



Greater Albuquerque Area Service Committee of
Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes

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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 ~ 18 GSR's Present

Service Prayer from Basic Text: Sam S.

Serenity Prayer: All

NA Traditions read by: Jack B.

NA Concepts read by: Laura B.

New (Alt) GSR's

- Martha (WRR, filling in for Gigi)

Roll Call

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Name
	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X			Chair (Mark G)
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X			Vice-Chair (Brian T)
	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Secretary (Alex H)
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Treasurer (Michael L)
	V	V	X	V	X	V	V	V	V	V			Assistant Treasurer (vacant)
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X			Historian (Laura B)
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			RCM-1 (Richie M)
	X	X	A	X	X	A	X	X	X	X			RCM-2 (Tucson)
	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	A	X			Literature (Shelly M)
	X	X	X	X	X	V	V	X	X	X			Activities (Basil)
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Communications (Amber D)
	A	X	A	A	X	X	X	X	X	X			Phonelines (Terry R)
	V	X	A	X	X	L	X	X	V	X			Hospitals & Institutions (Rand G)
	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	A	V	V			Outreach ()
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Public Relations (Christopher)
1.	X	X	A	X	A	X	X	X	X	X			A life of its Own (ALOIO) (Derrick)
2.	A	A	A	A	A	A	X	X	X	A			Addict Like Me (ALM) (Mindy)
3.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Addicts Only (AO) (Ricardi M)
4.	A	A	A	X	X	A	X	A	A	A			Basic Group (BA) (Marco C)
5.	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X			Breakfast Club (BC) (Alexis)
6.	A	A	A	X	A	A	A	A	A	A			Combined Gallup Groups (GG) (Laura V)
7.	A	X	A	A	X	X	X	X	X	A			Coming Home to Unity (CHU) (Henrietta C)
8.	A	X	A	A	A	X	X	A	A	A			Desire to Stop (DTS) (Denise L.)
9.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	A	X			Experience, Strength, and Hope (ESH) (Joe B)
10.	X	X	X	A	X	X	A	X	X	A			Happy, Joyous, and Free (HJF) (Joey A)
11.	--	--	--	--	X	X	A	A	A	A			Jemez Mountain Serenity (JMS) (Michele)

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

30 Groups

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

24 Active Groups

17 for over 2/3 vote

6 Inactive Groups

Minutes Approval

September Minutes approved

Administrative and Subcommittee Reports

Chair: no written report

Vice Chair: no written report

Secretary: no written report

Historian: no written report

RCM 1: Rio Grande Regional meeting 9/21/13

We got off to a late start due to location changes – new location when in Albuquerque will be at the Convention hosting Marriot hotel Pyramid. Albuquerque, Bosque, Four Corners, LOMA, Northern NM, & Pecos Valley were in Attendance.

Much discussion about Phone lines

1. Regional Phone line can host up to 80 people on a conference call & can be recorded.
 2. Cost for all areas used to be \$6k, now \$3k & includes additional area (Pecos).
 3. We discussed Convention cost vs. Phone line cost: avg. 80 addicts /mo x 12 = 960 addicts /yr!
 4. Feasibility report will be resubmitted to areas.
- * 27 day billing cycle, & price may be negotiable - we are paying for unlimited use now.

Treasurer:

Balance \$2,489.63

Bills \$714.32 - \$1067.42 / month (depending on specific calculations) See report All three years of Profit & Loss have been turned over to CPA to calculate our tax liability.

*Was told that Taxes have not been filed for tax years: 2010, 2011, & 2012. (report attached).

I shared with other areas the inventory questionnaire we took, it was well received. Much discussion about the traditions project, all are encouraged to participate.

Meeting was shortened with no RD/RDA or LSC in attendance.

