



**Greater Albuquerque Area Service Committee of
Narcotics Anonymous**

Minutes

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Grace Church

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12.	X	X	A	X	X	X						Jemez Mountain Serenity (JMS) (Michele R)
13.	A	X	A	X	X	A						Journey of Recovery (JOR) (Wayne)
14.	X	X	A	X	X	X						Just for Thursday (JFT) (Noreen E)
15.	X	A	A	A	A	X						La Cura (LC) (Christine G)
16.	X	A	A	X	X	X						Let It Go (LIG) (Jess B)
17.	X	X	X	X	X	X						Living Clean the Journey Continues (Sam S)
18.	X	X	X	X	A	X						More Will be Revealed (MWBR) (Jeff G)
19.	X	X	X	X	X	X						Never Alone (NAL) (Natalie R)
20.	A	X	X	X	X	X						Options (OPT) (Robert H)
21.	A	A	X	A	A	A						Rainbow of Recovery (ROR) (Joseph S)
22.	A	A	X	A	A	A						Shelter From the Storm (SFTS) (Lilly D)
23.	X	X	X	X	X	A						Sunday Nite Live (SNL) (Jack B)
24.	A	X	A	A	A	A						Surrender to Win (STW) (Kurt M)
25.	X	X	X	A	X	A						The Blue Room (TBR) (James G)
26.	X	A	X	X	A	A						The Young And the Dopeless (TYATD) (Brae V)
27.	A	X	A	X	X	X						TLC Beginners (TLC) (Greg I)
28.	A	A	A	A	A	A						Wake up Call (WUC) (Mike R)
29.	X	X	X	X	X	X						We Never Had it so Good (WNHISG) (Bob G)
30.	A	A	A	A	A	A						What Can I Do (WCID) (LouAnn P)
31.	X	X	X	X	A	A						Why Be High (WBH) (Vanessa)
32.	A	X	X	X	X	A						Women Rise & Recover (WRR) (Danielle W)

Voting Requirements:

31 Groups

25 Active Groups

13 Quorum (over ½ of Active Groups) to conduct business

17 for over 2/3 vote

6 Inactive Groups

Minutes Approval

May Minutes approved.

Administrative and Subcommittee Reports

Chair: No written report

Vice Chair: No written report

Secretary: My term ends in two months. We have a bunch of empty service positions. Please announce at your groups that we need people to fill these positions. Two year clean time suggestion.

Activities: The Memorial day picnic. Well it wasn't as good of a turn out like we had hoped for we are bringing back to area \$263.00. The next 2 events are going to be a picnic on July 4th a Friday and we are planning a camp out for July 11, 12, and 13 this is the week end following the 4th. Camp out will be at Fenton lake in the Jemez mountains. Arrangements are being made to reserve the camp site. There are still a few questions that need to be discussed at area. As far as the picnic it will be a pot luck and activities will be selling sodas & water only a speaker at 2pm it will be from 10am to dusk at Roosevelt park where fireworks can be seen at this time we are asking for the activities budget of \$300.00 dollars. Any questions or info will be answered at area thank you for letting us be of service.

Comm: Going well w/everything. All changes need to be in by the last Monday of each month to be printed. My name/email/phone will be put back under announcements, on the website.

H&I: H&I is growing. We now have 5 people cleared to go into level 1 at the prison, and we are now going every other Wednesday.

We now have 2 women cleared out of 6 to go into MDC and they will be going twice a month until we get the 4 ladies cleared. Chief Rustin, Chaplin Marie and Susan Wise the Volunteer assistant have all left. So I have made contact with the Deputy chief Virginia who will follow up on the other submitted applications.

We are carrying the message of Hope to 10 different institutions multiple times each month! We are carrying the message to Desert Hills, Sequoia, Matts, Turquoise Lodge and SAC, the Men's Recovery in Los Luna's and Los Luna's Level 1 correction facilities, MDC and the Good Shepard each week.

We NEED HELP TO COVER YDC - Dennis is leaving so if you are interested in taking a meeting into that facility get a hold of me.

