

Nebraska Regional Minutes January 12, 2008
Phillips, Nebraska

The meeting was opened with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
Wanda G. read the Twelve Traditions and Mary R. read the Twelve Concepts.
Susan R. read the Purpose.

The following members were present:

Executive Committee:

Chairperson: Susan S. Secretary: Penny F.

Vice Chair: Absent RD: Brain S.

Treasurer: Dan M. Alt RD: Mary R.

Areas:

Area Twelve: Wanda G. RCM Great Plains: Kirby Z. RCM

Central NE: Dan B. RCM Alt RCM: Kat P.

Eastern NE: Annie W. RCM Platte Valley: Steve W. RCM

Alt RCM: Butch Alt RCM: Steve H.

Elk Horn Valley: Mark W. RCM New Beginnings: Alt RCM Paul

Alt RCM: Rocky Southeastern NE: Jerry W. RCM

Fremont: Burt M. RCM

Sub-Committees:

Hospitals & Institutions: Dale B. NRCNA 24: Penny F.

Out Reach: Gary D. NRCNA 25: Lin H.

Policy: Pony Boy NRCNA 26: (Southeastern)

Public Information: John Ad Hoc Insurance: Mark B.

Visitors:

Marty Everett Saniel Brandy Gina

Ruth Dean Shane Steve Jolene

Jermey Brent Jeff Cody Marty

Ed Holly John Shawn Dan

Karen Jerry Terrence Pat Mike

Eric Dagwood Robert Daisy

Secretary's Report:

Motioned by Wanda G. and seconded by Kirby Z. to accept Octobers Minutes. **PASS**

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$837.69

Income: \$4183.24

Total Balance: \$5020.93

Expenses: \$1910.00

Income: \$3110.93

\$2000 to NRCNA 26

Leaving \$1,110.93

Area Report:

Hello Family. Things are going great in Area 12...We may not have all our service positions filled, but the ones that are filled, are with willing principled people who are united in carrying the message to the still suffering addicts in our area. So recovery is growing strong in Columbus. We have a \$50.00 donation for Region this quarter. In loving service, Wanda G.

Central NE:

Hello Family. Meetings are doing well. Convention committee is working hard. We are having a group Valentines Unity Day dance Feb 9, 2008 at St. Mary's Cathedral Rectory, 204 S. Cedar. It is going to be a Chilly cook off with prizes and best desert, speaker at 6:00 and dance to follow. The food today is from the Tuesday meeting of Grand Island NE. Tonight there will be a speaker at 7:00 pm with a pie throwing auction to follow. I hope you all stay. In loving service Dan B.

Eastern NE:

Greetings from ENNA. ENNA currently has a lot of changes going on, as our chair person has had to move due to a relocation of his job. Using some of the brainstorming ideas that came out of our Worldwide workshop that was held in Lincoln, our PI committee is starting some new projects that are already bringing new members. As a member that goes into Women's DCC. I do know that we are in need of more women to be trained and willing to carry the message to our female inmates. Our literature committee is currently changing hands after 3 years which is presenting some challenges right now. And audit of all literature and funds are pending. The activities committee started a monthly bowling event on the second Friday of each month and have been doing so for 5 months. The event was held last night and more than 60 addicts attended. Several people attended from outlying areas. It is held at the Westlanes Bowl on 72nd just north of Dodge. Thanks for your support! Not a fundraising event, just for fun. I attended both the Worldwide workshop in Lincoln and the CAR in McPherson Kansas last weekend and see why the same model is followed more than once as I gained such a deeper level of understanding of taking inventory in home groups and our areas. Its is also so important to realize some of the reasons that there are certain members we are not attracting or losing. There is a lot to learn and I'm very grateful for such. I have brought flyers for the next H & I learning day called Jailhouse Rocks. There is a learning day, dinner, and dance

Area Reports Cont.:

Eastern NE Cont.:

to follow on January 19th. Also the Close Encounters Convention which will be February 22-24 at the Crown Plaza Hotel. Be sure to reserve your rooms before February 1st and mention Close Encounters in order to get the special room rates. On Friday night there will be the infamous HOME GROUP FEUD so get your homies together and be represented as we see who the new Feud Champions will be. I've brought an ENNA donation of \$474.14. This may perhaps be my last region, as in absence of an ENNA Chair I have been nominated to be that trusted servant again. More will be revealed regarding the RCM position. In loving Service, Annie W.

