

The meeting opened at 2:16 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer

Visitors: Mark, Greg and Adam were welcomed. Group members read the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.

Roll call – RCMs from 6 areas were present. All subcommittees and committees present.

Minutes from February were reviewed, voted on and accepted, 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair – Jim H. presented a written report. Jim clarified 3 issues on the new insurance policy. 1) Jim has a generic certificate of coverage on file. In actuality, no certificate is necessary for the majority of events. This generic certificate is for those meeting places, etc. that require proof of insurance. It is a blanket policy which WILL NOT name the church, etc. but rather names NA as the insured for “all rented meeting rooms and event rooms.” 2) The policy covers accidents but NOT in the case of acts of violence or crimes. 3) Waterbury camp-out required an additional coverage form to be completed. (**Note:** For further clarification, I am attaching the original insurance coverage letter.)

Vice Chair – OTF

Treasurer – Dwight presented a written report for January. Opening balance: \$2,044.94. Area donations: \$38.14. Expenditures: \$1,682.21. WSO Fund Flow: None. RSC Closing Balance: \$400.87. Schedule Closing Balance: \$1,996.14. Checkbook Balance: \$2,397.01. The RSC is in a state of fiscal emergency since the balance is below 40% of Prudent Reserve. This will remain in effect until the balance rises to 60% of Prudent Reserve per policy **V.B.6 a Financial Emergencies** “During a financial emergency, no subcommittee or trusted servant shall expend any funds or enter into any agreement requiring the expenditure of funds without the specific approval of the RSC” (page 12). Report accepted, 6-0-0. (Note: some funds were collected today at Region, but it was not enough to bring the figure above 60% of Prudent Reserve.)

Alt. Treasurer- OTF

Regional Delegate – Gerry P. presented a written report. Received a packet from NAWS with the review drafts for the “In Times of Illness” revision and the self-support pamphlets, “Keeping It” (will replace IP #24 “Hey What’s the Basket For”) and “Giving It Away” (will replace IP #25, “Self Support – Principle and Practice”). Gerry also received the review and input for the book “Living Clean: The Journey Continues.” It is hoped that there will be workshops on these items throughout the region. Gerry is available to those who wish to present workshops. These pamphlets may be also accessed on the web. Minutes of the Jan. 09 NEZF are available but due to the length, there are no copies. Also available: copies of the “Principles & Leadership in NA Service” and “An Introduction to NA Meetings” service pamphlets. These are out to the fellowship for feedback.

Alt. Regional Delegate – Ron presented a written report. The review period for the material that Gerry discussed is from 3/1 or 5/30. Feedback may be provided to the

RD/Alt RD or online at na.org/conference. A copy of “Giving It Away” was attached to Ron’s report. Addicts planning to attend this year’s World Convention in Barcelona, Spain, August 20-23 should pre-register because: 1) there is limited onsite registration; 2) it helps NAWS plan a better convention; 3) get event tickets before they sell out; 4) better seats at ticketed events; and 5) one-of-a-kind pre-registration merchandise.

Web Servant – Julie S. presented a written report. The website received 5,728 hits in January. Julie provided a breakdown on which pages were visited in both numbers and percents. Julie stated that the proposed website committee could devote more time to those areas most visited as well as better maintain the website. Julie’s report provides a list of pros and cons on the formation of either combining the PI/PL and Website committees or forming a standing Website committee. **The website and ad-hoc committee are looking for volunteers** with knowledge of PHP programming language. **No computer experience is needed** to serve on the committee! Not all of the work is done on the computer. Note: only the newer forms should be used on meeting schedule updates. **All schedule changes must go first to the Schedule Committee**, then to the Webservant.

