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Date: August 16, 2009 Time: 1:00 pm Location: Laramie, WY

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Bob M. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Gail W. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Les F. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept Study from last meeting: Concept 9, Q 4

All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.

To check judgment, to guard against hasty or misinformed decisions, and to invite the sharing of new ideas, our services must consider all viewpoints when making plans. This is essential to the development of a fair, wise, balanced group conscience.

Study and discussion question

4. How do you know when it's time to speak up against a decision of the majority? When it's time to accept a decision and surrender to group conscience?

It's time to speak up after most others have spoken and you have something new to offer. Also, it's one of the leader's responsibilities to see to it that a few don't take up all of the time and the shyer people are called on so all have an opportunity to share. It may also be time to speak up on the rare occasion when a motion to reconsider is in order due to new, important information being uncovered. After all important information has been presented and everyone else is voting opposite of you it is probably time to accept the will of the rest – the time when me becomes we.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _10_ using chapter questions.

Any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.

The Tenth Concept encourages us to treat each other with respect in the service environment, and provides us with a means of making amends when we wrong others. The essay describes ways in which an individual who feels he or she has been wronged can go about seeking redress of his or her grievance.

Study and discussion questions

1. Do you know of anyone who has been wronged in service? Has that wrong been made right?

There have been a couple of instances and the "wrongs" were mostly made right. In at least one case it was felt that it was not handled as well as it could have been.

2. "Together, the Ninth and Tenth Concepts support an atmosphere in which our members feel free to express themselves frankly on matters at hand." Have you ever been afraid to speak your conscience in service meetings? Do you know of anyone, in your area or elsewhere, who has been afraid to speak freely? If so, why? Would the Tenth Concept ease such fears?

A couple of participants spoke of an individual that felt so wronged that he has made it known that he feels like he was pushed out of the area. It was acknowledged that sometimes we may say something not intending to hurt another but due to perceptions and differences may in fact have hurt a person. Others of us have no knowledge of this and would like the opportunity to set things straight if possible.

Not sure why anyone would be afraid to speak up except words can be very powerful and with some people it may just be his or her personality to not speak out. If this be the case that person could be encouraged by another caring member to speak up. At other times there may be too much anger and resentment and in such a case it is probably better to not say anything rather than make things worse.

3. When is it appropriate to apply the Tenth Concept? When is it not appropriate?

GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.

Roll Call: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Literature Chair, Activities Chair/UD Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Deb B. (GSR – On Life’s Terms) Ray B. (GSR –Vision of Hope), Richard M. (GSRA – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Rep – Live from Laramie), Bob M. (GSR – Free Bird), & Wayne W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live) & Todd M. from Laramie.

Absent: RCM (vacant), RCM2 (vacant), PR Chair (W/ email to secretary), Clean and Free, Staying Clean in Sidney.

NA Recovery Birthdays: None

Recognition of new groups: None.

Approval of last month’s minutes:

Gail W. moved to accept the minutes as presented, Les F. seconded the motion and it carries unanimously.

Treasurer’s Beginning Balance: \$2,693.68 (as of Aug. 15 via phone)

Serenity Break: 1:45 – 1:55 PM

Officers Reports:

Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello ASC members & friends,

Over the last month I attended a couple of events, one in Saratoga & the one in our area. They were both very good & had representation from our area at both events. I did not get prices on the 16 gauge plate for not other reason than I forgot to ask for prices. I can get that done & have those figures ready for our next meeting in Cheyenne next month. I have not found the need to ask this body for any expenses for the cost of printing over the last couple of years. I am guessing it does cost somewhere in the area of \$50 to \$75 per year for that expense. The chair’s account balance stands at \$100.00. I would like to remind us all to remember our purpose for being here \$ always remember we are all on the same side so let us practice always the principles before personalities tradition.

