

Rappahannock ASC Minutes for November 4th, 2012

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Welcome new and returning ASC members:

Brandon H.



I. Serenity Prayer

Motion 11/04-01: To record.

Maker: Tommy G. 2nd by: Michelle G.

VOTE: For-7, Against-0, Abstaining-0 **Motion – PASSED**

18 home groups that are members of the Rappahannock Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

29 meetings in the Rappahannock Area every week.

II. Readings:

A. Service Prayer, B. Purpose of Area Service,
C. 12 Concepts, D. 12 Traditions (7th Tradition passed around).
E. Decorum Statement

III. Group Roll Call

Legend: P = Present A = Absent * = Rep in 2nd Quorum

| GROUP NAME | S | O | N | NAME | POSTION |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Set It Off | P | P | A | - | - |
| 2. Who Wants to Live | P | A* | P | Michelle G. | GSR |
| 3. In It to Win It | P | P | P | Kim K. | Rep |
| 4. Hope Fiends | A* | A* | A | - | - |
| 5. Standing By Recovery | P | P | P | Steve S. | GSR |
| 6. Clean Works | P | P | P | Dot G. | GSR |
| 7. The Lie Is Dead | A | A | A | - | - |
| 8. Start Living Group | A* | P | A* | John C. | GSR |
| 9. Freedom from Bondage | P | P | A* | Michael M. | GSR |
| 10. Man Up to the Flatbook | A* | P | P | Cleo J. | GSR |
| 11. New Beginnings | P | A | A* | Brandon H. | Alt. GSR |
| 12. Primary Purpose | P | P | P | Tommy G. | GSR |
| 13. Experience, Strength & Hope | P | P | P | Etta F. | Rep |
| 14. Clean and Serene | P | P | P | Dominic E. | Alt. GSR |
| 15. Final Surrender | P | P | A* | Brandon H. | Rep |
| 16. Noon Beginnings | A | A | A | - | - |
| 17. Colonial Beach Survivors Group | P | P | P | Bill C. | GSR |
| 18. Beautiful Butterflies of Recovery | P | P | A | - | Etta F. Picked up Starter Pack |

RANA Trusted Servants & Subcommittee Chairs

Legend: P = Present A = Absent O = OPEN Position * = Arrived Late

| POSTION | NAME | S | O | N | Report | Comment |
|-----------------|----------------|----|----|---|--------------|--|
| Chair | Mark T. | P | P | P | None | Quarterly |
| Vice Chair | Lachlan P. | P | P | P | Written/Oral | Posted to DB |
| Secretary I | Teresa C. | P | P | P | Written/Oral | Posted to DB |
| Secretary II | Christopher K. | P* | P* | P | Written/Oral | Handed in |
| Treasurer I | Antoinette B. | P* | P | P | Written/Oral | ? |
| Treasurer II | Randall D. | O | O | P | - | None Required |
| RCM | Greg G. | P | P | P | Written/Oral | Emailed |
| RCM II | Rudolph C. | P | P | A | - | - |
| VCCR Dir. | Gary T. | A | P | | Oral | Taken from recorder |
| Activities | Julie C. | O | P | A | - | - |
| H&I | Lavita D. | P* | A | P | Written/Oral | Emailed |
| H&I Vice | Corey C. | A | A | A | - | - |
| PR | Kemper B. | P | P | A | Written/Oral | Read by Teresa C./Posted to DB & Emailed |
| Literature | Margret D. | P | P | P | Oral | Emailed |
| Lit. Vice Chair | OPEN | P | O | O | - | - |
| Outreach | Stephanie B. | P | P | A | - | - |

IV. 1st Quorum Call

| 1 st QUORUM CALL -Must 4 per Bylaws | |
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| Group Represented | 9 |
| Procedural Votes | 9 |

*Recorder – Vote was 9

V. Adoption/Approval of Agenda:

Motion 11/04-02: To approve November agenda.

Maker: Greg G. (RCM I) 2nd by: Kim K.

VOTE: For-8, Against-0, Abstaining-0

Motion – PASSED

Discussion: (Mark T.) Amend title to November. H&I meets 2nd Sunday, not last Sunday.

VI. Approval of Minutes:

Motion 11/04-03: To approve October minutes.

Maker: UNK 2nd by: UKN

VOTE: For-0, Against-0, Abstaining-1

Motion – UNK

Discussion: (Teresa C.) Amend Actives Chair not Literature Chair. Corrected spelling of rescinded.

VII.-X. Administrative Reports

VII. Secretary Report I: Given by Secretary I, Teresa C.

Good Afternoon RANA,

The minutes for October were emailed 6 days late, on October 27th. I apologize for the delay and hope it did not cause any home groups or subcommittees any inconveniences. The current open position for Vice Literature Chair along with the terms for the filled RANA positions was also sent.

As mentioned in the body of the email the recorder failed for the first portion of October's meeting, however I believe I captured most of the necessary information through notes and the submitted written reports. Outreach report was recorded, but I could not hear the Chair to translate to the minutes and no written report was turned in. If I can obtain a written report from Stephanie then I would like to include it as an amendment. Speaking of Minute approvals, Lavita pointed out to me that motion 10/07-04 was incorrectly noted as Election for Literature Chair, and needs to be amended as this was the motion for the re-election of the Activities Chair.

Unless Secretary II has spent any monies from our budget last month, our combined budget remains at \$70.95 as no monies were spent.

Thank you to all that continue to turn in your reports via email or uploading to the Dropbox. I would also like to remind the Body that if you give a report for your position, subcommittee or home group please give me your written report before the end of Area or email to me or upload to Dropbox by the weekend following Area as that is typically when I start compiling the minutes. The recorder is a wonderful backup in case there is an issue and I do listen to the entire Area again, all 2-3 hours to ensure I capture our free discussion. This takes several hours already and adding reports that are required to be written per our Bylaws really makes this a more daunting process. Appreciate your help on this.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Teresa C.

