



**Open:** 9:10 AM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Concepts by Mark M.

**Roll Call:** Keith B., Forest C., Jessica C., Jennifer C., Ernie S., Jacqueline A.-B., Patricia G., Amy K., Darren H., Amber S., Sjon C., Candain M., Greg P., Karen C., Taylor M., Adam C., Mile M., Newt L., Dave A., Kurt B., Mark M., Sharon F.

**Guests:** Darren H. Voted in as new GSRA for When at the End of the Road group.

**Birthdays:** Greg P.; 2 years, Jessica C.; 2 years, Taylor M.; 18 months, Jennifer C.; 1 year, Jacqueline A.-B.; 24 years, Dave A.; 25 years Amber S.; 18 months. Congratulations All!

**Approval of Last Month's Minutes:** Motion to approve last month's minutes with a second. Karen C. moved to approve, Greg P. seconded. Minutes Approved.

**Opening Reading:** Read by Taylor M.; *The Joy Within* Basic Text p. 103.

## *The Joy Within*

**August 6th**

*"Since the beginning of our recovery, we have found that joy doesn't come from material things but from within ourselves."*

*Some of us came to Narcotics Anonymous impoverished by our disease. Everything we'd owned had been lost to our addiction. Once we got clean, we put all our energy into recovering our material possessions, only to feel even more dissatisfied with our lives than before.*

*Other members have sought to ease their emotional pain with material things. A potential date has rejected us? Let's buy something. The dog has died? Let's go to the mall. Problem is, emotional fulfillment can't be bought, not even on an easy installment plan.*

*There's nothing inherently wrong with material things. They can make life more convenient or more luxurious, but they can't fix us. Where, then can true joy be found? We know: the answer is within ourselves.*

*When have we found joy? When we've offered ourselves in service to others, without expectation of reward.*

*We've found true warmth in the fellowship of others – not only in NA, but in our families, our relationships, and our communities. And we've found the surest source of satisfaction in our conscious contact with our God. Inner peace, a sure sense of direction, and emotional security do not come from material things, but from within.*

*Just for Today: True joy can't be bought. I will seek my joy in service, in fellowship, in my Higher Power – I will seek within.*

### **Group Reports:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Street Recovery:** Forest C.; GSR. 232 W 4<sup>th</sup> St. Average 9 – 10 people attending. Recovery is happening. Schedule change for Thursday night.

**Addicts Helping Addicts:** Sharon F.; GSR, Jennifer C.; GSRA. Attendance small, but steady. 2 newcomers came in, and have been attending the last couple of weeks. Paid rent. Could use support.

## Group Reports: (cont'd)

**Addicts Seeking Sanity:** Amber S.; GSR. Danny G.; GSRA. Will be having literature study on Wednesday nights, (started July 6<sup>th</sup>). Need a Wednesday opener. Needs and concerns to be discussed with New Business. Area donation: \$200.00.

**Back to Basics:** Larry R.; GSR. Not present. Dave A. representing. Meeting is happening, will follow up with GSR.

**Buena Voluntad:** Not in attendance

**Clean Serene Freaks:** Taylor M.; GSR Adam C.: GSRA. New GSRA voted in; Adam C. Poker Run was awesome. \$600.00 Donation

**Dead Without It:** Thelma J.: GSR. Patricia: GSRA. Trisha reporting: Average 25 addicts in attendance for meeting. BBQ went great.

**Drug Busters:** Mark M.; GSR Good attendance, Newcomers. Couldn't have a group conscience this month, because Treasurer was fossil speaker.

**Esperanza de a Vida "Hope for Life":** Francisco R.; GSR, Abel C.; GSRA. Not in attendance

**Free at Last:** Not in attendance.

**Freedom Springs:** Jennifer C.; GSR. All is well.

**Hugs Not Drugs:** Newt L. GSR. Still struggling with attendance and 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition; 8 – 9 addicts per meeting. Seventh tradition is suffering. Need support. Speaker meeting tomorrow night, 8/8.

