

The regional service committee met on December 12th at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church at 900 Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Announcements

1. Next Regional Service Committee Meeting - University of Rhode Island Catholic Center. 90 Chapel Way, Kingston RI 02881.
Subcommittees: Saturday February 12th 12:00 - 5:00
Service Committee Meeting: Sunday February 13th 11:00 - 5:00
2. Sisters in Spirit VIII presents spaghetti & spiritual principles. Saturday January 15, 2011 at the Blessed Trinity Church at 1340 Plymouth Ave Fall River Ma. Doors open at 4pm, dinner at 5pm and speakers from 6:30 - 9:00pm. \$10 dinner & speaker jam. \$5 speaker jam only.
3. High Hopes Group of NA Hosts Southeastern Massachusetts Area Activities Committee Speaker Jam and Dance. February 5th 2011 2pm till midnight. St. Michaels Church 399 Hope St.
4. Alternative Group presents Winter Jam 1. January 15th, 2011 12pm-9pm at the Parish Hall on 53 Oak St. Middleboro, MA. \$5.00 suggested donation.
5. CMA NA Service System Workshop. Everyday Miracles Peer Recovery Center 25 Pleasant Street Worcester Ma 01609. December 18th 11am - 3pm.
6. New Years Eve Providence RI Meeting/Food/Dance. The Greater Providence Area Convention Committee will be holding a New Years Eve Meeting, Dinner and Dance. This will be held at the Nickerson Community Center 133 Delaine Street Providence RI. It will begin with a meeting from 9pm to 10pm which will be followed by dinner and a dance lasting until 1am. You are all invited to come join us at this event. The suggested donation is \$5.00 however no addict will be turned away.

Subcommittees:

RSC:

Open Positions: Alt. Chair person, Activities Committee Chair

Noel (Vice Chair) opened the meeting at 11:16 with a moment of silence and a collaborative reading of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts of NA.

8 areas were present: Cape Cod, Central Mass, Free Spirit, Greater Providence, Metro West, NEMA,SEMA, and South Shore.

The minutes from June 2010 were accepted

SUBCOMITTEE REPORTS

Chair: no report

Vice Chair: no report

Secretary: no report. Contact sheet sent around to be updated.

Opening Balance and Treasurer's Report:

Opening balance of 0. Prudent reserve is at \$3626.17. \$2246.96 came in and there is \$1506.71 for RD/RDA set aside.

The following reports numbers will differ slightly from those reported on Sunday at the RSC. The finance committee on Saturday found two duplicate entries totaling \$446 which was our starting balance not zero as reported. As this was my first time really doing the job of treasurer I wanted to be certain I caught any errors.... I did! There was an error of \$16.13 in the RMD report. The deposit was underreported by that amount and Chris actually double paid by that amount and is owed the money. During the meeting I saw that the annual fee for RI tax permit had been paid in April (\$10) so did not pay it even though treasurers responsibilities state to pay it in December. Once at home I found a slip in the treasurer's paperwork saying it is due by January. I made the payment. There was an additional donation in the mail for 18.00 and the bill from Pratt and Associates for doing the taxes. Rocco added the 18 to the deposit and I paid the bill.

+16.13	Underreported RMD
+18.00	Donation in the mail
+446.00	Duplicate entries returned to general ledger
-225.00	Pratt and Associates
<u>-10</u>	<u>RI tax permit</u>
472.77	Donation to NAWS

Despite the errors it was a good day for me personally. I am new to the position of alternate treasurer (unfortunately having not been able to make the last region). I learned quite a lot and feel much more comfortable with the process. James was available all weekend via email and text during the meeting (sorry James :-0) and the finance committee members made sure everything was in order.