Discussion: (Teresa C.) Please update your contact information on sheet being passed around.

VII. Secretary Report II: Given by Secretary II, Christopher K.

December 2012 will be my last month as your Secretary 2. The position has served me well in becoming organized not only in area, but also my life. This my 2 month notice. I have attended every area service meeting except for the meeting in May in which I was hospitalized. I have cut down on paperwork by 65%. I will help train someone with my responsibilities. List of qualifications and duties are in the Bylaws. \$5 was spent on paper.

No Discussion

VIII. Chair Report: Mark T. Quarterly – No Report. No Discussion.

IX. Vice Chair Report: Given by Vice Chair, Lauchlan P.

Again, this month I was tasked with getting our Treasurer put on the Area bank account. I was unable to complete this task. From inclement weather this week and schedule conflicts this month we were unable to take care of this issue.

I apologize that for a second month I could not fix this issue. I am accountable for my duties and do not excuse myself for not meeting the requirement. I will try, once again, to complete the task this month.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Love and Respect, Lauchlan P.

Discussion: (Mark T.) I will just state this publicly. Antoinette, if you need me to go down there, all you have to do is call me. This has been going on for a couple months now and I drive up and down that road 20 times a day. If you call me, I will arrange it to go.

(Antoinette B.) Yes, Sir.

(Lavida D.) I was wondering if everything is okay with our space here "at the church" for us meeting here. (Teresa C.) You mean why we are meeting in this room? (Lavida D.) Yes. (Lauchlan P.) Because they have an event today and last month.

We actually used to meet in here for Area. (Teresa C.) The church doesn't call and tell us. (Mark T.) It is a failure to communicate from the church. (Steve S.) We aren't going to lose this place, right? (Mark T.) Not to my knowledge.

(Michael M.) Thursday night meeting is moving. And I believe the church thinks they that Area and the meeting are the same.

(Greg G.) Someone should call the church and confirm that Area meeting is secure to continue meeting here. Be proactive.

(Antoinette B.) I think all this can be address in New Business so I am going to go ahead and give my report.

X. Treasurer I Report: Given by Treasure I, Antoinette B.

Written report not submitted to be included in minutes.

Discussion: (Lavida D.) Can we see the written report? (Antoinette B.) You can Ms. H&I Chair if you would just settle down for one moment as I have just said to this body that I have to write down the deposit in my report so if she could just have some patience, I love you and I thank you so much for your patience in this matter. Any questions? Yes, Greg. (Greg G.) Christopher had a question. (Christopher K.) I just wanted to ask you, our last Treasurer use a really nice spread sheet – Do you want me to get you the spread sheet and work with you to show you how to use the spread sheet? (Antoinette B.) Yes, that would be absolutely wonderful and I would appreciate that. (Christopher K.) You would use the spread sheet every month, send it to me and then I would make copies for everyone to have that. So I will get that the former Treasurer and get with you. (Antoinette B.) Thank you so much Christopher for help me to get into the solution so I can be on top of my reports and copies. Any other questions? Okay, great thanks.

X. Treasurer II Report: Randall D. None given.

***C. Literature Chair Report:** Given by Chair, Margret D.

We sold a little over \$530 at last Area, I sent that check off and due to the storm we have not received our order yet. I am expecting it tomorrow or the next day. I would like to fill as many of the order as possible today and when the order comes in fill the remaining orders and see that they get delivered to the proper groups rather than have them wait until the next Area. I don't know what the procedure is.

We over paid Free State, we will only owe them \$71.00.

Discussion: (Mark T.) I don't think we have ever over paid. (Margret D.) When she called me on Friday she said she has never over paid. I told her I would bring it to the body and suggest that we use it as a credit towards our next order. (Mark T.) Regarding filling the orders outside of Area, we have had this happened before and it was JACKED! So it is not written in the Bylaws as Area is the only place to fill orders so that is up to your discretion. (Margret D.) I would certainly like to do that so groups don't have to wait, if they would like to do that. (Mark T.) Act of God. If you can give the Secretary a written report within the next week I think we are good. (Margret D.) Absolutely. (Mark T.) Any questions?

*Written report emailed to Secretary on 11/14.

(Mark T.) Outreach? (Greg G.) You skipped my report, Activities... (Mark T.) I did, I am out of order! RCM Report.

XI. Regional Chair Member Report: Given by RCM I, Greg. G.

GSRs raise your hands please. Passed out 2013 Proposed CARANA budget and RANA RCM Survey to GSRs.

Good Afternoon to ASC members,

Rudolph C. and I attended the 158th RSC on 10-20-12 in Staunton VA. Open Forum began at 10 am with topics ranging from changing regional website name to phone line updates. There were 10 RCM's presents at roll call which met quorum. The regional chair reported that the ECCNA (East Coast Convention of Narcotics Anonymous). The conventions purpose was to raise money to buy basic texts to be distributed to inmates through local H&I efforts. Our region received 98 texts to be distributed over the 17 areas. I have 5 basic texts for our H&I committee which are to be given to inmates through our H&I efforts.

The Regional balance was \$5733.12 at the start of the RSC. All bills are paid but we are still way below prudent reserve. I have a regional budget proposal for 2013 for GSR's to take back to home groups, approve or disapprove, and bring that conscience back to Decembers ASC so I can carry that vote to Region and we can go into 2013 with an approved budget, hopefully. Please note that we should focus on the overall budget and not specific line items. If there are concerns about a specific category, I would caution the groups not to vote down the entire budget. Specific line items can be addressed after the budget is approved. Please have your home group write a motion to change a specific part of the budget, if needed, and I will carry that motion to the RSC. If any GSR would like Rudolph or myself to attend your home group meeting to help go over the budget, please just ask. That is what we are here for! Questions?