**Just For Today:** Greg P.: GSR. Need a GSRA and a Friday opener. All is well. Area donation: \$65.00.

**NA Nooner:** Candain M.: In need of a GSR. (Still in need of a GSRA). Bingo August 20<sup>th</sup>. Announcement on the website.

**New Horizons:** Not in attendance.

**Primary Purpose:** Deb. B.; GSR. Keith reporting. Saturday meeting is closed. \$52.00 world donation.

**Steps and Traditions Roulette:** Jacqueline A.-B.; GSR. Attendance up and down. 10 - Could use support, need more home group members. Area donation: \$12.30.

**When At The End Of The Road:** Amy; GSR. Angie; GSRA. Lots of newcomers, which is awesome! Darren voted in as new GSRA, Angie voted in as GSR. Area donation: \$5.00.

**XX Genes:** Jessica C.: GSR. Meeting is going great.

**If your meeting report is not on here, make sure a written, preferably typed so I can read it, copy is turned in to Area Secretary! Thanks**

## Officer Reports

**Chair:** Kurt B. So in the past 4 years, my life has changed dramatically; not for the worse, not necessarily for the better, just different. I have gone from a career path where I give the orders to a path where I am at the bottom working my way up. Now this is not a bad thing. I have remembered how hard it is to work with my hands. I have learned how to remain humble when the boss wants me to do something I did twenty or thirty years ago that I swore I would never do again. I just do it! I have learned that I will do what I have to in order to stay alive. That is the same for my recovery. I will do whatever I have to in order to stay clean. *Change is constant, what works today may not work tomorrow.*

*"Some things we must accept, others we can change. The wisdom to know the difference comes with growth in our spiritual program"*  
Basic Text pg. 92.

Any questions or concerns about my position or this body's commitment and why we are here?  
Thanks for letting me serve.

Phone Line training flyers are available.

**Vice Chair:** Open Seat

**RMC 1/RCM 2:** Jim M; RCM2. not present, but sent a report; Kurt reporting for Jim:

First off, let me apologize for not being in attendance this morning. I am attending the Pikes Peaks camp out at Cottonwood Lake in Buena Vista.

Regional Assembly will take place in Colorado Springs on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m... There will be GSR training at 9:30 for new GSR's. The location is 2551 Airport Rd. As always all GSR's should attend so that each home group has a voice in the business of the Region. There will be a proposal brought regarding the possibility of having a Colorado Region Campvention in July 2012. Each GSR will have a vote for their home group.

Living Clean Project, the newest piece of literature up for approval is still available for \$8.50. The deadline to purchase an approval issue will be the end of October as it will come up for vote at the CAR in 2012. Each home group will have a vote on this at the Colorado Regional Assembly in April 2012. Therefore it might be a good idea for each home group to purchase an approval issue so each group can be informed when it comes up for a vote next year. The book can also be downloaded and read on line at: [www.na.org/?ID=LivingCleanProject](http://www.na.org/?ID=LivingCleanProject).

There is still a need for a vice chair at the Regional H&I subcommittee and the PI subcommittee. If interested in either of these service opportunities contact Dawn H for H&I and Mac Mc for PI.

CRCNA XXV is fast approaching and there are still a lot of rooms available for the event at the host hotel, the DIA Crowne Plaza in Denver. If you have not made your reservation and are planning on staying please do so as soon as possible. **You do not pay for the room until the convention.** We have contracted for 255 hotel nights and our meeting spaces are based off of the amount of hotel nights we reserve. If we do not make our commitment we end up having to pay for our meeting space. The sooner we make our commitment the more meeting space they free up for us. Although the convention is close proximity to our Area it would be great if each person planned to stay rather than drive back and forth each day! You can make your reservations on line from the CRCNA XXV link at <http://www.nacolorado.org/crcna/>

The Colorado Region donated \$1,160.13 to the World Service Office.

