

Connecticut Regional Service Committee

Service Committee Minutes

Date: April 30, 2011 Location: St. Rose Church, 33 Church St.; East Hartford, CT 06108

Meeting

Opened at 2pm with a moment of silence and the we version of the Serenity Prayer
12 Traditions was read by Art - 12 Concepts was read by Alfred D.

Attendance was taken:

Chair – Present (Bob F.)
Vice Chair – Present (Steven J.)
Secretary – Present (Lisa C.)
Treasurer – Present (Woodsy)
Alt. Treasurer – Present (Keith T.)
Regional Delegate- Present (Jimmy C.)
Regional Delegate Alternate – Present (Adam H.)
Web Liaison – Present (Rich G.)
Board of Directors – Present (Carl H.)
Convention Chair – Present (Diane F.)
Hospitals & Institutions – Present (Dan E.)
Literature – Out to Fellowship
Public Information – Present (Debbie D.)
Writing Steps in Recovery – Present (Gerry P.)
Web Ad-Hoc Committee – Present (Rich G.)
Greater Danbury Area (GDANA) - Present
Greater Hartford Area (GHANA) - Present
Greater New Haven Area (GNHANA) - Present
Greater Waterbury Area (GWANA) - Present
Mid-State Unity Area (MSUANA) - Present
Southern Fairfield County Area (SFCANA) - Present
Tunxis Valley Area (TVANA) - Present
United Shoreline Area (USANA) – Present
Visitors/ New RCMs:
Jeff J. new Alt. RCM for Tunxis Valley
Alfred re-elected RCM for GHANA
Doug –Visitor
Beverly H. – Visitor
Phil D. – Visitor
Bob L. – Visitor

Minutes:

Read by Lisa C.

Adam H – Pointed out that the in the sharing session of the minutes, the June Regional meeting will not meet on June 25, 2011 but on June 18, 2011 – this was discussed and agreed upon.

So the June Regional Meeting will meet on June 18, 2011.

Jill T. (RCM for USANA) Motioned to Accept – Gay H. (RCM for GDANA) seconded motion

Minutes were accepted 9/0/0

Executive Committee Reports

Chair – Read by Bob F.

Stated: Called insurance agent regarding insurance certificates, but was unable to get to the Regional P.O. Box this month. He will be unable to attend the Regional meeting next month.

Lou D. (RCM for GNHANA) – questioned about the use of blank certificates

Bob F. (Regional Chair) – responded by stating that for special events Region needs to have specific certificates, but has many blank certificates on hand if anyone needs any.

Vice Chair – Read by Steven J.

Stated: He updated the Regional Calendar Twice. Typed up and distributed last month’s regional minutes. Has a new call sheet.

Treasurer’s Report - Read by Alt. Treasurer Keith T.

Stated:

Opening Balance:	\$3,537.83
Donations:	\$1,702.25
Misc. Donations/ Funds Returned:	\$180.00
Expenditures Total:	\$402.66
Donation to WSO:	\$1,479.59
Closing Balance:	\$3,537.83
Prudent Reserve:	\$3,537.83
Special Reserve:	
Total Reserves:	\$3,537.83

Motion to accept treasurer report – seconded – passed 9/0/0

Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate Alternate – Read by Jimmy C.

Stated: The Service System webpage is online @ www.na.org/servicesystem
World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous will be held in San Diego CA September 1-4,

2011

“Living Clean” book has been released as an approval draft; you can download or purchase a copy for \$8.50. The information is online at www.na.org/?ID=Living_Clean_Project

A Regional Delegate informational conference was held on April 23rd in Middletown – 20 attendees

A RD conference will be held at the 15th ECCNA on June 25th
Adam H. and Jimmy C. will be attending the NEZF workshop in Sturbridge, MA on July 22 – 24, 20011, it is a zone workshop and the topic of discussion will be “Fellowship Development within our Zone” and “Anonymity and Social Media” everyone is encouraged to attend

Sub Committee Reports

Board of Directors – Verbal report given by Carl H.

Stated: Meeting held on 4/10/11, 9 of the 14 directors were present. The USA, GWA & GHA seats are OTF

Went over site selection. Voted to move location of meeting to Grace & St. Peter's Church, 2927 Dixwell Ave.; Hamden, CT every 3rd Sunday of the Month. Next meeting will be May 15, 2001 at 3pm.

Jill T. (RCM for USANA) – questioned the length of time seats are out to the fellowship

Carl H. (BOD) – Responded with 6 months

Convention – Read by Diane F.

Stated: Meeting held on 4/10/11, all sub-committees had at least one meeting and their goals for April were completed. Flyers for the A&G, Programming, Merchandise, and convention information subcommittees are available today to be distributed at the area level. The goal for May is submitting their proposed budgets. Motion was made and passed to move the convention committee meeting from the Orange & Wall location to Grace & St. Peter's Church, 2927 Dixwell Ave.; Hamden, CT

H & I – Read by Dan

Stated: All commitments are filled. Gave 99 presentations. Stated the group discussed creating a link to the regional website.

