

Rappahannock ASC Minutes for April 7th, 2013

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Welcome new and returning ASC members:

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Louis G.



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

29 meetings in the Rappahannock Area every week.

I. Serenity Prayer

Motion 04/07-01: To record. 4:03 pm

Maker: Jonathan 2nd by: Dominic

VOTE: Abstaining-0 For-9, Against-0, **Motion – PASSED**

II. Purpose of This Meeting Read by Chair, Mark T.

Under the guides of NA WSC Bulletin #30 and the RANA body this meeting was schedule today to address the theft of RANA funds by the former Treasurer I, Antoinette B. We will review the finding s of the RANA Audit Ad Hoc Committee, give her the opportunity to present her point of view, allow for the body to express their feelings, concerns, and give input. We will then take a break allowing for us all to get in touch with our Higher Powers and refocus on spiritual principals. We will then resume the meeting and determine the best course of action.

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

IV. A. RANA Trusted Servants & Subcommittee Chairs

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

POSTION	NAME	F	M	A	Report	Comment
Chair	Mark T.	P	P	P	Written/ Oral	Next due Aug.
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	Mathew R.	P	A	P	Oral	Recorder
Treasurer I	OPEN	P	P	O	-	-
Treasurer II	OPEN	P	P	O	-	-
RCM	Greg G.	P	P	P	Written	Handed in
RCM II	Rudolph C.	P	P	P	None	-
VCCR Dir.	OPEN	A	O	O	-	-
Activities	Julie C.	P	P	A	Written/ Oral	Read by Rudolph C.
H&I	Lavita D.	A	P	A	None	-
H&I Vice	Corey C.	A	A	A	-	-
PR	Kemper B.	P	P	P	Written/ Oral	Emailed
Literature	Margret D.	P	P	P	Oral	-
Lit. Vice Chair	Jonathan C.	A	P	P	None	-
Outreach (Pro Temp)	Stephanie B.	A	A	P	Written	Handed in
Policy	OPEN	O	O	O	-	-

IV B. Group Roll Call

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

GROUP NAME	F	M	A	NAME	POSTION
1. Set It Off	A	P	P	Jonathan C.	GSR
2. Who Wants to Live	P	P	P	Michelle G.	GSR
3. In It to Win It	P	P	P	Casey L.	Alt. GSR
4. Hope Fiends	P	P	P	Chris R.	GSR
5. Standing By Recovery	A	P	P	Steve S.	GSR
6. Clean Works	P	P	A*	Brandon H.	Alt. GSR
7. The Lie Is Dead	A	A	A	-	-
8. Start Living Group	A	P	P	John C. Angie K.	GSR Alt. GSR
9. Freedom from Bondage	P	P	P	Kelly S.	GSR
10. Man Up to the Flatbook	P	P	P	Dawn R.	Alt. GSR
11. New Beginnings	P	P	P	Tee Tee	GSR
12. Primary Purpose	P	P	P	Antoinette B. (Old School)	GSR
13. Experience, Strength & Hope	P	P	P	Reed C.	GSR
14. Clean and Serene	P	P	P	Dominic E.	GSR
15. Final Surrender	A	A	A	-	-
16. Noon Beginnings	A	A	A	-	-
17. Colonial Beach Survivors Group	A	A	A	-	-
18. Beautiful Butterflies of Recovery	A	A	A	-	-

V. 1st Quorum Call

1st QUORUM CALL -Must 4 per Bylaws

Group Represented	12
Procedural Votes	12

(Mark T.) Please pass your group donation up to Lauchlan (Vice Chair, acting Treasurer).

VI. Adoption/Approval of Agenda

Motion 04/07-02: To approve April agenda.

Maker: Casey L. 2nd by: Antoinette B. (Old School)

VOTE: Abstaining-0, For-12, Against-0

Motion – PASSED

Discussion: (Kemper) *I don't see Subcommittee Reports. (Teresa C.) They are not in there. (Kemper) Was that purposeful because to time restraints for the Special Meeting? (Mark/Teresa) Yes. (Greg G.) I don't see New Business, and I need some money to go to the Region. There is also not a section for group reports.*

*Amendments to Agenda

Motion 04/07-02: To add New Business after Old Business

Maker: Steve S. 2nd by: Tee Tee

VOTE: Abstaining-0, For-12, Against-0

Motion – PASSED

Intent: None given

No Discussion

Motion 04/07-03: To add Subcommittee reports & RCM report to agenda after Literature report.

Maker: Greg G. 2nd by: Steve S.

VOTE: Abstaining-0, For-12, Against-0

Motion – PASSED

Intent: None given

No Discussion

Motion 04/07-04: To waive reading of group reports unless a GSR wants to read report out loud. All reports to be included in minutes.

Maker: Greg G. 2nd by: Steve S.

VOTE: Abstaining-0, For-11, Against-1

Motion – PASSED

Intent: None given

No Discussion

Approval of Minutes: Approval of March Minutes NOT done. Must be voted on at May ASC.

VII. Reading of Audit Ad Hoc Findings (Read by Chair of Ad Hoc – Teresa C.)

***See hard copy handouts given at April ASC and attachments in email. Also posted online at**

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(Teresa C.) *I wanted to point out per the report I just read that there were several copies of forged deposit receipts for Sept, Oct. and Dec. In addition to the forged checks that I included in the back of the report.*

No Discussion

VIII. Antoinette B. opportunity to present her point of view

(Antoinette B.) *Good evening family, I am a grateful recovering addict. I read the report and I am very much aware of what has happened. This has been tough, I don't know where to begin. I'll do my best to start from the beginning. I think in the beginning there were some signs and attention that was brought by other members in regards to the position and I probably should have heeded that. I thought I could handle that and take on the responsibility to do so. And um....I did not. There were some circumstances that were in my household that resulted there was a lot of lack here, and I'm just unfortunate in the how some poor decisions were handled. It effected, not only me but everyone in this area. Please forgive me this is very uncomfortable, very difficult. I will do the best I can to account to the body. As the report was read, all is true. The first time I didn't take the deposit it wasn't instantly or something that happened right away. It was a situation that occurred with the car breaking down and I didn't deposit the funds in the time that I had and I removed the funds in the hopes that I could put them back. What began to happen is it began to escalate and I began to feel like if I could just make it through one more Area and bring the paperwork in that it would give me time to put the funds back. As we can see it didn't happen like that, not at all. At present I owe this Area a great amends, not only the amends of bringing the money back but just the overall amends for the trust and integrity, dignity, and respect. The remorse, guilt and shame that I feel is unbearable. My finances are in great disarray. I am currently not working but I do receive a small compensation. All I can do is do what I can do from this point which is give what I can give and I don't want to be telling you guys something that I cannot give because I also understand that I can also go to jail for this as well. I really do know what to say, but all I will say to you is that I am willing and that I understand. I am doing my best to survive my feelings in regards to this and I am doing my best to do what is right. I do not have \$3, 093 dollars to return to this body right now, today. If I had it, God knows I would do it immediately. But that's not the case. Currently because my INAUDIBLE compensation is so small, I will only be able to do small increments until I find gainful employment. And be able to come back to the body each time and do what I can do to continue to get it done, cause exceeding that is not possible. It's not easy to sit here. It's not easy to not to run from responsibility. It's not easy to look at you guys and not feel what I am feeling. But all I can do from this point is ask the body could you please work with me so I can INAUDIBLE, that's all I can do. I cannot afford \$125 a month. I can't afford \$50 a month. At this point all I can do being that my income being \$110 and the things I already have going on in my household, I mean this is not like easy because I am still behind with what I need in my household. As of May 31st we will be coming out of the household and I don't know where I will be living at that point. But that doesn't matter.*

VIII. Antoinette B. opportunity to present her point of view *(continued)*

What matters is for me to do the best that I can to get it to you and get it back. Just because I pay it back, I know it doesn't erase it, the harm that I have caused, the things that I have done. I can't sit here and tell you that it doesn't have an effect or like I don't care about it, it on me that I don't have some strong feelings of remorse...um. It has been a day to day process. I have talk to my sponsor at length and she has said to me and suggest to me that whatever payment arrangement that is made that I stick to it if that is gonna be the case and if there is an increase make sure I can do what I say I can do and not miss a beat with it. I'm sorry or I apologize, some aren't going to get it and I'm not trying to INAUDIBLE. I'm just trying to let you know what my circumstances are and what I can do. Today I only have \$40, I got a check for \$200 that has to go to my bills and I am bringing that before the body cause that is all I got right now. That's it, but I am willing to start somewhere, give something. I'm doing my best to forgive myself but its real hard because when I see when I have served when I had taken myself to a higher level, my whole heart for 9 years it is hard to be sitting in this seat, it's just difficult. So I don't have, I don't know if you want me to tell you exactly what I did because I don't know where all of it went, I can tell you where the majority of it went for whatever bills that I had, I did not spend it on anything luxurious like new tennis shoes, new shirt or a diamond ring or a necklace that I could have or a brand new car that I can turn it and give the money back. It was in such small increments but then it ended up to be a lot. And before I knew it, it was to the tune of \$3,000 and 90 dollars. Mark, as for you. I have so much respect for you but doesn't say a whole lot for what I've done. But I'm going to the best, not even my best to give this Area's its money back no matter what it costs. Cause I owe a lot. That's is. If anyone wants to ask me anything that's fine.

