



Greater Albuquerque Area Service Committee of
Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes

March 9, 2013

Grace Church

6901 San Antonio NE

Albuquerque, NM 87122

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Opening

Mark (Chair) called to order at: 10:00 am

~30 Addicts Present

NA Traditions read by: Brain T (Vice-Chair)

18 GSR's Present

NA Concepts read by: Alex H (Secretary)

New (Alt) GSR's

- Nick H. (STW)

Roll Call

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Name
	X	X	X										Chair (Mark G)
	X	X	X										Vice-Chair (Brian T)
	A	X	X										Secretary (Alex H)
	X	X	X										Treasurer (Michael L)
	V	V	X										Assistant Treasurer (open)
	X	X	X										Historian (Laura B)
	X	X	X										RCM-1 (Chris G)
	X	X	A										RCM-2 (Richard M)
	X	X	X										Literature (Jeff P)
	X	X	X										Activities (Derrick (temp))
	X	X	X										Communications (Amber D)
	A	X	A										Phonelines (Paul S)
	V	X	A										Hospitals & Institutions (Rand G)
	X	X	X										Outreach (Kurt M)
	X	X	X										Public Relations (Ron H)
1.	X	X	A										A life of its Own (ALOIO) (Stu F.)
2.	A	A	A										Addict Like Me (ALM) (I)
3.	X	X	X										Addicts Only (AO) (Ricardi M)
4.	A	A	A										Basic Group (BA) (Jason C)
5.	X	X	X										Breakfast Club (BC) (Alexis)
6.	A	A	A										Combined Gallup Groups (GG) (Laura V)
7.	A	X	A										Coming Home to Unity (CHU) (Henrietta C)
8.	A	X	A										Desire to Stop (DTS) (Gabe S)
9.	X	X	X										Experience, Strength, and Hope (ESH) (Seth S)
10.	X	X	X										Happy, Joyous, and Free (HJF) (Joey A)
11.	X	X	A										Journey of Recovery (JOR) (Wayne)

Administrative and Subcommittee Reports

Chair: Point of clarification – This meeting starts at 10.
How many groups present did the inventory? 12

I met as a servant on the Ad-Hoc committee set up to discuss the most recent Area Inventory. The data was somewhat skewed by two things: first, our committee didn't have all of the submitted inventories until just recently and second, it seems that not very many groups actually participated in the inventory. I am going to let Amber speak for the Ad-Hoc committee when it is her turn to share.

Thanks for letting me be of service,
Mark Gould
markaarongould@gmail.com
505-270-4441

Vice Chair: I attended the Hospitals and Institutions meeting. Rand is doing a great job as Chair of Hospitals and Institutions. I was not able to attend any other Subcommittee meetings. I was in contact with the chairs of Communications, Phonelines, Outreach and Literature at some point during the month and I am pleased to announce no problems or issues to address.

The Hospitals and Institutions committee suggested a Learning Day and I offered to contact the other subcommittee chairs and see if their subcommittees would be interested in participating in a learning day. Phonelines and Communications are the only two that were interested.

For the subcommittee chairs that need help with the free conference calls and recording the calls please get with me on break or after area and I will go over it with you.

I reached out to the new GSR's from last month acknowledging them and offering to help in any way possible. I will be having a new GSR meeting after this area, if you are a new GSR this month or last month please attend.

I reached out to several groups who have not attended area in the last few months. I asked if area could do anything to support them better and to help them make the meeting. A few said they would try to attend this one, while it is just not a possibility for others.

Thank you for your continued confidence in me and for allowing me to serve you!

ILS
Brian T
GAASC Vice-Chair
briankt80@gmail.com
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Secretary: No report

Historian: No report

RCM 1: Go to the Convention
Nothing new to report since the last area.

Please consider these workshop topics:

- 1) Traditions Literature Project
- 2) CBDM
- 3) The Planning Process
- 4) Collaboration

Region will meet on Sunday March 17th in El Paso after the Breakfast and Speaker meeting.