Discussion: (Mark T.) This regional balance does not reflect our donation since this was at the start of the Regional meeting, correct? (Greg G.) Correct. (Mark T.) What is the prudent reserve?. (Teresa C.) From last month's Minutes – Calculation: 25% (Last years Budget + Current Budget). (Greg G.) I think it is about \$15K - \$16K.

Etta F. has served her last RSC as our RD. We should all aspire to be ½ as dedicated to our fellowship through service as she is. She is truly an asset to this area, our region and Narcotics Anonymous as a whole and we thank her from the bottom of our hearts for such an amazing job done on the RD team for the last 5 years. *6 years. That means that the RDA II position is open. The RDA, Donna Lee P., has become an automatic nominee, and logical choice as the next RD. Eddie W., our current RDA II, is an automatic nominee and logical choice to move up to RDA. Therefore the RDA II position is open for nominations. For qualifications and nomination requirements, please see me after the meeting. Nominees must be present in December in Charlottesville.

Also the Secretary position at Region is open. Please see me for qualifications and duties. Questions?

XI. Regional Chair Member Report (continued): Given by RCM I, Greg. G.

Etta F. is interested in the Co-facilitator position at The World Service Committee. There is a recommendation process that now has to take place in order for interested candidates to receive an interview. This recommendation has to come from the region. There was opposition to this for some reason, at the last RSC. I will be submitting a motion today for this committee to vote on, to request the region to recommend Etta for an interview. It should be voted on on by home groups and brought back to the next ASC so, if it passes, I can take that true RANA approved motion to the RSC to be voted on there. Questions?

Discussion: (Etta F.) *The opposition was because when the motion was written for 2 members, they body felt it should be put in as 2 motions – one for each member being recommended.* (Mark T.) *Are you saying there are 2 people for same position or 2 positions?* (Etta F.) *2, one for HR.* (Teresa C.) *Is this a paid?* (Etta F.) *No. The office positions are paid, but not for this positions. Expenses are paid to fulfill the duties of the position.*

The world convention will be held 8-29 through 9-1, 2013 in Philadelphia PA. This is a great opportunity to attend a world convention. For additional details please visit na.org.

The fellowship is slowly making an attempt to implement the new Service System in select areas. Some areas and/or Regions are following in completely. It would be great if this committee could start trying out certain aspects of a new decision making process. Straw polls are a great place to start and we have done this in certain situations.

The Basic Text, It Works: How and Why, and the Sponsorship book are now available for electronic download from Amazon for Kindle, iBooks and Apple IOS through iTunes.

H&I has been putting together a WSR (Writing Steps for Recovery) program in our region. This group is designed to assist inmates in writing their steps. There are requirements to be a person who communicates through mail with inmates. For more information please see Rudolph or myself or attend the regional subcommittee meetings. All regional subcommittee meetings will be held Saturday November 17, 2012. WSR meeting is from 11 till 1 at Ivey Memorial United Methodist Church at 17120 Jefferson Davis Highway in Colonial Heights VA. *That is about 1 ½ hours away.*

Regional Motion 157-4 was passed. This motion was regarding the establishment of the regional prudent reserve.

Antoinette B. was elected as the new Regional Speaker Jam Chair.

The second day was spent on 3 separate topics. The first was WSR. We spent about an hour discussing in depth the beginning to this great undertaking. The second topic was a communication workshop/roundtable. We brainstormed ways to more effectively communicate with one another. The 3rd topic was the USSC, the United States Service Conference. This is a subject that cannot be covered in a report. Specifically it is another branch of the service system that has evolved through the desire of a few individuals. It is not currently recognized by the WSC or any other Region or Area. We will be reporting more on this in the coming months.

Discussion: (Mark T.) *The USSC, are trying to separate from the body?* (Etta F.) *They are spilt off into 5 different factions, the reason for it, money was stolen, distrust and they became 1. They are not part of our current structure. It came about during the 90's – Resolution A. Like Canadian, they have a body that address the needs for their country. This is in the infant stage as an opportunity for a body that represents the United States.* (Greg G.) *I will bring back information as USSC topic develops.* (Etta F.) *There is a website too.*

Finally I am handing out a survey. Rudolph and I will be starting the GSR Orientation within the next few months and we like to know what is important to you GSR's. This is an anonymous survey. Please do not fill out your name and be honest. We can't help if we don't accurately know what you want help with. We are very eager to get this started and we need your help. Help me Help you! We ask that these surveys be turned in next ASC.

In Loving Service, Greg and Rudy

Discussion: (Teresa C.) *Can you clarify question 4?* (Greg G.) *Question 4 - How would like your RCM team to help you? What areas would you like help understanding? Examples: Understanding Roberts Rules of Order, Understanding writing a motion, voting, Learning about funding/budgets, etc. We want to empower the GSRs, this is your committee. If there is anything else you would like add at the bottom, write it in. We want to know when you would like to have this – when is most convenient for you – Would you like to hold it before Area every month? Example – New York has a New GSR Orientation 2 hours before ASC every month. They give you documents to assist you in being an GSR.*

XII. Subcommittee Reports

A. Activities Report: Julie C. – ABSENT. No Report. No Discussion.

XII. Subcommittee Reports *(continued)*

B. Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Report: Given by Chair, Lavita D.

Big thank you and appreciation for the panel leaders and members who continue to be of service to H&I and the Bowling Green facility which is held every Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Things are going somewhat ok we still are heavily recruiting members from the fellowship to support both facilities. Update of the Stafford Men's Program last month we were already to go and the facility had their own internal conflicts and therefore we had no presentation. We are ready to go on November 18, 2012 at 1:00pm. This facility really wants us to be of service on a weekly basis --but we need addicts with 6 months clean time who carry a clear NA message, have transportation and willing to serve once a month.

If you are interested in any of these commitments please contact our Panel Coordinator Brandon H.

Our business meeting is next Sunday Nov 11, 2012 at 5:00 at the Thurman Brisbane Shelter.

