to Tom C our new Finance Chair. We have been approved for the 501c3 status(Federal Tax exempt). We will not be collecting Sales Tax on Literature for any GPA group or member starting next month. We BOD held elections today: Treasurer- Daryl, Secretary: Kim, Pres: Kev V. The BOD is going to have a standing monthly meeting the 1st Friday of the month 6pm at the John Hope Settlement House.

ILS, Kev V

Treasurer: Peter R

Please see attached reports for both June and July. Also reported that the Finance Committee and the Treasurer are still working on balancing the books.

RCM: Brian

I'd like to express my appreciation to all GSR's of the Greater Providence Area for electing me to position of RCM. I assure you that I will do my best to honor your faith in me by fulfilling the duties of this position to the best of my ability. Thank You!

Lyz M., Delia F., Hal B., and I all participated in representing the GPA at the Regional Weekend held on Cape Cod this past June 13th and 14th.

The GPA bid to host the Regional Weekend in August was accepted. It was held on August 8th and 9th at the Nickerson Community Center (formerly Nickerson House) on Delaine St. in the Olneyville section of Providence. Subcommittees met on Sat. from noon to 6pm. That evening a Spaghetti dinner and Speaker Jam was held. The food was great and the speakers shared a powerful message of recovery. In spite of a light turnout, most of those who attended agreed that it was a great success. On Sunday the Regional Committee met from noon until business was completed (5:30pm).

This was a GREAT opportunity for local group members to learn how a Regional Meeting works. Those who attended agreed that a lot was learned from the experience.

The recent Service Slam held on July 25th in Whitman MA was also a great success. It was an excellent way to learn about how NA service works. It was especially valuable to those who attended it and then followed up by attending the Regional Weekend held 2 weeks later in Providence. T-shirts, Tank Tops, and Hats commemorating the Service Slam are still available and may be purchased by contacting Andrew L. (617-224-2836), Hal B. or myself.

On June 14, 2009 the NE Region donated 22,204.11 to NAWS (World). This was possible due to the enormous financial success of the New England Regional Convention held last March. At the most recent Regional Weekend held in August, NERC authorized another donation to NAWS of more than \$900. I am proud to report that the NE Region that we belong to has been recognized by NAWS as one of its "Top 10" contributors. We have done an excellent job in assisting NAWS in its effort to "spread the message" to addicts throughout the world!

Also NERC approved funding for the purchase of NA literature (Basic Texts, and How & Why) to be delivered to addicts who are incarcerated in a variety of NE correctional facilities. This life saving literature would not be available to these addicts without the hard work put in by our own Hal B. and the others who assisted him in this noble effort. Congratulations and Thanks Hal from all of us who want to help spread the message of recovery in places where it would otherwise not be heard. God bless you.

Flyer "packets" will be distributed to all Group Service Reps in attendance at the GPA Service Meeting on 8/30/09. These "packets" will include informational flyers on ALL NA sanctioned events that NERC has been informed of. If your group does not have a GSR in attendance, and would like flyers, please have your group secretary contact me on this matter by calling (401) 465-2577 after 9pm or anytime during the weekend when cell minutes are free.

In Loving Service,
Brian C.

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: Bob

First I would like to thank John for his tireless effort and work he has done with H&I. Thank you. H&I needs active members. We currently have 3 open positions. Mon- Providence Center- 7:30 to 8:30, Tues Boys Training School-7:30 to 8:30, and Wed Kent Unit- 7:15 to 8:15. These commitments have been getting fulfilled and will continue to be. I attended the Regional Meeting and will be receiving books for the correctional facilities at a later date. The subcommittee has accepted the new policy and guidelines the ADHOC Committee put together and I submitted it to the policy chair for acceptance today. We also received some basic text from an anonymous donor, Thank you.
ILS, Bob

Phone Line: John D

Hi family, I'm really excited on my new position. The GPA and FSA share the phone line so I will be working with Lindsay from the FSA to fulfill all the responsibilities of this position and we rotate monthly on who answers the messages on the voicemail. FSA answered this month- 10 calls came in -7 were hang ups 2 were from addicts wanting meeting list and 1 from a church wanting to know if we have insurance for the meeting being held there. That person was contacted and told that the GPA does have insurance for all are meetings. I went to the Regional Phone Line Subcommittee meeting on 8/8/09. They have 2 open positions, secretary and update coordinator. Because of the open position the Regional Phone Line is 8 months behind on their updates to the Regional Phone Line Directory. A motion was brought to the RSC meeting to spend \$2100.00 to have the phone service provider do the updates. The motion failed.
ILS, John

Policy: Robin D

Policy Subcommittee has met. The committee is working on reviewing and updating motions from 2008 and 2009. Also reviewing and updating the qualifications and Responsibilities, and Area policy. I have received the following subcommittee policy's H&I, PI, Website, and they will be reviewed. Next policy meeting will be Sept 15 for more information contact Robin- 952-6316
ILS, Robin

PI: Lewis S.

Transition went well. I am just working on settling in this month. I participated in my first PI Presentation at the Gateway to Recovery Event held on 8/24/2009 from 4pm to 7pm. All went well with the event. We handed out a lot of meeting list and were asked many questions about the program. I picked up 1,000 meeting list this week.
ILS, Lewis

Activities: Open Position

Report on the last event Spaghetti Dinner – report prepared by Lyz- read by Delia

The total expense for the Spaghetti Dinner was \$174.54 all receipts handed in. That left us with a balance of \$163.63. Total income from door and raffle tickets was \$241.00. Total being returned to area is \$404.63- total profit of \$68.46.