Thanks
Chris

RCM 2: No report

Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer:	The January end balance is established after reconciling 13 consecutive months of activity in the account. Please see the attached GAASC Register.xlsx for clarification. I can also answer any questions in person or email. MW 02/07/13	<u>January 2013</u>	<u>February 2013</u>
	<u>Start Balance</u>	\$1,103.27	-\$531.18
	<u>End Balance</u>	-\$531.18	\$566.33
	<u>NAWS Donation</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<u>Rio Grande Region Donation</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<u>Prudent Reserve</u>	\$1,395.30	\$1,395.30

Activities: Activities Sub-Committee Meeting
March 2, 2013
12 pm, Annapurna

Agenda:

NA Campout

Setting schedule of events for remainder of year

1. **Attendees:** Derek, Melanie, Christine, Dan, Basil, Stacy, Elizabeth, Kate, Jenn
2. Open with Serenity Prayer
3. New Meeting Location - We will continue at Annapurna's next month, April 6 at noon

NA Campout

Confirmed dates are May 17-19 (Fri – Sun)

- Melanie has confirmed with Wes (campout location contact) for eligibility
- Melanie will check with rafting company for rates, eligibility, etc.
- Melanie will adjust last year's flyer with updated information and send to Jeff & Derek for approval
- Jeff will need to coordinate with the Santa Fe Activities Chair, Billy, to coordinate efforts
- Once flyer has been approved, email it to the Committee members for

- immediate distribution and promotion throughout the Albuquerque Area
 - Committee members need to announce Campout dates, rafting info, Saturday meal tickets, potluck, etc.
- Albuquerque Area Activities Committee will provide dinner, speaker, bonfire, etc for Friday night meeting
- Santa Fe Area Activities Committee will provide dinner, speaker, bonfire, etc for Saturday night meeting
- Albuquerque Area Activities Committee will coordinate the Sunday morning speaker
- Campsites are first come – first serve
 - We will need to have a couple people go to campsite a day prior to “tag” campsites for NA Campout
- It was suggested we set-up a Donation Can during the Campout to help raise funds
- It was suggested we provide a Saturday lunch & speaker meeting and charge for the meal.
 - Suggested price was \$5 and the Committee will sell tickets in advance to help plan for how much food to buy
- Committee members should bring speaker suggestions to the April meeting so we can establish the speaker schedule
- Committee members should bring ideas for a Survivor themed event to take place during Saturday (scavenger hunt?)

Setting schedule of events for remainder of year

March

- No formal activity due to RGRCA

April

- No formal activity however we will be supporting the Bosque Area’s Matanza on April 20th
- Derek will contact the Bosque Area’s Activity Chair, Steve, on Sunday (3.3.13) to see how the Albuquerque Area can be of service & support

May

- PILAR CAMPOUT May 17-19th (Fri-Sunday)
- Memorial Day Picnic (Monday, May 27, 2013)
 - Picnic will be at Montgomery Park (near Comanche & San Mateo)
 - Jeff needs to contact “Port-A-Potty” company
 - Activities Committee provides hamburgers, hot dogs
 - Activities Committee sells drinks & sets-up a Donation Can
 - Side dishes will be pot luck
 - Desserts will be sold as a bake sale
 - Volleyball Tournament (?)

June

- Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Night

July

- 4th of July Picnic
 - Bake Sale (?)
- Softball Concessions
- Kickball Tournament

August

- Rollerskating
- Field Day
 - Bake Sale (?)
- NA World Convention

September

- Labor Day Picnic
 - Bake Sale (?)