I have gone through all the receipts in hand and the check book recording two years worth of spending and deposits to assist the finance committee in looking at budget and prudent reserve. I am forwarding to Brittany an e copy of the customary expense form!!!!!! It is difficult to make sense of some of the records when not dated, written on a corner of an envelope, no event/committee named, etc. Please submit receipts with clear and concise records, it will be our job to send you back to the drawing board without a check if you did not do so. ☺

ILS,

Carrie Blake

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12/16/10
Accrual Basis

NERSC
General Ledger
As of December 31, 2010

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
Sovereign Bank						
Transfer	12/11/2010		Funds Transfer	RD/RDA set aside	-1,506.71	446.00
Check	12/12/2010	1316		Printing and Copying	-675.00	-1,060.71
Check	12/12/2010	1317	Postage for outside sales	RMD Sales	-47.35	-1,108.06
Check	12/12/2010	1318	Q4 2010 taxes	Tax	-33.75	-1,141.81
Check	12/12/2010	1319	Hosting NERSC in January	Hosting Regis	-600.00	-1,741.81
Check	12/12/2010	1320		Tax	-35.00	-1,776.81
Check	12/12/2010	1321	Not traded attendance	NEZF	-100.00	-1,876.81
Check	12/12/2010	1322		Hospitak & Institutions	-112.50	-1,989.31
Check	12/12/2010	1323	NEZF	Set Aside	-1,120.00	-3,109.31
Check	12/12/2010	1324		-SPLIT-	-1,215.00	-4,324.31
Deposit	12/12/2010		RMD Income Deposit		715.94	-3,608.37
Deposit	12/12/2010		Group Area Donatios	-SPLIT-	2,506.94	-1,101.43
Deposit	12/12/2010		Reimbursement from RD/RDA	Reimbursement Income	151.16	-950.27
Transfer	12/12/2010		Funds Transfer	RD/RDA set aside	1,506.71	0.00
Transfer	12/12/2010		Reduced Prdeit	Prdeit Reserue	708.33	708.33
Deposit	12/15/2010		DESIGN FOR LIVING	Group Donatios	18.00	726.33
Check	12/15/2010	1325	Annual tax renewal fee RI	sales tax permit for RI	-10.00	716.33
Check	12/15/2010	1326		Accounting Fees	-225.00	491.33
Check	12/15/2010	1327	World Seminars Donatios	Donatios	-472.77	18.56
Total Sovereign Bank					-446.00	0.00
Prudent Reserve						3,626.17
Transfer	12/12/2010		Reduced Prdeit	Sovereign Bank	-708.33	2,917.84
Total Prdeit Reserue					-708.33	2,917.84
RD/RDA set aside						0.00
Transfer	12/11/2010		Funds Transfer	Sovereign Bank	1,506.71	1,506.71
Transfer	12/12/2010		Funds Transfer	Sovereign Bank	-1,506.71	0.00
Total RD/RDA set aside					0.00	0.00
Unrestricted Net Assets						-858.13
Total Unrestricted Net Assets						-858.13
Area Donatios						-13,282.84
Deposit	12/12/2010		Group Area Donatios	Sovereign Bank	-472.33	-13,755.17
Deposit	12/12/2010		Group Area Donatios	Sovereign Bank	-1,215.63	-14,970.80
Deposit	12/12/2010		Group Area Donatios	Sovereign Bank	-800.00	-15,770.80
Deposit	12/12/2010		Group Area Donatios	Sovereign Bank	-125.41	-15,896.21
Deposit	12/12/2010		Group Area Donatios	Sovereign Bank	-52.41	-16,418.62
Deposit	12/12/2010		Group Area Donatios	Sovereign Bank	-61.16	-16,479.78
Total Area Donatios					-2,427.94	-18,906.72