We are in need of an addict to step into the RCM 1 position as we currently only having one RCM representing the Area. In December, I (Jim M) will have served my two year commitment as RCM 2 and will not be seeking another 2 year term. Therefore it would be great to have another addict step up and be able to join me (Jim) for the last four months of the year and the final 2 Regional meetings, one in September and one in November.

GSR Training – Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. ? Is the Campvention in addition to our convention, or in place of? In addition to.

**Secretary:** Sharon F.: Paid rent for the ASC meeting room for August thru December. The original amount of \$197.50 was incorrect, so a check for the new amount was generated for \$147.50. We also received our \$50.00 deposit back. All receipts are forwarded to the Treasurer.

**Treasurer:** Keith: No Report. Starting balance 1052.57. Paid phone bill, 188.42. Paid literature Chair, paid P.O. Box bill, 46.00. One account set up now, closed out the other accounts. Waiting for the debit card. 3 checks were written without 2 signatures because Chair and Treasurer couldn't get together. Received Merchandise funds. Comment to Treasurer: \$40.00 CRCNA refund needed.

**Activities Subcommittee:** Open seat.

**Literature Sub-Committee:** Mike M. There've been some changes in banking that have been covered by the Treasurer. Inventory value is up because of new pricing from World Service. World Services has increased literature prices on most of their items. The new forms are marked "new prices Revised 08/11" at the top. Please take these forms back to your group. The old prices are still in effect today, but new prices will be in effect next month. The next Literature Subcommittee meeting will be today at 3:15pm at 3800 W. 20<sup>th</sup> St. in Greeley, (before the Addicts Seeking Sanity meeting). Chair stated: Basic Text did price did not go up.

**Literature Sub-Committee:** Mike M. (cont'd)

June Sales	\$530.60
New Lit Purchased	\$539.00
Current Inventory Value	\$2297.02

**Hospitals and Institutions:** Sjon C. Still in need of an H & I Vice Chair. I, too, will finish my commitment in December. Need H & I support at the meetings. Please take back to groups.

Question: Is LCDC going OK? Yes, Women's group is very strong. Men's LCDC could use support.

Question: How is work release going? Going strong, facility is really supportive, willing to buy literature, etc.

Comment: LCDC men's meeting is also for NA members who have been incarcerated for whatever reason, so it is great to give support.

**Merchandise Subcommittee:** Open Seat

**Public Information Subcommittee:** Ernie S. No Report. NA will have a booth at the State Fair. Dates and times are listed on the Colorado Region Website.

Question: Are we going to need literature for that? Will we need meeting schedules?

**CRCNA Liaison:** Karen C. Did not attend the campout, so did not go to the last meeting, (meeting was at the campout). Gathering today after this meeting to clean up the barn for the barn dance. Will go to the CRCNA meeting this month.

**Again, please have a written, preferably typed so I can read it, copy of all committee, subcommittee, and Adhoc committee meeting minutes given to Secretary. Thanks**

### **Unfinished Business**

Questions on the Addendums to the Guidelines: "Each subcommittee is to establish budgets."

Question: Each subcommittee? Just sub-committees that deal with monies from in and out funds, only, (only Merchandise, Activities, and Literature).

Question: Accountability for each sub-committee for each month? Yes, at each Area meeting, each sub-committee will be reconciled for the previous month.

Discussion on; "Deposits to be made within 24 hours". Ledgers are to be filled out. Ledgers are to be filled out to be sure if there is a discrepancy, it can be verified. New Ledger books look OK. Question: Could we use an Excel spreadsheet? Area decided on ledger books.

Question: How are we going to do this, when the Guidelines are not updated? Guideline changes are to be submitted in draft form for the September Area meeting, then if accepted, put into print in October.