IX. Opportunity for Body to share

Discussion:

(Antoinette B. – Old School) I talk to Ms. Cleo, your companion and she said not one penny of the money was put into your household. I asked her about the car breaking down and she said she wasn't aware of any money that you used to fix the car or put into the household. Is she lying? (Antoinette B.) My answer to that is if someone doesn't know what you are doing they are not lying. Cleo was not aware of what the source of the money was and she couldn't accurate tell you anything that was going on from my side of things, my work as well. She had no clue if there was additional money or if I did something to make a repair where the source was, it doesn't mean it didn't went into the household.

(Antoinette B. – Old School) She said you didn't put in one penny, that she carried the whole load. So is she lying?

(Antoinette B.) What I will share with you in regards to our household whatever bills I had on my side of the street those are the bills I paid. Ms. Cleo I don't really want to discuss her and you keep bringing her up... (Antoinette B. – Old School) I am bringing her up... (Antoinette B.) excuse me, she is not here. (Antoinette B. – Old School) I can get on the phone with her and I don't know, but she just said to me on the telephone, I just got off the phone from talking to her. (Mark T.) No, we don't need to do all that. (Antoinette B. – Old School) Well you said it was out of order, but she, Antoinette B., said the money was spent on her household and I've been told several time that not one penny was received by her, Cleo, for the household because she was paying all the bills and all the household expense. (Greg G.) I think the question was asked and answered so we can move on. The question was asked what was the money spent on and it was answered as household expenses. We can specify... (Antoinette B. – Old School) Excuse me, my question was is Ms. Cleo lying? (Mark T.) I don't know that it even matters where the money went. It's gone. Antoinette has sat her and copped to it and agreed to make every attempt to make restitution, I mean that is the point. So what I guess what I am getting at is it doesn't make any difference where the money went its gone. Antoinette is trying to give it back. So I guess that's where I sit. (Kenny) As I listen to your story Antoinette I can see that you are in a real bad situation as far as your living and everything like that. You got to have a place to live and put a roof over your head that's number one because I tell you what, there is nothing I can do if I don't have a place to sleep, I can't even focus. I'm just saying the process of recovering and we do know that we recover at some point and things begin to get better because I know you are looking for employment because as a matter of fact you have mentioned that to me in conversation. Whatever this board decides I know that you, we say a certain amount and you start working and you see that you can put more towards the amount of money that was displaced. Would you be willing to pay more if you can? (Antoinette B.) That is not going to be a problem. I would want to give more. For really, for real I really want to, to the best of my ability give it back as quickly as I can. I hope that makes sense for you. But I think that, I don't really feel like giving more is, is giving more. It is just paying back as quickly as I can what I able to do. It is not about what I am giving, I am doing what I am supposed to do and as I increase, most certainly I will want to increase what was done. I don't want to keep this lagging on, I don't want to have this keep dragging on. I don't want to keep going into meetings feeling the way I am feeling. I don't want to keep doing it. I am not saying it won't continue to affect me but I feel like I can deal with it a lot better if I know that I did my best and not only successfully cleaned it up.

(Greg G.) I just wanted to tell you that I love you and I am in awe of your courage and wiliness to come here and face everyone. That obviously cannot be a simple thing. You did mention that you started out with \$150 and you couldn't do that

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Discussion: (Greg G.)

or that you couldn't do a \$100 or even \$50. Did I hear you say a specific amount that you could afford as far as setting up restitution? Is it \$10 a month, is it \$25 a month? I mean what is it that you can afford? (Antoinette B.) To be honest with you, right now for me I can afford \$10 a week. That is it. Why? What I understand from the sensitive nature of this, what I understand is that I have to be consistent and I cannot miss a beat with it. So I am not going to sit up here and if I know that I am only getting \$55 a week, I can only give you \$10 of that because I still have to maintain a certain level of my expenses, whatever they may be. I still have an 18 year old son at home, he still has to graduate and get out of school. It is a real tumultuous moment in my household. I am not even gonna sit here, it is no like time to play no games. It not only my life on the line there are some other lives on the line right here. So I can only do what I can do right now. Now I actually brought \$40 with me because that will give me time for the unemployment to build up so I can continue to make consistent payments. My goal is to be consistent and when I can increase and be able to come back to the body and say okay I have a job, I may have two jobs, I may be able to do x, y, z to execute it. My main point to not take on too much because it already too much. It is already too much.

(Greg G.) I appreciate that and I understand. I think that when it comes down to resolution and restitution we need to be specific and I believe part of this meeting today is going to be writing an agreement with you to specify exactly what the payments are going to be. I would recommend that it not be on a weekly basis but it be on a monthly basis and you show up to the Area Service committee meeting every month with your payment. Obviously that is going to be in writing and at some point if you are willing to make a larger payment that a new agreement is drafted. If you get a job and now you say I can pay \$80 a month then we draft a new agreement and that will be part of the resolution today but obviously it is going to have to be specific as to how much it is going to be and what the terms are.

(Antoinette B. – Old School) I have a question. Do you think it's fair that you should take 8 years to pay us back the money that you stole from us five or six months? I you pay us \$10 a week that would be 8 years to pay our money back. Do you think that is fair? (Antoinette B.) Ms. Antoinette B. all I can say to you is that I can only do what I can do. I don't have it or even if I get incarcerated you wouldn't get it. I am being real. (Antoinette B. – Old School) You stole it. (Mark T.) Let her answer the question. (Antoinette B. – Old School) That is a yes or no answer. Is it fair for her to take 8 years to pay us our money back? Yes or no. (Antoinette B.) I really can't answer that.

(Rudolph C.) I think that, Antoinette I love you first and foremost. I am really real sympathetic and empathetic with you right now and I have been since this ordeal. I am not here to pour no more salt on the wound. I think that whatever you are able to do should be whatever you are able to do. Shouldn't be a matter of politics and finical break down and all. Just having the wiliness to pay back your restitution, that's it. I love you. I can't even image that no one sitting here this table can even image what you are going through spiritually, emotionally, mentally, none of that. None of us. Because on any given day when one of our defeats has become public we don't know where we are gonna be at because no of us has been put in that position. It takes a lot of courage to do what you are doing right now. I don't think I would have had as much courage as you to sit in that seat in front of this body and try to make an amends and that takes a lot. So keep holding your head up, keep coming to the meetings because we still need you. We still need you. The newcomer needs to see that even with our mistakes, even in our wrongs, we still show up and we still don't get high no matter what. And that's it. And that's all I got. I love you. (Dominic) Antoinette, we all love you. I understand where you are coming from. The Pinkerton in me wants to know where every damn penny went and what happen to it. I think that is a justified question, but whether we can get the answers today or ever or whether it is fair or not. Obviously I don't think you think it is fair. I know that in my short time here and knowing you, I know that you have a tenacity about you and with your personality I know that you aren't going to try to stick with just \$40 a month. I believe that you are going to surpass what we are asking you to do. And there are all sorts of way we can do it. We are here to help. Myself I am not turning my back on you. I am ready to brain storm and figure out ways we can raise money, there is all sorts of things we can do. It's just money. We are already building our fund back up. I don't know where we are at now, but I know it is a lot better than it was. I think that everyone needs to start thinking about how we can get it back and how we can help Antoinette instead of what was wrong and get into the solution, the problem is already there. That is what I think we need to focus on now because the quicker we do that the quicker the funds are back, quicker you stop feeling the way you are feeling. And everybody gets something out of it. Opportunity for everybody to pitch in and do what we can to help another addict. And again I just want to say we love you and we need you. I need you. Thank you.

