

**Rock River Area Group Services
ASC Service Committee
November 3, 2019**

The meeting was opened at 12 pm with the Serenity Prayer, Service Worker's Prayer, the Twelve Traditions of NA, the Twelve Concepts, and the Statement of Purpose

A roll call of GSR's and Trusted Servants was taken.

Newcomers to ASC and Clean time since the last ASC were recognized.

Location and Date of next ASC were confirmed with Hosting Group: The Group, December 1, 2019, 1 PM

Voting procedures were read.

Attendance: Doug M., Kelsey F., Jeff A., Chad F., Roxanne B., Andi W., Matt W., Brandy F., Maggie I., Kayla D., Dennis B., Linda R., Brent F., Mike G., Marty C., Dan M., Irv M., Nancy M., Marc T., Andrew B., Matt H., Derek C., Andrea C., Brittany B., John N.

Prior month's minutes were reviewed for approval

Motion: To Accept October 2019 ASC minutes as presented. PASSED

Officers Reports:

Facilitator: Dan M.

In the spirit of anonymity, please raise your hand to be recognized before speaking. Please direct all questions and comments to the chair. I will call on you in order, to the best of my ability. We are following WSC Rules of Order, our policy packet, the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of NA. Please turn in reports and motions to the Secretary so they can be added to the minutes. Please turn all 7th Tradition donations in to the Treasurer, and Literature orders to the Literature Stockpile Chair.

Co Facilitator: Marty C.

Doug M. and myself completed an inventory of the storage locker. Requesting that all committee chairs to inventory their own stuff and return by the 1st of year.

Secretary: Andrew B. (DeKalb) – absent with notice

Alt. Secretary: Open Position

Treasurer: Nancy M.

Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$9267.79
Total Deposits	\$1674.60
Total Expenses	\$1444.60
Reconciled Statement Balance	\$9497.79
General Reserve	\$2000.00
Upcoming Month's Budget	\$872.50
Excess Funds	\$3475.29

Checkbook Balances with the Bank statement

Motion: To accept Treasurer Report. PASSED

Motion: To forward \$200 to Chicagoland Region as a 7th Tradition donation. PASSED

Alternate Treasurer: Maggie I.

Passed the basket for the 7th Tradition.

Regional Committee Member: Linda M.

No report turned in.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Open Position

Function Chair: Jeff A.

No report turned in.

Literature Review Chair: Open Position

Hospitals & Institutions Chair: Open Position

Public Relations Chair: Rich M.

I attended the last H&I/PR meeting on October 16th. The next meeting will be on November 20th at 6:45 at The Group. The members in attendance decided to go back to using different color paper for each printing of the meeting schedule. I printed 375 copies of the schedule which I will distribute at the meeting today. I retrieved the PR materials, bins and supplies from the locker and did an inventory of the literature. I have an order of \$117.90 to bring the items back to stockpile levels. When reviewing policy I observed that some of the items listed in the stockpile didn't match the available items on the literature order form. I will be making a policy motion to correct that part of policy.

I was in contact with Rockford Mass Transit about purchasing additional tail sign. Waiting to hear back to see if one will become available because another advertiser didn't renew. Discussed other alternatives such as signs at bus stops and interior signs. Waiting for a quote/proposal. Also waiting for a proposal from Stateline Mass Transit that has routes north of 173. I was contacted by a person planning to start a meeting in Stockton, IL. They were planning to attend today's ASC to become recognized. I was in contact with another person about a new meeting in Sterling. They are planning to come to December ASC. I was in contact with a person in Freeport about getting meeting schedules and literature into the probation office, the library, and the township office there. I also have a treatment counselor request literature and schedules for their office. I will be looking at other locations in Rockford as well as other places in our area to place meeting schedules and literature soon. I submitted a request for \$64.65 to the treasurer to be reimbursed for printing schedules and purchasing supplies.

Report Approved**Policy and Procedure Chair: Brittany B.**

The Policy and Procedure Subcommittee has reviewed the latest Policy motion, as per the request of ASC. The motion is as follows: "To amend Policy to state: Two absences will equal a resignation unless there is an emergency and that person in the position can state their emergency in the next ASC meeting.

INTENT: To provide unity within the fellowship and provide inclusion for those stepping up in service."

The subcommittee would like to remind this body that it is our job to take the policy motions that are passed at Area and find a way to integrate them into the policy. We also can review motions that seem to cause division in the body to create a broader and more sophisticated group conscience. To that end, we have reviewed the motion that was forwarded to this subcommittee and recommend that the GSR's vote no on the motion on the table. The ASC had previously decided that 2 consecutive absences without notice was required to consider a position resigned. Continued unexplained absence hurts the productivity of the area's subcommittees and hinders the area's ability to effectively reach out to the addict who still suffers. In theory, every chairperson who reports to the Area Service Committee should

have a functioning subcommittee that could potentially report the ongoing activities of that subcommittee in the absence of the chairperson. Furthermore, we do not recommend implementing this motion because we find the term emergency to be too vague a term. One person's inconvenience can be another's emergency. Changing policy affects everyone not just a single individual in a single case. Although the committee is generally agreeable to the idea of modifying policy to prevent issues such as these, we do not believe this is the proper remedy. We suggest that the GSR's decide who the "NOTICE" needs to be given to and making that a part of policy. Also, potentially look at whether or not the submission of a report can count as attendance. These are a few remedies that we believe could help the flow of communication regarding absences and still allow for the ASC to be fully informed of the ongoing activities of its subcommittees.

