

November 27, 2005 Minutes

The next meeting is Dec 18th, 2005

Area Meeting Times:

Administration 12:00-1:30 pm
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, Convention, Finance, H&I, Literature, Phone Line, Policy, PI, 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 (14)
Total Area Meetings (63)
Groups that made a donation (16)

Breakfast Club..... ..\$
Choose Life..... ..\$
Faith in Recovery @ ..\$.. .. Need Support
Hardcore..... ..@
Keep it Simple Saturday..... @ Need Support
Late Night..... ..\$
Loveline..... ..@
The Lie is Dead..... @ ..\$
Never Alone Again..... ..\$
New Associations..... @ Falling Apart - Meetings not happening... Need Support
Recovery and Beyond..... ..\$
Recovery in the Chapel..... ..\$
Recovery in the Country..... ..\$..!
Recovery in the Lake\$
Recovery is More Than Abstinence.....\$
Sisters in Recovery..... @ Need Support
Smith Hill NA..... ..@
Starting Over..... @ Need Support
Stepping Out Wednesday..... @ ..\$
Straight Forward..... @ ..\$
Surrender or Die..... @ ..\$
Sunday Serenity/Insanity..... @ ..\$
Traditions at Crossroads..... @ ..\$.. .. Need Support

Key: @—Attended GSR Meeting; \$—Made Area Donation; !—Group Anniversary

Reports:

Activities :: Jackie L. [Given by Rene G.]

Thanksgiving Day Marathon Event

Seed Money \$350

previous balance \$10

Sold 36 Shirts \$395

7th Tradition \$151 Total Income: \$556

Rent for Hall -\$100

Refreshments -\$ 21.34

50 T-Shirts -\$340 Total Expenses: \$461.34

Income - Expenses = Profit Profit: \$94.66 and there are 14 T-Shirts leftover

Thanks for all your support for those who helped this event become a success and to who helped to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. ILS.

Board of Directors :: Kevin V.

Our sales tax is paid up. There is a problem with the issue of liability insurance for the Area: we are tabling this issue until we get some more information. ILS.

GPACNA IV Convention :: Dave A.

Hello everybody. Our spirits and enthusiasm is building. We are 3 months away from the convention. Please remember to register and book a room. It is very important for this convention, seeing that this was one of our failures for the last two conventions. Our Halloween event was a success. We made a profit of \$675.00. Thanks to everyone who attended. Our next meeting is December 4th at 3 pm at the Marriot Hotel. Our next fundraiser is December 10th at Silver Lake Community Center from 6 pm until midnight. Our ending balance is \$10,237.94. ILS.

Finance :: **Susan W.**

I talked with a member of the Region Board of Directors to get some information on how they do things, in order to help our Area BOD. I passed this information onto Kevin our GPANA BOD President. I'm still working on the taxes to be filed.

H&I :: Celia W.

Groups taking commitments should show up. Some groups did not fulfill commitments that they accepted. When doing a commitment, one of the don'ts is: don't exchange phone numbers. Panel Leaders please take the time to go over the do's and don'ts with each group. Groups who are taking commitments don't show up or call twice in one month will be suspended for 90 days. Our subcommittee meeting went very well! John D. was nominated and voted in as our Vice Chair. Congratulations! Also we have 2 new Panel Leaders: Butler Hospital on Wednesdays—Gerald P. and Roger Williams Hospital on Thursdays—Guy S.. Also we have a new alternate Panel Leader for Talbot on Sundays—Peter R.. Congrats to everyone!
Wednesday morning (10-11 am) Women's Day needs a Panel Leader and the Kent House still needs an Alternate Panel Leader. This month looks great for commitments, but still some need to be filled. If your group cannot make it, please call the panel in enough time so that the commitment can be filled.

Literature :: Jim S.

No problems, only solutions. I took a complete inventory this month (11), and will be completing a spreadsheet this month for a smoother-running literature room. ILS.

New from the WSO: Sponsorship Book (gift edition)

Basic Text (pocket edition)

Various translated IPs: Bulgarian, Danish, Greek, Turkish, Icelandic,

Portuguese, Slovak, Swedish

Bronze Medallions in Hebrew

Phone Line :: Position OPEN (Susan W. Acting Chair)

Phone Line ran well this month. Free Spirit Area voted in a Phone Line chair—Patience P. I've been in contact with her and she is answering the phone line voice mail for the month of December. ILS.

Policy :: Vincent C.