(Teresa C.) Thanks for being here. I know it is not easy. It is not supposed to feel good, that is part of the point. I have definitely eat my fair share of humble pie along the way and most of it I brought upon myself. I have felt weird through all of this because I am the new girl from another area and I am watching you guys and I am trying not to be the kid from out of town scratching my head going this just don't make a whole lot of sense. But it is what everyone is doing here, I am a big proponent of not having a bunch of cash floating around. Because I don't know who you are, but I know who I am and I don't trust me on some days. And I have been at this for a while. Having said that, we, the Area, also stated in the Audit Report, did not do our jobs. In our Bylaws it states that the Treasurer I is to follow the guidelines from the Treasurer Handbook from World Service. That doesn't mean that if you aren't the Treasurer I, if you are the Secretary, the Chair, a GSR then your job is read that book and find out what exactly the Treasurer's job is. That way we can all keep each other in

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Discussion: (Teresa C.)

in checks and balances. That is why our predecessors wrote these guidelines is to help us from hurting ourselves. I think it is important that we give the opportunity for restitution because it is real important for us to be part of the process to allow folks to be able to clean their soul. It is painful something to have to go back and clean up a mess that I have made in my life and if seems as it takes forever to do it, but I feel free when I am done. I don't have a credit card today because I am cleaning up my past credit, I don't need one and I am not good at having one. I want to speak for a moment on the last subcommittee that I chaired. The first subcommittee was about the Audit and everybody showed up and dug in, we all had our parts to figure out what was taken and where did we fail. When we have the second subcommittee which was to write you a letter, send it certified mail, thank you to the post office I don't know if you actually every got it but I do know you got it in email. And to work on some loose guidelines as to what is it that we do now, how do we go about this, including calling World Service. Everyone was invited to come and be a part of this subcommittee. Only one person came to the meeting and two others that could attend the meeting however they still gave their time and service to the committee. That one person was Antoinette B., the other two were Mark and Lauchlan. I want to speak to Antoinette B. (Old School) because I get where she is coming from. I have been here for a while in Narcotics Anonymous, in service and I have seen some changes that are not comfortable. That we as members don't do, what we used to do and what we do do we don't do it as well as we use to do it. When we took a service position we read what was involved and service literature on how to do it and we took pride in being a part of and do it well. We didn't say "Oh, this month I didn't get around to doing it" whatever we had committed to do. We check each other in check by really being involved and not half-heartily. And today we have more occurrences of this kind, where we allow people to hurt themselves, as we say— here is a knife, go ahead and fall on it. When I spoke to World Service they said that our job is to help the groups with their money and help guide them. Our job is not to give people consequences. I think it would great if it could all be paid off for you and the Area. As far as restitution I don't want you to make a commitment that you can't keep, you did that once and it didn't work out so well that is why we are here. I want you to make a commitment that you can keep, that you will keep because that will help you. Which is an example to others. For me when I am not humble, no matter what it is I typically have consequences. When I looked at you that day at the bank I was worried for you. I am grateful that I had relationship with your sponsor and felt that I could call her because it made me feel safer knowing you had this network around you. I am glad that you have tenacity and are showing up, that you have a tough personality – I respect that because I have one too. I know that there is a Higher Power involved in this and it is going to come out however it is supposed to. That's all I got. (Steve S.) Here are the facts, that facts are she is broke, for us to expect we are going to get the money back is way overblown, we shouldn't expect anything. That money is lost as far as I'm concerned, she doesn't even have a place to sleep. How the is she going to pay her bills? You think she is going to give us money first before she takes care of her own? That is the way I look at it. I think it is gone and we move on and leave her alone, stop belaboring this thing. We are not going to put her in jail, we aren't going to do that. We aren't going to chastise her in that respect, so it is finished, let's move on. Collect some money and leave her alone. (Etta F.) I've sitting quiet mainly because the situation is so close because Antoinette is my sponsee. I'm an addict in recovery and in my walk I haven't always done the right things too. I haven't ripped off an Area, boy that's a tough one. And I've watched her pained up and stay in contact with me the entire time. And I've watched her remorse and I've watched her wiliness to give something back. One thing about recovery we talk about God in our 12th step, accountability, commitment and responsibility. Our responsibility to our recovery process and as I can see her from the tone and pulse of what is going on this floor is that we have read bulletin #30, we know that we have an obligation to try to keep the addict in recovery and not to chastise. That is not our goal here. Everyone has feelings, some people are angry and some people aren't saying anything. Some people are mad as hell and would like to see her go to jail. The bottom line, just like she said, if she goes to jail she can't pay us back. And if she is here and she is offering to do \$10 a month then that is part of the recovery process to allow her to stay and process any restitution as part of her amends. To wipe it clean and say we are sorry that this happened and we are going to let you off the hook that is not keeping her...As her sponsor I believe she has the responsibility to pay back every dime no matter how long that takes. We are not here to say whether it is six years or twenty years. This Area has suffered this before and most of you all were not here before. Mark you were. When we were ripped off for a major amount of money and this Area fell, completely. We happened to have enough people to keep going and we can continue to do business at this point and time. But the reality is she has a responsibility, not to be let off the hook, but to pay this back. If she can pay us \$10 month, in my opinion that is fine until she can give us more. But to say

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Discussion: (Etta F.)

wipe it clean, no we don't wipe things clean. That is not the way this needs to be done in my opinion. She has an obligation here to make restitution because that is what she grows from. That is how she stays in the recovery process. If you wipe it away you are saying it is okay to do what you did, now go do it to somebody else. By saying that you need to pay this back, she is already aware she needs to pay this back and is willing to do so. Let's keep her in the process of recovery. So my suggestion is not to turn the other way on it, even though it is a small amount to start with and could develop into something else. But obviously we are not starting where we have started before, we have a little something and I am sure that we as an Area will work towards putting monies back in the coffer. It is a most unfortunate situation and truly a humiliating time on her part. But at the same time we must stay in the process, when we make amends it is how do we make this right. It's not we walk away and she didn't say she I'm sorry and ...she said I am willing to pay this back. So in acknowledgment on both sides staying in the process is very important. Thanks.

(Antoinette B. – Old School) *I want to say to Antoinette's face, I don't want to say something behind your back. Want to talk about defects, want to talk about criminal activity; embezzlement, forgery and utterance, grand larceny on 5 different counts. The reason why I believe that we as a fellowship keep getting ripped off by predators. Like I said I don't believe a word that just came out of her mouth and I have the right to believe that. I would give her an academy award and that is how I feel. So we have predators, as long as predators know all they have to do is come in and cry and ask for forgiveness and bam, they walk away. That is why we talking about \$50 thousand stole here, \$10 thousand in DC. The \$50 thousand all the money spent on...these people are using us. This is predator or criminal behavior that goes way beyond character defects. Way beyond character defects. I believe in my heart that when she stole the money she didn't have any intention of paying one penny back. If she pays \$10 a week back, I will be shocked. And I don't care if everybody in this room to forgive her for the money, at some point Narcotics Anonymous we are not judges, but the judge down in Fredericksburg, he is a judge. And he is the one that judges criminals, not the people in Narcotics Anonymous. So I say let her walk. Tell me it's a defect of character. You see if a judge would say it's a defect of character, forgery, utterance, grand larceny, embezzlement. You tell me that is a defect of character. And I wanted to say it to your face, I don't believe one word that came out your mouth. Thank you for letting me share.*

(Etta F.) *Everybody has the right to their opinion, but what I will say is if I asked for an account of the amount of people who are sitting here with felonies that happened to be sitting here with utterance and forgery or has anything to do with money that is sitting at this table we would probably be having a table with lots of hands up. I embezzled over a \$100 thousand and never got caught for it. And I sit her before you with over 20 some years service experience and I happened to have hit Narcotics Anonymous by the grace of God. Only. I am not exempt, I don't take treasurer positions. I am good with a lot of stuff, but I am cool with it. I have enough problems with handling my own. But I am not going to sit here and allow that statement to be made, before I cast a stone I will look at myself first.*