Last month I reported we had several requests to start new meetings at the Sandoval detention center and at the VA by Richie and Vinnie. They both have agreed to be the facility coordinators if we can work out the specifics. With that said, Shannon and I meet with the facility director for the VA drug program and discussed the possibility to speak at some of the therapeutic meeting and work toward actually having a NA meeting there once a week. Our presentation went great and now we need to see how many people will commit to take a meeting into the VA. Once we know that number we can finalize our commitment.

I also meet with the director of the Valencia county jail. He is also excited about having us come in. On either a Monday or Wednesday 6:30-8pm. We need people who have at least one year clean and 6 months from any misdemeanor and 2 years from any felony, to commit to taking a meeting into Valencia count jail. Once I get that count I will finalize our plans there. The director also asked if we could stock a NA rack at the Sandoval County Court in the lobby.

All facility coordinators and panel leaders need to show up at our monthly H & I meeting. For now it is at the Frontier. The Monday following area @ 6pm-7pm. This is when we can find a good fit for our new members and address any issue that has

surfaced. As well as distribute the H&I Lit...If we need to change the day and time let's talk about it.

H&I can grow if our fellowship will to step up. If you are interested in helping to take a meeting into one of those facility come to our monthly meeting which is this Monday at the Frontier at 6-7pm

The H&I program at the convention was amazing. All good stuff- get your spondees involved.

Until we get a new chair up to speed I am continuing. Come join us - and become a H&I warrior.

All the best,
Rand G.

Historian:	No written report
Literature:	No written report
Outreach:	Hi all! Meeting attendance has been great, we are supporting about 4-5 different meetings each month. I don't have a list of this upcoming months meetings but will send it in ASAP. We have 3 regulars on the Outreach Subcommittee. We are planning a Gallup weekend in mid-August the 22-24th so that we can attend the fri, sat and sun meetings. Perhaps if anyone has contacts in Gallup fellowship we can make a mini event of it. :-)
Phonelines:	No written report
Public Relations:	I am unable to attend area today due to work, but will be able to come afterwards to facilitate our sixth tradition workshop. PR has the following to report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● ESH Recovery Home Meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The meeting continues on, although Tucson has expressed some misgivings about the organization itself, namely that the house managers (owners) often seem absent and the clients left to their own devices. So far this hasn't impeded the meeting, so we will continue on.● Traditions Workshops<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Our fifth tradition workshop was facilitated last month by Danielle and went well. Please join us today after this meeting for our sixth tradition workshop.● PR Presentation at the Convention:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ PR hosted a workshop at the convention. We took an interactive approach that went well and sparked a great conversation about what PR does and is all about. We hope to continue this type of facilitation where we can learn from each other and discuss issues important to NA public relations. Thanks to those who attended!● NM Highlands University School of Social Work<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Christopher presented on behalf of ABQ NA at a conference hosted by the school. He presented after an AA group on the differences between our two programs (for the benefit of professionals referring clients), the importance of professionals in referring clients to NA, and our history as a fellowship. He then hosted a Q&A session. He loosely followed the presentation outlined in the PR

Handbook. The crowd was composed of 25-30 professionals and/or social work students. As many of them had some familiarity with 12 step recovery, there was a bit of “preaching to the choir” going on, but the overall presentation was successful.

**ILS,
Christopher G.**

RCM 1: No written report

RCM 2: Louann is the new treasurer for Region. Waiting on official total for Convention, however the soft total is \$30,000 – we still need to pay hotel and a few other expenses, Let groups know that we did well.
 Q: Why were baskets being passed in addition to badge cost requirements?
 A: Region was/is in financial crisis (taxes need to be paid)
 All areas are doing well.
 Secretary position is available at Region.
 Regional delegates prioritized issues of concern. Everyone agreed that (in order) Region needs to focus on the following: Communication, Problem-solving, Finances. Please let Tucson know if you are interested in participating in the planning committee.
 Next Regional meeting: July 19, El Paso Region
 RCM1 : We are receiving pro bono accounting services at Region. It says “somewhere” that we can do this.
 Christine: Should we look into this and maybe pay “something?”
 Jimmy: Ask Shannon about this. And I would like to suggest that we have some kind of financial oversight at Region.
 Rand: 546 convention attendees: 100 fee, 100 partial pay, 340 full pay. After everything paid, we made about \$21,000.
 Natalie: Commend Regional Treasurer, Laura and Rand. Transition from Bill to Louann will be as carefully as possible.

