

## The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of NA:

The next meeting will be held on: July 28, 2024

### Area Meeting Times:

- Literature Sales: 1:00 to 2:15pm
- **H&I Subcommittee: NOW MEETING FROM 2:30 to 3:30 HYBRID**
- **PR Subcommittee: 2:00-3:00**
- Activities Subcommittee: 2:30 to 3:15pm
- Convention Subcommittee: 12:30 to 2:30
- New GSR Orientation: 3:15 to 3:30pm
- Area Service Meeting: 3:30 to 5:30pm

### Area Service Meeting Agenda:

- Meeting called to order / Moment of silence / Service prayer
- Reading of the Concept of the Month
- Officers reports including: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
- Regional Committee Member Report
- Board of Directors Report
- Subcommittee Reports: Activities, Convention, Hospitals and Institutions, Literature, Policy, Public Relations
- Group Concerns
- Old Business
- New Business
- Motions (submitted prior to ASC meeting)
- Open Forum

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- **Policy: Open**
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**GSR'S IN ATTENDANCE FOR GROUPS ARE HIGHLIGHTED**

**GSR'S IN ATTENDANCE:**

|                       |                                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Back 2 Basics         | New Normal                       |
| Basic Text Message    | Recovery at the Beach            |
| Better Way            | Opt for Life                     |
| Breakfast Club        | Recovery in the Chapel           |
| Clean and Serene      | Recovery in the Country          |
| Cookies and Recovery  | Recovery is More than Abstinence |
| Dedication            | Regardless of Sexual Identity    |
| Dig Deep              | Serenity/Insanity                |
| Edgewood NA           | Serenity Maniacs                 |
| From Active to Action | Spiritual Solutions              |
| Hope in the Dark      | Step Sisters                     |
| Hope Not Dope         | Steps to Freedom                 |
| IP Time               | Start Your Night Right           |
| KISS                  | One Day at a Time                |
| Learn to Live         | Steps to Freedom                 |
| Living Free           | Straightforward                  |
| Loveline              | Surrender or Die                 |
| Men with a Vision     | The Journey Continues            |
| NASA                  | The Lie is Dead                  |
| New Llife             | Warehouse Meeting                |
| New Freedom           | Why are we Here?                 |

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Chair (Sandy)**

no report

**Vice Chair (Thom)**

no report

**Secretary (Chelsea)**

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I apologize for sending out last months minutes incomplete. Subcommittee chairs, please send me your reports on the day of the ASC so I can get the minutes out in a timely fashion without having to chase you down for your reports.

**Literature Report: (Arrianna B.):**

| <b>Literature Sales Report</b>  |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL SALES</b>  |                   |
| TOTAL OF ALL SALES  | \$1,217.69        |
| <b>INCOME BREAKDOWN</b>   |                   |
| Total of all meeting lists SOLD   | \$0.00            |
| Total of all NA WEARS items Sold  | \$32.40           |
| Total of all NAWS items sold  | \$1,185.29        |
| <b>RESTOCK COSTS</b>  |                   |
| TOTAL COST OF ITEMS PROVIDED TO SERVICE/SUBCOMMITTEES   | \$385.40          |
| NAWS REORDER WITH SHIPPING (VALUE OBTAINED FROM <a href="http://NA.ORG">NA.ORG</a> )  | \$1,851.98        |
| GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK (750 MEETING LISTS)  | \$127.50          |
| NA WEARS ITEMS EXPENSE  | \$29.93           |
| <b>TOTAL LITERATURE RESTOCK</b>   | <b>\$2,009.41</b> |
| <p>Literature restock costs more this month to donate ≤\$500 worth of soft cover basic texts to prisons as the motion was passed in ASC</p> |                   |

**Treasurer's Report: (Peter R.)**

Should we re-evaluate our prudent reserve now, while our rent is being raised and the additional cost of direct debiting the storage space? Treasurer is willing to make a recommendation with the input of the subcommittee chairs.