X. Spiritual Break

XII. Resolution, Recovery, Restitution (Chair, Mark T.)

(Mark T.) *Hope everyone had a good spiritual break. Antoinette what we have here is a letter of intent which is basically admittance and then we have a payment agreement with a blank on it. We have a notary on call. My question to you is, are you willing to sign this and is that what you are willing to pay, \$10 a week or \$40 a month?*

(Antoinette B.) *Yes I am willing to sign the paperwork. \$40 a month is what I can do right now.*

(Mark T.) *Okay, that answers my question. So is everybody clear on what I just said? (Body) Yes. (Mark T.) Okay, at somebodies suggestion I am going to ask for a motion to accept those terms, a 2nd and then I will call it to a vote.*

(Matt R.) *Shouldn't we do 2nd quorum call before we vote and take a count?*

XI. 2nd Quorum
 Take by Tersa C., Secretary I
 Legend: P = Present A = Absent

HOME GROUP NAME	P/A	NAME	POSTION
1. Set It Off	P	Jonathan C.	GSR
2. Who Wants to Live	P	Michelle G.	GSR
3. In It to Win It	P	Casey L.	Alt. GSR
4. Hope Fiends	P	Chris R.	GSR
5. Stand By Recovery	P	Steve S.	GSR
6. Clean Works	P	Brandon H.	Alt. GSR
7. The Lie Is Dead	A	-	-
8. Start Living Group	P	John C. Angie K.	GSR Alt. GSR
9. Freedom from Bondage	P	Kelly S.	GSR
10. Man Up to the Flatbook	P	Dawn R.	Alt. GSR
11. A New Beginning Group	P	Tee Tee	GSR
12. Primary Purpose	P	Antoinette B. (OS)	GSR
13. Experience, Strength & Hope	P	Reed C.	GSR
14. Clean and Serene	P	Dominic E.	GSR
15. Final Surrender	A	-	-
16. Noon Beginnings	A	-	-
17. Colonial Beach Survivors Group	A	-	-
18. Beautiful Butterflies	A	-	-

2 st QUORUM CALL -Must 4 per Bylaws	
Group Represented	13
Procedural Votes	13

XIV. - XX. Reports

XIV. Chair Report: Written by Chair, Mark T., read by Vice Chair, Lauchlan P. (Quarterly):
 Hello family,

Thank you for being here today, serving the newcomer and for your continued support as we grow through our recent financial challenges. I am grateful and proud to be a part of this body.

This past quarter we were blessed with a new Literature Assistant, Jonathan C. and Secretary II, Matt R – Welcome! We are currently looking to fill Treasurer I & II, VCCR Director and Policy Chair so please announce these opportunities to serve. A link on the front page of our website has current openings and the requirements.

I attended PR Subcommittee in January which resulted in our beautiful new meeting lists that are now printed on legal size paper – great job! I also attended the Audit Ad Hoc Committee meeting in February and participated in the Special Ad Hoc Committee in March. These committees worked hard guided by WSC Bulletin #30 and I am grateful for their diligence and focus in maintaining principles over personalities in these challenging sensitive matters. I am hopeful for healing and growth for our Area as we move forward.

As the acting Treasurer, along with our Vice Chair, I would like to cover the current details of our financial standing and activities. Per motion 03/03-08 on March 9th, Lauchlan and I closed the RANA bank account that had fraudulent checks cashed against it. We also opened a new bank account with a beginning bank balance of \$1,318.21. That is the \$337.91 that was in the old account plus the \$980.30 collected last month at Area. Per motion 03/03-10 I also wrote a check to Free State for \$620.46 which was signed by myself and Lauchlan. This gives us a remaining balance of \$697.75.

I used a temporary check that was given when opening the account so we still need to purchase checks.

As always please feel free to contact me for compliment or concern.

In loving service, Mark T.

Discussion: (Steve S.) *I need to reassure my group because we took a vote on whether we were going to give any donations. And I know at this time we need to make donations, but my group decided “No, we don’t want to make any donations.” I would like to bring back and reassure my group that it is okay now to start making donations. So how is the money being handled?*

(Lauchlan P.) *Currently Mark and I are sharing the Treasurer duties, right now I am the one that is counting group donations, Area donations and writing them on this sheet. We have the receipt book with all receipts that will be handed out to each group member. Mark and I go together to make the deposit in the set amount of time so that will be Tuesday. I believe our Bylaws states two days after Area. We will both go there and make the deposit, likely tomorrow. We have the deposit slip so we will do our best to follow the Treasurer’s Handbook. Other than that we will have as much transparency as need be as far as the bank account is concerned. I do have the deposit slip right here for Carter Bank & Trust for March 7th, 2013*

XIII. Summary and Next Steps (Chair, Mark T.)

Motion 04/07-6:

Maker: Antoinette B. (Old School/Primary Purpose)

2nd by: Dominic

To accept \$40 a month from Antoinette B. for restitution until \$3,903.37 is paid in full. To accept signed Letter of Intent.

Intent: *None given.*

Abstain- 1, For-12, Against-0

Motion – PASSED

No Discussion

(Mark T.) *Unless anyone has any objections I am going to let Lauchlan carry on this meeting while we go with the Notary and take care of this.*

XIV. - XX. Reports (continued)

XIV. Chair Report (continued): Written by Chair, Mark T., read by Vice Chair, Lauchlan P. (Quarterly):

Discussion (continued) (Lauchlan P.) *There is your \$1,318.21 and also in the checkbook here we have the one check written on 3/9/13 to Free State, check number 1 for \$620.46 with an ending balance of \$697.75. I (Steve S.) I'm good with it, I just have to convince my group.*

(Lauchlan P.) *I am not a 100% sure, but I believe that the minutes will have some sort of as far as accountability as far as this is concerned. I don't know how it is going to be set up cause I don't think I am going to do all that, I just count money. In is in the March report, I just do all the work and he takes the credit.* (Body) *Laughs.*

XV. Activities Report: Written by Chair Julie C., read by Rudolph C.

ASC,

First of all I would like to thank the ASC for allowing me to serve.

The speaker jam was an awesome success. I would like to thank everyone who actually came out and supported our area event. A special thanks to the God of my understanding, all the active activities committee members, Etta, Cleo, Ernest, Kemper, my hubby Rudy C., Lauchlan, Kevin, and Antoinette B. for going the extra mile to help to make the speaker jam successful.....

Here is a complete date by date breakdown (to the best of my ability):

December 2, 2012- check to "High Peak" in the amount of \$245.00 for 30 t-shirts; sold for \$10.00 a shirt.

February 3, 2013- check written to Activities for food, rent on facility, recorder, and to add to new t-shirt order for speaker jam \$450.00

1. We sold 26 t-shirts(pre-speaker jam) \$260.00
2. We added \$20.00 from, check for Activities, new t-shirts with a remaining t-shirt count of 4. The total for those are attached with invoice(280.88)
3. The new t-shirts will be on sale at speaker jam for \$12.00, Qty. 30; proposed gross \$360.00 plus 4 pre t-shirts \$40.00 which we will gross \$400.00

March 7, 2013- See food receipts from BJ's, Wal-Mart, and Dollar General

1. After food purchase.....\$181.95
2. After partial payment to Juxtapose.....\$106.95 (which we will use for change)

We made a total of \$912.29 and the committee voted and donated \$50.00 to the church which left \$869.29. Once we receive the \$30.00 donation from Juxtapose we will have a total of \$899.29. \$500.00 goes back into activities budget and we are donating \$399.29 to area!!! There is also a detailed report on monies spent, receipts, and invoices.... We will be meeting on April 19, 2013 to discuss bonfire activity for the 4th of July.

In Loving Service, Julie C.

Discussion: (Rudolph C.) *We still do have 2 t-shirts, a medium and a small t-shirt for sale. We had a mishap, I guess the people that bought the t-shirts got the wrong size and they gave them back. We paid 1/2 the amount to Juxtapose on March 7th of \$75. We will also be preplanning for a blue and white dance hopefully in November. I am going to have Greg G. and Matt R. help us count this money so everything is accounted for. I am going to ask for any questions I can once I answer those questions to the best of my ability I have to be excused to go take care of some personal business.*

(Mark T.) *Thank you Rudy, that was a great success.*

(Kenny) *I want to add to what Rudy said because he allowed us to sell some crystals, me and wife's crystals at that Speaker Jam, N.A. crystals. And what we said was 50% of sales would go to Area.* (Etta F.) *\$50 donation.* (Body) *clapped.*

XVI. Secretary Report I: Written by Secretary I, Teresa C., read by Secretary II Matt R. as Teresa was with Notary, Chair Mark T. and Antoinette B. to sign Letter of Intent and Payment Agreement.