**Treasurer &
Assistant
Treasurer:**

	April 2014	May 2014	June 2014
Start Balance	\$1,548.62	\$2,089.64	
Monthly End Balance	\$2,089.64	\$2,050.98	
Quarterly End Balance	Not calculated until end of Q2	Not calculated until end of Q2	
Monthly NAWS Donation	\$19.76	\$19.64	
Monthly Rio Grande Region Donation	\$39.52	\$39.29	
Quarterly NAWS Donation	Not calculated until end of Q2	Not calculated until end of Q2	
Quarterly Rio Grande Region Donation	Not calculated until end of Q2	Not calculated until end of Q2	
Calculated Prudent Reserve	\$1,753.76	\$1,717.06	
Prudent Reserve Deficit or Surplus	\$335.88	\$333.92	

Ad-Hoc report on theft of funds is attached. Vanya suggested that we change wording to “Have you ever misappropriated funds since you have been clean.” Groups should discuss Report with their groups and bring comments back next month. Report is attached.

Group Reports

A life of Its Own We have had a steady trend over the past 2-3 years where our donations are starting to match our attendance. Our treasurer put it all on a chart and it was pretty cool. We also noticed where attendance falls off a bit in the late fall and winter but picks back up early spring through to early fall again. We added a new home group member a few months ago and she was voted in as our secretary this past week. We now have a secretary, a treasurer, and a GSR. It's been a while since we have had all 3 spots filled! Our meeting is going very nicely, we have a strong message of recovery every week, and the last sunday of the month is always our potluck breakfast and speaker meeting. Hope to see you there!
Loving Life,
Derek

Addict Like Me	No written report
Addicts Only	We are doing well and are gaining new home group members. We donated \$125 to area and are discussing a get together function. More to be revealed. ILS, Jimmy
Basic Group	No written report
Blue Room	No real report; group is doing well.
Breakfast Club	All is well
Coming Home to Unity	No written report
Desire to Stop	No written report
Enlighten Up	Attendance is okay, average 8 people. Area donation \$5.
Experience, Strength, and Hope	No written report
Gallup Groups	We meet on: Sunday @ 6:30 p.m. – Fifth Tradition Group @ Sacred Heart, 555 S. Woodrow Dr., Gallup 87301; Monday @ 6:30 p.m. – Easy Does It Group – Trinity Lutheran Church, 1100 E Mesa St. (at Burke), Gallup 87301.
Happy, Joyous, and Free	We are moving our Saturday evening meeting to the Rust Medical Center 2400 Unser Blvd (6-7 p.m.). We are hoping to pull our New Members and to kind of get away from “The Mesa Club.” We have high hopes to spread the word and to spread out and attract the addict who still suffers.
Jemez Mountain Serenity	No written report
Journey of Recovery	No written report
Just for Thursday	No written report
La Cura	Our GSR is finished with service on Convention Committee and will be back regularly @ GAASCNA. Meeting going well.

Let it Go	More attendance is great. Quite a few newcomers on the female side. Cedar is no longer the only female home group member. Also, we'd love to have some more ladies with some time to help guide the newcomers we've been getting.
Living Clean the Journey Continues	All is well at Living Clean. Attendance is picking back up. We will now be providing coffee at our meeting. New GSR, Jason W., will be representing LC next month.
More Will Be Revealed	Starting a new book study meeting on Friday nights, at 6:30 in addition to the Sunday morning meeting.
Never Alone	No written report
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Rainbow of Recovery	No written report
Shelter From the Storm	No written report
Sunday Nite Live	No written report
Surrender to Win	No written report
TLC Beginners	doing well
Together We Can	No written report
Wake up Call	No written report
We Never Had it so Good	No written report
What Can I Do	No written report
Why Be High	No written report
Women Rise & Recover	No written report
Young And the Dopeless	No written report