## **RCM Report: (Gail)**

Please bear with me as I am still learning myself about all of the intricacies involved in regional service.

Minutes were not posted on the website for last regional meeting, probably due to the fact that the secretary position was not filled. The secretary position was filled during the June RSC meeting so things should get back to normal.

If you are interested in learning about the finances associated with Region there will be an extensive

break down with charts and graphs developed by the new treasurer in the June minutes. This includes a

lot of good information on spending plans, budgets, strategic planning etc. A huge thank you to Marissa

for stepping up in the very important treasurer's position. You can find all of the regional meeting minutes on nerna.org in the Regional Information section.

In following CBDM at region- Motion forms are now proposal forms. All proposal forms are also included in the minutes.

There were 2 proposals to send and fund the Regional Delegate RD and Alternate Delegate AD to the

WSLD Western Service Learning Day in Tucson, AZ. Each proposal was for \$1568 which totaled \$3136

Both of these proposals passed with discussion about looking into sending other representatives instead

like subcommittee chairs to this learning day. Everyone agreed there was a lot of value to be gained by

service positions other than RD and AD. There has been a lot of discussion about how subcommittees

would benefit from these workshops over the past few regional meetings. More will definitely be revealed on this topic in the near future. These funds for the WSLD are in the RD/AD spending plan.

The next NESSNA will be held in PA. There was discussion about options on how area attendees will be

sent and who will pay for them due to the fact that travel will now be an issue. Several options were

suggested like areas paying for travel and region continuing to pay for hotel and registration for 2 area

attendees. There was also a suggestion to provide a bus for all attendees. Fellowship development will

review suggestions and return to next region with a proposal.

An emergency corporation meeting was held by the bod clerk and convention chair. There was an issue with Citizens bank closing their checking account and the bod president submitted a resignation letter to the body. The resignation was accepted and fortunately a new bod president was elected along with a new bod director. Things are in motion to straighten everything out and get back on track. Fellowship Development Environmental Scan I am gathering info from our area to submit to the environmental scan. The only Info I need from this body is the top 2-3 issues of concern in our area. I would like to receive some input during open forum.

The questions and answers I have gathered are:

- o What is the total number of meetings in our area: \_\_\_57\_\_\_ How many virtual/hybrid meetings \_\_\_14\_\_\_ and in person \_\_\_51\_\_\_
- o How many groups are sending GSRs to the ASC? average 17
- o How many OPEN area trusted servant positions? 2
- o What are the top 2-3 issues of concern at the ASC, how can we help with those issues?)
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Gail L.

### **BOD (Carrie)**

No Report

### **Activities Report (Lizzy)**

### **Convention report (Cyndi W.)**

Good afternoon,

The convention committee meeting via zoom today. Position that were filled are programming -Daryl F, Hotels hospitality -Susan W, Fundraising and entertainment -Shy L, merchandise -Ron R, Arts and graphics -Sean P, IT position -Carrie B. Next meeting 12:30 July 28 in person.