Good afternoon,

Hope you all had a wonderful Easter and are enjoying the beautiful spring weather, I know I am! This past month I served as your Sec I and Ad Hoc Chair and once again deepened on Matt to quickly print out last minute documents for today's meeting.

GSRs please be sure to pass your group donations up to the front so we can get the deposit prepared and receipts written.

The contact sheet is going around, please ad yourself if you are new, update for yourself and if you see something that is not right – write a note so I can update it. If you are willing to reveal your contact information for RANA business ONLY – please circle YES. If NOT circle NO. Remember to list email addresses that are safe for use with RANA information.

I updated the AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE REGISTRATION/UPDATE FORM that WSC asked us to update via their online form on March 18th. I also have received a confirmation from them via our PO Box and will file it with this month's documents.

XIV. - XX. Reports (continued)

XVI. Secretary Report I (continued): Written by Secretary I, Teresa C., read by Secretary II Matt R. as Teresa was with Notary, Chair Mark T. and Antoinette B. to sign Letter of Intent and Payment Agreement.

I would also like to thank Lili D. as she and I have started the large task of filing all of RANA's past important documents and archives. We will continue to do so and hopefully will have this task completed by June. I hope our efforts will help the next generation of RANA service members to be organized and effective...even though we "ought not to be organized" I don't think our predecessors meant for our files and documents to be a collective maze of madness ☺

I would also like to thank Old School Antoinette, Mark and Lauchlan for their service on the Ad Hoc Committee for sending the certified invite letter to our former Treasurer I as well as their input and dedication for giving guide lines for the letter of intent payment agreement guides and securing a notary. I would also like to report that I spoke to Steve Rusch, Fellowship Services Team Leader at NA World Service in regards to the matters of the Ad Hoc Committee. I was impressed with the WSC quick response and personal availability to share their experience strength and hope on this very important and sensitive matter.

March minutes were sent out 6 days late this past month on March 21st.

I did not have an opportunity to calculate the exact figures for printing this month, but I estimate we printed about 300 pages for a cost of \$18.00. I also need to report and will keep track that I purchased banker boxes and file folders. The cost for sending the certified, signature required letter was about \$6 as well. I am going to donate these expenditures, however I will still incorporate them into the yearly budget expenses for the Secretary for projecting the 2014 budget. The Secretary budget ends the month of April at approximately \$120 remaining, if we had any money in our budget, which we don't. Meaning we have thus spent approximately \$120 from Jan. thru April. As previously mentioned the bulk of this was ink and paper so I believe we should be good until October. Matt will keep us informed if and when we are getting low.

Thank you for allowing me to serve! Teresa C. ~RANA Sec I

No Discussion

XVI. Secretary Report II: Given by Matt R.

I want to bring to the body our printer sounds like a bomb is about to blow up in my room every time I use it. As you can see from the quality of the print if there is any type of color and even if it is black the printer will think it is color, the printer will think it is color and it starts going into pink and all kinds of other shades. So we might want to consider either next Area or even this Area getting new printer, securing means of someone donating a new printer to the Area. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

No Discussion

Activities Speaker Jam Funds: Rudolph C.

After counting the money with Greg with the donation from Etta, the total amount that we made for Activities is \$1,049.49. We still have to take out the \$50 for the INAUDIBLE because we never did that and we will bring back the receipt from the church. So that will leave us with a total of \$999.49 that we will give back to Area. (Body) claps (Teresa C.) I am sorry I wasn't here for your report, when you give the total of the money going back to Area, from the Activities budget the Area gave \$825, right? (Rudolph C.) No. (Teresa C.) So that \$900 you just mentioned is in addition? (Rudolph C.) I can give it to you right now, do you have a pen? (Teresa C.) I have your report I was trying to understand it. (Rudolph C.) We were given \$245 on 12/2/12 and if you add that to the \$450 that we were given out of the remaining budget. (Greg) \$695 was spent and \$1,000 was made. (Matt R.) So the profit is \$300 something. (Teresa C.) That was what I was asking, what was the profit.

XVII. Literature Report: Given by Margret D.

Last Area we sold \$173.75. I did receive an order for backorder items for \$90.30 with shipping of \$18.55 so we owe Free State \$108.85. I have donated to Area for coffee, cream and sugar for a total of \$11.76. Hope Fiends has donated 10-18 month key tags.

Discussion: (Teresa C.) So Mark and Lauchlan will need to write a check to Free State today for \$108.55, correct? (Margret D.) Yes, and here is the invoice. (Teresa C.) And the money you received from sales today you are going to give to Lauchlan and he will write you a receipt so that can be deposited? (Margret D.) Yes.

Activities Speaker Jam Funds: Greg G.

We missed a \$100, it is actually \$893. That is why we have 3 people counting it multiple times.

XIV. - XX. Reports (continued)

XVIII. Regional Committee Member I Report: Given by RCM I, Greg G.

See Appendix A on page 15 – April RCM Budget

This is the off month for the RCM Team. We will be attending the next RSC in South Boston VA on Saturday April 20th. The trip is 340 miles round trip, MapQuest print out included with my report. 20 miles per gallon equals 17 gallons @ \$3.50 per gallon comes to \$59.50. I am submitting a motion for this gas. I am also requesting re-imburement for copies made for today's GSR Orientation in the amount of \$10/19. A check request will be a total of \$69.69. That was not planned, I swear! With the above approval of budgeted expenses, this will bring YTD expenses to \$202.49 with a balance left of \$697.51 out of \$900. I have included the excel spreadsheet of RCM Expenses with my report and have a saved copy on Dropbox. In a newly created folder labeled "RCM".

I am also passing out flyers to the GSR Assembly on April 21st from 10am to 4pm. This also will be held in South Boston VA @ Halifax Regional Hospital. Please see Agenda. If you have any questions, please see me after the meeting or ask now.

ILS, Greg G.

No Discussion

IXX. Outreach Report: Given by Pro Temp Chair, Stephanie B.

Dear Fellow Trusted Servants,

We have nothing new to report to area. We are still struggling to get any support and therefore offering support to struggling home groups here in Fredericksburg only for now. I believe my term as Outreach Subcommittee chair has come to the end but I am will to continue on as Chairperson unless there are other nomination. Budget remains at \$100. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In Loving Service, Stephanie B.

Discussion: (Mark T.) *GSRs please note she is willing to stay on as Chair, but her term is up. Please announce the opening for Outreach Chair.*

XX. Public Relations (PR) Report: Given by Chair, Kemper B

Good afternoon,

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve. PR Met on Sunday, March 10th at the normally scheduled time and place. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this meeting. However, I was given a summary report from our gracious H&I Chairperson, Lavita D. At this meeting, concerning Public Relations, a decision was reached to have H&I take the lead in putting together a presentation for Fredericksburg Probation and Parole. Also, through the website, we were contacted by a Stafford County deputy that is asking to have a presentation done for a school athletic team or teams to talk to them about addiction. We will be gathering more information and discussing this prospect at our next meeting. Information is being passed along that anyone that is interested in being a part of any H&I and PR presentations please contact Lavita, Corey, Brandon, or myself and we will be happy to discuss these opportunities further. April is a tricky month due to the GSR assembly and CPRCNA in Ocean City, so we are working to try to get things together through special meetings outside of the normal "2nd Sunday of the month" meeting. I believe so far the schedule for the special meetings is that they are at the Fredericksburg Public Library on 1201 Caroline Street from 6:00-9:00pm **Every Thursday** in April. That is the 11th, 18th, and 25th of this month. Please see Lavita D. for extra information on these meetings.

There were no expenses for the month of March, so the balance remains the same. I will need to get a monetary amount for my next report when I can figure out what budget our area has or is working with. My apologies for being cloudy on this at the moment.

Our next meeting will be held at the regularly scheduled time and place on April 14th.

Lastly, I'd like to thank you all greatly for allowing me to serve as a part of this area in different facets for the last 4 years. As twisted as it may sound, Area service has helped keep me grounded throughout my recovery and has taught me humility, selfless service and accountability. Today is my fourth birthday in this program. I also began service shortly after I entered the rooms. Taking from that, it can work for anyone with some love and dedication.

