

December 18, 2005 Minutes

The next meeting is Jan 22th, 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 (12)
Total Area Meetings (61)
Groups that made a donation (13)

Breakfast Club..... ..\$
Faith in Recovery @..\$. .. Could use some active members and other recovering
addicts from the outside
IP Time..... ..@
Keep it Simple Saturday..... @..... .. Need Support
Loveline..... ..@..
The Lie is Dead..... @..\$.
Meeting Street Meeting..... ..\$.
Never Alone Again..... @..\$.
Recovery in the Country..... @
Recovery is More Than Abstinence...@
Recovery in the Lake..... ..\$.
Road to Recovery..... ..\$.
Sisters in Recovery..... ..\$.
Smith Hill NA..... ..\$.
Starting Over..... ..@
Straight Forward..... @..\$.
Straight Today..... ..\$.
Sunday Serenity/Insanity..... ..\$.
Surrender or Die..... @..\$.
Traditions at Crossroads..... @..... .. Need support and active members

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

Reports:

Activities :: Jackie L.

Activities is suspended until after the GPA Convention which will take place in February 2006. If you would like to join for spring time, please contact me. Jackie 215-4467.

Board of Directors :: Kevin V.

No report.

GPACNA IV Convention :: Dave A.

We need more financial support from the GPANA. Our committee is coming together and looking for the solution when we have issues. Please register for the convention and reserve your room. In January we start meeting weekly. Our next meeting is at the Marriot Hotel on January 8th at 3:30 pm. Our ending balance is \$430.62 and our general balance is \$6,852.54.

Finance :: **Susan W.**

No report.

H&I :: Celia W. [given by Sully and written by John D., H&I Vice Chair]

Eight H&I group representatives and six panel leader representatives in attendance. All commitments are struggling, no participation from groups. We need a panel leader for Roger Williams Saturday mornings. If you are interested you must have one year clean, and have attended an H&I Learning Day. ILS, John D., Vice Chair

Literature :: Jim S.

No problems, only solutions. Thanks for everyone's help. IP packets are back: they contain IP #s 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, and 25. Cost is \$25.50 plus tax.

Total H&I Sales: \$107.75

Total Lit Sales: \$698.47

Grand Total: \$860.31 before tax

Back Order: \$54.09

Your Humble Servant, Jim S.

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

No report.

Policy :: Vincent C.

No report.

PI :: Claude J.

We have found a person to maintain this area's website. She met with the PI subcommittee today at 2pm. We mailed out an information packet to the family life center will meet with the director about NA Traditions due to what happened in regards to having people sign a sign-in sheet. We are updating the regional meeting list. We are always looking for new committee members to join PI. ILS, Helena and Claude.

RCM :: Lewis S.

-The Regional Service Committee meeting was held on December 10 & 11, 2005 in Weymouth, MA. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer, followed by the 12 concepts. Meeting attendance was good: 6 out of 11 RCMs in attendance.

The Regional PI Chair asked RCMs to ask all subcommittees to try to attend subcommittee meeting on the Regional level. The RMD

has new meeting directory's website database committee. Asked me to get them a new updated meeting listing for the GPA so they can update the website. There were three motions on the floor;

Motion 13 (pending RCM approval from Areas) to form an ad-hoc committee to develop and implement the opening of an RSO, was tabled until Areas get more information.

Motions 1&2 to put back money (\$10,000) into Regional Fund :: Motion FAILED :: Money is to stay separate from Regional funds.

-During the "Area Concerns" portion of the Regional agenda, I talked about a GPA meeting being closed due to a lack of insurance.

The feedback I received was that we can get Host Cost Insurance. PI Chair could be responsible for finding information about this and bringing it to the GPANA Board Members.

-The regional Finance Committee Chair position is still open.

-The next Regional meeting will be held in the Northeastern Mass Area on February 10&11 at Club America, 65 Monroe Street, Lynn, MA 01901. (see attached flyer). Also the Regional Assembly meeting will be held February 4, 2006 (see attached flyer).

-I am trying to get more information about holding a GSR Learning Day in our area.

-I am also looking into hosting a Regional Meeting in our Area in April 2006 with the help of the Activities Committee. More will be revealed.. ILS, Lewis S.

Treasurer :: Chris E.

See attached report.

Old Business

:: POSITION STILL OPEN-Nominations will be accepted again in January.

Please announce these openings in your groups.

AREA PHONE LINE CHAIR

Requirements: Calling in voicemail once a day and answering the call/referring them to someone else/mailling 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 :: Bob S. ELECTED

New Business

:: Our treasurer has resigned, Hal B. is acting Treasurer in his role as Alternate Treasurer. We will be holding elections for GPANA Treasurer in January.

AREA TREASURER

General Qualifications: A. 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.

Area Treasurer Qualifications: A. Three years of continuous clean time from all drugs.

B. Has bookkeeping or accounting skills.

C. Ability to organize and keep financial records.

Responsibilities: A. Accepts group donations at the ASC meeting.

B. Gives report of donations, other revenue and expenditures from the previous month.

C. Maintains and keeps accurate balance of ASC checking account.

D. Pays all bills as needed and keeps accurate receipts of all monies paid out.

E. Keeps accurate receipts for all monies collected.

Motions

No motions brought to the floor.

Open Forum

:: Could we have a support group (as part of the H&I subcommittee) that can help fulfill commitments where there are gaps in group support.

:: There has been a way in the past to bring unity to the state: the softball league. Mike F. spoke to the Free Spirit Activities chair about starting it back up. There have been numerous requests to start the league back up.

:: Inventory Day, recreational activities, yearly picnic, New Year's marathon meetings and dance. Still need someone to step up and volunteer as chair for this ad-hoc committee (see Rene G. if you're interested in chairing the Inventory Day Ad-Hoc committee).

Announcements

POSITIONS OPEN Area Phone Line Chair
 Area Treasurer
 Literature Co-Chair

WEEKLY Sunday Morning Starting Over

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

Stepping Out Wednesday Nights (see attached flyer)
7-8:15 pm Wednesday Evenings
HAS MOVED to Crossroads, 160 Broad St., Providence, 02903

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

JANUARY
12th Annual Dopes on Slopes
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

GPACNA IV Hotel & Hospitality Fundraiser Raffle (see attached flyer)
13 Chances to win in the month of January. Prizes consist of convention
packages, merchandise, and event tickets.
This for only \$5! For more information contact: Donna W. (401) 437-8351 or Pam
G. (401) 451-8676 or
Wayne G. (401) 473-1749
GPACNA IV Fundraising

FEBRUARY
Regional Assembly for the New England Region of NA (see attached flyer)
February 4, 2006 :: St. Thomas Methodist Church, 80 Mount Auburn St.,
Watertown, MA
Who should attend? GSRs, RCMs, and Regional Committee members and interested
members of NA
Topics: The Conference Agenda Report (CAR Report)
Contact: Jeremy F. (Regional Delegate) (978) 697-8032 or
jdfreeman2000@yahoo.com or
Don B. (Alternate Regional Delegate) (401) 741-2224.
New England Regional Event

New England Regional Meeting (see attached flyer)
Hosted by the Northeastern Mass Area of NA
February 10 and 11, 2006 :: Club America, 65 Monroe Street, Lynn, MA 01901
Feb 10 (Saturday) :: 1pm to 6pm :: Subcommittee Meetings
Feb 11 (Sunday) :: 1:30pm to 6pm :: Regional Meeting
New England Regional Event

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.