

# Mid State Unity Area of NA®

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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:** Reaching Out (H & I), Bank Statements, and NAWay Magazines

**Roll Call:** 19 of 27 groups present, H & I absent

**Service Orientation:** Section IV, Part B Trusted Servants, #5 Regional Committee Member (RCM)

## **Open Forum:**

- **Gene (Treasurer)** – Apologized for not having his report ready for area. “I logged in with the wrong password and this prevented access to account information. There is a \$33.95 error within the report which I cannot find, after working on it throughout the day”. **Jason (Chair)** – At this time the Vice Chair will work with the treasurer to find a resolution to this problem.
- **Josh C (Activities)** – Reminded the ASC that T- shirts were being sold to support the 25<sup>th</sup> MSUA Anniversary picnic. Also the proceeds from the Grand Slam Picnic August 19<sup>th</sup> at Vets Memorial Park in Middletown will also help fund the Anniversary event. Please show support for our area!
- **AI (Alt RCM)** – H & I needs the support of men. They have received a proposal from a men’s facility and there are not enough men to facilitate a meeting. We do not want to accept the proposal and have the inability to fulfill its needs.
- **Jaimie (A New Awakening)** – Holy Trinity is concerned with messes being left after groups exit the premises. To remedy this situation the church has been locking the kitchen where the mop and bucket is stored. **Donna (RCM)** – Has anyone contacted the facility regarding this issue? **Jaimie (A New Awakening)** – Yes, they are having an issue with groups leaving a mess behind as well as using supplies which don’t belong to them. I’m bringing this issue to Open Forum in hopes that the groups which meet there will form a resolution together; however we are communicating with the church. **AI (Alt RCM)** - Can the church just leave out the mop? **Gary (Came to Believe)** – It would be a good idea to gather a donation from all the groups to purchase our own mop and bucket.
- **Brian (Whole Lava Love)** – I know it was mentioned last month that there has been an issue in regards to lack of ASC attendance by certain groups. What are we doing about this? **Jason (Chair)** – Our secretary has formed a list of groups whom are not able to vote (*After Lunch Bunch, Stepping Thru it All, and Uncover to Recover*). Per policy the ASC Secretary will contact the Gsrs of these groups and find out the status and intentions of returning to area.

## **Reports**

**Secretary minutes** – Both **Val (Straight Lace)** and **Joe (All About Change)** did not receive minutes from the July ASC meeting. **Adam (In Loving Service)** – I would like to make an amendment to motion #1 in New Business of last month’s minutes which stated to increase shipping in Literature budget to \$140. I’m not sure if this was the exact wording written on the motion sheet but this suggests that the original figure would be increased. It was my understanding that literature was asking for an extra \$140 on top of the already existing figure. Amendment to motion will show in August minutes. Motion to accept secretary’s minutes including the amendment made by **Adam (In Loving Service)**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Nikole (Basically Lit)**. **Minutes accepted 15-0-3.**

**Treasurer report** – No report at this time. Vice Chair and Treasurer will attempt to rectify by the end of ASC meeting.

**RCM** – Donna gave written/ verbal report. Regional minutes can be accessed at **CTNA.org**

**Thank you for serving Donna!!**

**H&I** – Eve gave written /verbal report. There will be an upcoming learning day see events page for more information. H & I needs addict support. H&I meets the first Monday of every month at First United Methodist Church located at 24 Old Church St. New member orientation begins at 6:30 followed by the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting at 7:00.

**Literature** – Michael gave written/verbal report. **Gene (Treasurer)** – I’m showing that Literature has an opening balance of \$140.54 not \$104.54; which one of these figures is incorrect? **Michael (Lit Chair)** - Gene is absolutely right the opening balance is in fact \$140.54, thank you Gene. MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome. **Lit Sec OTF**

**Public Relations** – Rik gave written/verbal report. Public Relations meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month at Holy Trinity, 381 Main St. 5:00pm is new member orientation followed by the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting. Will be a poster drive in June, see events page for more details. **Spanish phone coordinator OTF**

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**Activities** – Kris gave verbal report. It is important for the groups to know that the proceeds from the “Grand Slam Picnic” and the T-shirt sales will go to fund this area’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party to be celebrated on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Ron McChutcheon Park at Crystal Lake in Middletown. Activities discussed the Autumn Chili Cook-Off. Stay tuned for more information. Activities meets the last Tuesday of every month directly following the Over the Wall group in Portland located on the corner of Church on Main St.