In loving service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello Family,

I went to the Aug. 1st RSC meeting as your RCM since that office and RC M2 are both vacant at this time, so I hope that was taken to groups and we can fill those vacancies today. I noticed that the treasurer had a very thorough report out last night including a fiscal budget for all positions. And the secretary had the minutes out very soon after our last ASC meeting. So other than giving a report for the RCM all that I have to report is Wyo-Braska area **rocks** and is running very efficiently. I will be asking for \$90.00 from the RCMs budget for travel to that RSC meeting as round trip from Scottsbluff to Laramie is a little over three hundred mules.

Thank you, Love you, NEED you!!!
Les F.

Treasurer: Report given and filed as follows:

**Laramie, WY
August 16, 2009**

The opening balance according to the telephone banking as of last night is 2693.68. The last transactions were as follows:

Deposit:	286.69	
Check 1376	25.00	cleared
Check 1377	30.55	cleared
Check 1381	50.00	cleared

There are still outstanding checks from the last meeting of 63.18 to URMRS check number 1378. Three more checks were written by the chair and I — those checks were as follows:

Check 1379	120.00	Freedom Voice
Check 1380	18.90	Branding Iron

I am waiting for the chair's documents to go to the bank with to change the signature card, when I do that I will initiate the online banking. The bank representative changed our account to not having a 6 dollar bank fee, as we were a grand fathered account and when the online banking is completed we will have a 10 dollar bank fee that includes bill pay and other features.

Once all checks clear the account we should have 2491.60. It is my proposal that we assume we will at end of business today have at least 2500.00 and that is the starting point of the fiscal year. I have divided the amount of 2500.00 into the committee budgets and would like to propose that any amount over the 2500.00 be deposited into the general account.

I also did an accounting of the lit inventory Rory submitted in July and found that literature had an inventory approximately worth 1272.42. I submit that we use this amount as a guide to keep the inventory at that amount. It has always been said that literature pays for itself, so it should be easy to only replenish what is sold and keep the worth of the literature at that amount. I am sure that the worth has changed since the submission of this inventory, but hopefully not too much. I am asking that the lit chair give a final accounting before end of business today so that my figures are more accurate.

I would like to take the literature column out of the main budget spreadsheet and keep track of it on the side, by doing this it will not affect our overall budget for the year. I do understand that the general account funds the shipping costs for literature and with the help of the lit chair this should be an easy transaction. I am including an example of what this would look like on the budget spreadsheet.

JFT
Gail W
WBASC Treasurer

Secretary: Report given and filed as follows:
Hey all,

Not a whole lot to report this month. The contact list has been updated and the minutes posted on our web site. The minutes were e-mailed to everyone last month except for the one group which were snail mailed to them.

Info is taken from the sign-in sheet and group report forms so if any if these are unreadable the lists will be inaccurate. Everyone please check your information to make sure it is correct and up to date.

Please remember that because the contact list has personal information on it, it is intended for internal use only. It will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area. Copies of the guidelines, values, contact lists, meeting lists, order of annual elections and all other forms have been printed out and available here today.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports. It sure makes it easier to prepare the minutes. Budget remains at \$63.91.

ILS
Richard

RCM: Vacant – In lieu of another report, Les F. in his capacity as Vice-Chairperson presented the first 6 main pages of the URMRS minutes. Once they are posted to the regional web site they can be downloaded and viewed from there without taking up extra paper in these minutes. Important points for our consideration are discussed in the sharing session below.

RCM 2: Vacant – no report.

Group Reports:

On Life's Terms: Deb B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition:\$87.15 Other: None

Clean & Free: Absent – no report.

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Vision of Hope: Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live :Wayne W.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$30.60 Other: None

Clean & Serene: Richard M.

Concerns: None.

Needs: None.

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$75.00 Other: None

Live from Laramie: Given by Todd M.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$19.26 Other: None

Free Bird: Given by Bob M.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent no report

Concerns:.

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Given and filed as follows:

Laramie, WY
August 16, 2009

Unity Days 2009

I had a family emergency was not able to attend this year's campout, however, with the help of a few addicts the event went on. The communication of certain details pertaining to the gate code from the previous UD chair was left out, but addicts being ever so resourceful, found a way to legally get in the camp area and were able to proceed.

The turnout was less than anticipated, I do not have the actual numbers at this time but will ask Deb B. for those numbers.