Cindy (Alt.RCM for GHANA) – had a question on obtaining yellow cards for the women's prison. Says her contact Mr. Doug Cumackz has retired.

Diane F. (Convention Chair) – suggested contacting Mr. Nickeloff. Also stated to enter the York Facility additional forms other than the yellow cards are needed, she has a copy of these forms and will send them to H&I

Gerry P. (WSR Chair) – stated he received a thank you and invitation to be recognized by the jail and the event is on May 21, 2011

Jimmy C. (RD) – stated it was a recognition for all volunteers

Gay H. (RCM GDANA) – stated the information should be on the State of CT website, Dept. of Corrections

Adam H. (Alt. RD) – questioned why H&I had their own website?

Dan E. (H&I Chair) – Answered due to archiving of minutes

Adam H. (Alt. RD) – questioned why not archive the minutes with region

Rich G. (Web Liaison) – commented that it would be a lot to start archiving minutes from all sub-committees, that we are only bought 5 hours of service a month from web service company

Dan E. (H&I Chair)– suggested a link

Literature – Read by Donna H.

Stated:

	2/2011	3/2011
Sold to Areas:	1600	5221
RSC Subcommittees:	1000	2000
Outside:	490	150
Samples:	5	100
TOTAL:	3095	7471

The next Regional Literature meeting will be on May 18, 2011 at 6:30pm
@ the Bethany Lutheran Church, 50 Court St.; Cromwell, CT 06416

PI/PL – Read by Debbie D.

Stated: Met on April 13, 2011 at 7pm, 4 out of 9 areas were present.

TVA: Gave written report, 14 addicts in attendance 6 calls on the phone line.

Poster Drive on April 16, 2011 well done. Vice Chair and Orientation Chair OTF

CCANA – gave written report, 5 addicts in attendance, 1 call on the phone line.

Poster drive will be May 14, 2011. Will be participating in learning day on June 18, 2011

GHA – gave written report, 7 addicts in attendance, and 9 calls to the phone line.

Budget submitted to area. Spanish Phone line Coordinator and Web servant and Alt web servant are

OTF. Discussing a book drive and billboards

MSUA – gave written report, 4 addicts in attendance, and 3 calls to the phone line.

Having a poster drive May 14, 2011. PSA's are still being worked on. Vice Chair and

Spanish phone line Coordinator OTF

GNHA/USA/GWANA/SFCA/GDA/ -Absent

Phone line Coordinator reported all areas should try to clean up their messages from a computer and only save messages up to a month if possible. Spanish Phone Line Coordinator is OTF

Will be having table at the Pig Roast, May 21, 2011

Lou D. (RCM for GNHANA) – questioned the budget increase

Debbie D. (PI/PL Chair) – responded, price increases and special projects, and stated that it is only a proposed budget.

Dan E. (H&I Chair) – questioned why the price went from 1,000 a month to 18,000 a year

Diane F. (Convention Chair) – Said concern arose when things were not itemized well

Debbie D. (PI/PL Chair) – sought suggestions on how to revise the budget

Bob F. (Regional Chair) – asked to seek additional assistance

Adam H. (Alt. RD) – said anyone can make a motion to amend a motion

Debbie D. (PI/PL Chair) – said she needs to bring budget back to subcommittee and wants to know how to itemize items and what items should be itemized.

Bob F. (Regional Chair) – Stated all items need a line

Adam H. (Alt. RD) – commented that the issues and concerns may arise from the “special projects” and that members may question what these “special projects” are and suggested that there needs to be certain questions in concerns to the projects.

Woodsy (Treasurer) – Wanted to clarify budget numbers and stated the amount asked for was similar to last year, but there are still concerns and it's not the projects but the particular rise in asked increases

Debbie D. (PI/PL Chair) – Thanked group for input

Cindy C. (Alt. RCM for GHANA) – suggested we should table the budget and wants to know why only 4 out of the 9 members were present and suggested that group members remain responsible to the subcommittee

Bob F. (Regional Chair) – stated that we cannot table the budget because it has already been sent out to groups to be voted on.

Rich G. (Web Liaison) – questioned why the PI/PL schedule on the answering service is wrong and suggested shutting it down.

Gay H. (GDANA) – needed clarification on the discussion

Writing Steps in Recovery - Read by Gerry P.

Stated: Meeting met on April 21, 2011, 7 addicts in attendance
20 letters received from males (14 continuing step writers and 6 new requests with 5 of those being assigned step guides and 1 still waiting)
2 female letters from females who are continuing step writers.
Orientated 2 new female step-guides
Group agreed another presentation at York facility is necessary. Carleen PL has volunteered to coordinated this effort and requests assistance of both the PI & H&I committees.
Have a booth at the Pig Roast. Will be participating in CCANA Learning Day on June 18, 2011 in Wallingford and at the Clean & Serene Group of New London's Aniv. Party/Dance on Sat. Aug 1, 2011.
WSR Group is in need of support from the fellowship, especially male
Vice Chair, Coordinating Secretary and Out of State Corresponding Secretary are OTF

Web Liaison – Read by Rich G.