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Type	Date	Num	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
Public Information						868.21
Total Public Information						868.21
RDRDA						4,111.00
Set Aside						4,013.00
Check	12/12/2010	1323	NEZF	Sovereign Bank	1,120.00	5,133.00
Check	12/12/2010	1324	FIA Symposium	Sovereign Bank	386.71	5,519.71
General Jor...	12/12/2010			Reimbursement	1,506.71	7,026.42
Total Set Aside					3,013.42	7,026.42
RDRDA - Other						98.00
Total RDRDA - Other						98.00
Total RD/RDA					3,013.42	7,124.42
Reimbursement						0.00
General Jor...	12/12/2010	debit		Set Aside	-1,506.71	-1,506.71
Total Reimbursement					-1,506.71	-1,506.71
RMD Sales						21.94
Check	12/12/2010	1317	Postage for outside sales	Sovereign Bank	47.35	69.29
Deposit	12/12/2010		So. Shore	Sovereign Bank	-85.00	-15.71
Deposit	12/12/2010		So. Shore	Sovereign Bank	-63.75	-79.46
Deposit	12/12/2010		Cris Marac	Sovereign Bank	-377.41	-456.87
Deposit	12/12/2010		Salt Plate	Sovereign Bank	-16.13	-473.00
Deposit	12/12/2010		Westwood	Sovereign Bank	-16.13	-489.13
Deposit	12/12/2010		Emeroa	Sovereign Bank	-15.50	-504.63
Deposit	12/12/2010		ATC	Sovereign Bank	-31.00	-535.63
Deposit	12/12/2010		Maclean Partners	Sovereign Bank	-48.39	-584.02
Deposit	12/12/2010		Northeast	Sovereign Bank	-46.50	-630.52
Deposit	12/12/2010		Sakipite	Sovereign Bank	-16.13	-646.65
Total RMD Sales					-668.59	-646.65
sales tax permit of RI						0.00
Check	12/15/2010	1325	Annual tax renewal fee RI	Sovereign Bank	10.00	10.00
Total sales tax permit of RI					10.00	10.00
Secretary						2.61
Total Secretary						2.61
Tax						106.32
Late Penalty						8.69
Total Late Penalty						8.69

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Type	Date	Num	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
Tax - Other						97.63
Check	12/12/2010	1318	Q 4 2010 taxes	Sovereign Bank	33.75	131.38
Check	12/12/2010	1320		Sovereign Bank	35.00	166.38
Total Tax - Other					68.75	166.38
Total Tax					68.75	175.07
Travel and Meetings						1,403.34
Conference, Convention, Meeting						300.00
Total Conference, Conventions, Meeting						300.00
NEZF						0.00
Check	12/12/2010	1321	Not traded attendance	Sovereign Bank	100.00	100.00
Total NEZF					100.00	100.00
Travel						1,103.34
Total Travel						1,103.34
Travel and Meetings - Other						0.00
Check	12/12/2010	1324	Fla Symposium	Sovereign Bank	828.29	828.29
Total Travel and Meetings - Other					828.29	828.29
Total Travel and Meetings					928.29	2,331.63
Treasurer						30.49
Total Treasurer						30.49
TOTAL					0.00	0.00

Convention Committee:

Hello everybody we had our 16th meeting yesterday with 14 addicts. We still have registration, arts and graphics, convention information, fundraising and entertainment and assistant secretary positions open. We are going to have a karaoke and live band on Friday. Saturday we have karaoke, a DJ and a comedian. Yesterday was a financial good day we brought in \$946.18 with no outgoing expenses. Our next meeting is January 15th at the Sturbridge Hotel at 11:00. Our closing balance is \$6,453.06.

ILS,

Dave A.

H&I:

Literature:

Policy:

Hi family,

The regional policy subcommittee met on 12/11/10 in Brockton Mass. Thanks to the south shore area for hosting us. There were 4 recovering addicts in attendance. The cape cod and central Mass areas were represented. It was brought to our attention that the policy pertaining to which weekend of the month was unclear. We will be presenting a motion to add some clarity to this matter later today. We then discussed some area policy concerns and talked about some of the possible policy fall out that may occur as a result of the service system proposal. Next we held elections and I am pleased to report that Dave P from the central Mass area has been voted in as the policy vice chair. Finally we closed with moment of silence followed by the we version of the serenity prayer.

In loving service,

Pat F.

Phone Line:
Public Information:

These were the only Area's represented.