I would like to thank Deb B., Ray B. and Shaun very much for their assistance with Unity Days 2009.

Costs:

Facility	108.00
Food	<u>50.00</u>
Total	158.00

Regs	40.00	[Only \$20.00 on Treasurer's spreadsheet???
Loss	118.00	

This is the second year that UD has failed to show a profit, it may be in our best interest to plan the next year's function at a place where there is not a reservation fee. There was a time that UD funded the area's fiscal budget, I believe that we can once again make UD a profitable event or at least an event where we do not loose money.

There are no other activities to report this month.

JFT-
Gail W
WBASC Activities Chair

Deb added that there were 8 people at the campout on Saturday and 6 for Sunday. Cost was as above, but registrations were **\$48.00???**

Unity Days 2010

Richard M. reported that he had met with the Trails West manager Kyle, to check on the facility as requested at the last ASC meeting. The optimal weekend for Unity Days is the weekend after Sturgis and before many schools start back up and it just so happens that that was the only weekend available. Due to the rapport established at UD 2008 he volunteered to pencil us in for that date until we can get back to him after today's meeting. He said that we should be able to come up with pricing comparable to the last time.

In the intervening year there have been some nice improvements made in the area notably a new expansive community youth park between Trails West and the camp ground. Anyway, we can probably get a very similar deal as last time if we want to go with a large type event.

Alternate locations were considered but most convention centers and area lakes were either too expensive, too primitive or too difficult to reserve in advance for large parties. For our purposes Trails West is about the best of both worlds and could be promoted as not only a campout but in the event of inclement weather, indoor facilities available.

UD: See above report.

PR: Absent with e-mail as follows:

Hello Folks,

I regret I will not be able to attend tomorrow's Area Service. Todd from Laramie will be taking my place. My last summer course is completing tomorrow, I am required to attend an archaeological dig near Veedavoo. My final grade is dependent on my attending. Please forgive my absence.

As PR Chair, I have a few items I would bring to Area. First is this: can you give me an email address for someone in Wyoming who might distribute a printed announcement. I am calling a meeting of any members who want to be involved in PR H&I or Help Line, date and place to be announced. I will send an attachment with the flier and I request it be distributed in Cheyenne and Scottsbluff.

Second is a discussion that I wanted to take place at Area that you may choose to hold in my absence. I wanted to discuss the situation with Help Line and the possibility of expanding it. Still suffering addicts need contact when they reach out for help, and there are possible ways for them to be connected with a live recovering addict. Costs will need to be examined, volunteers found to alternate in receiving these calls, but it is our primary purpose to help the still sick and suffering

I will be in touch very soon with all members of Area and group reps. Thank you

In loving service;
John S.

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: See above.

Web site: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

General – Our web site is mostly updated – the Unity Days stuff needs to come off of it. The latest minutes are available on the "Archives" page. Received an e-mail from an interested person in Hillsdale. Replied and suggested Cheyenne meetings and NAWS web site for information.

In the process of developing the training aid, it was discovered that our *Web Site Policy and Guidelines* needs a little updating so this was done and will be presented at the next meeting or whenever appropriate.

Remember, GSRs can download motion, disbursement and report forms from the "Archives" page.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the free Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed.

Technical – We registered a total of 2400 hits on the web site for the last month, plus 4 days, as of mid-afternoon yesterday. This is up from 1674 for a total of 726 hits. This increase in traffic was noted last year at about this same time. This higher than usual count is still thought to be attributable to the summer and Unity Days.

Still working on the training aid on how to update our web site. It's really looking good. It is, however, more involved than first thought primarily due to the need to provide more information so the non web site initiate will have enough easy to follow information to learn the process from log on to log off.

Financial: All fees paid for through Sept. 9 (domain name registration) and 20th (annual hosting). If the fees are the same as last year they will be \$8.30 and \$97.04 respectively and will be automatically deducted from our bank account on or about the same dates.

And finally, ". . .wherever we go, we always represent NA to some degree If we are seen acting poorly while we prominently display an NA logo, . . . we carry a distinctly unattractive message . . ."