Elk Horn Valley:

Hello Family,

All is going fine in Elkhorn Valley Area, I am looking forward to serving on this committee. It is an honor and a privileged to be elected to this position and I thank my Area far their trust and support. In turn I will do my best to fulfill my responsibility to the best of my ability. We have 3 donations for Region, first the easy orders group has a 100 donation next are activities committee has \$157.00 from our last function which was success due to the support of the Region lastly our area has a \$75.00 donation.

We now have a manned phone line. Thanks for your love and support, in loving service Mark W.

Fremont:

Hello family from the FASC. Our meetings are growing with the new court program in Dodge county. I have spoken with the programs administrator and she would like us to do a presentation with her and the other probation officers. Once our positions are filled we can address this issue and get let her get an introduction to the fellow-ship of Narcotics Anonymous. Our area still struggles with service positions and clarity of message but many of us are trying to lead by example. As it says in our literature with Faith, Hard work, and Unity we will survive. Its still my opinion that the Fremont are is improving. The new way of life group is able to donate \$20.00 to region and the point of freedom group was able to donate \$30.00 to region. We have brought flyers for our 21st annual freeze out. Jerry will be speaking on Saturday and Pat will speak on Sunday morning. There will be games, a chili feed raffle (quite possibly sledding) and donuts and coffee, during the Sunday morning speaker. Please come out and enjoy some fellowship with the Fremont area I am including a flyer with the area report as well. In service, Burt M., FASC RCM

Great Plains:

Greeting family from Great Plains area. Meeting attendance is good. As of last month most of our positions for area have been filled. We are currently planning our NRCNA 25 fundraiser. We will be asking Region that Great Plains host the next regional meeting to coincide with that fundraiser. The great plains area will be returning to region 2700.00 from NRCNA 24 convention. And 100.00 donation from day by day and 40.00 from Sunday noon. In loving service, Kirby Z.

Area Reports Cont.:**Platte Valley:**

Hello family. Thanks to everyone who came to North Platte to region in Oct. Having the meeting in NP sparked some interest in service. I think we donated 55.00 to region. We closed the Friday Nite meeting at 620 W 6th. It wasn't supporting itself. McCook is struggling with attendance. In North Platte our last Thursday Nite meeting had 7 women and 4 men. So N.P. is growing. In loving service Steve W. RCM

New Beginnings:

New beginnings is going through some struggles, but I know if we let our high power be a power greater than ourselves I know things will work out the way they are suppose to. Thanks you , it's a privilege for me to service Paul M. I forgot to mention that York has new meeting Tues 7:00pm.

Southeastern NE:

Hi folks. Good to be here! Our area has experienced stabilized attendance at our ASC meeting by allowing meetings to host ASC at sites within SENANA boundaries. We will let you know how it works for us. Our ADD Hoc convention committee has informed me they have secured Oct 2, 3, 4, 2009 at the Howard Johnson's motel on cornhusker where the convention was a few years back. Room rates of \$69 to \$79 a night. GRPS donating to RSC Tues Let: 15, Sun am 10, Sat am 2, Happy Havloch 70. That's all for now Jerry W.

RD Report:

Hi family. I hope everyone is excited as I am about the CAR and the IDTs involved in the report. The WSC is moving at a fast pace to truly becoming a consensus based decision making body and in order to do this effectively members Groups Area. Regions and Zones in put is very important. My Goal today is to get a tentative date or a date set to workshop the CAR for each area within our region. You can also access and respond to the CAR online by going to

