

The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of NA
December 28, 2008 Minutes

The next meeting is January 25, 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 (22)

Total Area Meetings (40*)

Groups that made a donation are marked with \$ (no donations report was given)

Groups that attended ASC meeting marked with @

Breakfast Club.....
Blackstone NA.....
Choose Life.....@
Dig Deep.....
Faith in Recovery.....@
Gimme Shelter..... @
Hardcore Recovery.....@
IP time.....
Jamestown NA.....
Keep it Simple Saturday.....@
Late night.....
Lie is Dead.....
Living Free.....@
Loveline..... @ New Time: 7:30-8:45pm
Meeting Street Meeting.....
Narragansett Recovery Systems... ..
Never Alone Again.....@Needs Support

New Way of Life.....
 New Association..... @
 Opt For Life.....
 Ray of Hope.....
 Recovering with the Vets..... @ Needs Support
 Recovery and Beyond.....
 Recovery in the Chapel@
 Recovery in the Country @
 Recovery in the Lake.....@
 Recovery is More Than Abstinence@
 Regardless Of.....
 Resurrection.....
 Road to Recovery.....
 Sister in Recovery.....@
 Smith Hill NA
 Starting Over.....@
 Step Sisters..... @
 Straight Today.....@
 Steppin Out Wednesday.....
 Sunday/Serenity.....@Needs Support
 Surrender or Die.....@
 We Do Recover.....@
 Why are we here.....@

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: John D

Hi family went to region this weekend for H&I and shared with them the problems H&I has in this area. All the areas are going to e-mail me their policy + guidelines. To help this area's H&I policy. I still didn't receive any e-mails yet. The policy ad-hoc committee is still in process to add more things to H&I policy. H&I is working to best are ability to fulfill commitments. We are always looking for NA members with 90 days or more to help fulfill commitments.

Open Positions:

Literature person
 Tues nite- Kent house 7:30-8:30 and Alt panel leader
 Tues nite- Boys training school 7:00-8:00 and Alt panel leader
 Wed nite- Butler Kent unit 7:15-8:15 and Alt panel leader
 Thurs nite- Bi-weekly women only Girls training school panel leader
 I.L.S John D.

Vice Chair: Delia

I attended the Regional Meeting this month. I have spoken with Chris the Regional Director. The amount of meetings have been updated and the % of our part of the bill has also been updated. Chris supplied us with the corrected bill on Sunday @ region.
 ILS Delia

BOD: Kevin V

No Report

Phone Line: Lewis S

Hi Family, Phonenumber is running will only one issue this month consisting the phone service giving the sight information to the callers I will be calling the phone service on this issue there were 157 Inbound calls this, our bill this month \$164.22. Love & Service, Lewis S 401-241-4463

Policy: James M

No Report

PI: Robin D

No Report

Activities: Lyz M

No activities are planned for next month. We have a few things in the works though.

*Total expenses for the Narcathon- \$500.71

*Total being returned to GPA- \$166.00

*Total expenses for the Ball- \$499.18

*Total being returned to Area- \$217.00

We have a ton of inventory left over. Everything is being held at my house till next event. Please support your area by announcing future events at your groups. In loving service, Lyz

Convention Committee: Wayne G (subcommittee chairperson)

Hi Everyone- The Sub-Committee is currently still addressing a concern of meeting space and time, We will continue to meet at the ASC hall next month 1/29/09 at 2pm and the agenda will consist of forming a new guideline/policy standard so as to cover all sub-committee purpose-directives and responsibilities while forming a convention and during the function of the convention. There are some concerns that will be placed upon the sub-committee members to address so it's to define duties/responsibilities and requirements of each sub-committee and its members.

There is still a need for a convention Sub-committee Treasurer- and Alt Treasurer. Also please if everyone (GSR/Sub-committee chairs) could make notice to our area that there is a need for members and there is no clean time required but for sub-committee chairs and co-chairs-there is a required clean time and qualification. Thank You

ILS Wayne G.