Budget remains at \$350.00

In Loving Service, Lavita D

Discussion: (Greg G.) *What commitments do you have right now? Bowling Green and... (Lavida D.) We have Bowling Green and the Men's Diversion Center. I do have applications in my car if anyone would like to sign up, we are up to 8 people. Once we get these 8 people cleared we may be able to do the evening program. (Steve S.) Can you go over the requirements, specifically felons? (Mark T.) Typically it is not if you are a felon, it is if you are a violent offender. I am not saying that is a n, but typically they won't accept people who have violence in their history.*

C. Literature Chair Report: See page 3, given after Treasurer Report.

D. Outreach Report: Stephanie B. – ABSENT. No report given.

E. Public Relations (PR) Report: Written by Chair, Kemper B., read by Secretary I, Teresa C.

Good afternoon,

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve. I apologize that I am not able to attend this Month's ASC due to being sick. PR Met on Sunday, October 14th at the normally scheduled time. This meeting was intended to be focused primarily on changing the meeting list format using everyone's input that attended. Unfortunately we did not have a much larger showing than the usual folk that have been attending all year despite the announcements in meetings and in area. Furthermore, there was expressed concern over the 2 major meeting that are no longer in their usual meeting space who have not found a permanent home to meet at. Due to these items it was voted to postpone this order of business ONE more time until the next PR meeting and we will be reconvening on Sunday, November 11th to design and finalize the meeting lists to be printed. There were no expenses this month leaving PR's budget at \$240.34.

Our next meeting will be held at the regularly scheduled time on November 11th. Again we urge all GSR's to please take the message back to their home groups that the meeting will be dedicating half of its time to coming up collectively with a better list format to be printed on November 16th.

In Loving Service, Kemper B. (RANA PR Chairperson)

Discussion: (Mark T.) *That is Sunday Nov. 11th at 5pm, correct? (Teresa C.) Yes. (Lavida D.) Are those 2 meetings he is talking about going to be address today so he gets the right information?(Teresa C.) I don't know what meetings – I know that Freedom From Bondage is struggling to find a new location, but no one has reported that for us to address at Area.*

F. VRCC Director Report: Given by Chair, Gary T.

I would like to point out that if we want to be able to keep this place as a meeting facility for Area, parents please be responsible and don't allow your children to run all over the church without supervision. I am asking that the kids that are out there, please get them under control so we don't lose this place, if we do then you can find us a new place to meet.

I don't have anything to report as the month that VRCC met I was getting married that week. I will be in attendance for the next VRCC meeting and I will have a report for you next month.

Discussion: (Mark T.) *Please take that under advisement about the children running all over the church. PLEASE! Or the adults for that matter.*

(Mark T.) *We are going to have the GSR reports and the Secretary is going to call out the groups to give their reports one at a time.*

XIII. Group Service Representative (GSR) Reports

| HOME GROUP | GSR/ALT | DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETINGS | # GROUP MEMBERS | # AVG. WKLY ATTENDANCE/NEWCOMERS | GROUP DONATION | LIT. ORDER |
|---|--|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 1. Set it Off | - | Sun. 7 - 8:15pm | - | - | - | - |
| ABSENT – No report given. Group Anniversaries: | | | | | | |
| 2. Who Wants to Live | Michelle G – GSR Teresa N.– Alt. GSR | Mon. – Fri.12 - 1:00pm | 56 | 80/5 | \$79.24 | \$65.60 |
| Group is going good, as the GSR we are going to update our policies & group format at the next home group meeting. We discussed having an area convention at our last home group meeting, the results were 4 would consider helping, 5 no response. Our home group is also looking to replace our secretary – George, who’s been the doing it for 5 yrs. Group Anniversaries: None for November | | | | | | |
| 3. In It to Win it | Kimberly K. – GSR | Mon. 7:00 - 8:30pm | 10-active | 40/15 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Hello family all is well on Monday nights. We continue to have many speakers lined up. We are looking for some home group members so please come join us! Until next time, that is all thanks for letting me share. Peace out! Group Anniversaries: Matt J. – 1 yr. on Nov. 5 th . | | | | | | |
| 4. Hope Fiends | - | Tue. 7 - 8:15pm | - | - | - | - |
| ABSENT – No report given. Group Anniversaries: | | | | | | |
| 5. Standing by Recovery | Steve S.- GSR | Tue. 7:30 – 8:30pm | 8-10 | 10/1 | \$40.00 | \$16.00 |
| Due to being out of town I missed 3 meetings last month. As far as I know meeting is strong with good core group. Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported.</i> | | | | | | |
| 6. Clean Works | Dot – GSR N/A – Alt. GSR | Wed. 7 - 8:00pm | 8 | 50-60/2-3 | \$50.60 | \$3.00 |
| All is well. Group Anniversaries: Maddie 1 year on Nov. 21 st ☺ | | | | | | |
| 7. The Lie Is Dead | Nelson- GSR | Wed. 7 - 8:15pm | - | - | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| **Absent at Area 3 or more consecutive months** | | | | | | |
| 8. Start Living Group | John C. – GSR Robert – Alt. GSR | Thu. 7 - 8:00pm | 9 | 10/2 | \$10.00 | \$5.00 |
| <i>None</i> Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported</i> | | | | | | |
| 9. Freedom from Bondage | Michael M. - GSR | Thur. 8 - 9:00pm | 7 | 15/1 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Group is all right. Going through some service position changes. Still looking for a new meeting space. We have a few leads and hopefully will have a new place by the next ASC. Still need EXPERIENCED home group members, not additional members. Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported</i> | | | | | | |
| 10. Man Up to the Flatbook | Cleo J. - GSR | Thur. 7 - 8:30pm | 10-12 | 10-25/1 | \$20.00 | UNK |
| All is well. All are welcome. Thank-you. Group Anniversaries: Joseph – 1 yr. Dec. 6 th at Man Up to the Flatbook. | | | | | | |
| 11. New Beginnings | Brandon H. – Alt. GSR | Fri. 7 – 8:15pm | 5 | 45-60/3-10 | \$20.00 | \$68.20 |
| <i>None given</i> Group Anniversaries: Brandon H. 2 years on Nov. 9 th . | | | | | | |
| 12. Primary Purpose | Tommy G - GSR | Sat. & Sun. 12 – 1:30pm | 5 | 12+/1 | \$26.50 | \$15.60 |
| The group is doing well, we are planning a spiritual breakfast for early January, details will be given and flyers distributed as they become available. We can always use more home group members. Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported.</i> | | | | | | |
| 13. Experience, Strength & Hope | Etta F. – Rep OPEN- GSR | Sat. 7 - 8:30pm | 25-30+ | 50/ | \$100.00 | \$24.90 |
| Hi Family, The Experience, Strength and Hope group is going through a great transition right now after the loss of our meeting space a few weeks ago. This group generally has 50 or more attending at its regularly scheduled time on Saturday nights from 7p-8:15p. We currently are in search of a place that is large enough to hold us and are with communicating are whereabouts from week to week right now. One of our biggest concerns are not only letting those herein the Rappahannock Area know where we are but making sure the newcomer and the visitor can also find us. We will be speaking with the webmaster today to try to make adjustments. The home group members are working diligently to find a new space that we won't have programming interference in. Although this is happening we are still meeting and seeing anywhere from 25-30 members on a regular meeting night and larger numbers on anniversaries. Tony C will celebrate 14 yrs on Nov.17 th and Lloyd G will acknowledge 24 yrs on November 24 th . Location to be announced. We are donating \$100 dollars today and are asking for any input that members might have for a new location. I am sitting in right today because we do not have a GSR at the present time. In loving service, Etta F (Mark T.) <i>What happened? Why does the meeting have to move? (Etta F.) Someone from the meeting was at the church at 6am in the parking lot, I don't know what they were doing there, but the Church ended us having meetings there.</i> Group Anniversaries: Tony C will celebrate 14 yrs on Nov.17 th and Lloyd G will acknowledge 24 yrs on November 24 th . Location to be announced. | | | | | | |