<http://www.na.org/conference/index.htm>. I can't say enough about needing the input of our fellowship on the notions and IDTs to effectively carry the voice of the Nebraska region to WSC, so we can help guide Naws on how to best serve our fellowship. I have attended two Zonal meetings since our last regional meeting in Oct. the one in Council Bluffs, Iowa. We accepted policy guidelines for the plain states Zonal forum and discussed the Governors Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance abuse in 2007-2008 when we attended it there were 180-190 hits by professionals in the field. In McPherson, KS we workshoped the CAR and had World input on the 12 motions contained within it. We also had discussion on whether or not the regions could or would like to help support the P.R. efforts at the Zone. As the Zone has made plans to attend the conference in St. Louis which will cover South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri. The next Zonal will be held at the WSC in April, and here are the dates I have on convention. South Dakota Black hills area sometime in Sept. Iowa in Waterloo July 4th-6th. Mid America Lawrence KS. April 4th-6th. Their Regional campout is July 4th-6th at Wilson Lake. I don't have the info on the OK regions. Our Expenses for last Quarter were \$828.33. PS. Mary also did a workshop in Elkhorn Valley on Phone lines. In

Area Reports Cont.:

RD Report Cont.:

Loving service Brain S.

Alt RD Report:

Combined with RD report

Sub Committees:

H & I:

Meeting went well all but one Area was represented.(You know who you are.) All lit. was handed out. We'll get more Omaha has it's Jail House Rock event on January 19, 2008 2:00. Flyers are out. Dale B.

Public Information:

Hello Region. Good things going on throughout the areas. ENNA has new bus benches and pull tab flyers. EVANA has a new hotline up and running and has had it's first call on it already last Saturday and new pull tab flyers up, also they are starting work on a PSA for the radio. Great plains has an open PI chair but their nominee Jeremy and a prior PI chair where here. Fremont Area is hitting the probation office to ensure meeting lists are available and has made initial contact with the director of their new drug court about a presentation. SENANA is expanding their yellow pages coverage to include some out lying areas they will be adding South East Nebraska, Beatrice, and the York over the next year to the Lincoln phone book, they are also distributing posters with business card pockets on them with cards showing hotline phone number and website information. Their email address for the PI committee is Pi@Sena-na.org constantly updated meeting list can be found at <http://sena-na.org/meetinglist.pdf> and their website is <http://sena-na.org> Mary is requested that any changes to meeting be submitted to her at least 7 days before region so the meeting list can be printed correctly, the new lists already have errors. Nothing else to report except that I am pulling my name from elections for PI. In Loving service John K.

Out Reach:

Hi fellowship. I have 14 out reach packets made and will give them to areas that need them today. It is up to the Area to put in the packets the last Region and the Areas minutes. Love Gary B. 13065 hwy 34 Malcolm, NE 68402 402-796-2333.

Policy:

Hello family. Things are moving slowly but at a steady pace. At this meeting we hammer out the article for the policy. So the process begins. Service the previous month were uneventful we will try again we will be meeting at 3:00 pm on Saturday Feb. 9 2008 and March 8, 2008 at 2816 12th street. Columbus, NE (clean way club). Hopefully with better weather on the Horizon will have more people to do this with. In loving service Pony Boy.

Sub Committees Cont.:**Insurance Ad Hoc:**

The policy is bought and paid for and is in place. Any areas wishing to hold on event not covered by the policy should get a rider added to the policy for that event. We have made a motion to disband the committee at this point. Thank you for allowing us to serve. In loving service. Mark B.

NRCNA 24:

Donation over 2700. Had a blast, did our audit. Thanks for letting me serve, Penny F.

NRCNA 25:

Hello family, things are going sort of well or maybe my expectations are a bit high, but all things are getting done. We have a logo which you'll get to see later today along with both convention shirt and the specialty shirt that you can only get when you purchase a pre-registration. So if you want the specialty shirt you need to pre-register. We're also (can't read two words) other merchandising idea's as well, sweat shirts, long sleeve shirts, patches and what not, more will be revealed. Entertainment committee is busy brainstorming on ideas to blow your mind, opps I mean entertain you at the convention. The programming committee is buy listening to speaker tapes/CD's and looking into ideas for work shops. I hope you all are as excited as we are and I want to thank you for giving us the privilege and opportunity to bring you the 25th convention of narcotics anonymous. In loving service Lin H.