RCM 2: no written report

Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer:	<u>July 2013</u>	<u>August 2013</u>	<u>September 2013</u>
<u>Start Balance</u>	\$790.37	\$1,251.86	\$1,595.80
<u>Monthly End Balance</u>	\$1,251.86	\$1,595.80	\$1,958.27
<u>Quarterly End Balance</u>	Blank	Blank	\$1,503.80
<u>Monthly NAWS Donation</u>	\$0.00	\$0.71	\$26.73
<u>Monthly Rio Grande Region Donation</u>	\$0.00	\$1.41	\$53.47
<u>Quarterly NAWS Donation</u>	Blank	Blank	\$136.34
<u>Quarterly Rio Grande Region Donation</u>	Blank	Blank	\$318.13
<u>Calculated Prudent Reserve</u>	\$1,597.42	\$1,583.80	\$1,503.80
<u>Prudent Reserve Deficit or Surplus</u>	-\$345.56	\$14.12	\$0.00

Activities: October 5th 1210 pm. Attended. Basil, Robert, Christine, Dan, Danielle, Randy & Josephine. Randy was there to talk about the committee doing a fundraiser. He explained how it worked with other area's. The committee declined at this time. We do apologize for not being able to go through with the spaghetti dinner. It just was not working out with the time frame we had and not knowing exactly what it entailed. It was never a for sure thing and Unfortunately someone started to announce it. We do hope to do a fundraiser after the holidays. We discussed the Halloween event. Which will happen on Thursday 31st. See flyer. We are also starting to plan Thanksgiving event. This year we are planning to have it at a different location with marathon meetings. We will be asking for members to sign up for that. Moving forward. Thank you for letting us be of service.

H&I: no written report

Outreach: no written report

Phonelines: Month of Sept. calls received 39, messages 16.
I received clarification on what this means, calls received means how many calls the hotline received, messages are how many calls were sent to addicts on the phonelines.
I.L.S.,
Terry

Public Relations: Thanks again everyone for the opportunity to serve as the Albuquerque Area PR Chair. We've had a busy month so far.

- On September 30th, we were invited to Del Norte High School to talk about NA and to hold a speaker meeting for "at-risk" kids that have been busted for drugs. There were about 6 youths and their parents in attendance along with a guidance counselor from the school. The presentation went well and we may be invited back on occasion to speak to these groups.
- There's been some interest in using the institutional group model to start autonomous meetings in some of the local high schools. We are currently talking to one of the school counselors at Sandia High School about the possibility of setting one up there.
- Smith's Pharmacy approached us with an offer to buy advertising space for NA on their pharmacy bags. We declined due to cost and the need for more discussion on whether this in alignment with our traditions.
- The committee is gearing up to make NA better known to the public and potential members in Sandoval County. We have already attempted contact via email and snail mail with the drug court program there. I also spoke with a concerned member of the Rio Rancho fellowship about how we as a committee can serve them better. We will also work with H&I to try to get a meeting into the Sandoval County Detention Center.
- We are working on organizing our literature racks. If you see one of our literature racks in a public space and it needs filling, please let us know by contacting me or Laura B.

One of the most challenging things the PR committee does is make presentations to members of the public. We are sometimes asked to comment on difficult subjects and outside issues. In order to help our committee members and other members interested in PR deal with the public and stay in alignment with our traditions, PR will be holding a training day in this room directly after the November area meeting. The training will include presentations and workshops and will rely heavily on the PR

handbook. PR is really about spreading the word about NA so that no addict need die without having first had a chance at recovery. So if you are interested, please come, and also announce it at your meetings. There is no clean time requirement to serve on the committee, and we are happy to have anyone who is interested in how Public Relations can serve the addict who still suffers.

ILS,
Christopher G.

Literature: no written report

Comm.: The announcements page on the website is functional. Events (e.g. picnics, potlucks) for the area and region are on the events tab. Announcements (e.g. new meetings, new locations, elections) are on the Albuquerque/Bosque area page.

Please email schedule changes, events, and announcements to
AmberD1119@gmail.com
ILS,
Amber D

Group Reports

A life of its Own A Life of Its Own is going strong, but we could use some trusted servants. The same members have been running the meetings for years. \$246 donation this month. Thanks!