XIII. Group Service Representative (GSR) Reports *(continued)*

| HOME GROUP | GSR/ALT | DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETINGS | # GROUP MEMBERS | # AVG. WKLY ATTENDANCE/NEWCOMERS | GROUP DONATION | LIT. ORDER |
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| 14. Clean and Serene | Dominic E. - GSR | Fri. 10- 11pm | 4 | 10/2 | \$10.00 | \$7.50 |
| We can always use support. We do need home group members as experienced members. We are a small group and would like to grow. As far as I know there are only 3 service positions filled, <i>I fill 2 of them.</i> We would like to have all service positions filled at some point. Group Anniversaries: None | | | | | | |
| 15. Final Surrender | Brandon H. – Rep. | Mon., Tue., Fri. & Sat. 7- 8:30pm | UNK | UNK | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Hello this is Brandon Harris I was serving as the ASC H&I Panel Coordinator and was informed by a Final Surrender home group member that the GSR will not be serving and the group needs someone to represent them and pick up 3 Flatbook Step Working Guides for Final Surrender. The group needs trusted servants (GSR). Thank you for letting me serve. Group Anniversaries: None | | | | | | |
| 16. Noon Beginnings | - | Sat.-Sun. 12 -1pm | UNK | UNK | UNK | UNK |
| <i>ABSENT</i> Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported.</i> | | | | | | |
| 17. Colonial Beach Survivors Group | Bill C. - GSR | Fridays 7-8pm | UNK | 30/9 | UNK | UNK |
| Once again Colonial Beach Survivors Group had a good number of newcomers in October. We had newcomers in all but one meeting and the number of regular members is increasing. All is well in Colonial Beach and I thank you for allowing me to serve. Group Anniversaries: Donnie N. – 4 years. | | | | | | |
| 18. Beautiful Butterflies of Recovery | - | Saturday 10-11am | UNK | UNK | UNK | UNK |
| <i>ABSENT – Etta F. picked up New Group Starter kit from Literature Chair.</i> Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported.</i> | | | | | | |

XIV. 2nd Quorum

Legend: P = Present A = Absent

| HOME GROUP NAME | P/A | NAME | POSTION |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------------|----------|
| 1. Set It Off | A | - | - |
| 2. Who Wants to Live | P | Michelle G. | GSR |
| 3. In It to Win It | P | Kim K. | GSR |
| 4. Hope Fiends | A | - | - |
| 5. Stand By Recovery | P | Steve S. | GSR |
| 6. Clean Works | P | Dot G. | GSR |
| 7. The Lie Is Dead | A | - | - |
| 8. Start Living Group | P | John C. | GSR |
| 9. Freedom from Bondage | P | Michael M. | GSR |
| 10. Man Up to the Flatbook | P | Cleo J. | GSR |
| 11. A New Beginning Group | P | Brandon H. | Alt. GSR |
| 12. Primary Purpose | P | Tommy G. | GSR |
| 13. Experience, Strength & Hope | P | Etta F. | Rep |
| 14. Clean and Serene | P | Dominic E. | GSR |
| 15. Final Surrender | P | Brandon H. | Rep |
| 16. Noon Beginnings | A | - | - |
| 17. Colonial Beach Survivors Group | P | Bill C. | GSR |
| 18. Beautiful Butterflies | A | - | - |

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XV. Old Business

Regional Motion:

Motion 157-4: Passed at Region 158.

Regarding establishing a CARANA Prudent Reserve.

**See RCM Report (XI.) page 4, September and October Minutes for more details.*

Area Motion(s):

Motion 10/07-05: Maker: Rudolph C. 2nd by: Dot. G.