## **Unfinished Business (cont'd)**

Leftover Poker Run T-shirts – could we sell them at the Barn Dance? CRCNA Chair to ask at next meeting. Regional meeting to seek volunteers for State Fair. Meeting will be posted on the regional website.

## **Elections for Open Office**

**Activities Subcommittee: No nominations. Bring back to groups.**

**Merchandise Subcommittee: : No nominations. Bring back to groups.**

**RCM2 Chair: : No nominations. Bring back to groups.**

**Vice Chair:** Dave A. nominated, he accepts. Requirements are read. Dave A. qualifies. Clean date 6/29/1986, meet all qualifications. Charter member of the ASC, lots of NA service.

Questions: Have you ever served as Vice Chair? Yes. Why are you seeking this position? Because it is open, and I could learn a lot from the current Chair.

**Dave A. is our new Vice Chair.**

## **New Business**

Addicts Seeking Sanity: Concerns; Are funds getting passed on from Area to Region? What is the prudent reserve? Answer: The prudent reserve is \$600.00, and is there to support Activities and Literature. Motion needs to be made to donate to Region.

H & I: Since we don't have an Activities Chair, we normally have a Unity Day Picnic, are we going to do it this year? We had it as an Area event, since Area funds were used. We can have an activity without an activity chair. What happened to the activities subcommittee? They were meeting after the Area meeting, headed by the previous Activities Chair. Do we need a motion to put on this event, and to get volunteers, and fliers? Yes. A motion will be put together.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **CRCNA Fundraising and Entertainment Event:**

**Barn Dance 3**

**Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Dogs and burgers at 5:00pm, Speaker Meeting at 7:30pm, DJ Dance at 9:30pm**

**Location: 8879 North County Road 17, Fort Collins, CO (See map on backside of flyer)**

### **Boulder Area Event:**

**Bowling**

**September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Information to follow**

## **Open OTW Area Opportunities for Service**

**Activities Subcommittee**

**Merchandise Subcommittee**

**RCM2 Chair**

## Written Motions

### 1) Motion to send \$500.00 to region.

Question: What is total balance? \$1646.50. We will have approx. \$1000.00 after bills are paid.

**Vote: For: 15 Abstentions: 2. Motion passes.**

### 2) Motion to subsidize the Hugs not Drugs for rent. 60.00.

Questions: How long has the group been struggling? About 3 months. Have you checked to see if they could lower the rent? Yes, not willing to lower. Have you checked on a different location for the meeting? We can't see paying less than \$10.00 a month, because of wear and tear, etc. Have you asked Area for funds before? No. How many months do you expect to have to ask for help? Not sure, speaking meeting has helped to boost attendance, but it hasn't panned out completely. This is a meeting that has been going on for a long time.

Comment; It has been heard that the building has another 12 step meeting sign on the door? No, hadn't heard that. Concerns are that the group's doors weren't open on time, such as 4<sup>th</sup> of July. When a group needs support, there is an issue if there is no one there on time to open. Does the meeting need to be discontinued? When a group chair is funding the group on their own, is it time to look at closing the meeting?

**Vote: For: 14. Abstentions: 2. Motion passes:**

### 3) Motion to set up a committee to have an annual picnic. Karen C. volunteers to chair committee.

**For: 14. Abstentions: Motion passes.**

## Disbursements

Vineyard Church; \$23.20

Rent for H & I; \$30.00

CRCNA: \$40.00

Hugs Not drugs: \$60.00

Ledgers: \$35.97

### Next ASC Meeting:

**September 4, 2011 9:00am**

**(Followed by a linkup to Sunday Morning World Convention Speaker Meeting from 11:00am to 1:00pm.)**

**OTW ASC will provide Brats, Burgers and Dogs & fixin's. Please bring a dish to share.**

**453 West Swallow (Dave A.'s House) Corner of Swallow and Kildeer**

**(Contact Dave A. for more info: 970 682-0437)**

**Ft Collins, CO**

**Your Secretary thanks you for your patience!**