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Open: 7:00 the meeting opened with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and the Service Prayer were read.

Mail: Bank statements, NAWS, Retreat, and Las Vegas Convention flyers

Roll Call: 21 of 25 groups present

Service Orientation: **Marc (Vice Chair)** – Read Section IV Part B. Number 1 ASC Chairperson requirements

Open Forum: **Brian (Whole Lava Love)** - There will be a new meeting in the MSUA. Kick- Off will be Wednesday, April 18, 2012 downstairs at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Portland from 7p-8p. The new meeting will be service focused. Come on out and get involved.

Stacy (Secretary) – Asked if all Gsrs received corrections for the March minutes. Also that a log of Gsrs and Alternates would be passed around with attendance sheet to assist the Literature subcommittee in maintaining lit orders.

Rodney (Saturday Night Sanity) – I have contacted World to find the start date for Saturday Night Sanity they told me that the meeting dates too far back so there is no record of this information. **Brian (whole Lava Love)** – Offered some feedback in regards to this issue, stating that at that during 84'- 85' (?) meetings were announced in the Middletown press, so maybe you will be able to find that information in one of the paper's archives.

Gene (Treasurer)- Stated that the two back pages from the Treasury Report are missing. The pages are both the Budget and Income Recaps.

Reports

- *Secretary minutes* –**Anthony (Where are we Going)** –Did not receive a copy of the minutes. Rodney asked why the tally sheet for the CAR reports was not attached to March minutes. **Donna (RCM)**- Stated that they were not supposed to be, however if a group is missing their tally sheet for the CAR report they can be printed off the regional website (CTNA.org) and brought to the next RSC meeting in Middletown at 300 Washington St. on 4/21/12 @ 2pm. *Motion to Accept with Corrections made by Lennie (Surrender to Win) 2nd by Mike E Stepping Thru it All, Motion passes 15-0-1*
- *Treasurer report* – **Gene**- Gave Written/verbal report. The report was 3 cents off due to a clerical error. *Motion to accept Treasury Report made by Mike E. (Stepping Thru it All) 2nd by Nikole (Basically Lit). Motion Passes 17-0-1*
- *RCM* –**Donna**- gave written/ verbal report. There was a motion at the regional level to allocate \$250 for design and the addition of a new web page that will allow for schedule changes in order to expedite the process. **Kevin (Serenity Check)**- Asked if there was any breakdown of the financial figure. Donna replied this was the figure with no breakdown. We want to be able to put the schedule changes directly into the webpage without having to go through the Web company. **Webservant, Alt Webservant, and the TVA BOD seat are all OTF.** Regional minutes can be accessed at CTNA.org
- *H&I* –**James**- Gave verbal and written report. James has served as H&I Chair and his commitment is now up. Thank you James. The H&I Subcommittee recommends Eve S. for the position of Chair, she has been serving as Vice Chair. H&I meets the 1st Monday of every month, (6:30-7:00pm for new members flowed by the regularly scheduled Subcommittee meeting at the First United Methodist Church on Old Church St in Middletown.

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- *Literature* – **Michael**- Gave verbal/ written report. All back orders have been filled. The Literature Subcommittee meets at 6:15 on the second Monday of every month prior to the ASC meeting, all are welcome. **Lit Sec OTF**
- *Public Relations* – **Rik**- Gave written/verbal report. PR meets the 4th Sunday of every month at the Church of Holy Trinity; 5pm is orientation for new members followed by the regularly scheduled Subcommittee meeting. The learning Day scheduled for May 5th will be postponed.
Phone line Coordinator and Spanish phone line coordinator OTF
- *Activities* – **Kris**- Gave verbal/written report. Activities have been discussing some possible upcoming events including the 25 Year MSUA Anniversary. As of now funds have not been cleared to go further.
- *Retreat* – **Kim**- Gave written/ verbal report.
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- *Adhoc Policy Chair*- No Report available.

Group Reports: 23 Of 26 present

A New Awakening-Jaime- AIW	Saturday night sanity-Rodney- Alt Gsr OTF
After the Weekend –Lois-AIW	Serenity Check –Kevin C.- AIW
All About Change-Matt-AIW	Stepping Free –Mike J- Alt Gsr OTF
Basically Lit –Nikole- Alt Gsr OTF	Stepping into the Weekend –Ken-AIW
Came To Believe - Absent	Stepping thru it All – Mike E- Gsr, Treas. OTF
Coming Alive-Greg- Alt Gsr OTF	Stepping Up –Toby-AIW
Miracles –Absent	Straight Lace –Valerie - AIW
New Freedom –Dan- EVENT	Surrender to Win-Lennie- Alt Gsr OTF, EVENT
New Perspectives –Leonard- Alt Gsr OTF	The other 23- Mike A- Alt Sec OTF, EVENT
No Bull in Durham-Josh – Treas. OTF	Uncover to Recover –Absent
No Joke on oak – Absent	Where we are Going –Anthony- Alt Gsr, Sec OTF
Over the wall-Dave- Alt Gsr OTF	Whole Lava Love – Brian-AIW
Off the Hook Freedom Book- Absent	

Elections: Marc (Vice Chair)- Read the requirements for the H & I Chair position off page 10 of MSUA Policy. James nominated Eve for H & I Chair position. Eve qualified. No other nominations or volunteers at this time. Eve was voted in as H&I Chair. **Congratulations Eve!**

Break- Break for 10 minutes

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Opened up with the Serenity Prayer.