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

No Discussion

GSR Reports: (Mark T.) *Any GSRs that would like to read their reports? None.*

GSR reports NOT read at April ASC. Reports handed to Secretary II, Matt R and input for minutes below per motion 04/07-04

ASC Group Donations: (Lauchlan P.) *GSRs please see Greg G. to get your group donation receipts.*

XXI. Old Business

Regional Motion: *None this month – off month.*

Area Motion(s):

A. **Motion 03/03:** Maker: Teresa C. (Secretary I) 2nd by: Kevin S.

To be reimbursed for \$148.00 for Post Office payment: 6 mos - \$128 + Late Fee = \$20. Note increase from last June by \$4/6 mos. This is an increase of \$8/year which is over the budgeted amount for the PO Box by \$56/year, budget passed at \$200, not \$256. I am willing to postpone repayment until RANA is better able to financially pay.

Intent: To be full-self-supporting.

VOTE: Abstaining-4, For-8, Against-0

Motion – PASSED

Discussion: (Matt R.) *Reed C. stepped out.*

B. **Motion 03/03-06:** Maker: Dot G. 2nd by: Jonathan C.

To perform an annual audit on checks/deposits/finances starting now, March.

Intent: To keep an accurate recording of all monies for safety reasons/purposes.

VOTE: Abstaining-5, For-6, Against-1

Motion – PASSED

Discussion: (Matt R.) *Still 12 total votes. (Mark T.) That is a tie, so I have to break the tie. I am against.*

C. **Motion 03/03-07:** Maker: Etta F. 2nd by: John C.

To add to our bylaws the annual audit for all working units of the ASC.

Intent: To be able to have transparency for area business.

VOTE: Abstaining-5, For-6, Against-1

Motion – PASSED

Discussion: (Mark T.) *These aren't procedural votes so we need to send them back to groups. (Teresa C.)*

Activities Speaker Jam Funds: Lauchlan P.

For transparency Activities already donated their \$50 to the church, so instead of them donating \$899.43 it will actually be \$949.43. And they had 2 receipts instead of one.

(Teresa C.) The Bylaws, under section 5 procedures, count of abstentions. If half or more of voting members abstain then motion automatically goes back for a second group vote. Those votes are not half or more, 5 is not half or more. (Matt R.) 5 is not half of 12. (Teresa C.) For Abstaining-5, For-6, Against-1, doesn't those motion pass? (Body) okay, yes. (Teresa C.) So these motions pass and are not going back to groups for a 2nd vote.

XX. New Business

Regional New Business Motions:

No new Regional Business for March.

Area New Business Motions:

Motion 04/07-07: Maker: Greg G. (RCM I) 2nd by: *Budgeted*

***Budgeted**

Provide \$59.50 to RCM I (Greg G.) for gas to April RSC in South Boston, VA on 4/20/13.

Intent: 7th Tradition

Motion 04/07-08: Maker: Greg G. (RCM I) 2nd by: *Budgeted*

***Budgeted**

Reimburse \$10.19 to RCM (Greg G.) for copies made for April GSR Orientation.

Intent: 7th Tradition

Discussion: (Greg G.) *Write one check for \$69.69*

Motion 04/07-09: Maker: Dawn R. 2nd by: Teresa S.

***To be voted on by groups and brought back to May ASC**

All monies brought to RANA ASC will be in money order form from this day forward. (April 7, 2013).

Intent: To ensure accountability to RANA funds.

Discussion: Pros – (?) *Cash is not in that persons hand. (Teresa C.) Personal checks typically have last names, addresses and phone numbers so not using them protects them. And money orders avoid any insufficient fund charges. (Mark T.) We don't have to have people counting all this money and re-count it at Area which saves us time and avoids accounting mistakes.*

(Dominic/Tee Tee/Teresa) The money orders would be made out to RANA and only able to be deposited into the RANA bank account because they are made out to RANA.

Con – (?) *Don't money orders cost money? (?) They are \$0.60 at Walmart. (Tee Tee) I've paid \$0.25 at Walmart. (Steve S.) They charge a percentage for the amount. (Lauchlan P.) 7-11 around the corner sells them too. (Johnathan) So only one of you guys can sign it? (Mark T.) We would write for deposit only and put them in the bank. I don't think there is*

XX. New Business (continued)

Motion 04/07-09: Discussion (continued):

completely a way to eliminated all possibilities of theft. I think the intent here is a stop-gap.

Pro - (Dawn R.) Yes, it was just to put in place an extra layer of protection. Additional it will save on time because the amounts will be written on each money order. Yes there are always loop holes and we are addicts and yes you will have to go a little extra mile to get the money orders, so there is more accountability.

(Nathan) This is an FYI, usually from the Areas I've been to, nobody in the same subcommittee can sign a check. Usually you need 2 signatures. One from the Admin, chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, or vice treasurer and another one from that subcommittee member whether it be chair or vice chair. So it's like checks and balance. So if I am in Entertainment I can't have my chair and vice chair sign a check. This way so that when you put in for a check everything is right there and I need the check right now, this is why I need it and it is up to the two to sign it. Its kind like a safe proof thing, but checks and balances.

Pro - (Lauchlan P.) For your knowledge there is \$1,334 in cash collect today. That is a big amount of cash and I don't really like walking around with large amounts of cash that is my own money never mind money that isn't mine that I am responsible for. I think money orders are a great idea. Plus I don't have to have a back pack full of ones when I go to the bank because they look at me awkward. (Body) laughs

(Chris R.) For a point of clarity are we talking about just donation or literature too? (Mark T./Teresa C.) All money.

(Steve S.) Literature too? What if she doesn't have what we need? (Lauchlan P.) Then it will go on back order and you will pick it up the following month. (Johnathan) Except for the basket, right? (Teresa C.) Yes, that is the money you personally choose to donate at RANA on the day of Area. (Greg G.) Money orders would be made out to R.A.N.A..

Motion 04/07-10: Maker: Etta F. 2nd by: Teresa S. ***To be voted on by groups and brought back to May ASC**

That a calendar be set up for all groups who wish to participate in fundraisers to aid the Area from now until fiscal year end.

Intent: To fundraise for RANA and to make sure there is communication so that there is no overlap that could affect attendance.

Discussion: (Mark T.) Are you suggestion that this be put into the Bylaws? (Etta F.) No, I am suggesting it go back to groups. A lot of groups have been saying they want to do fund raisers and Area can't tell groups what to do, so we could organize a calendar and ask those who are willing to be a part of to see if they would jump in and pick a month. Some home groups have already done it. But maybe if each home group would commit to a fund raiser, whether it is a pot luck dinner or whatever they could to be able to raise some funds to put back into the coffer here. By doing it by calendar there is no overlap so we can actually participate in our own fundraisers. (Mark T.) Everyone get that? This motion is about setting up fund raisers so that they aren't on the same weekend from two different groups.

Chair asked for Pros and Cons – none were given by body.

Motion 04/07-11: Maker: Etta F. 2nd by: Teresa C. ***Procedural**

That the Secretary shops for a low cost but adequate printer not to exceed \$200 and to bring back the bids to Area.

Intent: To have adequate machinery to fulfill the service position

VOTE: Abstaining-0, For-11, Against-0

Motion – PASSED

Discussion: (Etta F.) This is simply to do the research for cost for a printer that will fit our needs, not to buy it. We can get the pricing so we know what we are looking at. (Casey L.) I have a printer I can donate. (Teresa C.) The deal with the Area printer is it needs to be able to print at high capacity with decent quality or it doesn't make sense because the task is pretty daunting. The costs also needs to be low for ink. So if the printer you want to donate can do that great.

Pro - (Mark T.) We will know what the hard costs are before we buy. We will all get a say in what kind of printer we get.

Con - (Teresa C.) Yes that I have to do it. (Matt R.) I will do it, it my job I'm the printer person.

(Matt R.) Eleven is now our quorum because Dawn is gone.

XXI. Elections for Open Positions

***Policy Chair**

***VRCC Director**

***Treasurer I**

***Outreach Chair**

***Outreach Vice Chair**

***See your copy of the Bylaws for qualifications**

XXI. Elections for Open Positions *(continued)*:

Nomination Motion 04/07-12: Maker: Chris

2nd by: Steve

***Procedural**

Nominate Kenny for **VRCC Director**

Intent: To fill position with qualified and will to serve member

Qualifications: 4 years clean, working knowledge of the 12 steps, 12 traditions and 12 concepts. Has a NA Sponsor who has a sponsor. Has adequate transportation and laptop for note taking. Prior service – Have completed all previous service commitments. GSR – 1 year Clean Acres area The Focus Group, 1 year Rappahannock Area The Set it Off Group.