Thanks to all that came out to support the event. Thanks to the sponsorship speakers.

ILS, Lyz

ADHOC Committee Report: Lyz M- not present Report Read By V/Chair Delia

The committee has contacted several places over the past month including community centers, North Providence Boys & Girls Club and Mt Hope YMCA.

We have another bid from Nina Pande, the executive Director of the Federal Hill House in Providence. They would charge \$75.00 for the use of their facility. They do have enough space to accommodate us.

Here is a list of the other facilities we contacted that could not meet our needs due to several different reasons including day of week, meeting time, ect..

West End Community Center, John Hope, Washington Park, DaVinci House, Church in Cumberland(Chapel for Corners), N.Prov Boys and Girls Club, Mt Hope YMCA, and Mt Hope CC.

ILS, Lyz

Convention Committee: Wayne G (subcommittee chairperson)

Hi Family, There is a great feeling of accomplishment with regards to completing the Guidelines/Policy for our Convention Committee. I would like to express a great deal of appreciation to those individuals that had given the time, effort and the commitment to reach a common goal of support and direction for the future of our convention in the GPA. There is still a need for individuals to fulfill the key positions of the sub-committee chairpersons- 3 open positions are Arts and Graphics, Merchandising, and Convention Information, There is still a need for a Convention Committee Treasurer. The requirements and responsibilities will be in the minutes. There will be a meeting on September 13th 2009 at 1pm to 4pm at Nickerson Community Center on Delaney Street in Providence. Anyone with a desire to serve please attend our meeting. We are requesting a book so we can pay our rent to the Nickerson Community Center.

ILS, Wayne G

Finance: Tom C- given by Susan G

The finance committee this past month as been working with the area treasurer to reconcile the area treasury report. We will be meeting again this month. We heard from the IRS this past month and we are now a 501 c 3 corporation. Hurray!!!

The direct effect to groups in the area is that you no longer have to pay sales tax to buy literature starting next month. The accountant is also filing an amendment to try to receive a refund from 2006 and 2007 federal tax returns.

ILS, Susan

Literature Report – Kyle

August, 2009

Literature Sales for the month of July, 2009	
HI:	\$ 128.80
PI:	\$ 50
Phone line:	\$ 0
Group Sales total w/o tax:	\$ 953.95
Tax Total	\$ 66.78
Group Sales total w/tax:	\$ 1020.73

Total RI meeting lists sold: 1010

Total New England region meeting lists sold: 196

Costs for literature restock: \$1276.39

Old Business:

MOTIONS:

******This motion is to go back to group*******

053109m02

Submitted by Recovery in the Chapel Seconded by Mike G

To have the ASC meet in a facility that is handicap accessible with in 90 days

Intent: to make the opportunity to participate in Area Service available to all that are interested

ELECTIONS:

Elections: were not held due to time frame this was unanimous

Open Positions-

 Activities Chair

 Convention Treasurer

New Business:

MOTIONS:

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

083009-M1

Submitted by Tim C seconded by Kyle A

To change the time of Literature sales from 1:30-3:00pm to 1:45 to 2:45.

Intent: To help with time for the Literature Chair and Treasurer.

Open Forum:

Announcements:

Needs Support:

 Recovery and Beyond Meeting

 1817 Warwick Ave

 Pilgrim Lutheran Church

 Saturday 7:00-8:15pm

Greater Providence Area

Treasurer's
Report
Month June 2009

	Income	Expenses	Check #
Literature Sales	921.70		
RI State Sales Tax Received	101.87		
Group Donations	292.49		
Free Spirit Area			
Church Hall Rent (2 months)		50.00	1971
Verizon		49.13/ 64.51	1981/1982
Answering Service		-	
Regional Phone line		47.48	1983
Secretary Expenses			
Treasury Expenses			
Literary Purchase		1249.54/1682.80	1973/1974
Meeting List Purchase		77.40	1984
H&I Subcommittee		24.08	1979
PI Subcommittee			
Activities Subcommittee		336.17	1972
Literature Subcommittee			
Policy Subcommittee			
RCM Expenses		185.02	1978
Sales Tax (Balance:)		248.63	1980
Other Tax Responsibilities			
Convention Committee			
Region or World Donation			
Corporation Fee Post Office Box		15.45	1967
Previous Balance			11,773.52
Monthly Income			1276.06
Monthly Expenses			4012.21
Final Balance			9037.37
Area Prudent Reserve			3500.00
Available Activities Fund			
Area Insurance 2 months Reserve			346.60
Available Funds			5190.72

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Treasurer's
Report
Month July 2009

	Income	Expenses	Check #
Literature Sales	953.95		
RI State Sales Tax Received	66.93		
Group Donations	267.55		
Free Spirit Area			
Church Hall Rent		50.00	1986
Verizon		70.23/24.58	1993/1990
Answering Service		33.31	1991
Regional Phone line		48.79	1988
Secretary Expenses/ Return	17.16	50.00	1994
Treasury Expenses			
Literary Purchase		793.88	1987
Meeting List Purchase		86.40	1992
H&I Subcommittee			
PI Subcommittee			
Activities Subcommittee			
Literature Subcommittee		14.08	1985
Policy Subcommittee			
RCM Expenses			
Sales Tax (Balance:)			
Other Tax Responsibilities			
Convention Committee			
Region or World Donation			
Corporation Fee			
Post Office Box			
Previous Balance			9037.37
Monthly Income			1305.59
Monthly Expenses			1171.27
Final Balance			9171.69
Area Prudent Reserve			3500.00
Available Activities Fund			
Area Insurance 3 months Reserve			519.90
Available Funds			5151.79