Finance: Susan W

No Report

Secretary: Cyndi W

Good Afternoon Family, Minutes were held up this month as I did not plan for holiday mail so many of you did not receive your minutes on time. Also I was held up on the timely manner in which they needed to be out. Regretfully I am resigning my position today I feel very confident that the alternate will be able to take over from here. I want to thank the area for the opportunity to serve. In Loving service, Cyndi W
Please when signing in write clear so we can understand your writing. If you need help we will help you. Please include your phone # if we have any questions on your address we will call you.

Treasurer Report: See attached report

Literature: Timmy C

December 2008

Literature Sales for the month of December 2008	
H&I:	\$168.50
PI:	\$28.60
Phone line:	\$15.00
Group Sales w/o tax:	\$1222.65
Tax Total:	\$79.14
Group Sales total w/tax:	\$1307.37

Total RI meeting lists sold: 938

Total N.E region meeting lists sold: 0

Cost for literature restock: \$1007.42

RCM report: Hal B

See attached report

Old Business:

Motions

****** This Motion Passed******

072708-04 Submitted by: Steve S and Seconded by Cathy W

To make convention committee a standing committee in the GPA, until which time that the GPA decides to have a convention.

Intent: So that regardless of the dates the business of constant improvement, guideline review and policy adaptation occurs. This ensures continuity.

New Business:

Elections:

The Following Positions Are Still Open:

- ASC Treasurer
- Alternate Regional Committee Member
- Convention Committee Treasurer

Motions

****** This Motion Passed******

122808-01 Submitted by: Tim C and Seconded by Susan W

To order ten (10) 6th edition Basic Text

Total Cost \$250.00 (\$25.00 a piece)

Intent: Carry an inventory of this item, while this item is being sold to have it available here to buy rather than having to wait.

******Regional Motion pending******

122808-02 Submitted by: New England Region

To suspend donations to World Service office until after NERC XIII is held.

Intent: To be fiscally responsible to contract obligations.

This motion was discussed at length, the chair called the motion to a vote, at which time there was a challenge of the chair's decision. The challenger stated the reason for his challenge; For ending the discussion, when other people wanted to speak.

The chair stated his reason for calling it to a vote: chair explained that he felt that a lengthy discussion of at least 30 minutes was enough and decided to call it to a vote.

In the process of the vice chair calling it to a vote the challenger became upset and the discussion became heated and chaotic. The chair made the decision to end business and close the meeting

Open Forum:

Announcements:

H&I Positions:

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Any question call John D 401-952-9658

Greater Providence Area Convention Committee Meeting

Sunday January 29th 2:00pm-3:00pm

Mt Carmel Church

Dean & Spruce St. (where area meets)

Lyz M + Wayne G 401-473-1749

All subcommittee positions are open!

“We Do Recover” Tuesday 7:30-9:00pm has moved to

Nickerson Community Center 133 Delaine St. Providence, RI 02909

Greater Providence Area

Treasurer's
Report
Month OCT 2008

	Income	Expenses	Check #
Literature Sales	\$1,180.60		
RI State Sales Tax Received	\$82.62		
Group Donations	\$326.93		
Free Spirit Area			
Church Hall Rent (2 months)		\$50.00	1883
Verizon		\$67.39	1889
Answering Service (NE in Touch)		\$180.02	1887
Regional Phoneline		\$56.08	1888
Secretary Expenses		50.00	1885
Treasury Expenses			
Literary Purchase		1813.92	1890
Meeting List Purchase		\$77.40	1891
H&I Subcommittee			
PI Subcommittee		196.00	1882
Activities Subcommittee	864.00	500.00	1884
Literature Subcommittee			
Policy Subcommittee			
RCM Expenses			
Sales Tax (Balance:)			
Other Tax Responsibilities	Quarterly sale's tax	950.00	1886
Convention Committee			
Region or World Donation			
Corporation Fee			
Previous Balance			\$14,468.64
Monthly Income			\$2,454.21
Monthly Expenses			\$3940.81
Final Balance			\$12,982.04
Area Prudent Reserve			3500.00
Available Activity Fund			\$500.00
Area Insurance Reserve			\$2017.64
Available Funds			\$6,964.40

Report from Regional Weekend: RCM Report Greater Providence Area

I was in attendance for our Regional Weekend held in Brocton Ma.