There was an error in the January’s minutes. **Motion #5**, “To add policy “V.A9.a The website will function as a committee when there is support in the fellowship to do so” **was NOT tabled to areas**. It should read as follows: **Tabled to the subcommittees (PI/PL and the Website) for discussion and revision. (See Motion #5, 1/31/09, under Old Business below)**

Alt. Web Servant – OTF

SUBCOMMITTEES:

BOD – Marc presented a written report. 8 out of 9 areas were present. Convention Chair and Vice Chair were voted on. 2010 Convention is underway. The board is reviewing its policies with regard to service positions in order to clearly define the purpose and intent of each service commitment. It is the Board’s intent to maintain a clear channel of communication with the RSC. Since there is an excess of money remaining from January’s convention, BOD is prepared to assist the CTRSC with bills, but cannot directly donate money. Nine areas are represented at the Board. The Convention Committee reports to the Board. All addicts are encouraged to attend the BOD meetings which follow the Region’s schedule.

Convention – Keith presented a written report. Met Feb 15 at the YMCA in New Britain. 53 addicts were in attendance. Next meeting 1:00, March 15.

H & I – Mike, the Vice Chair, presented a written report. Met Feb 4 at the YMCA in New Britain. 8 of 9 areas in attendance. Currently serving 80 meetings/presentations in our region. 2,000 schedules were distributed. Next meeting: March 4 at 7:30 pm.

Literature – Joe presented a written report. Plans to coordinate with the RD to hold a Literature review workshop. Contacted NAWS to let them know that we have a Regional Lit Chair. Submitted proposed 09-10 budget. There will be a multi-regional literature review workshop in Poughkeepsie, NY in April.

PI/PL – Justin presented a written report. Met Feb 11 at St. Andrew’s Church in Meridan. Looking into new phone system and switching to cell phones. Lorraine volunteered to print new posters. THANKS, Lorraine! Discussed whether the

WebServant position should fall under the PI/PL subcommittee. The matter was referred to area committees for discussion. (see Motion #4 under New Business)

Schedules – Gary M. presented a written report. Met Feb. 11. Three addicts in attendance. Typo on report: Please change date to 09. **Deadline for meeting changes for the next printing is April 1st. All meeting updates should be submitted on the new forms, first to Schedules then to Webservant.**

WSR – Pat presented a written report. Met Feb 19. Forty-one letters were sent out; of those 27 were to males and 9 were to females.

Schedule Ad Hoc - Julie presented a written report. Met Feb 11 at 50 Court St., Cromwell. Four addicts in attendance. NAWS generated a list of options for locating meetings on the NAWS website. Option 1: NA Helplines; Option 2: regional and Area Website Links Page; Option 3: NA Meeting Search. The committee recommends the first option. For quick access to that option go to: <http://web.na.org/?ID=phonelines-phonelin-toc>. The committee is attempting to coordinate the schedule information to be identical to the printed schedule, the CT website and NAWS website. Groups will no longer need to submit schedule changes to World. All meeting changes will be made on the database which will then update all other areas. Discussed forming a standing committee that coordinates with the PI/PL and Schedule committees (see Motion #5 under OLD BUSINESS). There is a template available for areas to create their own schedules; a sample copy was attached to the report.

AREA REPORTS :

CCA – Cathy W. gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt. Sec., Alt. RCM, Treasurer. No Fund Flow:

GDA – Bill B. gave a report. Positions OTF: None Fund Flow: None

GHA – Absent

GNHA – Kate B. gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt. Sec; Fund Flow: None

GWANA – Joe F. gave a report. Positions OTF: Vice Chair, Alt. RCM, Policy Chair; Fund Flow: None

MSUA –Megan gave a report. Positions OTF: None. Fund Flow: None

SFCANA – Dave gave a report. Positions OTF: None. Fund Flow: \$365.24

TVA – Absent

USA – Myron T gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Alt. Treas., Activity Chair; Fund Flow: \$514.23.

Motion to wave the break:

Passed, 9-5-1.

SHARING SESSION:

~ Gay H. – promptness for Regional meetings is needed. Start on time and shorten reports. If addicts have questions on the reports they can attend the various committee meetings. Questions could also be submitted in writing to the committee chairs.