October

- Fall Crawl
- Halloween Dance

November

- Turk-A-Thon

December

- Christmas Marathon Meetings

January

- New Year's Event

Closed with 3er d step prayer

Financial Report for Month of February 2013

Valentines Day Event 2-15-13

Raffle tickets Sold

Ticket numbers 293975-294079 = \$104.00

Soda and water Sold @\$1 each = \$ 35.00

Donations = \$ 10.00

Expenses to be reimbursed: \$66.75

Breakdown

Ice: \$6.87

Decorations \$16.00

Coffee: \$ 8.98

Mt Dew - 36 count: \$8.98

Pepsi -36 count: \$8.98

Diet Pepsi -36 count: \$8.98

Water - \$3.98

Water - \$3.98

Expenses to be reimbursed to Derek \$41.77

Expenses to be reimbursed to Jenn W. \$24.98

Church Donation \$20.00

Final Breakdown:

Monies brought in: \$149.00

Expenses: \$66.75

Church donation \$20

Total given to Area \$62.25

H&I: Present: Rand,Terry,Shannon,Thomas,Brian,Fermin,Joe,Kristy,Ed,Chris,Patrick,Valerie

6p.m. opening prayer

All gave update on their facilities.

- Patrick will be going to MATS, every other Thurs.
- Shannon and Ron, will be going to the VA, to discuss bringing a meeting there. They will keep the comm. updated on this.
- Rand will look into the possibility of H&I manning a info. table at the convention.
- A discussion ensued as to if H&I should get together with other area sub-committees to participate in an area service learning day.
- Brian stated he would check with other committees to see if they want to participate.
- It was agreed that a service learning day could help with getting other members to join H&I, and that May or June may be the best time to do this.
- We need to look into artwork for our t-shirts, members of the comm. were asked to bring their ideas for this to the next meeting.

6:50p.m.,closing prayer, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting 3/11/13,6p.m. Frontier Restaurant.

I.L.S.,

Terry

H&I Calendar attached to email.

Outreach: Over the last month we attended **Desire To Stop, What Can I Do?**, and **The Basic Group**. All were well attended. We delivered the February Area minutes to each chair. At this point there are only 4 inactive groups down from 7 last fall. These groups are inactive because there are no home group members able to attend Area. Outreach is attempting to get Area minutes to those groups each month.

We met Saturday March 2nd @ the Frontier. We aim to attend all meetings that don't currently have a GSR, along with those meetings that have requested support. If you know of a meeting that needs support, let me know, so I can get it on the schedule next month or two.

We created a flyer for our March schedule. This will be handed out at Area and distributed electronically.

March Events

Tuesday, March 12th - 6:30 AM - **Wake-Up Call**
Frontier Restaurant

Wednesday March 20th - 6:30 PM - **Addict Like Me**
Endorphin Power Co.
509 Cardenas Dr SE

I am still seeking new committee members.

In Service,
Kurt M

Phonelines:	Phonelines Subcommittee - GAASC Narcotics Anonymous Numbers Report-
	Addicts serving as Phone Line volunteers- 33 Males (15) Females (18)
	01/01/13 to 01/28/13
	Calls Received - 61
	Messages Received - 19
	01/29/13 to 02/25/13
	Calls Received - 90
	Messages Received - 22

Regional Phonelines Update-

The transition has gone very smoothly with no reported complaints and a great deal of positive feedback. Thanks again to all involved in making this resource a reality.

Regional Phonelines Coordinator-

Please announce at your groups that there is a new position being created at the RSC level.

The suggested clean time will be two years. All interested parties will need to present themselves before the RSC at their next meeting immediately after the convention in El Paso.

GAASC Phonelines Chairperson Service Position-

Please begin announcing in your groups that the privilege and opportunity to serve as Phonelines Subcommittee Chairperson for the GAASC will present itself in May. I have had a few queries regarding this position and am willing to begin work on training new candidates. Please contact me or further details. Thank you for allowing me to serve.....