Break: 11:40 Return from Break at: 11:55
Call for motions: 11:40 GSRs Present: 13

Elections

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:	
For:	Against: Abstaining:

Upcoming Elections

Current openings: Vice Treasurer (5 years), H&I (2 years)

August

- Secretary, Historian, Outreach

September

- Public Relations Chair, RCM2 (current RCM2 moves into the RCM1 position)

December

- Area Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer

January

- Activities, H&I, Communications

May

- Phonedlines, Literature

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion # 1

Made by: **Tucson**

Second by: **Rescinded**

Motion: Look into a credit card for our area which treasurer would keep and use according to direction from group

Intent: To avoid complications w/ reservations and other services needed

Discussion: Requires change to guidelines

For:

Against:

Abstaining:

Group Announcements

- Ⓜ **A Life of Its Own** – Last Sunday of the Month is breakfast potluck and speaker meeting.
- Ⓜ **Addicts Only** – Birthday Meeting night last Friday of every month, bring your sponsor, we have Medallions
- Ⓜ **Basic Group** – We could use support, 8 O'clock on Tuesdays, West side.
- Ⓜ **Coming Home to Unity** – Needs support from people who have over a year and are willing to be sponsors.

- Ⓝ **Happy Joyous and Free** – Saturday evening meeting to the Rust Medical Center 2400 Unser Blvd (6-7 p.m.)
- Ⓝ **Journey of Recovery** – Needs support from people who have over a year and are willing to be sponsors.
- Ⓝ **More Will Be Revealed** – Starting a new book study meeting on Friday nights, at 6:30 in addition to the Sunday morning meeting.
- Ⓝ **Never Alone** – Need support, especially for Wednesday meeting.
- Ⓝ **Options** – need home group members, lots of newcomers, doing well

Area Announcements

- Ⓝ Groups to discuss Ad Hoc Committee’s suggestions. Next Area bring back decisions/suggestions.
- Ⓝ Area Positions Open/Upcoming Elections:
See upcoming positions for August. GAASC needs people to step up.
 - a. Vice Treasurer – Suggested Clean Time – 4 years
 - b. H&I – Suggested Clean Time – 2 years**
 - c. Historian – (early need) Suggested Clean Time – 2 years**
- Ⓝ Region Positions Open: Alternate Delegate, Vice Chair and Secretary
- Ⓝ 12 Traditions Literature Project workshops after area meeting in this building.

Good of the Fellowship

Vanya: Newcomer orientation after this meeting

Rebeca: Get schedule changes and announcements to me as soon as possible.

Sam: With all the money stuff, now is a good time to get re-familiarized with the guidelines that we have. I dig being here. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Joe: HJ&F had some comments about our NA meeting being held in an AA facility. We are going to work on moving some of our meetings to other locations.

Robert: Thankful that we are here to help us do what we do.

Basil: Thank you for all the input. I got the answers I needed. If anyone has any suggestions or comments that could help me, please get in touch with me. July 4th will be at the South, Upper end of Roosevelt Park.

Jimmy: Special thanks to everyone that served on convention, you did a great job. We may not all agree, but if we don't take it personal we can get some stuff done.

Michelle: Ditto Jimmy

Natalie: Never Alone (especially Wednesday) needs support.

Bernie: We need Theresa to keep coming back to Area.

Rand: Men and Women are invited to H&I.

Erica: Glad to be here, hoping to breathe some new life into Gallup.

Subcommittees

- Ⓜ Hospitals & Institutions meets the Monday after Area at 6:00 pm at Frontier Restaurant 2400 Central Ave. SE
- Ⓜ Public Relations meets the 4th Saturday of every month at 1:30 pm at Olympia Café
- Ⓜ 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 Frontier Restaurant, corner of Silver and Yale
- Ⓜ Outreach meets the last Wednesday of the month at 5 pm 5:30pm at Sahara Middle Eastern Eatery 2622 Central Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

Guideline Requirements

See GAASC Area Guidelines

http://riograndena.org/areas/Albuquerque/GAASC_Guidelines_2013.pdf

***Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
Next GAASC meeting is July 12, 2013 at 10 a.m.
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