In loving service Cyndi W

12:26 PM

## Greater Providence Area Convention of NA

05/25/24

### Profit & Loss

Accrual Basis

All Transactions

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|  | May 19, 24              |
|--|-------------------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>             |                         |
| <b>Income</b>                              |                         |
| 100 · Fundraising & Entertainment          | 12,122.74               |
| 106 · Registration                         | 38,019.39               |
| 108 · Merchandising                        | 3,867.41                |
| 113 · Banner Donations                     | 697.30                  |
| 116 · Convention donations                 | 1,255.00                |
| 46400 · Other Types of Income              |                         |
| 46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue              | 202.62                  |
| <b>Total 46400 · Other Types of Income</b> | <b>202.62</b>           |
| <b>Total Income</b>                        | <b>56,164.46</b>        |
| <b>Expense</b>                             |                         |
| 102 · Arts & Graphics                      | 2,499.73                |
| 103 · Fundraising & Entertainment-1        | 8,849.26                |
| 104 · Hotels & Hospitality                 | 13,126.34               |
| 107 · Registration-1                       | 5,341.60                |
| 109 · Merchandising-1                      | 4,414.99                |
| 111 · Convention Chairperson               | 27.97                   |
| 112 · Misc . Convention expenses.          | 1,451.21                |
| 114 · Programing                           | 550.00                  |
| 65000 · Operations                         |                         |
| 65040 · Supplies                           | 32.41                   |
| <b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>            | <b>32.41</b>            |
| 65100 · Other Types of Expenses            | 0.01                    |
| 68300 · Travel and Meetings                |                         |
| 68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting    | 0.00                    |
| <b>Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings</b>   | <b>0.00</b>             |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                       | <b>36,293.52</b>        |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>                 | <b>19,870.94</b>        |
| <b>Net Income</b>                          | <b><u>19,870.94</u></b> |

Convention Comm. Report

Chair Susan W

Chair V Cyndi W

So we are ready to wrap up the GPACNA XI cycle. Overall things went very well with this

convention. Our treasury balance at this time is  
\$29370.84

- \$15000.00 seed money

- \$370.84 + \$860.14, refund not yet received from hotel, towards online quickbooks, large coffee pot & laptop for treasurer

- = \$14000.00. This amount will be turned over to GPA today.

There is a detailed treasurers report attached with totals of income & expenses of each subcommittee.

Hotels & Hospitality worked well with the Omni Hotel making sure all our needs were met. I think the hotel overall was very accommodating.

Programming did a great job with speakers throughout the convention cycle. They worked with F & E providing our events with speakers & filled all workshops & main speakers at convention weekend. Things did get challenging trying to work things out with the taping company that worked at the convention. The taping company was challenged with how to make its money since people don't buy or use CD's anymore. And at the last minute tried to put that on the convention. Although we sympathized with him it really wasn't our problem. So in the future we may see some big changes in that area or possibly not having a taping service at all. More to be revealed.

Registration all worked miracles with their service for the convention. There was a lot of chaos in the beginning with original chair resigning & new chair coming in at the last 6 months & doing an amazing job. We had a total of 848 registrations including 190 newcomer packets. Event ticket totals were Saturday banquet 100 meals, Sunday brunch 66, fashion show 156 tickets, Saturday dance 115 tickets & Comedian 109 tickets.

Merchandise also did a great job keeping inventory and needed records during this convention. We started with 350 items purchased & 71 items left, that will be going to area in the near future.

Fundraising & Entertainment put 10 events on over a 18 month period. They were all very well organized and successful events.

Arts & Graphics worked well with all committees helping with flyers and graphics.

Convention Information started late also & did a great getting the needed job done.

It was a honor and a pleasure to work and serve with the committee of GPACNA XI. Thank you for all your hard work, time & commitment.

ILS

Susan W

### **H&I: (Mike M)**

Good afternoon,

All is continuing to go well with H&I. In June we had twenty three commitments in eight facilities. We have one open commitment at CSU that is being covered by the faculty coordinator. An additional commitment will be opening in August.

At the H&I meeting on 5/26 the subcommittee had elections. All service positions are filled. John F will be the new corrections coordinator. Stephanie will now be doing policy, and Marshal will take over literature.

Faculties continue to reach out to us asking for additional comments. If you're interested in service work please join us at the next H&I meeting as we could use your help filling additional commitments. Below is a flyer, please feel free to circulate it at your home groups. Please feel free reach out to Jenn or myself with any questions. Our contact information is below.

ILS,

Mike M

### **Policy (OPEN)**

### **Public Relations Report (Open)**

Open position, however we received a letter for the upcoming Rally 4 Recovery. We will need to generate support for this event and also a \$500 money motion will need to be made prior to the event for payment for our table should we proceed.