Hi PSZF NA(from Zonal meeting):

This is a report on the lit that was given to me to take to the Winnebago, Santee and Omaha tribes in Nebraska. The Santee Meeting didn't need any key tags so the lit was divided to all three reservations and the key tags only to the Omaha and Winnebago reservations. I got eh info from Terry Duffy who is a member of the NA Meeting on the Santee reservation and I mailed the Santee lit to him. I hand delivered the lit in person to the other reservations. This is the e-mail that Terry sent me for the info for the other reservations and this is to who I took the lit to. 'ok the Winnebago tribe doesn't have active NA meeting but the counseling service there was interested in getting anything that would help them get a meeting started. The contact person their was Crystal and the mailing address was P.O. Box A Winnebago, Nebraska. The phone number 402-878-2480 if you needed to talk to her. The person I got directed to for the Omaha tribe is Cheryl -Miller and her number is 402-837-4053. She might be able to lead you to a contact person for their tribe. Love Gary D. 402-796-2333.

General Assembly:

Brent-put people into position without helping them with responsibilities and keep repeating cycle. Need to take time to do this pg 139 How it Works and Why. Bring HP into committee meetings-do we really bring god or hp into meetings should look into making sure this is done. Making people feel welcome at service meetings as well as at groups. Asked sponcee. What can I do get you into service response give me a chance to recover.

General Assembly Cont.:

Dagwood-chair meeting-sit next to chair and ask questions what to do, how to do. Where things are. Give money to? Should just ask people to just come hang out and see how it works. 5th concept accountability-need to show up and be there. Giving up position stay until its filled to teach new person and show accountability(read the 5th concept). don't assume everyone knows what the problem is and it will fix itself. Let those who want to do service do it.

Butch-negativity that goes with area and region, responsibility as sponsor to get sponsee's into service. People look at service so negatively. Lead by personal experience-thought new everything-found it he did not know everything-area's are different-only difference is people sitting there. Carry a positive influence into area and region.

Mark-regional center at 60 days by self. Found out wrong way to do it. Started looking for other ways to do it right. Important mentorship. Person before as a resource. People get jobs and schedule changes-sometimes cancel meetings, cause don't go in by himself anymore. Showing and not telling.

Paul- like what butch had to say came into program for deprecation for something else and still here. Each time goes to function or region learns more

Shane- when ready-how can help when his mind still races. Was told to shut and listen. don't see how some still sick, can help someone else. Waited for mind to stop racing would never be able to help others.

Jeff-carry bag next week and carried it for the next 18 months, but got him to meetings-area can be intimidating-seen bad and good at same time. Why want to do service position, Alts are in training, don't know answers to some questions enjoy doing service, have to enjoy or it wont work. Training so important fill positions with willing body.

Lin-area like to do stuff. don't stick with it long. People said couldn't do 3 positions. Some don't want to be involved and bad mouth those doing it. Scares others off from service. When try to teach get argued with.

Ruth-very few who want to do service in area. Went to group cons. Big fight every program different. Service work is here recovery. Keeps accountable came to region for 1 year. To know be 4 RCM. Willingness to do service work. Don't know what to do to new comers to do service work.

Mark-sponsors tell sponsee to give back dept to NA. do service help new person and explain benefits. Service helps you grow

Butch-service work start at beginning (ABC's) Ashtrays, Brooms, Chairs. Order to have foundation have services, have to crawl before you walk. When get to region run. Go with positive attitude.

Rocky-don't have positions handy open. Go along o support-positive reinforcements see it working in Norfolk.

Mary-Sponsors said going to region. People don't want to do it because of change. Get to many positions and get robbed and get burned out. Just because it's open don't mean to fill it right away. Should be teaching person takes the whole group just not 1 person. Today asks questions wouldn't be here today if it weren't for service. Way people are treated in the rooms don't help.

Brent-communications-sponsors not into service work-have a NA mentor to call and gets

General Assembly Cont.:

Brent Cont.-info and calls backs. Some have taken back to groups. Success and croup is awesome, built groups then built area. Have a body to select from to pick from for service. don't hang people out to day. Keep people from getting burned out. Rotate give them a break. Flow of communication needs to stay open.

CAR workshop starts at 9:00 am on April 12th, 2008

Nominations & Elections

Brain S. nominated Mary R. for RD

Steve W. 2nd

Mary accepts

Mary nominates Pat W. for Alt RD

Wanda G. 2nd

Pat W. accepts

Treasurer still open. This really needs to be addressed and filled!!!!!!!!!!