2nd Roll Call- 20/25 groups present

Old business: Jason (Chair)- Addressed old business regarding paying quarterly rent (donation) to United Methodist the church agreed upon this figure.

Motion 2 from Old Business: Made by **Mike J. (Stepping Free)** 2nd by **Karlene (New Freedom)**- to pay outstanding balance of \$250 to Holy Trinity for the 2010/2011 Marathon meetings; intent: to have financial accountability to Holy Trinity Church. **Passed 17-0-2.** Letter will be sent along with check for \$250 (also donation) for Marathon meetings 2010/2011 which will bring us up to date for 2011-2012.

AREA WILL BE MEETING AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN PORTLAND (Where Over the Wall meets) IN THE MONTH OF MAY, PLEASE MARK THIS CHANGE ON YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Also; most of the start dates have been given for the groups only a few left, then we will have a complete group registry...Let's try to fill in the blanks. Thanks for your help!

GROUP NAME	START DATE	GROUP NAME	START DATE
A New Awakening	10/2004	Saturday Night Sanity	
After the Weekend	2/1995	Serenity Check	1/2008
All About Change		Stepping Free	8/2006
Basically Lit	7/2008	Stepping into the Weekend	11/2003
Came to Believe		Stepping Thru it All	11/1990
Coming Alive	8/2008	Stepping Up	
Miracles		Straight Lace	
New Freedom	4/1985	Surrender to Win	
New Perspectives	7/2002	The Other 23	3/2010
No Bull in Durham	4/2007	Uncover to Recover	1/2007
No Joke on Oak	7/2008	Where We are Going	4/2007
Over the Wall		Whole Lava Love	11/2005
Off the Hook			

New Business : Motion made by **Brian (Whole Lava Love)**- To host a 25 Year Anniversary Celebration; intent to maintain unity and to further the primary purpose within the MSUA; 2nd by **Dave (Over the Wall)**. Discussion opened up. Activities has been working on some ideas and is waiting for the area to give them the ability to move forward. **Al- (Alt Rcm)**- Is there a specific date known for our Anniversary? **Kris (Activities)**- There is a tentative date for the fall; Sept 23. **Leonard (New Perspectives)** -Would like to know how this will be financed? **Kris (Activities)**- Confirmed this will not be financed through basket money which is why Activities has been discussing having an outdoor fundraiser to financially support the event. Activities has been waiting for the areas approval to move forth with ideas. **Jason (Chair)**- Brought up the fact that if we were to vote on the motion without having some sort of budget does that mean we would have it regardless of financial outline? **Brian (Whole Lava Love)**- This does not have to become a large event it can simply be recovering addicts within the company of one another enjoying coffee, basically low cost, great time. **Nikole (Basically Lit)**- Offers the suggestion of donating food then the only thing we will have to worry about is the cost of the place. Motion called to a vote, **Passes 20-0-0.**

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 22nd the **New Freedom Group** will be hosting its **Annual Pancake Breakfast** the St. Vincent De Paul Place (Soup Kitchen) in Middletown. From 9:30-10:30 will be food fun fellowship, food donations are welcome. Come start off your Sunday with Recovery and a great pancake breakfast!!

The Other 23 will be celebrating its **2 Year Anniversary** on Thursday April 27th at the First United Methodist Church in Middletown. Food, Fun, and Fellowship will begin from 7:30-8:30, directly followed by a speaker meeting. Come on out, food donations are greatly appreciated!

Surrender to Win which meets at a **new location**, Mount Olive Church, 695 South Main Street in Middletown (near Denny's) from 10a.m. to 11:00a.m. Is celebrating their **22nd Anniversary** on April 28th Food, Fun, & Fellowship will begin at 9 until 11. Continental breakfast food donations are gratefully appreciated. Come get involved and help Surrender to Win celebrate 22 years!

The **29th Annual Pig Roast** is right around the corner!! It will be held at Quassy Amusement Park in Middlebury on May 19th 2012 with a rain date of May 20th. Tickets are available!!

Meetings In Need of Addict Support

Surrender to Win

The Other 23

Coming Alive

Where We Are Going