**Removed in October. Groups were instead to discuss at home groups and bring back a STRAW POLL Vote at November ASC.*

**Groups to discuss again and bring back STRAW POLL Vote at December ASC.*

To host an Area Convention.

Intent: To help promote Unity for our Area and fun in blessed fellowship

STRAW POLL VOTE: For=0, Against= 0, Abstain= 0

See October Minutes New Business (XVII) for more details.

Discussion: (Cleo J.) *My group wanted to know how it was going to be paid for. (Mark T.) Rudolph C. isn't here to address, but this was supposed to be a general discussion a Straw Poll was supposed to be taken. (Kenny) Was there a projection on when this was supposed to take place? (Mark T.) This was just a request to see if there was interest in a Convention. This is in its infancy stage.*

XV. Old Business (continued)

Motion 10/07-08: Maker: Greg G. 2nd by: Kim K

**To be VOTED on by 2nd Time, brought to December ASC*

Add under Article 8, Section 1 – All GSR's or designated representative must be present to carry their groups vote. No Proxy

Intent: To hold our leaders trusted servants responsible to those they serve. Concept 4.

**See October Minutes New Business (XVII) for more details.*

FINAL VOTE: For=3, Against= 0, Abstain= 6

**Goes back to Groups for 2nd time to be voted on at December ASC*

Discussion: (Greg. G.) According to policy in Bylaws, page 9, Section 5, Letter B we took the vote incorrectly. We are supposed to count Abstentions first and I think in this case there is not a clear Area conscience. Bylaws state if ½ or more of the body abstain then the motion automatically goes back to the groups for a 2nd vote. (Mark T.) Understanding that you have to take this back to your groups to make a vote. If you did not then do not vote. (Greg G.) Most of them did not take this back to their groups to vote, so they are abstaining, which is the same as not voting.

XVI. Open Sharing

(Gary T.) The definition of Abstention is unclear. (Mark T.) An Abstention is that you agree with what the Majority vote is. In the Region some time ago they tried to get rid of Abstentions completely and not count them. (Etta F.) An Abstention vote should be used if you don't have enough information or if you don't have your group consciousness, so you can't vote for them, you should abstain. (Mark T.) That is not my understanding of it. My understanding is. (Etta F.) It counts as a no, but are you saying that if I don't have the information for my group then it would be prudent for me to not vote at all, which counts as a no vs. abstaining because I did not have all the information?

(Mark T.) I'm not saying it's prudent, I am saying that is what needs to happen if you did not carry it back to your group to be voted on then you don't have a vote. (Greg G.) Page 24 of Roberts Rule of order – Abstentions – instances in which members who are present do not vote. (Teresa C.) Then it says - are not counted and have no effect of the results. (Greg G.) Then you refer to our policies where it says that if more than half the vote is abstentions then it goes back to groups a second time for another vote. An abstention is a non-vote, it doesn't matter how we define it. If you don't have a 'yes' or a 'no' then it is an abstention. According to Roberts Rule of Order. (Etta F.) So you should vote as an abstention? (Greg G.) It doesn't matter, you can vote as abstain or as a no – either way. The whole point of this procedure is that we really don't have a true area conscience. We only have a partial vote. (Teresa C.) There were 9 groups that voted – 3 For and 6 Abstained and there are 12 procedural votes present. (Mark T.) That is half abstaining. (Greg G.) How many groups brought a vote back from there groups? 4 total. You can also take it to your home group and they say we don't have any idea and they still vote to abstain, which is the same thing. (Christopher K.) The 4 GSRs they can have a vote, what about the other 8 – how do they vote? (Greg G.) It doesn't matter if they abstain or keep their hands down it still counts as an abstention. (Gary T.) I believe originally this was brought up because when votes are brought back in October for Regional issues that have to be brought in November, the Abstention rule was changed because it is not fair that our Area doesn't get to bring a vote because we don't have time to go back to groups again and re-vote. Abstention votes were changed so our Area could have a vote at Region. Our Area was not able to have a vote because GSRs were not doing their job. (Greg G.) The motion that was past 2 months ago there has to be a quorum of 8 which further defines this issue for a true RANA conscientious. (Kenny) Often GSRs don't have a clear understanding what they are to bring back to groups so they can carry a clear vote back to area. (Mark T.) I am sure this is clear as mud to most of us – but an abstention is choosing not to vote, it on page 66 of Roberts Rules of Order. So that means if a GSR takes a motion back to the group and the group decides not to vote, they don't have a yes or a no – that is an abstention. Okay? If you didn't take it back to your group and you abstain, that is not accurate because your group did not vote to abstain. (Etta F.) But you can't vote yes or no. (Mark T.) You don't vote at all. (Greg G.) The way we get to abstention doesn't really matter, according to our Bylaws are counted. The 2nd time the vote comes back the abstentions are thrown out and not counted. This was written so business can keep moving – it is the best of both worlds. If GSRs screwed up, they get a second shot at making it right – if they don't then we can still keep business moving. (Mark T.) I disagree. It doesn't matter in the count or the result, but it does matter that an abstention is a vote. If you didn't take it back to your groups, you don't have a vote at all. (Greg G.) Then quorum has to be changed because if they are here then they have a vote, an abstention is a vote. If a group chooses to vote with abstention then it counts. (Mark T.) Correct. That is why it matter so we know that it actually got to the home group. (Christopher K/Brandon H.) More discussion needs to be had on the motion to gain clarity before it goes back to groups. (Greg G.) This is open sharing session and we have already determined the motion will go back to groups for a second vote when we previously discussed it. This a great discussion and it gets everybody involved in how we come to a consensus. We can come up with what ifs – but there has to be a general structure on how business gets done.