Money Motions:

- 1) Literature order reimbursement to Sarah O for the total of \$18.59
- 2) Receipt from Jaimie V. from order back in July \$45.84
- 3) Bob R. reimbursement for display order shortage \$40.00
- 4) To establish a GoToMeeting.com account \$49.00

RMD:

If there are images in this attachment, they will not be displayed. Download the original attachment

Sheet1

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1 INVENTORY

2Beginning Inventory150
 3Plus October Printing8,000
 4Total available for sales8,150 Assets
 5Sold to areas, groups & individuals-4,800 \$ 480.00
 6Sold to Regional Committees
 7Sold to outside vendors-1,200 \$ 120.00
 8Total Sales this period-6,000 \$ 600.00
 9Plus sales tax collected \$ 33.81
 10Plus Shipping & Handling \$ 66.00
 11Assets Total (Deposit) \$ 699.81
 12 Expenses
 13
 14Printing 8000 RMDs \$ 675.00
 15Sales Tax Collected \$ 33.81
 16Postage \$ 47.35
 17Supplies
 18LessTotal Expenses \$ 756.16\$ (756.16)
 19Net Profit or (Loss) this Period \$ (56.35)
 20Remaining Inventory2,150
 21

22The remaining inventory of the October Printing is available for purchase today.
 23The next printing should be in January so get your updates to the website before the end of the year
 24To make updates, remove or add a meeting: Go to the website (NERNA.org) and register.
 25Check all meeting info on the website by clicking on the meeting day, then make your changes.
 26Changes should appear within a few days and will appear in the next printing of the RMD.
 27I am submitting a Customary Reimbursement form for \$47.35 for postage expenses.
 28I will need a check for the January printing in the amount of \$675.00.
 29We sell meeting directories in quantities of 50; check table below for quantities costs.
 30RMD'sCOSTTAXTOTAL RMD'sCOSTTAXTOTAL
 3150\$5.00\$0.32\$5.32 550\$55.00\$3.44\$58.44
 32100\$10.00\$0.63\$10.63 600\$60.00\$3.75\$63.75
 33150\$15.00\$0.94\$15.94 650\$65.00\$4.07\$69.07
 34200\$20.00\$1.25\$21.25 700\$70.00\$4.38\$74.38
 35250\$25.00\$1.57\$26.57 750\$75.00\$4.69\$79.69
 36300\$30.00\$1.88\$31.88 800\$80.00\$5.00\$85.00
 37350\$35.00\$2.19\$37.19 850\$85.00\$5.32\$90.32
 38400\$40.00\$2.50\$42.50 900\$90.00\$5.63\$95.63
 39450\$45.00\$2.82\$47.82 950\$95.00\$5.94\$100.94
 40500\$50.00\$3.13\$53.13 1000\$100.00\$6.25\$106.25

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 42 Committee Members
 43Meeting Update CoordinatorWebsite Chair info@nerna.org

44Printing CoordinatorDavid L 617-484-8198 (dalgraphics@rcn.net)
45Sales/TreasurerChristopher M 617-620-2887 (leadhead84@aol.com)
46Outside sales to professionalsDianne M 1-866-624-3578 (Literature menu)

Website:

Website Report

The website committee is doing well. We had a slight glitch with the online registration for the convention this past month, but it has been fixed and the function is working fine now. Site links to neighboring areas and regions have been added and can be seen by clicking the To See Neighboring NA Areas and Regions: Click Here link on the home page. We've had a few requests for changes on meetings that no longer exist or have moved. Could RCMs please take that back to your area and have any changes emailed to me or changed directly on the website? There were at least two instances this past month where traveling addicts went to meetings that were no longer there.

A "Service Structure Project" page has been added to the website. It will contain reports and input from trusted servants and addicts who participate in workshops put on to educate the fellowship on the new service structure project initiated by World. You can see the page at http://www.nerna.org/Service_Structure_Project. I've also created a new email box for the Literature Subcommittee and asked Bill H to write some text for a static page about the subcommittee. The email address is literature@newenglandna.org.

The Falmouth "Total Recovery" meeting on Thursday night was removed from the website at the request of the Cape Cod Area RCM. The website committee will be reviewing the approval process for new meetings between now and the next regional meeting.