Treasurer – 1 year Rappahannock Area The Set it Off Group, 1.5 years Rappahannock area The Man up to the Flat book Group.

Mail handler – 6 months for the Central Atlantic Region. Assisted in the cash count for VRCC at the AVCNA in Newport News VA. Assisted with Convention information and Hospitality Committees when RANA hosted the AVCNA in Fredericksburg.

Interested member attending RSC, Autonomy Zonal Forums (helped set up) and World Wide Workshops in Boston Mass. And Baltimore Maryland.

Discussion: Kenny accepted nomination. Mark T. read the Qualification & Duties. All qualification were met. (Teresa C.) *Are you okay with paying out of pocket as RANA does not have a budget for VRCC Director? Gary had a big engine in his car and he paid out of pocket. (Mark T.) It is not every month Kenny, and there is a budget at the VRCC with reimbursements monies. I never requested any when I served but there is funds for that. (Kenny) Yes, I am okay paying and I have a BIG truck with a BIG motor in it.*

Motion 04/07-13: Maker: Greg G.

2nd by: Steve S.

***Procedural**

To extend Area

Intent: To complete business

VOTE: Abstaining-0, For-11, Against-0

Motion – PASSED

No Discussion

Nomination Motion 04/07-12 (continued): Maker: Chris

2nd by: Steve

***Procedural**

Nominate Kenny for **VRCC Director**

VOTE: Abstaining-0, For-10, Against-1

Motion – PASSED

CONGRADULATIONS!

Nomination Motion 04/07-14: Maker: Dominic

2nd by: Steve S.

***Procedural**

Nominate Greg G. for **Treasurer I** as Rudolph C. is willing to fill RCM position as Greg would have to step down as RCM I.

Intent: To fill position with qualified and will to serve member

Qualifications: *Over 9 years clean, currently your RCM I, I have been your RCM before. I have been the Area Secretary, Regional Secretary, served as Regional Treasurer for over a year in an emergency situation when the current Treasurer just walked out. I am currently the Alt. Treasurer for the Monday night In It to Win It group. I think I have held the Treasurer position at 4 different home groups over the years. I have a sponsor, I am working steps. I have knowledge of the Treasurer's Workbook. I have a job. I can balance a checkbook. I do have expenses but I don't have any debts.*

Discussion: (Greg G.) *I have spoken to Rudy, I am one year into a two year term as your RCM I. Rudy and I had a long conversation and we haven't really heard of anyone willing to step up I had briefly mentioned that I would do it. But I can't hold two positions at the same time so I would have to resign as your RCM I. Rudy said he would step up and be the RCM I and then the RCM II position would be open if in fact that is what this body wanted to do. If this body doesn't want me to do that then I perfectly understand that and I am more than willing to serve out my term as RCM I.*

(?) *Do you have a felony for fraud? (Greg G.) No, not for fraud. (Johnathan) Does Rudy have the qualifications for RCM I?*

(Greg G.) *He does, but he doesn't just get the position. The GSRs would have to vote him in. Technically what would need to happen is that we would both have to resign, then someone would need to nominate him for RCM I. Or someone else is nominated and he remains as the RCM II. (Mark T.) Are you willing to server Pro-Temp until we can straight this out?*

Rudy is not here is why I am suggesting it. (Greg G.) You can take my word that he would be willing to step up, but I can serve as Pro-Temp. Whatever is best for this body? (Teresa C.) Do you have the willingness to read and follow the WSC Treasurer Handbook? I say that because our Bylaws are only 18 or so pages and folks have a hard time reading and following it. It is frustrating when I hear something going on at Area and I have to look it up because we at Area don't know our own Bylaws. The Handbook is thick and has lots more information, however if it is followed then I seriously doubt that all of what is in that handbook would need to be followed. As we don't have a Policy Chair I want to make sure that the next Treasurer is going to use and follow the Treasurer Handbook. (Greg G.) Yes. I have read the handbook.

Secondly, do you have the willingness to use the report format that Lili used or something similar with a scan of the deposit slip? Not that you have to but that did make the minutes easier to compile as it was a simple 1 page add in for the report. (Greg G.) I am willing to do what is best for accountability purposes.

XXI. Elections for Open Positions *(continued)*:

Nomination Motion 04/07-14:

Nominate Greg G. for **Treasurer I Discussion** *(continued)*: (Greg G.) *I have no problem using excel or the report Lili use, I would like to have some leeway to improve upon it, if it can be. Of course, not only copies of the deposits slips but the real deposit slips as well. I will bring those in and have those available. I have a really good ideas, at least I think they are good as far as, well certainly all the measures will be put in place for accountability and audit. So in answer to all of your questions, yes. (Teresa C.) One more question. I currently at my house have a pile of paperwork that is of this Area's. There is a lot of things that have not yet been filed for the Treasurer going back a few years. If you are elected to the position of Treasurer do you have the willingness and will you file as you go? (Greg G.) Yes, for those of you that don't know me or haven't served with me I am pretty OCD. (Teresa C.) Thank you. I just want to clarify because filing month by month is part of the job so it is not a mess for the next person. (Mark T.) So Greg you can't hold both positions, correct? (Greg G.) Correct (Mark T.) I don't know if it is prudent for us to say "I quit" as RSC, right? (Greg G.) I understand what you are saying. I think going into to this RSC Meeting on April 21st, whether or not you ask me to resign I am going anyway by myself or with Rudy. If I wrote my resignation today, then I would cease to be the RCM I and Rudy would then be the acting RCM I as RCM II. I was already written a check from the RCM budget so I am still going to go, but if you want me to serve as Pro-Temp until next month that's fine. (Mark T.) So you don't have any qualms about do that instead of addressing that at the Regional meeting? (Greg G.) No, not at all. Rudy and I work together as a team so it is not just one of us writing the reports or presenting. Rudy is more than capable and willing to step up. (Mark T.) Reads qualifications for Treasurer I from Bylaws.*

VOTE: Abstaining-0, For-10, Against-0

Motion – PASSED

CONGRADULATIONS!

Nomination Motion 04/07-16: Maker: Lauchlan P.

2nd by: Dominic E.

***Procedural**

Nominate Nathan W. for **Policy Chair**.

Intent: To fill position with qualified and will to serve member

Qualifications: *11 years 5 months clean, I have been a GSR for the past 6 months. I have been a RCM, Area Chair for NORVANA and Montgomery County which is in CPRC. I have been a BOD and Chair for Entertainment for the CPRCNA Convention. I have a sponsor that has a sponsor that has a sponsor, have a working knowledge of the 12, 12 and 12. I am willing to serve.*

Discussion: (Matt R.) *Being that you do live in Northern Virginia are you committed to come to every Area?* (Nathan) *Yes, I only live 32 miles from here. NORVANA is in Northern Virginia but I live in Lorton.* (Teresa C.) *In my experience, the former Area I lived in, Policy met before Area. How do you for see holding Policy Subcommittee meetings and how to expect the committee to function?* (Nathan) *I am just going to be honest, so if I step on toes don't get upset. Those that know me, know that I speak the truth. Sitting at this Area right now, I do see a lot of problems as far as the policy go. Just the way that business is being done. I think that if I am elected Chair what I would like to do is first to come see how business is being done, take notes and bring it back to my subcommittee and then probably begin to put in motions to change policy especially when it comes to the Admin and Sub-committees. Because right now I just see a big mess. Also when it comes with the Treasurer as a whole. So that would be like my plan. I do have the experience and it is just about giving back. I understand that like is a "young area" and if I give experience than I am willing to do it. (?) The changes you are proposing to make have you seen them work in other Areas.* (Nathan) *I have seen them work in NORVANA and Montgomery Areas. It is more revisions of checks and balances within the ASC itself.* (Mark T.) *Understand that is as a committee and we the Area will vote on said revisions.* (Casey L.) *How would people on the subcommittee work, would you be bring people from our Area?* (Nathan) *Oh yea, people from this Area.*

Nomination Motion 04/07-15: Maker: Casey L.

2nd by: Brandon H.

***Procedural**

Nominate Antoinette B. (Old School) for **Policy Chair**.