XVI. Open Sharing (continued)

(Greg G.) *Both GSRs and Alt. GSRs should be at every ASC so that they both understand what is going on so that if one of them can't make it to their home group or to the next ASC, the other knows what is going on and can represent the group. For instant, Rudy could not be here today but I am here and you are all getting the same information as if we were both here. I would recommend that each home group have an Alt. GSR and quite honestly if we are all doing our jobs there are not abstentions. Then we don't have to worry about. But for the purpose of today's discussion I think we need to revisit it and there are some great points, but it is 5 mins to 6 and we have a lot of other stuff to discuss. I would like to request that we move on. (Mark T.) Not my decision. As long as GSRs understand the motion and if you don't understand it then talk to Greg.*

(Brandon H.) *Bowling Green for H&I we need support and variety of speakers – we need support and folks stepping up. (Mark T.) Please write that down that H&I needs support for speakers going to Bowling Green and the Men's Diversion Center.*

(Greg G.) *We are going into December without a budget, there is not enough time for us to have budget meetings to have a working budget by January 2013. Unless we do it right now and have it go back to groups and have them come back with a vote in December. What I would propose is that we send the 2012 Budget today. If you look in the back of your Bylaws, remove the information that is not relative, cash on hand, literature on hand. Just use this as a budget going into 2013 because quite frankly this may need to be tweaked a bit but it is pretty close to what we need. If we don't have a budget then we cannot spend funds and we can still make changes in subsequent months, whenever Antoinette is scheduling budget meetings in November, December. If we decide we need more funds for meeting lists as an example we can tweak it, but going into January without a budget we will have to send motions back to groups if anything is over \$30 and it will take 2 months to get approved.*

(Antoinette B.) *I had address the issue in a motion, thanks Greg for giving me even better insight into that. That wouldn't be a bad idea because we definitely have to have a budget. We are not on schedule for that by no way shape or means and this needs to be addressed immediately. The motion I put in is for a budget meeting in November and we can then bring it back to be discussed in December.*

(Mark T.) *Under the qualifications of Treasurer it says facilitate weekly Budget review meetings in October of each year. So that means four, not one. So in order to make that happen I agree we need to address this. I did not find anything in the Bylaws that says we can't adopt the previous year's budget temporary. I just want to let the GSRs know that and I believe Christopher is pass that budget around. (Christopher K.) Last year was the first year in many years that a budget was past and it was a lot of work that went into creating that budget. This is a copy of the 2012 budget and Greg has crossed off what is not relevant, cash on hand, etc. We would only be looking at the expenses. We can email this to you guys, tonight so you guys can bring this to your groups to be voted on. (Teresa C.) Why does it have to be tonight? (Lavida D.) Would we address the current assets or do we just leave that alone? Just use this as a template? (Mark T.) It is a matter of record.*

(Christopher K.) *We would just send out each of the Chairs and Subcommittees budgets on the document to be voted on. (Lavida D.) The prudent reserve would still be the same? (Body) Yes. (Etta F.) I think it is really good idea. Is it possible that the Treasurer can update the assets and it comes out with the Area Minutes? That way when it comes out GSRs can take it to home groups and that gives them enough time to vote on it. (Teresa C.) September 16th, I sent out the Minutes for August and I also sent out the Budget sheet that we currently use for 2012 and let everyone know in the body of email that we were starting on the 2013 Budget in October. I also gave an example of how to use the sheets with the Secretary budget. I will send it out again, but you all have this. You also have it in the back of your Orange Bylaws. I will definitely send it out to you all again – remove the sections that Greg had suggested as well. (Etta F.) This is why it is a good idea to have and attend the GSR orientation. It is obvious that a lot of folks don't know what they are supposed to do. I can see your faces, "we aren't doing a good job", but if you don't know how can you? This why having the GSR orientation is such a great idea. So you know that every month you should go to those minutes and read them, that is why she is working so hard to get you all that information. So you can read those minutes and if you have any question you can make a phone call and find out what you are supposed to be talking to your groups about. (Kim K.) How can I get a copy of the Bylaws? (Teresa C.) You can go online and download them for the Rapphanockareaofna.com and download a copy. (Kim K.) Can I get a folder like this? (Teresa C.) Those have all been handed out until next year. (Lavida D.) So did we decide we were going to have a budget meeting? (Antoinette B.) I did enter in a motion to have a budget meeting for this month with a location, all I need is a time frame. Wegman's is good. Maybe Thursday or Friday or Sunday at maybe 6:00p., (Lavida D.) What is the date? (Antoinette B.) What is the date for next Sunday? (Mark T.) That is the 11th, correct? That is when PR/H&I meets. (Antoinette B.) We could do Thursday. (Christopher K.) Thursday the 8th. (Antoinette B.) We can do Thursday the 8th at 5:30 at Wegman's. (Christohpher K.) Can we do 8pm as some us have to work until 5pm? How about 8:15pm?*

(Antoinette B.) *On the 8th I won't be in the Area, because there is a big anniversary, but I will not go to that and come to Wegman's. (Mark T.) Everybody good with that? This Thursday, Nov. 8th 8:15 at Wegmans. Anybody is welcome, please come. Wegmans in Central Park. (Greg G.) Margret is going to send the inventory of literature in an email to Teresa. So Teresa if you can include in the email of the minute s the amount of literature on hand and the cash on hand. (Antionette B.) I can go to the bank and pull the actually numbers for you Teresa.*