12/13/08 Regional Sub-Committees from 12:00 to 4:15

12/14/08 Regional Service Committee 11:30 to 6:15

There was good attendance for the Regional Sub-Committees.

On Sunday after Regional Sub-committee Chairs Reports, and Area Reports and Lunch Break...

We moved into Old Business...

Finance Motion was passed...GPA voted no per conscience from our November ASC.

On to New Business...

Money Motions were as follows...

\$1,100.00 for new computer..... Vote Results: **NO**

Spend up to \$250.00 to replace mother board on current Laptop... Vote Results: **Yes**

\$60.00 from H&I budget WSR expenses... Vote Results: **Yes**

\$140.00 RD & RDA attendance North-East Zonal Forum to be held in Cromwell Ct.... Vote Results: **Yes**

\$\$1,400.00 RD & RDA attendance at World wide Workshop in Oakland Ca.... Vote Results: **Yes**

Chair assigned Kevin from SSA as Adhoc Chair for Regional Service Slam. Assignment accepted.

Now onto our area concerns...

1. \$1000.00 donation to another region without areas' approval.... GPA would like explanation... (20 min)
2. June 2009 SEMA Convention SEMACNA 2 has scheduled their convention to be held the same weekend as Region.
 - a. After a lot of conversation...SEMA Rep asked us to re-schedule regional weekend so we could attend...after conversation we decided not to re-schedule.
3. Seek Regional Policy on Activities Calendar for our 11 Areas that make up the New England Region.
4. Our Convention took the majority of time allowed to discuss problems they are having...

First... Registrations are down 30% from previous Conventions (from outside our region)

Second... Our Registrations Computer that has the past

- i. Conventions attendance and addresses was stolen at NERC XII. We usually send individuals a convention flyer that have attended the past conventions
- ii. **Note: NERC is an established convention with a great history. So to deal with this issue the Convention Information Chair has done a great job of making sure our surrounding Regions/Areas get their flyers in place... long before the Convention is to be held.**

Third... as of 12/13/08 we have 12 Registrations.

Fourth...Our Regions 11 Areas have not registered as they have in the past. **Please help by sending in your registrations if you plan on attending.**

Fifth... Our Regional Convention as are other Conventions is dealing with a questionable economy... We have faith that it will all pan out in the end...but because of contracts signed...we as a fellowship need to be fiscally responsible that we hold up our contract obligations... The Room Block is 487... We are far from that with current reservations. (Cut off date is 2/20/08)

So the last is the biggest problem. Our NERC BOD Chair has to give the Hotel we are having NERC XIII

A check for \$15,000.00+ ... 2 days before NERC XIII all other monies are paid after the convention. We will more than likely meet all financial costs of NERC XIII. It's the up front money that we are short. Convention Treasury starting balance was \$7,566.25 the ending Balance was \$8,565.90 with a set aside \$1,665.00 The BOD has \$8,000.00 in their account. We are short...so the motion back to Areas is to suspend donations to WSO until after our NERC XIII is held.

Notes from RCM to help your group get all the information... the pros...the cons...and your presentation to your group conscience meeting is available if wanted. I have made a separate page with just the Conventions issues. I will also make myself available to attend any group's conscience meeting in the GPA to answer any/all questions your group members may have... *Hal B. at (401) 578-4888*

On a final note...Our Regional Convention Committee has done an outstanding job planning NERC XIII. They take 2 years to plan this ongoing Convention... Please take that into consideration when talking to other addicts in our Area about our Regional Convention.

In Service to Narcotics Anonymous...
Hal B