**Retreat** – Denise gave written/ verbal report. April 5,6, & 7<sup>th</sup> are the dates of the 2013 Retreat. Flyers will be available soon.

**Policy Adhoc – Adam (In Loving Service)** – Most of the Subcommittee Chairs showed up for our last Adhoc meeting. We were able to accomplish a lot of work. The Policy Adhoc plans on meeting one more time to tie up any loose ends. Then we should have a copy of the revised policy to distribute at area.

## Group Reports: 20 Of 27 present

A New Awakening-Jaimie- <b>Sec. Fri , Tres. M, W, F OTF</b>	Off the Hook Freedom Book-Lauren – <b>Alt Gsr OTF</b>
After Lunch Bunch- Absent	Saturday Night Sanity-Steve- <b>Alt Gsr OTF</b>
After the Weekend –Lois- <b>Gsr OTF, EVENT</b>	Serenity Check –Mary-AIW
All About Change-Joe - <b>EVENTS</b>	Stepping Free –Tanya- AIW
Basically Lit –Nikole- AIW	Stepping Into the Weekend –Jerome-AIW
Came To Believe –Gary - <b>EVENT</b>	Stepping Thru it All – Mike E. - AIW
Coming Alive-Renee- <b>EVENT</b>	Stepping Up – Absent
In Loving Service- Adam- AIW	Straight Lace –Valerie -AIW
Miracles –Absent	Surrender to Win-Absent
New Freedom –Karlene-AIW	The Other 23- Kate- AIW
New Perspectives –Leonard- <b>Alt Gsr OTF, EVENT</b>	Uncover to Recover -Absent
No Bull in Durham- Brian – <b>Gsr OTF, EVENT</b>	Where We are Going –Absent
No Joke on oak – Absent	Whole Lava Love – Brian- <b>EVENT</b>
Over the wall- Dave- AIW	

**Elections:** Motion to suspend the order of the day and take a break before elections, made by **Adam (In Loving Service)**. No Cons to motion. Break for 10 minutes.

## Opened 2<sup>nd</sup> half with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer

2<sup>nd</sup> Roll Call: 21 out of 27 groups present

### **Elections:**

- **ASC Chair - Marc (Vice Chair)** read requirements out of MSUA Policy. **Michael (Lit Chair)** was nominated, and respectfully declined. **AI (Alt RCM)** nominated Marc (**Vice Chair**), and there was a second. Marc accepted and qualified. Questions for Marc opened up from the floor. **Adam (In Loving Service)** – Do you have an issue being a check signer for the account? **Marc (Vice Chair)** -No I do not as I have been a co- signer for some time. **Josh C** -Have you served as the ASC Chair before? **Marc**- No, I have not. **Marc** voted in as **ASC Chair**. **CONGRATULATIONS MARC!**
- **ASC Vice Chair- Jason (Chair)** - Read requirement out of MSUA policy for position. **Brian (Whole Lava Love)** – Per policy, it states that we should be reading requirements for positions out of the Guide to Local Service handbook. This commitment is very in depth regarding its responsibilities. **Jason (Chair)** - Read requirements for Vice Chair from the Guide to Local Services. **Stacy (Secretary), Brian (Whole Lava Love), Lois (After the Weekend), Kris V.(Activities Chair), and Gary (Came to Believe)** were all nominated and respectfully declined. **Walt** nominated **Mike E. (Stepping Thru it all)** 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Leonard (New Perspectives)**. Mike asked about requirements, accepted, and qualified. Questions for Mike opened from the floor.