"It Works: How and Why", Tradition 11, pg. 206.

In Loving Service,
Richard M.

Literature: Given by Rory G. as follows:

There were \$156.31 in sales for this month and a new larger roll around suitcase was purchased to transport all of the literature committee products.

Thanx Rory.

Break: 2:55 – 3:05 pm

Sharing Session:

1) Unity Days – First of all the UD 2009 Chair apologized for not being able to give it her 100%. Then we discussed the future of Unity Days in particular UD 2010. Due to finances, we ought to seriously consider something a lot cheaper than the last two years and keep it simple. It was thought that timing was a large factor in UD 2009's small turnout so the optimal weekend still seems to be the weekend after Sturgis and before schools start and in 2010 it will be August 13 thru 15. As for venue, maybe something like the Saratoga Learning Days. Something simple with low cost, a little fundraiser, maybe a hog roast and lost of fun.

Alternates discussed were Granite Lake, Crystal Reservoir and Trails West. Crystal is 16 miles west of Cheyenne at the base of the mountains on Happy Jack Road. Deb B. volunteered to check out all three of these sites and anything else that may look good.

2) Regional Assembly Rotation/location – The area that has been hosting the Regional Assembly is no longer able to. Another area wants to host it every year. Our Area believes it better to rotate the Regional Assembly like the regional committee meeting. It was suggested that the same area hosting the regional convention would be a good choice for the assembly. Not having to travel for the assembly would allow the hosting area more time to put in on the convention.

So we would like each GSR to take this back to their groups for discussion and input.

For reference, Regional Assemblies are held once a year and coincide with the World Service Conference. On years of the conference the Regional Assembly is where GSRs get together with other area and regional officers and members to discuss and vote on matters contained in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR). On odd years the assembly is an informational workshop on fellowship concerns.

3) Area and/or Regional Phone Lines – Our new PR Chairperson would like to expand the telephone info line into an actual help or hot line. If costs are acceptable and enough volunteers can answer calls it should be a doable endeavor. The main reason for a live person to talk to is that sometimes a still suffering addict needs someone to talk to and not just a list of meetings. A hot line would better enable use to fulfil our primary purpose – to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

One suggestion was to hire an answering service to field calls to local numbers of volunteers, i.e. if a caller is in the Cheyenne vicinity the service would give out Cheyenne numbers and if in Nebraska the service would give out Scottsbluff numbers.

Also, it has come to the Region's attention that most of the other regions in our Zone have phone lines and they are wondering if this is something areas in the URMW would like to do. In other words – do we, as an area, feel a regional phonenumber is something we would want and support. **So GSRs, see what your groups think – expand our area info line into a help line or put our resources into helping with a regional phone line.**

Old Business:

1) Directional NA signs – We may have a lead on the missing signs, but in the mean time Les F. has volunteered to make some out of plywood and get them all painted up. Thanx much Les.

New Business: 1) Check out Unity Days 2010 locations as per sharing session.

Motions ~

1) Motion – To accept the fiscal year budget as outlined by the Treasurer.
Intent – To begin the next fiscal year. [see attached]
Motion carries unanimously.

2) Motion – To have the Treasurer keep track of the literature account separate from the committee budgets.
Intent – So as to not confuse the lit inventory w/ actual money.
Motion carries unanimously

Elections ~

RCM – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

RCM2 – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

At the next meeting we need to hold elections for the above tabled positions and the Chairperson position and we will be electing a Vice-Chairperson in October so

GSRs, please be sure to let your groups know we are looking for volunteers – Pleeease??

Disbursements:

Ck # 1382 – Literature merchandise carrier.	\$ 45.74
Ck # 1383 – Room rent to the Church	\$ 20.00
Ck # 1384 – RCM for travel to URMRS meeting	\$ 90.00

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,429.86

Area 7th Tradition of **18.00** to Live From Laramie grp

Adjourned at 4:20 pm

Next mtg: September 13, 2009 – 1pm @ LCCC, rm 336 Cheyenne, WY

WBASC/rlm