

WNYRSCNA Minutes for May 16th, 2009

Meeting opened: 12:07 pm MOS, SP, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts

Roll call: Ch-A, VCh-P, S-P, Tr.-P, RD-P, RDA-O, BRCM-P, CHRCM-P, NIORCM-P, NIARCM-A, ACRCM-P(late), ACRCMA-P(late), Policy-P, PI-O, H&I-A, Web SERVANT-P
Quorum Established

Mail: Distributed during Roll

Next Meeting to be held: Niagara Falls skipped in rotation due to absence.
11a Policy, Noon RSC meeting @ 750 Wehrle Drive Cheektowaga 14225 Saint Stephens's church on July 18th, 2009

Opening Treasurer's balance: \$5000.00

Minutes Accepted with corrections

Open Positions: RSC chair, RSC Vice chair, PI, Literature chair, Website, Activities, H&I, RDA
Nominations: RSC chair-Mark T. (closed) V.Chair- Richard P. Accepted (closed) PI-Open Lit.
Chair- Cedric S. accepted Website- Michael B. Accepted (closed) Activities-Open H&I-J.J.,
RDA- Jim Lowe to be voted on.

RDA: Jim Lowe voted in unanimously: Requested food expense of \$150.00

Reports:

RD: See Report attached

Alle-Catts RCM: See report attached

Chautauqua RCM: CHAUTAUQUA AREA R.C.M REPORT

May 16th, 2009

Our area has finalized our new Bi-laws and they are now in affect. Derek H. was nominated for vice chair and Ron b. withdrew his nomination for vice chair. Sadly there were no nominations for r.c.m alt. We would like to thank region for coming and putting on the workshop on the times of illness I.p. Our area is working on giving input on the other projects that the R.D has given us information on.

We have a couple questions about literature and activities for new business. First our area would like to know why there isn't really any activities put on by region. Also we would like to know more about the literature building that is in buffalo. The reasoning is if this is a regional lit.

Office we should be buying our literature from it. In order to keep the proper fund flows instead of us ordering from world. In regards to this matter if most areas are purchasing literature from it, why isn't it a regional literature office?

Our area also discussed the topic of moving the convention to every other year and would like to keep it how it is. We believe that the convention is doing its primary purpose of carrying the message. It just might need a little better structure or guidelines to follow so there is less confusion on the committee.

All sub committees are doing very well and are growing. The activities committee has raised

there prudent reserve to \$500.00 for their committee. The reasoning for this is they are planning on putting on bigger events such as camping and so on. We have a regional donation of \$200.00 in the form of a check no. 165. That leaves our area with a closing balance of \$154.50 that's including our prudent reserve.

In loving service
Smitty

Buffalo RCM:

BASCNA RCM Report to RSC - May 16th, 2009

Ø April 19th, 2009:

1. ASC Open: \$ 1,403.10
2. Lit Open: \$ 1,719.05
 - a. Discussion of Literature Subcommittee
 - b. Free State owed \$81.00
 - c. Chair inquired about old money
3. Discussion of "Twelfth Step Call" Committee
 - a. Handbook refers to passing on info to appropriate volunteer
 - b. Buffalo doesn't have such a committee
 - c. Looking for input from other areas
4. RITW: 71 adults, 13 children registered so far
5. Unruly discussion of "Women Only" Meeting
6. Regional copier usage approved; Contact Ed B. Buffalo RCM
7. RCM asked GSR's to bring:
 - a. nominations for all Regional positions
 - b. conscious on Convention location, frequency, and season

Ø May 10, 2009:

1. ASC Open \$ 991.45 Close: \$ 1469.37
 2. Literature: 1,719.27 Close: \$ 1519.77
 3. Chair: present, no report, or agenda
 4. Vice Chair: not present, no report
 5. Secretary: vacant, minutes available for review
 6. RCM Report:
 - a. no nominations brought for Regional positions
 - b. 118 in Buffalo, 43 present, 29 voting rights, 17 at close
 - c. GSR's under new business voted for every year convention, with rotating location, cost=season?
 7. Steering Committee still needs two GSR's, voting will take place in June
 8. Need Secretary
 9. Chair noted Article XII states By-Laws may be changed at regular April or November meetings
- Twelfth Step Call Committees?

In Unity & Service,
Edward B.

RCM / BASCNA

Niagara Falls RCM: No report submitted

Ni-O:

On behalf of the NI-O area we are grateful for having the opportunity to have the R.S.C in our area. The treasurer was unable to attend the A.S.C this month therefore; we had no closing balance or donation. However, at the last A.S.C our closing balance was \$419.62. We have a free fishing derby/speaker jam planned for June 27th, 2009 @wide waters marina. 4 speakers starting @ 11:00 with free hotdogs and hamburgers being provided. the activities committee is currently planning our annual picnic and the Niagara-Orleans area 20th anniversary celebration. Meeting attendance has been consistent and the phone line is averaging three to four calls monthly. Also, spring meeting schedules have been printed and distributed and some are available at this R.S.C ? thank you for letting me be of service.