Addict Like Me no written report

Addicts Only Our 60th NA Birthday party lost a lot of money but it went well.

Basic Group GSR: Alexis G
phone#:4637267
The Breakfast club has been well attended. Sold out of almost all our literature last month. 2 New home group members have been attending group conscious regularly.

Breakfast Club no written report

Coming Home to Unity no written report

Desire to Stop no written report

Experience, Strength, and Hope Meetings are going well, a great meeting to start your weekend. I am the next alternate GSR for this group. Possibly the GSR, soon more shall be revealed. ESH is a friendly no frills meeting with a mixture of time and newcomers. Donation \$87.

Enjoying the service, Joe b.

Gallup Groups no written report

Happy, Joyous, and Free no written report

It's Never Too Late no written report

Jemez Mountain Serenity	We are still here. Had visitors week before last from town (Thank you Brian, Noah & Eric for coming up) and had two others besides me this last Thursday. Our rent is paid and the only thing we could use is some updated rosters. Brian has my address if someone could send us a few. Your friend in service. Michele
Journey of Recovery	no written report
Just for Thursday	no written report
La Cura	Doing well. Still need more home group members. Donating \$53.89
Let it Go	no written report
Living Clean the Journey Continues	All is well. The new format is going smoothly. Thanks everyone for your attendance and support.
More Will Be Revealed	no written report
Never Alone	no written report
Options	no written report
Rainbow of Recovery	no written report
Shelter From the Storm	Shelter is going strong, continue to have a solid core membership – lots of newcomers. The ten core members continue to financially support the meeting rent, literature, key tags, and coins. Come visit anytime.
Sunday Nite Live	no written report
Surrender to Win	no written report
The Blue Room	no written report
The Young And the Dopeless	no written report
TLC Beginners	no written report
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

Break:	10:35	Return from Break at:	10:45
Call for motions:	10:35	GSRs Present:	18

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

December

- Area Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Treasurer

January

- Activities
- H&I
- Communications

Old Business

Dex (Brian T.): Need to put the new Phonelines number in the Dex listing. PR and Communications will handle this.

Service Learning Day (Laura B.): Laura will put one on in December or January.

New Business

Motion # 1

Made by:	Tucson	Second by:	Ricardi
Motion:	\$106.38 additional donation for Phonelines for month of Oct.		
Intent:			
Discussion:			
passed	For: 18	Against: 0	Abstaining: 0

Motion # 2

Made by:	Laura B.	Second by:	Ricardi
Motion:	Allow the Regional convention committee to do fundraising at Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year’s events. All aspects of fundraising will be handled by the convention committee.		
Intent:	Obtain the approval of this body		
Discussion:	much discussion		
passed	For: 12	Against: 5	Abstaining: 0

Group Announcements

- Ⓝ **Never Alone** – First Saturday of the month we have a speaker.
- Ⓝ **Life of It’s Own** – Last Sunday of the month is speaker meeting and potluck breakfast, 10:30 a.m.
- Ⓝ **Coming Home to Unity** – We are getting a lot of newcomers. We could use some support.
- Ⓝ **Journey of Recovery** – We are getting a lot of newcomers. We could use some support and Speakers (Tuesday Nights at EPC).
- Ⓝ **La Cura** – Speaker jam the last Thursday of the month with refreshments. Coffee now served at every meeting. Actively seeking home group members.
- Ⓝ **Jemez Mountain Serenity** – Meeting moved from Monday at 7pm to Thursday 7pm. Still at the Jemez Springs Presbyterian Church.