### **Website Chair (OPEN): [www.gpana.org/wordpress](http://www.gpana.org/wordpress)**

### **ADHOC - Marshall**

Black Lives Matter building will accommodate all our needs. I am waiting for the property to reach out with a contract to submit to the BOD. We should be good to go there by August.

Carrie - we should make a decision that we are definitely moving in August so we can make the announcement.

Decision was made.

### **Administrative Motions**

- **Motion:** 20240623-01  
**Date:** 06/23/2024  
**Maker:** Kevin P  
**Seconded By:** Peter R

**Motion: Southside Unity Day Picnic Committee to become an Ad Hoc of the GPANA Activities Committee. Committee was started 35 years ago by members of the south side NA groups to be a free safe and fun environment for addicts to relax and enjoy recovery with their friends and families. Over the past 34 years attendance has grown to over 300 participants. This committee feels that by collaborating with the GPA Activities committee we can ensure this event does not coincide with other area events, and we will be able to ensure the event continues with the autonomy that has kept it flourishing for the past 34 years.**

**Intent: To keep the event alive and free for all addicts and their families to enjoy.**

**Count:15 Yes:15 No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSES**

- **Motion: 20240623-02**
- **Date: 06/23/24**
- **Maker: Norma Jean**
- **Seconded by: Gail L**
- **Motion: to start a SPAD meeting in Narragansett RI. Anchor Christian Fellowship 36 AVice Street. Please provide a group starter kit.**

**Intent: To Provide South County with the life saving message of NA.**

**Count: 16 Yes:16 No:0 Abstain:0 MOTION PASSES**

- **Motion: 20240623-03**
- **Date: 06/23/2024**
- **Maker: H&I**
- **Seconded by:**
- **Motion: to provide the ACI library with 32 Basic Texts at a cost of \$500**
- **Intent: to provide the message of NA to a locked down facility**
- **Count: 15 Yes: 15 No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSES**

- **Motion: 20240623-04**
- **Date: 06/23/2024**
- **Maker: Marissa J**
- **Seconded by: Carrie B**
- **Motion: To create a set aside intended to send two members of GPA to NESSNA 3. The event is APRil 25-27 2025. The set aside is for \$800.**
- **Intent: to fund two members from GPA to go to NESSNA, similar to previous years. Hotel \$350, registration \$50, transportation \$400 costs for two people.**
- **Count: 15 Yes: 15 No: 0 Abstain: 0**

- **Motion:**
- **Date:**
- **Maker:**
- **Seconded by:**

**Motion:**

**Intent:**

**Count: Yes: No: 0 Abstain: 0**

- **Motion: 20240623-05 (TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MONTH)**  
**Date:06/23/24**  
**Maker: Marshall**  
**Seconded by: Chelsea**  
**Motion: to move area to 225 Main Street Pawtucket**  
**Intent: to move to a facility that can better accommodate the needs of the ASC**  
**Count: 16 Yes:16 No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSES**

### **Motions to Groups:**

- **Motion: 20240623-5**  
**Date: 06/23/2024**  
**Maker: Gene**  
**Seconded by: Chelsea**  
**Motion: To move area to the third sunday of the month rather than the 4th**  
  
**Intent: to avoid ASC falling on holiday weekends, (memorial day, christmas, thanksgiving)**

### **Group Concerns**

Serenity Maniacs needs support!! Tuesday night in Cranston.

New meeting in Narragansett starting on Friday Nights from 7:30-8:30 36 Avise Street on 6/28.

KISS looking for active support. Group looking for a secretary. Saturday 1pm-3pm.

### **Old Business:**

**OPEN POSITIONS:**

- **PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR:**
- **Policy Chair**

**New Business:** ADHOC discussing what to do with remaining convention funds. Ripta Ad?

**Open Forum:**

Top concerns at the ASC: mentoring for positions, GSR participation, pipeline for service tools like an app for literature sales, variety in meeting times like an AM option.

**Meeting Adjourned**