Policy is up to date and I have more policy packets for anyone who needs them.

Report Approved**Digital Information Chair: Rich M. (interim chair)**

No report turned in.

Convention Chair: Doug M.

The committee met on 10/11/2019 and 11/1/2019 at Freedom to Grow. We are still in need of someone for Merchandise and also for Funding and Entertainment. The previous F&E Chair had to step down due to the health issues. Minutes have been submitted for the 10/11 meeting and I have one copy of the minutes from the 11/1 meeting. We are still waiting to get our signature cards from the bank. This should happen this week. We currently do not have access to funds for any expenditures. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. We had a motion to go to Cliffbreakers the weekend of March 20, 2020. This motion failed.

Report Approved**Outreach Chair: Brent F.**

On 10/10/2019, attended a new group in Sterling, invited them to come to ASC.

On 10/20/2019, the subcommittee met at 90 in 90, we meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month, next meeting is 11/17.

Attending HOPE on 11/14, Crooked Creek on 11/20. We are also bringing a meeting to an addict's home tonight at 7 PM. Requesting reimbursement for \$33.60 for mileage and tolls to Sterling.

Report Approved

Archives Chair: Kelsey F.

Archives last meeting was on October 20th at H.O.P.E. at 12-Noon. There was 1 addict in attendance. Archives next meeting will be on November 10th at noon at H.O.P.E. Please come and be a part of. Archives is working on organizing old papers and will be starting to decide if we are wanting to scan and put it on the website.

Report Approved

Spiritual Retreat Chair: Kelsey F.

Spiritual in Nature was a success. Attendance was low, but the bonds that were built for people can make up for that attendance. We did sell Retreat T-Shirts this year. Spiritual in Nature total funds is at \$1317.57. We are not at prudent reserve per policy so there will be not be an area donation this year.

Report Approved

Literature Stockpile: Marc T.

Motion: Write a check to NAWS for \$1,251.63 PASSED

Literature Stockpile Alternate: Andrew B. (Belvidere)

No report turned in.

Old Business:

Elections:

ASC:

Alternate Secretary

Please take it back to your groups.

Regional Committee Member Alternate

Please take it back to your groups.

Digital Information

Please take it back to your groups.

Hospitals & Institutions

Please take it back to your groups.

Literature Review

Please take it back to your groups.

RRCNA:

Funding & Entertainment

Joy K. was elected.

Merchandise

Valina F. was elected.

New Business:

Motion: Add to the Co-Facilitator’s duties: Contact anyone missing an ASC without notice to make sure that they are OK and to remind them to contact the Facilitator, Co-Facilitator, or Secretary if they are going to absent from ASC. PASSED

Group Reports:

90 in 90: Elections are 11/24 @ Noon.

Reporting Member:	Maggie I.
7 th Tradition:	\$20
Literature Order:	\$115.15

Crooked Creek: Nothing to report.

Reporting Member:	Marty C.
7 th Tradition:	\$25.00
Literature Order:	\$0

The Group: 100% of meetings were chaired.

Reporting Member:	Mike G.
7 th Tradition:	\$52
Literature Order:	\$218.87

Freedom to Grow: Friday Night 10 PM still isn't on the schedule.

Reporting Member:	Brandy F.
7 th Tradition:	\$152.22
Literature Order:	\$160.80

H.O.P.E.: Speaker Meeting on 11/22.

Reporting Member:	Kelsey F.
7 th Tradition:	\$0
Literature Order:	\$20.22

New You: Sojourn House is closing, we are looking for an alternative venue to meet at.

Reporting Member:	Doug M.
7 th Tradition:	\$0
Literature Order:	\$0

Off the Walnut: Attendance is picking up.

Reporting Member:	Dennis B.
7 th Tradition:	\$0
Literature Order:	\$0

One Primary Purpose: Needs support on Wednesday and Thursday @ 6 PM, the doors open at 5:30 PM.

Reporting Member:	Andrew B.
7 th Tradition:	\$7.10
Literature Order:	\$0

Recovery Works: Nothing to report.

Reporting Member:	Jeff A.
7 th Tradition:	\$150
Literature Order:	\$0

Trust the Process: Nothing to report

Reporting Member:	Irv M.
7 th Tradition:	\$148
Literature Order:	\$11.20

West Side Family Group: Nothing to report.

Reporting Member:	Marc T.
7 th Tradition:	\$0
Literature Order:	\$0

Next site and date for the ASC is at The Group on December 1, 2019, 1 PM

Motion: To close ASC meeting. Seconded and Carries.

Meeting was closed with the Twelfth Tradition and a group hug.

Submitted in loving service,
Andrew B.