In Loving Service,

Kevin F

RD/RDA:

- geographical boundaries time, distance, money
- more time / member needed
- increase intimidation
- resistance to change = learning curve

next group same question

- *Favorite** -with two track option may be hard to fill GSR position due to more responsibility
 - lack of willing trusted servants
 - additional level of service needs more resources (facility, finances, trusted servants)
 - resistance to change
 - more possible breakdowns in communications
 - more time consuming
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to keep our fingers on the pulse of this project and to be of ever better service to the Region, our Areas and our Home Groups.

NEZF: Andrew & I plan to attend the next meeting of the January 2011 North East Zonal Forum in "bad" Jersey and continue to hammer out details of the July NEZF which we, the New England Region, will be hosting. Count on the Service System Proposals to monopolize the bulk of efforts at both of these Zonal meetings and look forward with us to July 22-24 since we will not only be hosting our NA brothers & sisters of the North East Zone, but this will also be the second ever Zone Wide Workshop of the NEZF and we will be inviting World Services participation as we look to engage in the Service System Project at whatever stage it finds itself by then.

Please remember that I am available either to be asked questions or to receive input & feedback from you all by whatever means work best for you; phone, email, snail-mail, your favorite social networking site, whatever.

Andrew continues to mentor me in this position, and I am grateful for his guidance.

Be sure to visit www.na.org regularly!

Of loving service, Jaime V.

Note: Speak to Carrie for information on additional correspondence

BOD/Convention Corporation:

A combined total of \$ 13,158.77 is currently in the convention committee and convention corporation's account.

Insurance Liability Ad-hoc: no report

BREAK FOR LUNCH

AREA REPORTS:

Boston: no report

Cape Cod:

Central Mass:

Free Spirit:

Thank you to the South Shore Area for hosting this weekends RSC & Subcommittees. Your hospitality is greatly appreciated.

Our area has met twice since the last region. As of this writing, the biggest concern in our area is a lack of support in key service positions. The Vice Chair, Policy, Activities, and Public Information positions remain unfulfilled since elections. This coupled with our last ASC where only six GSR's attended is just a notice that these are lean times within our area structure.

On a positive note, our own Pat and Delia F. helped to facilitate a learning day on the topic of Service Structure Project. It was held in Warwick, RI on December 5th and was attended by over 20 members of both the Free Spirit & Greater Providence Areas. It was both informative and helped to create some healthy debate about the project. Thanks to both of them for their dedication to serve.

Finally, our area is sincerely looking forward to hosting the next region in February, 2011. Our adhoc committee and the area itself is committed to creating a positive experience for both the subcommittees and the Regional Service Committee itself.

In Loving Service,

Ray K. RCM, Free Spirit Area

Greater Providence:

Greeting New England Region, Metro West is operating above prudent reserve and all bills are paid. There was a dicussion on the service structure for NA. One GSR mention that that NA was downsizing the service Structure, RCM Response than it was more of a streaming than a downsizing. I handed out copies of the sevice structure information I recieved at the meeting in Brocton Hosted by the RD and RDA to be brought back to there meeetings and question to be forwarded to Rd and RDA on the regional website.

In loving Service BOB L.

Martha's Vineyard:

Metro West:

Nantucket:

NEMA:

SEMA:

South Shore:

S.S.A R.C.M. Report

Dec.12, 2010

The south shore area has met twice since the last RSC with an average of 15 voting members present. Issues of the past that included misappropriated funds and ways to avoid this issue and others like it have either been resolved or accepted.

We held our annual elections in December. Open positions available are policy, Public Information and outreach.

H&I has also met twice and is going well. We have had steady attendance and support. All commitments are either filled or being covered, except the Young Woman's DYS could use more female support. We also held our second learning day for the year and was also well attended. Bill Milholme from the DOC provided an orientation for doc clearance and about 25 addicts went through this process.

The SSA held their 25th anniversary Dec. 11 at the East Bridgewater Commercial Club. There were about 200 addicts in attendance.

