

## REVISED 12-9-08CT Region Service Committee

November

29, 2008

St. Rose Church, 33 Church Street, East Hartford, CT

The meeting opened at 2:15 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Visitors: Penny, Jennifer, Mike, Roberta and Dara R., were welcomed.

Group members read the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.

Roll call - RCMs from 7 areas were present. All subcommittees and committees present

Vicki reviewed the minutes from October. Minutes were voted on and accepted, 6-0-1.

Note: 1 RCM arrived after roll call.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair - Jim H. gave a written report. Contacted Newtown Insurance re: the bounced check. The company had been bought out by another company, thus they need to reissue a check to Region. New Insurance: If meeting places request the new information, addicts should contact Jim. Jim also had 20 copies of the revised CT Regional policy on hand for distribution. Buddy noted that the By-Laws can not be included in the Policy binders since they are two different entities and are not a part of Regional NA.

Vice Chair - OTF

Treasurer - Dwight presented a report for November. Opening balance: \$2,258.54. Area donations: \$3,215.81. Expenditures: \$543.23. WSO Fund Flow: \$2,264.04. RSC Closing Balance: \$2,267.08. Schedule Closing Balance: \$570.19. Checkbook Balance: \$3,337.27. There is also a special reserve added this month for the extra rent that will be incurred by PI/PL. Report accepted, 8-0-0.

Alt. Treasurer - OTF.

Regional Delegate - Melinda gave a written report. She spoke with Craig Robertson from the World Board. He is now our region's contact person. This should improve communications with World Service. She is asking that \$500 be added to the RD budget since it had not included expenses for Zonal Forum in the budget (see Motions 2 & 4 under New Business). Melinda is stepping down from her position for health reasons, but will serve to help host the NEZF. Melinda is still looking for rides to local meetings for the Zonal Forum attendees. Please call: 860-582-9580 to volunteer.

Alt Regional Delegate OTF

Web Servant - Julie S. prepared a written report. Outdated events deleted and new events posted. Policy changes were made in cooperation with Jim, RC Chair. The revised version has the Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> date on each page. Julie suggested that revision dates be placed on future updates to eliminate confusion. Julie has signed the confidentiality agreement for NAWS in order to access the database. The website Committee is seeking more members; no computer programming or html knowledge necessary. Knowledge of email and basic computer use is sufficient to get involved in the committee. The website serves 150-200 visitors per day and has only 2 people maintaining the website and answering emails. The new "eSchedule" can search meetings by towns. (Thanks, Carlos!) Both the Web Servant and Alt Web Servant positions will be OTF next month.

Alt Web Servant ,- Absent.

### SUBCOMMITTEES:

BOD - Marc gave a written report. RFPs are in from proposed 2010 sites and have been reviewed for consideration. Board will meet at Stamford Hilton in December for a walk through and possible selection for the 2010 convention. BOD does have a concern about the new Site Selection Director position.

Convention: Kaye gave a verbal report. Will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Sunday in December at the Hartford Convention Site. Early registration is down: 80 full packets sold but hotel is booked. The banquet will be held in the hotel. The kickoff meeting and the Saturday main meeting will be held at the Excell. The Excell is less than a 10-minute walk from the main hotel. The walk is entirely inside. The kick-off meeting for the next convention will be held in February.

H & I - Buddy gave a written report. There will be a workshop and an H & I info table at the convention. The literature table will include volunteer applications. DOC assistant volunteer liaison is OTF.

Literature - OTF.

PI/PL - Justin gave a written report. GNHA: Preparing a school mailing. SFCA: Held "service" brunch and monthly poster drive. GWANA: mailed out to 50 schools. Orientating twelfth step volunteers. TVA: mail out on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. USA: New group has formed. GDA: Poster drive. There will be a convention workshop and flyers to go out to region.

Schedules - Gary M. gave a written report. Next schedules will be in red. The color change does not influence the price. Committee revised the schedule order forms to reflect the new prices and change of address. Flyers were also distributed for RCMs with the new schedule prices. RCMs urged to share them with areas & meetings. Addicts are also

asked to use the new schedule-update forms when revising a meeting. This additional information will provide better access to meetings on the web.

WSR - Gerry gave a written report. WSR is now serving all CT prisons. More addicts are needed as step guides, especially males. Next meeting, Dec. 18 at 7:30. A workshop will be held at convention (10 to 12 pm).

Schedule Ad Hoc: Julie provided a written report. Met 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed., 6:30 at 50 Court St., Cromwell. Committee recommends that NAWS web contact position be the Webservant or Alt. Webservant. Meetings are urged to complete the NAWS Group Registration Form to ensure that their group is listed on the Website. Forms can be downloaded at [www.ctna.org/schedule.htm#schedule\\_changes](http://www.ctna.org/schedule.htm#schedule_changes). The following Areas do not have meeting scouts or Ad-Hoc committee members: CCA, GNHA, USA, GDA, GWANA. No computer experience required to serve on the committee! Submit the NAWS updates to the RCM for the Regional Webservant. All schedule changes made through the schedule committee will be updated in the printed schedule as well as the CT website and the NAWS database.

#### AREA REPORTS:

CCA - Cathy W. gave report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Alt. Treasurer, Alt. Secretary. Activities Chair. No Fund Flow. NOTE: Meetings held at Trinity Methodist Church in South Meriden are now held at Center Congregational Church, Corner of Broad & East Main St., Meriden. They are: Time is Now (Wed.) and \* Precious Gift (Friday) (Note: \* This Meeting may have folded.) The Morning After Group (Sat a.m.) is thought to be still meeting at the old location.

GDA - Bill B. gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt RCM. No fund flow.