In Service,
Paul S.
GAASC Phonelines Subcommittee
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Public Ron will send

Relations:

Literature: have orders available groups

Comm.: Communications is going well. I am still the subcommittee chair, so please get in touch with me if there are events or changes to the schedule.
 ILS,
 Amber

Call for motions / Break: 10:25 **Return from Break at:** 10:45
GSRs Present: 17

Group Reports

A life of its Own	no report
Addict Like Me	no report
Addicts Only	We have no concerns brought to my attention at the home group meeting that needs to be brought to Area
Basic Group	no report
Breakfast Club	Group is well attended. 1-3 Newcomers present at every meeting. Our group will be getting together with a Santa Fe group (boys night out) to sponsor a time slot for the hospitality suite for the convention. Breakfast club Alexis G GSR 463-7267
Coming Home to Unity	no report
Desire to Stop	no report
Experience, Strength, and Hope	no report
Gallup Groups	no report
Happy, Joyous, and Free	We have been doing what we have to do all seems good. We know that the next few months seem to go up and down for us as our past has proven. We will be prepared and will continue to do what we do... Carry the message to the one who still suffers and reach out to the newcomer.
It's Never Too Late	no report
Journey of Recovery	no report
Just for Thursday	no report
La Cura	no report
Let it Go	no report
Living Clean the Journey Continues	no report
More Will Be Revealed	no report

Never Alone	no report
Options	no report
Shelter From the Storm	no report
Sunday Nite Live	Meetings are doing well. Would like to remind all addicts that we at SNL celebrate clean time on the last Sunday of each month. We serve cake 😊 . Please come join us.
Surrender to Win	no report
The Blue Room	no report
The Young And the Dopeless	no report
TLC Beginners	no report
Together We Can	no report
Wake up Call	no report
We Never Had it so Good	no report
What Can I Do	no report
Why Be High	Why B High group of NA continues to meet every Weds at p.m., in Bernalillo. We cont. to be well attended and all is well I.L.S. Terry GSR
Women Rise & Recover	



Elections

None this month

Nominee:	Position:
Clean Date:	Nominate By: Second By:
Do you have a Home Group:	
Do you have working knowledge of the NA 12 steps, traditions, and concepts:	
Have you been removed from office at the GAASC in the last six months:	
Are you currently a GSR or do you currently hold another GAASC position:	
Have you ever been removed from a position:	
ELECTED	

Upcoming Elections

May

-  Phonelines
-  Literature

Guideline Requirements

See GAASC Area Guidelines

Old Business

None this month

Motion # 1

Made by:	Second by:	
Motion:		
Intent:		
Discussion:		
Carried For:	Against:	Abstaining:

New Business

Motion # 1

Made by:	Amber G	Second by:	Nick H
Motion:	Inventory Ad Hoc to create a new inventory for this Area.		
Intent:	To get more accurate data on group concerns		
Discussion:	We received 12 surveys. Lack of return may have been due to poor communication, or perceived inadequacy of the survey.		

The highest score was 3.5 on "How positively is a sense of unity shown within local groups?"

Lowest score was on 2.0 on "How well has the area fostered the willingness of the local fellowship to volunteer for service positions?"

Groups most frequently abstained from:

"How well is a sense of unity fostered within the area service body?"

"What is the area's experience with trusted servants?"

"How fully trained and supported are trusted servants interacting with the community?"
and

"How well does the area respond to requests from the region and from NA World Services? How fully does the area share its needs and concerns with the region and NA World Services?"

Discussion about the inventory/survey: What about creating a new survey/inventory? Are the groups really willing to participate? What we've done was at the group level asking how Area may improve. Shannon suggests that we do an inventory regularly. What about creating a survey/inventory for the members? What about PR creating a document gathering data so that we can create a better

survey/inventory for the groups/members? (No opposition) Shannon: Even though no one here today opposes this, some members will certainly be uncomfortable. I would suggest that we make a motion to do this, and send it back to the groups to keep everything transparent.