Intent: To fill position with qualified and will to serve member

(Mark T.) Reads Bylaw Qualifications to both nominees. Both accepted nominations.

Qualifications: *I was the Secretary for 5 years, Vice Chair for 2 years and Chair for 1 year for the Tidal water Area. For the Peninsula Area, I was Secretary for 3 years, Vice Chair for 2 years and Chair for 1 year. I served in H&I for 16 years. I only have 10 years experience as a GSR. I have over 31 years clean. I have a sponsor that has a sponsor, who has a sponsor, who has a sponsor.*

Discussion: No Questions for Antoinette B.

Letter of Resignation from RCM I: Written and read by current RCM I, Greg G.

Dear RANA ASC Committee,

Per the discussion of RANA GSRs I am resigned as RCM I to become the newly elected Treasurer I. This resignation is effect as of today, 4/7/13.

Sincerely, Greg G.

XXI. Elections for Open Positions *(continued)*:

Nomination Motion 04/07-15: Nominate Antoinette B. (Old School) for Policy Chair.

VOTE: Abstaining-2, For-2, Against-7

Motion – FAILED

Nomination Motion 04/07-16: Nominate Nathan W. for Policy Chair.

VOTE: Abstaining-2, For-5, Against-4

Motion – PASSED

CONGRADULATIONS!

Nomination Motion 04/07-17: Maker: Casey L. 2nd by: Dominic E.

***Procedural**

Nominate Stephanie B. to continue to serve as Outreach Chair for second term by acclimation; May 2013 – April 2014.

Intent: To fill position with qualified and will to serve member.

Discussion: Stephanie accepted nomination for second term. Waived readings of qualification. (Teresa C.) *She still needs help, she need people to serve on the Outreach subcommittee.*

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

Motion – PASSED

CONGRADULATIONS!

XXII. Adjournment & Serenity Prayer

Motion 04/07-16: Maker: Chris R. 2nd By: Casey L.

***Procedural**

Motion to Close

VOTE: Abstain- 0, For-9, Against – 0

Motion – PASSED

7:08pm

Appendix A. –April RCM Budget. *See RCM Report on page 10.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
1	RCM TEAM		2013 BUDGETED EXPENSES					
2						annual budget:	\$ 900.00	
3						remaining balance:	\$ 767.20	
4							\$ 132.80	
5	when	transaction	how		amount		balance	
6	january	Printing	funds from Sec Budget		\$ 25.50		\$ 874.50	
7	february	Copies for GSR Orientation & Gas	RANA Check		\$ 80.30		\$ 794.20	
8	march	Gas to RSC	RANA Check		\$ 27.00		\$ 767.20	
9	april						\$ 767.20	
10	may						\$ 767.20	
11	june						\$ 767.20	
12	july						\$ 767.20	
13	august						\$ 767.20	
14							\$ 767.20	
15	sept						\$ 767.20	
16	sept						\$ 767.20	
17	october						\$ 767.20	
18	november							
19	december							
20								
21					\$ 132.80			

Appendix B. Group Service Representative (GSR) Reports

GSR reports NOT read at April ASC. Reports handed to Secretary II, Matt R and input for minutes below per motion 04/07-04

HOME GROUP	GSR/ALT	DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETINGS	# GROUP MEMBERS	# AVG. WKLY ATTENDANCE/ NEWCOMERS	GROUP DONATION	LIT. ORDER
1. Set it Off	Jonathan C. - GSR	Sun. 7 - 8:15pm	3	15/4-7	\$0.00	\$12.00
We are in need of home group members and financial support. We have changed our format and are in the process of creating by-laws and guidelines for our group. Ashley C was elected Alt. GSR and treasurer <i>*Needs help & support.</i>						
2. Who Wants to Live	Michelle G – GSR Alt. GSR - <i>none</i>	Mon. – Fri. 12 - 1:00pm	40	140/6	\$131.28	\$85.90
Our homegroup is still in need of an Alternate GSR and a treasurer. We had a big increase in newcomer attendance in the last 3 weeks. In the process of trying to get as many homegroup members together, to have a meeting on building strong homegroups to support better unity of the home group.						
3. In It to Win it	Sarah K. – GSR Casey L. – Alt. GSR	Mon. 7:00 - 8:30pm	12	60-70/3	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spring Fling 4/29 from 4-9pm. T-shirts for sale \$15 and suggested donation is \$5, all proceeds go to area. Group is doing well. Maintaining attendance Group Anniversaries: Casey L. & Matt R 4/29 1 year, Kim K. 5/13 4 years						
4. Hope Fiends	GSR – Chris R Kevin S. – Alt. GSR	Tue. 7 - 8:15pm	5	40/4	\$13.00	\$20.45
Attendance is up. Average of 40 people. We are now down to 2 officers: 2 inexperienced members. Our donation average is \$15. We were planning to do a game night between the 7pm and 10pm Friday night meetings once a month, but at this time only 2 homegroup members can serve at that time. If anyone could help our homegroup with this monthly please see Corey C. (Note: Activities has pledged support by service on this, but are not due to plan with them until next activities meeting.)						
5. Standing by Recovery	Steve S.- GSR Alt. GSR - <i>none</i>	Tue. 7:30 – 8:30pm	15	15/2-3	\$0.00	\$40.10
Group is strong. We have noticed an increase in the last 2 months of newcomers which is greatly welcomed. We are in the process of designating specific positions and responsibilities to specific people. We run smoothly with people stepping up, but I believe designation should be done. The group voted not unanimously to give no donation until additional information comes back to the group that finances are under control.						
6. Clean Works	Dot G. – GSR Alt. GSR – <i>none</i>	Wed. 7 - 8:00pm	6	45-55/2-3	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nothing to report Group Anniversaries: None <i>*Needs help & support.</i>						
7. The Lie Is Dead	-	Wed. 7 - 8:15pm	-	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Absent at Area 3 or more consecutive months <i>*Needs help & support.</i>						
8. Start Living Group	John C. – GSR Angie K. – Alt. GSR	Thu. 7 - 8:00pm	8	10/1	\$11.00	\$0.00
Group is doing well, great leadership. 8 of 10 are home group members. Group Anniversaries: None						
9. Freedom from Bondage	Kelly – GSR	Thur. 8 - 9:00pm	7	15-20/4-5	\$25.00	\$0.00
I talked to the church and found out that we officially do not need a new meeting space. In fact we were never asked to leave. So, we will indefinitely be staying at our regular meeting space and I've already contacted Kemper to update the website so there is no further confusion. Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported</i>						
10. Man Up to the Flatbook	Open – GSR Julie C./Dawn B. – Alt GSR	Thur. 7 - 8:30pm	10	30-40/3	\$0.00	\$9.00
Our group is doing well. We have a lot of anniversaries coming up. We are making our way through the step working guide. Overall- the group is doing great. We are still in the process of planning our Speaker Jam. Group Anniversaries: Dawn R. & Kemper B. 4 years on 4/18						
11. New Beginnings	Tee Tee – GSR	Fri. 7 – 8:15pm	7	50/5	\$10.00	\$0.00
Our group is doing well; there are more newcomers that are coming to the meeting. Other than that there are no new changes Group Anniversaries: None						

Appendix C. 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
12. Primary Purpose	Antoinette B. (Old School)- GSR Louis C. – Alt. GSR	Sat. & Sun. 12 – 1:30pm	9	25/2	\$20.00*To help RANA	\$32.60
Primary Purpose is doing fine. We are planning to have a cook-out in June and hope that the entire Area will participate in this event. This is not a fundraising event this will be a Unity Day for the RANA area. ILS ~ Antoinette B. “Old School” Group Anniversaries: None.						
13. Experience, Strength & Hope	Reed C. – GSR	Sat. 7 - 8:30pm	20-25	40-50/5	\$14.00	\$16
None. Group Anniversaries: 4/20 Jen 5 years.						
14. Clean and Serene	Dominic E. – GSR	Fri. 10- 11pm	4	15/2	\$46.83	\$0.00
Group is doing well. Actually getting more and more newcomers. Still need service positions filled. Still strong with our committed home group members. Love to see new faces on Friday night. Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported.</i>						
Below groups were ABSENT and no information was given for these groups at the April ASC Meeting:						
15. Final Surrender 16. Noon Beginnings 17. Colonial Beach Survivors Group 18. Beautiful Butterflies of Recovery						