Stephen D.

Secretary: May 16th, 2009 Hello family,

First let me start by saying thank you to this body for allowing me the opportunity to serve as acting appointed regional secretary to the RSC.

As you know I email out all the minutes for our RSC meeting and this body is responsible to print their own copy for the following RSC meeting.

I am requesting a budget of \$50.00 per term to cover printing and supply costs for needed secretarial supplies.

Today I am requesting \$6.85 reimbursement for copies made at Kinko's. I made 5 copies of the minutes and 5 copies of the buffalo area schedules for the RCM's.

In Loving Service,

Heather

Chair Report:

Good morning:

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this Saturday's RSC meeting. I have spoken with Richard P., our vice chair, and he will be running the meeting.

I have reviewed the minutes that Heather has provided from Retha D., the acting secretary at the March meeting. I would ask that there be some clarification on the dispersements made at the end of the meeting and the final treasury balance, after these dispersements were made, be an accurate number.

With regard to items that need further discussion, there are a few:

1. The issue of the activities committee request for 375.00 for an event in June was tabled.
2. The issue of the use of the region's tax exempt certificate needs be further clarified by Jean J.
3. The convention committee's revision of their guidelines needs be updated and their progress assessed.
4. Closing the nominations for the executive committee positions that are open so that we can vote on these positions at the July RSC meeting.
5. We need to vote on the only remaining nominee for the RD alt. position James Lowe.

If for some reason I need to be contacted during the meeting I will be available on my cell phone.
Good luck!

ILS
MJT

Vice chair:

To: WNYRSCNA
From: RICHARD.P
Subject: rsc v-chair

Hello family:

I will like to apologize for my absence on March 21 st, 2009.

First off I would like to thank this body for allow me the opportunity to attend the northeast zonal forum and marlcna.i received a lot off information and experience for myself & this regional. nezf we discussion how to share information & ideas with regional member, how to make the service structure more attractive to other addict. Present our first ever na zone-wide workshop on Saturday June 27 2009 at eastern new York regional, it,s free, it's online Marlcn discussion on building effective communication throughout our service structure and address these issues that we said are not working.

WNYR convention v-chair (Kenneth .s) has stand down from his position. I was notify by the chair .we both (Ralph .w & myself Richard .p) went over the hotel contract. Take Kenneth .s name off the hotel contract & the bank business or action. We well the "convention chair & regional v- chair will singe the hotel contract.

ILS
RICHARD.P

Sub Committee Reports

H&I: No report

PI: Open Position

Literature: Open Position

Activities: A Written yearly budget requested; see attached. Also asks anyone interested in speaking on the various service positions they serve in to please contact her.

Regional Activities Report for March 16, 2009

Good Afternoon,

The activities committee is planned a learning/day speaker jam and dance for June 6, 2009. It will be held on 50 Cottage Street in Lockport, NY. The learning day portion will Be from 1-9 pm and the dance to follow from 9 pm -.12 midnight.

So I am requesting a check in the amount of \$350.00 for this event expenses which I Estimated as follows:

Rental of Building \$ 50.00
Food, Coffee, Water, etc. 250.00
DJ 50.00

We are asking the registration and merchandise persons of both the Convention and Recovery in the Woods be present for people who would like to register for these Upcoming events.

We will serve food, water, coffee until we run out.

The next learning day is scheduled for September and likely to be held in Niagara Falls.

ILS,
Phyllis C.
Ad-Hoc Reports

Policy: Verbal report given

Website:

5-16-09

To: W.N.Y.R.S.C.N.A.

From: Michael B., Trusted Servant

Ad-hoc web site committee

W.N.Y.R.S.C.N.A.

Subject: 5-16-09-web site report

Hello family:

FTP access to the website has been restored. X7Hosting has bought out CI Host and they do not offer java chat. After many days of research, and work (with the help of my sister) a chat room has been created; however there seems to be an issue with the page refreshing, I have adjusted it to refresh every 10 seconds. This is the best we can do without outside help (at a cost). We are also working on the e-mail accounts and redirects (going back to "your name"@nawny.org). This might be the time to look at other hosting company's that offer the services we need however we do not have the time to research this.

In reviewing the web site usage for the month of April the most common search engine that brings people to our site is Google. The most common phrase in the search is meetings. So, it would appear to me that most visit the site to get info on a meeting. Chat is also very popular and the usage stats show this with peak usage occurring during chat times and most visitors entering the chat room.

The minuets from the last meeting have been posted. Updates have been made as they become available. If you have any information your area needs posted to the site please contact us.