Hello Family—As your Policy Chair—we need ACTIVE subcommittee members. Your ideas and help will be very much appreciated! During the past month I met informally with some Area members who committed themselves to assist Policy. Topics of concern: where are the articles of incorporation?; documentation of our non-profit status?; shouldn't the Policy subcommittee have copies of the above? Other members inquired about insurance-related concerns for individual groups within the Greater Providence Area. Also GSR Orientation Packets being available for Area GSRs. Concern raised about the availability of Area Budget and policy concerning the \$3500 prudent reserve guide. A major concern includes the Literature subcommittee and support from Area groups with regard to ordering literature and submitting donations to the Area. Previous policy was such that Area groups bought their literature from the literature subcommittee. We need to clarify this policy so that all Area groups are all on the same page. Policy Subcommittee is seeking active members. Please contact Vincent C. 941-8336 or 421-5270 x231.

PI :: Claude J.

It's been a slow month for PI. New meeting lists are out today with all the changes given to PI. We were asked to participate at Rhodes on Pawtucket. We had to decline and not attend due to the lack of addicts on the PI subcommittee. This has been a problem for quite some time now Helena and myself ARE the committee and have been for the past 2 years. We are always looking for new committee members to join us. ILS.

RCM :: Lewis S.

Upcoming WSO Service Meeting February 4, 2006 at St. Thomas Methodist Church, 80 Mount Auburn St., Watertown, MA.

Next Regional Committee Meeting: December 10 & 11, 2005. Subcommittee meetings Saturday starting at 12 noon. RSC meeting on Sunday starting at 12 noon. At the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Athens Street, Weymouth, MA.

Area Body consented to send back to Region a motion to Table the vote to move ahead on the RSO. If we are unable to get the motion tabled, our area will Abstain the vote because there was not enough time to take the vote back to the groups and because of lack of information. The past two months, we have expected a delegation from Region regarding the RSO to come to our ASC to provide us with information. We have not yet seen the Regional RSO delegation.

Treasurer :: Chris E.

See attached report.

Old Business

:: POSITIONS STILL OPEN—Nominations will be accepted again in December.

Please announce these openings in your groups.

PHONE LINE CHAIR

Requirements: Calling in voicemail once a day and answering the call/referring them to someone else/ mailing meeting lists to phone line, or people who request them. Attend ASC once a month, and conduct a learning day once a year. 2 year clean-time requirement.

GPANA CONVENTION TREASURER

Requirements: 5 years clean time, demonstrated stability in the local community, accounting skills, service experience with conventions or other large-scale Fellowship activities, and accessibility to other committee members, especially Registration Subcommittee.

Requirements: 1. Opens a bank account for the Convention Committee. Usually the signatures required for the account are any two of four signatories which are the Convention Committee Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The cards and account information are filled out at the committee meeting.
2. Works with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to prepare a budget for the convention which is used for planning fund-raising activities. The budget is based on the subcommittees' recommendations as to the monies they will need to carry out their tasks. The budget can be a rough estimate at the beginning of the planning, and revised as the convention draws near. When all of the financial needs of the

subcommittees are listed and totaled, the income should be outlined: one source of income comes from fund-raisers, and the second from registrations.

3. Writes all checks and is responsible for collecting receipts from subcommittees for money paid out.

4. Responsible for all monies- including revenues from registration and banquet tickets; pays all bills; and advises the chairperson on cash supply, income flow and rate of expenditures.

5. Reviews subcommittee reports for departures from the financial plan not mentioned in the original budget so that an accurate budget can be maintained. This information is included in the Treasurer's report.

6. Each check should require two signatures. Additionally, a complete treasurer's report within three months of the convention should be submitted to the sponsoring service committee along with fund distribution. Many convention committees also have the report audited as a further safeguard of convention funds.

7. A periodic review of all financial records should be made by the corresponding service arm. The records should be reviewed at the time of the actual funds distribution in accordance with the Treasurer's financial statement requirements.

New Business

No new business.

Motions

(11-27-05-0001)

Motion: Sisters in Recovery Women's meeting at the Crossroads is asking Area for \$24.90 to replenish their meeting material which was stolen.

Intent: To replenish our meeting material. We are a small group.

Type: Administrative Motion

Submitted by: Minerva R.

Seconded by: Stacy H.

Outcome: PASSED

(11-27-05-0002)

Motion: To suspend all activities until the end of our convention.

Intent: Our area is broke we need to financially support our convention.

Type: Administrative

Submitted by: Dave A.

Seconded by: Kevin V.