Area Announcements

- Ⓝ Halloween Dance! Thursday, October 31 at EPC (Zuni @ Cardenas) 6pm - 10pm Entrance is 3 per person or 2 for \$5 Please bring finger foods to share soda and water will be sold
- Ⓝ Surrender to Win is celebrating another year! Join us for a potluck Meeting at 5, dinner at 6 Please bring a dish to share 2110 Los Luceros NW/1 block N of Indian School on Rio Grande Blvd, W on Zickert, N on Los Luceros/Mission San Jose Hall
- Ⓝ Public Relations Workshop. Date: November 9th, 2013 Time: 1:00PM (or after the Albuquerque Area Service Committee meeting adjourns) Where: Grace Church - 6901 San Antonio Dr NE Albuquerque. Are you passionate about Narcotics Anonymous and want as many still suffering addicts to know about NA as possible? Come find out how we spread the word about our fellowship to the public in ways that are in alignment with our traditions.

- Ⓝ Region needs a Phone Line Chair and Secretary.
- Ⓝ Albuquerque Area needs an Outreach Chair.
- Ⓝ Upcoming Elections:
 - **December:** Area Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer
 - **January:** Activities, H&I, Communications
- Ⓝ Email Amber about any ideas for an Area newsletter.
- Ⓝ Check the Regional Website, Albuquerque page has an Announcement Page. Go to riogrande.org.
- Ⓝ Western Service Learning Days XXVII – a Narcotics Anonymous Service Conference, October 25 – 27, 2013. Hilton Los Angeles Airport 5711 Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045, (800) 445-8667, Group Code WSLD. www.todayna.org/wslld
- Ⓝ Utah Region Indoor Convention of NA (URICNA), November 15-17, 2013, Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center, Park City, Utah, <http://www.uwana.org/>

Good of the Fellowship

- JT: This discussion showed that everyone can have a voice and we were able to vote. This, in the end, will help the fellowship and the still suffering addict.
- Lilly: I love being in NA, our awesome discussions. Thank you
- Jeff: No Blood, No Foul.
- Joe: I'm Hotel and Hospitality Chair, and I am without a committee. I would like to ask the GSRs to bring to the groups that we need help on this committee. Please send people to me. FYI, take a look at June 28, JFT... good reading on service.
- Ran: We do work together, and it is going in the same direction. I appreciate everyone's service. If you are interested in how the Convention works, come to the convention committee meetings. We need the help.
- Rich: The Breakfast Club donated \$20 directly to Region.
- Tucson: If we vote someone in to a position, we should be willing to trust that servant. Principles before personalities... Until someone steps outside of the lines of being trusted, we should trust them.

- Laura: I've passed around two documents. One is a small flyer that will drive people to register online, the other is a form that can be filled in and mailed into the Convention Committee for registration. Please encourage people to register early.
- Brian: Any new GSRs I have the handbook and the Guidelines here if you want to go over them after the meeting.
- Jack: I'm happy to be a part of this body and this group. I always leave
- Robert: I'm also glad to be part of.
- Basil: Thank you for letting me be of service.
- Jess: I think this was a productive meeting. Piggy-back on the convention... All the subcommittees need help. Please announce at your meetings.
- Andrea: We are united, we are NA. We need each other.
- Martha: Thank me for letting me fill in. Every year I look forward to the convention. It is a very powerful thing for newcomers. We need that convention.
- Andrea: We probably shouldn't take things too personal. Its good to have diversity of opinions.
- Kurt: Thank everyone for all the thoughtful, heartfelt discussion.
- Amber: I feel that a little bit of gratitude and politeness can go a long way in our service efforts.
- Christopher: I think we are doing better. Come join the PR subcommittee.
- Mark: I appreciate that we are all being polite. The bottom line is that we are all working together and being of service to keep ourselves and each other clean.

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

- ④ Outreach meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 10 am at Frontier Restaurant 2400 Central Ave SE
- ④ Phonelines contact Phonelines chair for meeting place and time.
- ④ Contact Communications Chair for information.

Guideline Requirements

See GAASC Area Guidelines

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

Meeting Adjourned 1 p.m.

***Next GAASC meeting is October 12, 2013 at 10 am @
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