As was stated in the area announcements, the Alternative group of Middleboro will be hosting speaker jam 1 on Jan.15 2011 at 53 oak St. in Middleboro ma. There will be speakers from all over. Food, fun & fellowship. \$5.00 dollar suggested donation. No addict will be turned away.

Today we have two donations for Nov. in the amount of \$61.61 and from Dec. \$52.41. Our next ASC will be Jan. 9 @ The Quincy Medical Ctr.

ILS,

RCM John L.

Alt. RCM Chris L.

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM:

-SEMA brought up concern about recent violence and murders that have occurred at NA meetings in New Bedford.

-Chip would like member areas experience with money motions in their regards to going back to groups for voting.

- Chip asked for experience regarding an areas financial support to groups, specifically those who keep returning.
- Chip asked if there was anyone knowledgeable enough with the information to answer questions regarding how much seed money that a convention committee sets aside per convention cycle.
- Brian asked for member area's response to something that has been written by a member of the greater providence area. The statement was that "A common misconception is that an area's responsibility is to carry the message".
- Bill wants to ask the area's if they would be interested in funding insurance similarly as the phone line is funded. To say that the amount owed would be configured by a percent system and each area's bill will be calculated by their number of meetings.

Motion made by Chip to extend open discussion for 15 minutes - passed

- Chip initiated discussion about prudent reserve. If its something we can reduce? If its something we should reduce? If our prudent reserve is financially responsible? There needs to be clarification on what exactly prudent reserve is. How it is constructed, etc.?

Motion made by Chip to extend open discussion for 10 minutes - passed

Chair person directed the finance committee to return in February with a working definition of what a prudent reserve is and what function it serves. RCM's are also directed to return their areas to gather info and input about prudent reserve.

Quorum: Voting Members: 8 Simple Majority: 5 2/3: 6

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections:

1. Activities chairperson
2. Chair person - Bob nominated Noel, which was seconded by Brian.
8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions - passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

Money Motions

Total of money motions \$ 2547.50, leaving a \$310.23 deficit if all passed not including the RD/RDA set aside.

1. Presented by Andrew L. seconded by Jaime V. Motion reads "For \$100.00 to help pay the non funded trusted servants of the NEZF of which we are a member region".
8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions - motion
2. Presented by Regional Delegate. Motion reads "Make check payable to the RD in the amount of \$1215.00 for costs related to the attendance of the Florida service system symposium in March 24-27th 2011. Intent "7th tradition". Break down - \$500 airfare, \$315 per diem, \$250 hotel, \$150 ground transportation/parking.
4 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions
4 in favor, 2 opposed, (abstentions removed per policy) - motion passes
3. Presented by the Regional Delegate. Motion reads " Make check payable to the RD for costs \$1120.00 related to RD and RDA attending the Northeast Zonal Forum in New Jersey January 28th ,29th and 30th 2001. Intent "7th tradition". Break down - \$455 ground, \$300 hotel, \$315 per diem, \$50 other.

8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions - motion

4. Presented by H&I. Motion reads “5 sets of readings, 50 white books, 50 #7 IP’s, 50 #11 IP’s, 100 RMD’s. Total \$112.50”. Intent “to further our primary purpose”.

8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions - motion

Non Money Motions

1. Presented by Policy subcommittee. Motion reads “ To add to Article VI section I the words “The second full weekend of”. Therefore reading - meetings (non-smoking) shall be held on Sunday from 11-5 the second full weekend of every even month and held in the member area’s on a bid basis. Subcommittee meetings shall be held in conjunction with the general NERSC meeting on the Saturday preceding NERSC meetings end at 5:00pm unless extended by a majority of the NERSC. NERSC meetings are open meetings”. Intent “To avoid possible confusion of when we meet on months that begin on a Sunday”.

8 in favor - motion passes

2. Presented by Chip seconded by Brian C. Motion reads “ To remove RMD budget from our prudent reserve calculations”. Intent “To be fiscally responsible”.

5 in favor, 3 abstentions- motion passes

Motion to Adjourn

RD/RDA set aside balance \$0.00

Donation to NAWS of \$227.64

Prudent Reserve left at \$2917.84