Stated: Everything is going nicely and may be done within the next week. We need to input our schedule information into the database after the page goes online, this will probably involve a few volunteers typing in our schedule.

Also suggested that subcommittees come up with a little “blurb” describing what it is that they do so it can be added to the subcommittees’ web space. Requested the \$1,150.00 dollars (\$600.00 for final payments for redesign and \$550.00 for the maintenance and hosting)

Debbie D. (PI/PL Chair) – questioned how to submit “blurb”

Rich G. (Web Liaison) – Answered by e-mail

Steven J. (Vice Regional Chair) – asked if the schedule database can be imported into the web page. And suggested if so that an excel or electronic format can be created prior then just uploaded to the web page

Bob F. (Regional Chair) – Questioned when the contract actually starts

Rich G. (Web Liaison) – answered, he will find out, believes it starts in May but will get it in writing.

Bob F. (Regional Chair) – questioned the need to maintain the Web Ad-hoc Redesign group

Rich G. (Web Liaison) – Stated that the Ad-hoc is no longer needed

Bob F. (Regional Chair) – stated that the Ad-hoc group is not longer and thanked Rich G. and all those that participated

Jill T. (RCM for USANA) – questioned when they can start submitting flyers, etc for the Web site

Rich G. (Web Liaison) – Stated that anything being submitted should be in electronic format, and that it could be within the next week. But suggested that every area get a web liaison, so that the areas can give them the flyers, etc and then they can give them to the RCM, and the RCM can give them to the Regional Web Liaison who then passes it to the web company who inputs the information onto the web page.

Lou D. (RCM for GNHANA) – questioned area web pages and how they work.

Rich G. (Web Liaison) – stated that all areas have available web space and from the main page will be filters, or links to areas.

Cindy C. (Alt. RCM for GHANA) – questioned what to do when a group has a time constraint on a flyer or event

Rich G. (Web Liaison) – Suggested going through area web liaison

United Shoreline Area of Narcotics Anonymous

RCM: Jill T.

Alt. RCM:

Positions out to Area: Alt. Treasurer, Policy Coordinator, PI/PL

Activities: Rock Fest McCooks Point, Niantic May 15, 2011 @12pm

Fund Flow: \$354.16 **Area Concerns:** None

Tunxis Valley Area of Narcotic Anonymous

RCM:

Alt. RCM: Jeff J.

Positions out to Area: Treasurer, RCM

Activities: None

Fund Flow: None.

Area Concerns: None

Break

Sharing Session:

Kipp A. (Alt. RCM for SFCANA) – requested direction on what to do with a member who had a problem with the prayer at the beginning of the meeting

Lou D. (RCM for GNHANA) – responded that they don't have to participate and it could be a silent meditation of your choice.

Bob F. (Regional Chair) – stated all groups are autonomous

Adam H. (Alt. RD) – suggested to tell the member to keep coming and reach out to other addicts

Bob L. (Visitor) – wanted to know why we have religiously implied prayers in our meetings

Gerry P. (WSR Chair) – suggested to keep coming

Old Business:

No old Business

New Business:

Lou D. (RCM for GNHANA) proposed motion: Region not distribute old schedules, only most current ones.

Intent: To supply fellowship with most current information in an effort to carry the message

2nd by: Robin B (RCM for CCANA)

Tabled to Executive Table

2nd by: Committee for 30 Days and Literature Committee

Donna H. (Literature Chair Stand-in) – Commented that print is always outdated and suggested to check the website

Woodsy (Treasurer) – Suggested time new printing to fit our needs, and if not making people happy maybe process needs to be changed

Adam H. (Alt. RD) – commented we have to make a decision on to either order when we are out, or order and have extra

Beverly H. (Visitor) – Suggested to place a disclaimer on the schedules

Donna H. (Literature Chair Stand-In) – Checked the flyer and stated there is not a disclaimer on it

Cindy C. (Alt. RCM for GHANA) – questioned the time frame of ordering and receiving new schedules

Donna H. (Literature Chair Stand-In) – responded 2 wks

Dan E. (H&I Chair) – Suggested that maybe the disclaimer should direct members to the website

Gerry P. (WSR Chair) – stated some areas already have this motion in policy

Bob F. (Regional Chair) – needed clarification about motion and stated that the motion needs to be tabled for 30 days because it will affect policy

Lou D. (RCM GNHANA) – was re-recognized and he stated if we have old schedules in stock do not distribute them and to just distribute the new ones and not everyone has access to computer and suggested that the disclaimer point to the phone line

Elections:

Literature Chair – Out to Fellowship

Please make announcements this commitment has been out to the fellowship for the past 3 months

BOD GHANA – Ron was nominated

Voted 9/0/0 – passed

BOD GWANA – Phil D. was nominated

Voted 9/0/0 – passed

BOD USANA – Out to Fellowship

Announcements:

Gerry P. has Pig Roast tickets for sale, Front Row 😊