Outcome: PASSED

(11-27-05-0003)

Motion: To change policy on activities budget from \$500.00 to \$350.00.

Intent: Our Convention has for two and a half year put on events with a budget of \$350.00 very successfully.

Type: Policy Motion

Submitted by: Dave A.

Seconded by: Kevin V.

Note: Policy change; 2/3 vote required to pass this motion.

Pros: Try at \$350 if we can't do it, we can make a motion to change it back.

The Activities subcommittee has been running on a budget of \$350 for the past year even though the allocation is for \$500.

Cons: \$350.00 may not enough to run activities.

Outcome: TABLED

Open Forum

How do we get more people to get involved with service on the area level?

How do we get positions filled?

How do we increase the unity in our area?

We need to hold the people we elect as our trusted servants accountable and culpable to their responsibilities.

We need to think about how we fill positions: filling positions with leaders and not just trying to get the positions filled at any cost.

We could swap commitments with other areas.

We can visit other groups and build up interest and encourage groups to send representatives. As NA members we can continuously give the message that service is important and that getting involved is how we stay clean.
We can have an Inventory Day to increase unity.

Announcements

POSITIONS OPEN Area Phone Line Chair
 H&I Vice Chair
 Literature Co-Chair
 GPANA IV Convention Treasurer

WEEKLY Sunday Morning Starting Over
 10-11:30pm Sunday Mornings
 HAS MOVED to Crossroads RI, service road 7, Providence, RI

 Stepping Out Wednesday Nights
 7-8:15 pm Wednesday Evenings
 HAS MOVED to Fox Point Boy's Club (Basement) at 90 Ives Street, Providence, RI

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WEEKLY (continued) NA Winter Bowling League 2005
 10 am-12:30 pm Sundays :: Begins October 16 through April (24 weeks)
 Cranston Lanes, Elmwood Ave, Cranston
 \$11 per week + shoe rental
 Contact: Cathy C. 383-5376 or Rick M. 481-4969

DECEMBER 3rd Annual Holiday Meeting and Dance (see attached flyer)
 December 10, 2005 :: 6pm-Midnight :: Silverlake Community Center
 \$5 suggested donation, \$3 spaghetti dinner w/salad
 Contact: Linda J. 465-1684 or Rene G. 641-2204 or Wayne V.W. 944-0843
 GPACNA IV Fundraising Event

 South Shore Area 20th Anniversary (same flyer as New England Regional Meeting)
 December 10, 2005 :: more details coming.
 Contact: Patrick P. (781) 925-3046

 New England Regional Meeting (see attached flyer)
 Hosted by the South Shore Area of NA
 December 10 and 11, 2005: Saturday (subcommittee meetings) at 12 noon.
 Sunday (regional meeting) at 12 noon :: Pilgrim Congregational Church on Athens
St., Weymouth, MA.

JANUARY 12th Annual Dopes on Slopes (see attached flyer)
 January 27-29, 2006 :: River Ski Resort, Bethel, Maine.
 Reservations: (800) 430-0767
 Single Adult \$475, Double Adult \$315, Triple Adult \$365 (lower rates available
for children)

 Cut Off Date: November 28, 2005
 Contact: Bob B. (781) 331-4838, Dan H. (603) 786-4151, or Bruce L. (508) 755-
8015

 New England Regional Event

FEBRUARY WSO Service Meeting
 February 4, 2006 :: St. Thomas Methodist Church, 80 Mount Auburn St.,
Watertown, MA

Contact Information

Administrative Body:

Position	Name	Phone Number
Chair	Rene G.	641-2204

Vice Chair	Sully D.	954-8745
Treasurer	Christine E.	864-6064
Alternate Treasurer	Hal B.	578-4888
Secretary	Kim L.	751-0181
Alternate Secretary	Paulette C.	699-2363

Subcommittee Chairs:

Subcommittee	Name	Phone Number
Activities	Jackie L.	215-4467
Convention	Dave A.	727-4349
Finance	Susan W.	438-2375
Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)	Celia W.	475-5992
Literature	Jim S.	846-7899
Phone line	[Open] (Susan W.)	438-2375
Policy	Vincent C.	941-8336 or 421-5270 ext. 231
Public Information (PI)	Claude J.	432-4548

Board of Directors	Kevin V.	331-2871
Regional Committee Member	Lewis S.	473-5463
Alternate RCM	Stacy H.	553-4422

Recap

:: There are still Area positions open see the Announcements section of these minutes--announce these at your groups.