~ Dan – When/where does the fellowship have the opportunity to approve the literature mentioned by RD and Alt. RD? Gerry: Please ask Areas to hold workshops on board approved literature; ie; “In Times of Illness” needs to be approved by the fellowship.

Joe: Literature meets the 3rd Wed. of every month at 47 Oak Street, Middletown.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion #1: 12/27/08 To accept the proposed website budget in the amount of \$677.00 submitted for 2009-2010.

Maker: Julie S/Webservant; 2nd by Ray G/TVA RCM

Intent: To be financially responsible

Motion passed. 4-0-2

Motion #5: 1/31/09; To add policy “V.A.9.a The website will function as a committee when there is support in the fellowship to do so.”

Intent: To make it clear in policy that if there is support there is a committee in addition to the resource positions – Webservant and Alt. Webservant. To operate the website with a group conscience when possible.

Maker: Julie S/Webservant; 2nd By: Ray G/TVA RCM

Motion #5 was rewritten and resubmitted to state: 2/28/09, To form a website committee, as a separate standing committee that will coordinate with PI/PL.

Intent: To form a website committee that can effectively coordinate and communicate with the other regional service committees as needed, at minimal cost to the fellowship.

If possible, committees could attempt to meet in a common meeting place at a common time in order to better facilitate the communication process.

Maker: Julie S/Webservant; 2nd by Megan O/MSU RCM

Motion was tabled back to Areas for 60 days.

ELECTIONS:

Vice Chair: Adam was nominated by Ron, 2nd by Katy. Qualified and voted in. 5-0-1. Thanks, Adam!

Alt. Treasurer: No nominations or volunteers. Remains OTF.

Alt. Webservant: Roberta was nominated by Gerry, 2nd by Justin. Declined. Remains OTF.

Convention Chair: Keith volunteered, qualified and was voted in. 5-0-1. Thanks, Keith!

WSR Chair: Pat volunteered, qualified and was voted in. 5-0-1. Thanks, Pat!

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1: 2/28/09; To hold the June 2009 CTRSC meeting on June 20, 2009 instead of the last Saturday of the month.

Intent: To facilitate RD & Alt RD participation at CTRSC and NEZF ZWW in June, as well as other CTRSC trusted servants who may wish to attend both events.

Maker: Gerry P/RD; 2nd by Kate B/GNHA RCM

Motion passed. 17-0-0

Motion #2: To change the length of term of the Convention Committee to begin 15 months prior to the convention.

Intent: To allow convention committee trusted servants to maximize responsiveness and accountability to the groups they serve with regard to the site selection and other issues that require additional lead time and planning.

Maker: Dan S/SFCA RCM; 2nd by Kate B/GNHA RCM
Motion was tabled to subcommittee for 30 days.

Motion #3: To have CTNA Webservant and Web operations come under the responsibilities of the PI/PL Subcommittee
Intent: To improve coordination of related NA Services and to serve addicts seeking recovery by making information about our fellowship available across multiple communication methods.
Maker: Dan S./RCM SFCA and 2nd by Robin/RCM MSUA
Motion was tabled back to Areas for 60 days.

Motion #4: To accept the proposed 2009-2010 Literature Budget in the amount of 2,172.00. This is a dollar less than last year.
Intent: Financial responsibility.
Maker: Joe M/Lit Chair, 2nd by Myron T/USANA RCM
Motion was tabled back to Areas for 60 days.

The meeting closed in the usual manner at 5:17 p.m.

Pleasure to serve,
Vick

The next RSC meeting will be on March 28 at 2:00 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 5 Washington Ave., Sandy Hook, CT 06482.

Upcoming Activities

Visit www.ctna.org Activities page for directions and events in other regions.