GHA - Bob F. gave report. Positions OTF: PI/PL Chair, Policy Chair and Alt RCM. Fund Flow: \$329.95

GNHA - Ron D. & Kate (Alt. RCM) gave report. Positions OTF: RCM, Alt. Secretary. No Fund Flow. Only 3 group donations were made to their Area this month. Now operating below prudent reserve.

GWANA - Joe F. gave report. Positions OTF: Treasurer, Vice Chair, Alt. RCM, Policy Chair, Campout Chair. Fund Flow: \$1,500.00

MSUA - Robin S/Megan O gave report. Positions OTF: Chair, Treasurer, H & I Chair, Literature Chair. Fund Flow: \$277.20

SFCANA - Dan S.; Joe G, Alt. RCM gave report. Positions OTF: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, PI/PL, H&I. Fund Flow: \$61.81.

TVA - Ray G. gave report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, , Lit Chair. .

USA - Myron T gave report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Ad-hoc members. Fund Flow: \$430.52

Break - 10 minutes.

#### SHARING SESSION:

~ Dwight, Need to have motions to officially transfer money into PI/PL account. The PI/PL quarterly is due next month.

~ Kaye, Convention kick-off committee follows Region's schedule.

~ Julie, We should amend policy to include the date on all flyers. This would better serve the primary purpose. We don't want to send addicts to meetings/events that no longer exist. RCMs encouraged to bring this suggestion to meetings.

~ Buddy O, How is the site selection position deemed "fiscal"? Gerry: The problem is that getting a hotel within the one-year H & H commitment has become impossible. This is why a board member was asked to do it since it was a 3-year commitment. Kaye suggested that a few board members serve on this ad-hoc committee and they forward their suggestions to H & H in the January two-years prior to the convention. Marc will bring questions back to BOD for a response.

~ Justin, What are the revisions to Policy that were made? The revisions were made in 3 separate minutes.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

#### ELECTIONS:

Vice Chair: Curtis was nominated by Buddy O.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary - declined. Mike was nominated by Buddy O ; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary - declined. Remains OTF.

Treasurer: Gary nominated Dwight. Dwight accepted, qualified and was voted in.

Alt. Treasurer: Gerry was nominated by Buddy O, - declined. Remains OTF.

Alt. RD Gerry was nominated by Buddy O. - declined. Remains OTF.

Literature Chair: Gerry nominated Joe - declined.. Remains OTF.

WSR Chair: No nominations or volunteers. Remains OTF.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Motion #1**: 11/29/08; To increase RD and ALT RD budget by \$500.00 for the NE Zonal Forum for a total budget of \$2,740.

Intent: To host NEZF in January. This expense was not included in the 2008-09 budget.

Maker: Melinda/RD; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob F; GHA

**Motion Ruled Out of Order**

**Motion #2:** 11/29/08 To have \$1,017.08 added to the Phonetel maintenance item of the PI/PL 2008 budget. \$508.54 of this request is for an unpaid bill from the previous year's budget. The other \$508.54 was a misinformed budgeting issue. The 2008 budget was \$508.54 short, not \$1,017.08.

Intent: Financial Responsibility.

Maker: Justin, PI/PL Chair; 2<sup>nd</sup> By: Bob F/GHA RCM

**Motion was tabled back to the Areas for 60 Days by Ronnie/GNHA and Joe/GWANA.**

**Motion #3:** 11/29/08 That the Webservant be appointed NAWS web contact or the alternate Webservant in absence of a Webservant.,

Intent: To determine a point of accountability within the service structure; to change the 4 months (previously voted on) and instead become part of the Webservant or Alternate Webservant position; to avoid letting this responsibility fall through the cracks when positions are OTF. This was done at the suggestion of the Ad-hoc committee.

Maker: Julie. (Web Servant) 2<sup>nd</sup> By: Ray G. (TVA RCM)

**Motion Passed, 9-0-0**

**Motion #4:** 11/29/08 To move \$600.00 in the RD/Alt RD budget from "Workshops" to "NEZF" line item.

Intent: To cover a shortfall in the NEZF budgeted amount.

Maker: Dwight/Treasurer; 2<sup>nd</sup> By Myron T/USA RCM

**Motion Passed, 9-0-0.**

The meeting closed in the usual manner 5:03 p.m.

Pleasure to serve,  
Vick

**The next RSC meeting will be on December 27, 2008 at 2:00 p.m, East Hartford**

#### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

Visit [www.ctna.org](http://www.ctna.org) Activities page for directions and events in other regions.

Saturday, Dec. 13 Speaker Jam/Fish Fry, followed by dance. Hosted by Never Alone Campout. First Congregational Church, 62 Colony St., Meriden. 12pm-8pm Speaker Jam; all day fish fry; 9pm-1:00am Dance; Fish Fry: \$7.00; Dance: \$5.00

Dec. 19 "Pigs in Space" Holiday Celebration; 6 p.m to 9 p.m.; First Church of Christ, 190 Court St. Middletown 06457; Fun, Food & Fellowship with Santa

Dec. 24-25 Christmas Day Marathon Meeting, 7:00 pm Wednesday to 7 pm Thursday, Norwalk Hospital, 25 Maple St., Norwalk, CT 06850

Dec 24-Dec 25 Holiday Marathon Meetings, 9 p.m Dec 24 to 7 p.m. Dec. 25; Holy Trinity Church, Main St., Middletown

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Marathon; 6 am - 6 pm; Trinity Lutheran Church, Orange & Wall, New Haven; Come in front doors

Dec. 25 Marathon Meetings, 9 am to 5 pm; Community of the Cross Church, #7 Madison Ave., Danbury CT

Dec. 25 Britain Holiday Marathon Meetings, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; YMCA, 50 High St., New