Why are we doing this – clarification: The last inventory we had was poorly received. We would like to get a better understanding of what our groups are thinking. Let Amber know if there are any questions that your group would like included.

Carried || For: 17 Against: Abstaining:

Motion # 2

Made by: John B. Second by: Terry R.

Request information on the role, qualifications, and accountability of the Assistant Treasurer.

Reason: if the Assistant Treasurer has access to financial data, records, and may, in the absence of the Treasurer, assume the duties of the Treasurer (to include signing checks) what are their qualifications? This is a fiduciary position. If so, should this position

Motion: Intent:

Discussion: There is an assumption that the Assistant Treasurer has some qualifications, however, the guidelines are not clear.

Guidelines for Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer (From GAASC Guidelines):

1. **Treasurer:** The GAASC Treasurer (and Assistant Treasurer) receives contributions from the groups, administers the GGASC checking account, pays GAASC bills, reimburse officers/subcommittees for their budgeted expenses, and keeps careful records of all transactions and reports on the financial condition of the area committee at each of its meetings.
 - a. Responsible for **promptly** depositing all funds, paying all bills and keeping accurate records.
 - b. Makes a report of all contributions and expenditures at each regular GAASC meeting as well as an annual report at the end of the calendar year.
 - c. Cosigner of the GAASC bank account.
 - d. Regularly checks the GAASC P.O. Box.
 - e. The Treasurer’s records shall be reviewed quarterly by the other cosigners of the GAASC bank account.
 - f. A minimum of five years continuous abstinence from all drugs is suggested.

Laura will bring some language next month to put before the body to clarify the qualifications and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer, in a similar fashion as the RCM I and RCM II.

No vote needed

Carried || For: Against: Abstaining:

Motion # 3

Made by:	Brian T	Second by:	Noah
Motion:	To ask region webmaster to add an announcement page to Albuquerque's page on the website		
Intent:	Better communication		
Discussion:	Chris G. will bring to Region		
Carried For:	Against:	Abstaining:	

Good of the Fellowship

Shannon: Survey about NA's relationship with the healthcare and veteran's communities. Let me know if your group would like to participate.

Chris G: I would like to put workshops on the agenda for next meeting. I will bring the workshop topic list for next month.

Kurt M: Thanks for getting done quickly.

Ron: The committee for Western Service Learning Day asked if we would like to host that event in 2015. Shelly: Isn't this a regional thing. Chris G: Feasibility Report? Shannon: Questions about contracts, etc.

Group Announcements

- Ⓝ **La Cura** – Speaker meeting the last Thursday of the month with refreshments. Coffee now served at every meeting.
- Ⓝ **Experience Strength and Hope has moved to a new location** – Netherwood Church, Corner of San Mateo and Indian School.
- Ⓝ **Never Alone will not be meeting on March 30th.**

Area Announcements

- Ⓝ Upcoming service positions:
 - a. May: Phonedlines, Literature
- Ⓝ Email Amber about any ideas for an Area newsletter.
- Ⓝ **Outreach**: See flyer

Subcommittees

- Ⓝ Hospitals & Institutions meets the Monday after Area at 6:00 pm at Frontier Restaurant 2400 Central Ave. SE
- Ⓝ Public Relations meets at Annapurna Restaurant, corner of Silver and Yale, 1:30, 4th Saturday of the month.
- Ⓝ Literature meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 10 am at Starbucks 8100 Wyoming Blvd. NE
- Ⓝ Activities meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 12 pm Annapurna Restaurant, corner of Silver and Yale
- Ⓝ Outreach meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 10 am at Frontier Restaurant 2400 Central Ave SE
- Ⓝ Phonelines contact phonelines chair for meeting place and time.
- Ⓝ Contact Communications Chair for information.

Meeting Adjourned ~ 11:40 p.m.
Next GAASC meeting is April 13, 2013 at 10 am @
Grace Church 6901 San Antonio NE,
Albuquerque, NM 87122