Person and Bio need to be at April Region along with any other nominates for these positions.

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS FOR MORE NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to:

Ruth Smith--Region Chair

Brent L.--Region Vice Chair

Penny F.--Regional Secretary

Regional Sub Committees

Dale B.--H&I

Gary D.--Out Reach

Pony Boy--Policy

Dagwood--PI

Old Business:

Motion 1: Guidelines for policy, General Assembly: Passed April 2006

Purpose: To be a resource for the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. By providing an open forum for the discussion of the topics that affect our Groups and Areas.

Guidelines to be added into Policy: The General Assembly will meet quarterly in conjunction with RSC beginning at 12:00 Noon and not lasting longer than 2:00pm.

The Secretary of the RSC is the facilitator of the General Assembly. The Secretary will keep minutes of the Assembly and report them to the RSC minutes. **This will be added to the**

Secretary's responsibilities in Policy. PASSED

Motion 3: For SENANA to host the NRCNA 26 within the boundaries of the Area and a date of Mid October

Intent: To host the 2009 NRCNA 26 Convention

Motion 3 Cont.:

Financial Impact: Budgeted amount

Submitted By: Jerry W.

Seconded By: Shellie H.

PASSED

Motion 4: To increase the Secretary's budget from \$100.00 to \$150.00

Intent: To cover all expenses for copying, mailing of the Regional Minutes and to stop out of pocket expenses for the Secretary

Financial Impact: \$50.00

Submitted By: Penny F.

Seconded By: Mary R.

PASSED

Motion 5: To delete Motion of a Standing Committee for the convention

Intent: Eliminate from Policy wrong purpose

Financial Impact: \$0.00

Submitted By: Dan B.

Seconded By:

PASSED

Open Floor:

Brian-PR efforts finance go for pamphlets-continue to do this

Mary-Zonal meetings and IP set up, drug court, judges pass on info to others-just a booth. Takes 2 people

Dan-Public Information Booth...Good Idea

Pony Boy- Just giving vote of confidence, covers large-Zonal covers all regions not taking anymore funds.

Jerry-should be on paper

Mark-larger than Zone, Missouri, not part of multi Zonal effort. May not happen every year.

Mark-CAR workshop as a fellowship need 2 talk about. Ask RD's to make decisions. RD's voted to change medallions fellowship not ok with it. Body needs to support their decisions.

Can't bring everything back. Say yes or no on making decisions for this region. They need to be able to do this

Open Floor Cont.:

Dan-even as RCM that's why we are trusted servants. Vote for because trusted

Annie-different channels to use go on-line to vote

Dale-RD during transition-RD 2nd tradition was twisted. Does not want RD to represent the way voted without directions. Does not want that taken away from him vote is the most important thing.

New Business:

Motion 1: to make the web master a separate position from the P.I. position.

Intent: one position responsible for region web and have a centralized person the control of the web

Financial Impact: \$0.00

Submitted By: Dan B.

Seconded By: Kirby Z.

WITHDRAWN

Motion 2: to dismantle the current ad hoc insurance committee and move to the misc. section of policy to go under the executive committee responsibilities

Intent: served its purpose and accountability

Financial Impact: \$0.00

Submitted By: Mark B.

Seconded By: Annie W.

PASSED

Motion 3: for great plains to host region in April in Kearney

Intent: to host region and to coincide with our casino night (NRCNA fundraiser)

Financial Impact: ??

Submitted By: Kirby Z.

Seconded By: Mark W.

PASSED

Motion 4: to purchase a "Guide to Local Service Public Relations" for PI chair.

New Business Cont.:

Motion 4 Cont.:

Intent: to better equip the PI chair to do their job

Financial Impact: Less than \$15.00

Submitted By: John K.

Seconded By: Jerry W.

DEAD

1/12/08

Motion 5: to keep region meetings centrally located. Within 50 mile radius of Grand Island, NE unless an Area is willing to host within the region

Intent: to have it in a location that we can all attend.

Financial Impact: cheaper than moving from place to place

Submitted By: Mark

Seconded By: Steve W.

UNTABLED

Attachments:

Treasurers Report

Regional Mailing List

Out Reach Program Packet

SENANA Flyer

Building Strong Home Groups Worksheet