In loving service,

Michael B.

Mark T.

Web site committee

Convention committee Guideline review:

May 16, 2009

Convention Guideline Review

Ad Hoc Committee

Region

The Convention Guideline change recommendations are 95% complete. I however am not able to access them at this time and I am unable to attend this month's regional meeting. If the regional body chooses I will disseminate the recommendations to the regional secretary by early next week so that committee can familiarize itself before the next regional meeting and thus expedite the process.

In Service,
Kenneth S.

Reopened Meeting @ 1:36 with MOS & SP
Convention Chair: Discussion ensued regarding multiple issues.
May 16, 2009

WESTERN NEW YORK REGIONAL CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
PO BOX 151
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207
Regional Website: www.nawny.org

To: WNYRSCNA
From: Convention Committee
Re: May Report

Unfortunately and regrettably the resignation of Ken Smith as Vice-Chair of WNYRSCNA XIV was submitted last week for personal reasons. The position is open and will be filled in the near future. The Holiday Inn Grand Island was contacted by myself and visited with Region Vice-Chair Richard Pompey this past Tuesday. I have a signed contract dated 2/18/09 and a revised contract which if agreed upon can replace the original.

FINANCIAL REPORT

March Bank Account \$2190.99
April Income \$ 119.00
April Disbursements \$ 620.00
April Balance \$1689.99
May Income \$ 363.00
May Balance to date \$2052.99
The Convention Treasurer's ledger is available today

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Dance
When: Friday June 5, 2009
Where: 3 Doat St. corner Genesee St.
Buffalo, NY
Time: 10:00PM-1:00AM
Donation: \$2.00
Early Registration for Convention & Merchandise. Food, water, soda pop @ cost

What: Roller Skating Party
When: Friday July 3, 2009
Where: 30 Amherst St. Near Main St.
Buffalo, NY

Time: 11:00PM-2:00AM

Donation: \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 @ door. Skate rental \$2.00

Early Registration for Convention & Merchandise

What: Taste of NA Cook-Out

When: Saturday August 1, 2009

Where: Oppenheim Park

Wheatfield, NY

Time: 12:00Noon-7:00PM

Early Registration for Convention & Merchandise

What: Roller Skating Party

When: Friday August 7, 2009

Where: 30 Amherst St. Near Main St.

Buffalo, NY

Time: 11:00PM-2:00AM

Donation: \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 @ door. Skate rental \$2.00

Early Registration for Convention & Merchandise

What: Roller Skating Party (Adults Only-18 and Above)

When: Friday September 4, 2009

Where: 30 Amherst St. Near Main St.

Buffalo, NY

Time: 11:00PM-2:00AM

Donation: \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 @ door. Skate rental \$2.00

Early Registration for Convention & Merchandise

CONTACT: Phyllis C. (716) 893-2270

-Arts & Graphics has winner for Logo contest. Winner receiving a general registration to Convention

-Registration has completed mass mailing of last year's Convention attendee's and mailed confirmation letters

-Merchandise is continuing to research items for Registration Packets and event merchandise. Still reviewing bids from vendors for Photography, Jewelry, etc.

-Programming reports making gains with search for speakers and is working to have main speakers' names for Region at the July Meeting.

-Hospitality still working on proposal for ideas for attendees' accommodations and will research bus schedules for Shuttle Service from Grand Island Bus Stop to Convention Site.

The Convention Committee thanks the Area's and Home groups which have so graciously extended us invitations to set up Registration and Merchandise Tables at their events.

There is a matter left from Convention 2008. Kimmins Coffee still is owed for the order

provided for our Hospitality, our research concluded the bill was never was satisfied. Initially our account due was \$385.76; late fees accruing has brought the balance to \$403.21. I am requesting

Region for disbursement to satisfy this due bill I am submitting.

In service,

Ralph W.
WNYRCNA XIV Chairperson

Old Business:

· Written budget from activities' committee \$750.00 votes taken 9yay 1nay 3abstain, request carried.

· Tax exempt id # issues tabled until next RSC

· RDA vote Jim Lowe placed in position

New Business/Resource Assignments:

1. RD to research website hosts.

2. Convention chair requests check for coffee supplier. Issue tabled until financial records turned in.

3. Vice Chair directed Convention chair to bring all 2008 convention financial records to next RSC including all past written checks.

4. Convention chair directed to meet with all RCM's to plan events in their areas.

5. Nominations for open RSC positions closed.

6. RCM's to take nomination votes back to their areas and bring back a group conscious

Closing Treasury Balance:

\$5000.00 opening balance

\$287.00 income

\$1198.00 checks written

\$4088.15 closing balance

Meeting Closed @ 5 ish with we version of 3rd step prayer.

In Loving Service,

Heather F.