March 7	MSU No Limits Group of NA presents "The History of the Basic Text"; 1 – 3pm; 190 Court St, Middletown, CT 06457. Free
March 18	GWA Together in Recovery Family Campout Spiritual Breakfast, 9 am – 1 pm First Lutheran Church, 88 Cooke St, \$5.00
March 21	USANA Sponsor/Sponsee Brunch, 11 am – 2pm; 1 st Baptist Church, 268 State St, Side Entrance, New London, CT 06320. Admission: \$5.00
March 27	GWA Just for Tonight 11th Anniversary; 6:30 pm-9:00; 262 Main St. Oakville, All Saints Episcopal Church
March 28	CCA: Never Alone Campout Present the 1 st Annual NA American Idol & Dinner (Dance follows). 5-7 pm sit-down dinner, 7-9 entertainment; \$10 donation. Dance follows @9 pm: \$5 donation.
April 3-5	Became Willing Retreat, MidState Unity Area 12-Step Retreats; Ivoryton, CT; \$150
April 18	CCA 70's & 80's Dance, 9pm to?? Prizes for best period costumes and dance-offs. Tix \$5 in advance; \$7.50 at door. First Congregational Church, 62 Colony St., Meriden

- April 18 MSU A Social Service Learning Day, 12-4 pm, First Church of Christ, 190 Court St., Middletown, 06457. Free
- April 25 Surrender to Win, 19th Anniversary, 190 Court St., Middletown, CT 9 am – 11:30am. Food donations appreciated.
- April 25 A Multi-Regional Literature Review Workshop, 1-5pm, 22 Raymond Ave, corner of Haight Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
- April 26 MSU New Freedom Group Pancake Breakfast, St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen, Main St, Middletown, 06457, 9 am-10:30 breakfast; 10:30-12 meeting.
- May 2 & May 3 GWA 20th Annual Basketball Shootout; North End Recreation Center, corner of North Main and Kingsbury St., Waterbury, Begins 9 am Sat. and 10 am Sun. Adults: \$3.00. 12 and under: free. Team pre-registration required of participants.
- May 8-10 CCA 5th Annual Woman's Sponsorship Weekend Retreat, Sponsored by the Straight From the Hip Group, Incarnation Retreat Center, 243 Bushy Hill Road, Ivoryton, CT. Price until 3/31: \$155. Price after 4/1: \$165.00
- May 10 USANA 2009 Recovery Rock Fest, 10 am-7 pm. McCook's Point Park, Niantic, CT 06357. Food served 1-3pm. Bring your mother! Tickets: \$6.00 in advance; \$7.00 at the Door. Kids under 12 free. No pets allowed.
- May 16 Asado de Cerdo Annual #26, 10 am – 7 pm. \$12 por adelantado,
Si llueve 5/17 \$20 en la entrada, niños menos de 45" entran gratis, Quassy Amusement Park, información: 1-800-FOR-PARK.
- May 16 26th Annual Pigs in Space, 10 am-7pm; \$12 in advance, \$20 at the
Raindate 5/17 door. Kids under 45" free. Quassy Amusement Park. Information: 1-800-FOR-PARK
- May 23 GNHA Walk the Walk at the Beach, meet at Captain's Galley @
Raindate 5/24 Noon and walk to Point for the Speaker. West Haven Town Beach.
June 27 NA Zone-Wide Workshop, NEZF St. Margaret School, 66-10 80th St, Middle Village, NY 11379, Queens County. 9am-10pm. Free.
- August 21-23 Miracles Do Happen Campout, Cedarcrest, 886 Mappeddale Rd, Orange, CT 06522. \$30 no meals; \$45 with meals and children under 12 free; \$15 Cabin fee.
- Oct. 9-11 "Solutions for Sisters, Women's Retreat; Incarnation Retreat Center, 253 Bushy Hill Rd; Ivoryton, CT. Price until 3/31: \$155; Price after 4/1: \$165.
- Oct. 9-11 Free to Be Me, Prayer & Meditation Retreat, Camp Wightman, Griswold, CT. \$150 includes lodging (double/triple occupancy and six meals)