XVI. Open Sharing (continued)

(Michael M.) *I am the contact for this church so if you need me to contact them. (Mark T.) I thought you were Lauchlan?*
(Teresa C.) *I think Michael is the contact for his home group and Lauchlan is for Area.*
(Antoinette B.) *So we are all on the same page on the budget? So we don't need to address the motion I put in for New business. (Teresa C.) So you want me to remove this motion? (Antoinette B.) Yes, please. (Mark T.) Everyone please bring me a copy of your Bylaws. (Michael M.) Should we wait a week so we can announce it at meetings so other groups can attend? (Teresa C.) I will send out an email, you guys can call each other – there are 18 groups that is not a huge amount of people to get the word out to. (Christopher K.) Aren't we meeting to discuss what we want to change in the budget and then bringing it to the groups per the Bylaws. (Etta F.) There is huge amount of people that won't be here on that night because of a celebration on that night. (Christopher K.) Is Wednesday better? (Antoinette B.) This Wednesday is good. (Greg G.) I think Michael brings up a great point, if we have it on Wednesday we can call people but we don't have everyone's number. We will miss some people, we are so far behind one week isn't going to hurt us. I think we should postpone it one week and make it inclusive so GSRs can announce it. (Teresa C.) Following Wednesday, the 14th? (Antoinette B.) In the interest of Narcotics Anonymous, not in the interest of me I think we should postpone it give everyone a chance to hear about it and come. Get all the information to Teresa. So let's do it Nov. 14th Wednesday 8:15pm at Wegmans. (Christopher K.) I suggest we do it the 14th, 21st, 28th and the 5th – 4 weeks in a row on Wednesdays at Wegmans. (Teresa C.) I will not be here on the 21st, just to let you know not that I need to be there. (Mark T.) We can't include everybody. (Teresa C.) I am okay with it and I am sure you can all march on without me. (Antoinette B.) We just have to make sure we take notes. What day would be comfortable for you in that week Teresa? (Teresa C.) None, I am going away with my family. (Mark T.) I suggest we move on.*

XVII. Elections for Open Positions

***Vice Literature Chair**

**See your copy of the Bylaws for qualifications*

No nominations.

Please announce Vice Literature Chair and Secretary II are open positions at groups.

XVIII. New Business

Regional New Business Motions:

No # given (158): Passing of CARNA 2013 Proposed Budget. **To be VOTED on by Groups, brought to December ASC*
GSRs were given hard copies of budget to take back to groups for vote.

**Please see RCM Report (XI) on page 3, paragraph 2 for important details that groups should be aware of BEFORE passing a vote.*

Area New Business Motions:

Motion 10/07-05: Maker: Rudolph C. 2nd by: Dot. G.

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**Groups to discuss again and bring back STRAW POLL Vote at December ASC.*

To host an Area Convention.

Intent: To help promote Unity for our Area and fun in blessed fellowship

November ASC STRAW POLL VOTE: For=0, Against= 0, Abstain= 0

See October Minutes New Business (XVII) for more details.

Discussion: *See Old Business.*

Motion 10/07-08: Maker: Greg G. 2nd by: Kim K **To be VOTED on by 2nd Time, brought to December ASC*

Add under Article 8, Section 1 – All GSR's or designated representative must be present to carry their groups vote. No Proxy Voting.

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**See October Minutes New Business (XVII) for more details.*

VOTE: For=3, Against= 0, Abstain= 6

**Goes back to Groups for 2nd time to be Voted on at December ASC*

Discussion: *See Open Sharing.*

Motion 11/04-04: Maker: Christopher K. (Secretary II) 2nd by: N/A

**Budgeted*

Reimburse \$6.29 to me for purchase of paper for area paperwork.

Intent: To continue providing the required forms and agenda for paperwork.

**Invoice in Secretary files; with motion.*

Motion 11/04-05: Maker: Greg G. (RCM I) 2nd by: Dominic E. **To be VOTED on by Groups, brought to December ASC*

To submit a motion to the Central Atlantic Region to write a letter of support for Etta F. to interview for the position of co-facilitator at WSC.

Intent: To support Etta F. in her endeavor to be involved with World Service.

Discussion: **Please see RCM Report (XI) on page 4, paragraph 1 for important details that groups should be aware of BEFORE passing a vote.*

Motion 11/04-06: Maker: Michael M. 2nd by: Bill C. **To be VOTED on by Groups, brought to December ASC*

To send the 2012 Budget back to groups to be approved for 2013 until budget meetings can be held to establish a new budget.

Intent: To go into 2013 with a working budget and not to have to send every expense over \$30 back to groups to be voted on.

Also to keep business moving.

Discussion: **See Open Sharing for more information and Appendix A on page 13 for Budget*

Motion 11/04-07: Maker: Antoinette B.(Treasurer I) 2nd by: Dot G.

**Removed*

**See Motion 11/04-06 and 1st Budget meeting set for Wednesday(s)11/14, 2nd 11/21, 11/28 and 12/5.*

To be able to have the budget meeting in November and to submit the proposed budget in December.

Intent: To fulfill my duties even though I'm off schedule.

Discussion: *See Open Sharing.*

(Lavida D.) Just out of curiosity when do our Bylaws get updated? (Mark T.) They get updated as we pass motions.

(Teresa C.) I update them, update to the Drop Box and then Kemper updates them to the website as motions change the Bylaws. Please tell me if you notice something has not been updated.

Motion 11/04-08: Maker: Greg G. (RCM I) 2nd by: Dot G. **To be VOTED on by Groups, brought to December ASC*

To create a standing Policy Subcommittee.

Intent: To have updated Bylaws

Discussion: (Mark T.) This is creating a new subcommittee for Policy. The other intent would be to have someone a point person during area that we can address when we need to ask, what does our policies state about this matter. To have some to interpret policy.

XIX. Review of Group Status and Business

(Mark T.) Welfare of meetings not represented for 2 months: Lie is Dead and Noon Beginnings. Same thing as last month. Does anyone have anything to report about these meetings or any other meetings that need support?

(John C.) The meeting is still going on and needs support. Tappahonck, the address is wrong on the meeting list but I gave the update to the PR Chair at the last ASC. It is pretty far, I think it is far for them to come to ASC.

XX. Adjournment & Serenity Prayer

Motion 11/04-09: Maker: Greg G. (RCM I) 2nd By: Dot G.

*Procedural Vote

Motion to Close

VOTE: For=12, Against= 0, Abstain= 0

Motion – PASSED