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- **AI (Alt RCM)**- Will you have a problem signing the checks? **Mike**- No, I will not. **Lois (After the Weekend)** – Will you be able to attend subcommittee meetings in the case which they lack a Chairperson? **Mike** – Yes. **Adam (In Loving Service)** - Have you ever misappropriated NA funds? **Mike**- No, I have not. **Leonard (New Perspectives)** - Have you fulfilled all your commitments in the past? **Mike**- No, I have not. Due to a relapse. Called to a vote. **Mike E.** voted in as **ASC Vice Chair**. **CONGRATULATIONS MIKE!**
- **ASC Secretary- Jason (Chair)** - Read the requirements for the position. **Brianna (Retreat Secretary), Donna (RCM), and Dana (Vice Lit Chair)** were nominated and all respectfully declined. **Adam (In Loving Service)** nominated **Stacy (Secretary)** for Secretary with a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stacy accepted and qualified. Questions taken from the floor. No questions. Stacy voted in as **ASC Secretary**.
- **Regional Committee Member (RCM) – Jason (Chair)** -Read requirements for the RCM position. **Jason (Chair)** was nominated and respectfully declined. **Karlene (New Freedom)** nominated **AI (Alt RCM)** with a 2<sup>nd</sup>. AI accepted and qualified. Questions from the floor opened. **Adam (In Loving Service)** – Are you able to attend all ASC and RSC meetings in their entirety? **Brian (Whole Lava Love)** - Once again, there is a lot more to this position than what is written in policy. **AI** – I’ve read and I am familiar with the policy, plus I had a good teacher. **Leonard (New perspective)** – Will you be able to keep current updates for all the schedule changes between the groups and region. **AI** – Yes I will. **AI** voted in as **RCM**. **CONGRATULATIONS AI!**
- **Alt RCM –Marc (Vice Chair)** -Read requirements for the Alt RCM position. **AI (Alt RCM)** nominated **Jason (Chair)** with a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jason accepted and qualified. Questions for Jason opened from the floor. **Adam (In Loving Service)** – Will you be able to attend all Subcommittee and Adhoc meetings? **AI (Alt RCM)** – Can you attend all RSC meetings? **Jason (Chair)** – I will not have a problem doing any of that. **Jason** voted in as **Alt RCM**. **CONGRATULATIONS JASON!**
- **Lit Chair-Jason (Chair)** -Read requirements for the position. **Dana (Lit Vice Chair)** was nominated and respectfully declined. **Karlene (New Freedom)** nominated **Michael (Lit Chair)** with a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Michael accepted and qualified. Questions for Michael regarding the position opened up from the floor. **Adam (In**
- **Loving Service)** – Will you be willing to attend all subcommittee meetings, submit a written report at the ASC, complete a physical inventory of literature every 6 months, attend Learning Days, as well as attend Regional Literature Committee meetings? **Michael (Lit Chair)** -Yes, I only have a problem with Saturdays because I work on Saturdays. **Michael** voted in as **Lit Chair**. **CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL!**

### Old business:

**“After Lunch Bunch”** and **“Stepping Up”** are the last two groups we need start dates for to complete the MSUA registry. Can everyone please try to find information regarding when these groups began? Once complete this form will be kept within the archives to access and update as groups change. Thank you.

GROUP NAME	START DATE	GROUP NAME	START DATE
A New Awakening	10/2004	Over the Wall	2/1986
After Lunch Bunch		Off the Hook	9/2009
After the Weekend	2/1995	Saturday Night Sanity	10/1987
All About Change	9/1993	Serenity Check	1/2008
Basically Lit	7/2008	Stepping Free	8/2006
Came to Believe	10/1996	Stepping into the Weekend	11/2003
Coming Alive	8/2008	Stepping Thru it All	11/1990
In Loving Service	5/2012	Stepping Up	
Miracles	7/1986	Straight Lace	10/1984
New Freedom	4/1985	Surrender to Win	4/1990
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
		Whole Lava Love	11/2005

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### New business:

- **Al (Alt RCM)** – In orders to get flyers distributed out of the RSC there must be at least 300 copies. Or you can always email a copy of your flyer to be posted on the Regional website. Thank you.
- **Gene (Treasurer)** – The city of Middletown is motivated to clean up Middletown, especially the North end. Police are issuing tickets for those caught loitering on Main St. Smokers should be aware of this, as it is considered loitering to be standing outside of a meeting.
- **Gene (Treasurer)** – Due to the Lit order shipping cost increase the area's prudent reserve has increased. **Adam (In Loving Service)** – Are we in financial trouble? **Gene (Treasurer)** – At this point my suggestion would be to suspend fund flow to be safe. **Adam (In Loving Service)** - Is there a reason we cannot just fix the issue, go forth and fund flow the amount received? **Jaimie (A New Awakening)** – In order to support our treasurer and maintain financial responsibility I think we should suspend fund flow. **Brian (Whole Lava Love)** *made motion to reconcile treasury records 100% prior to dispersing any funds, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaimie (A New Awakening).* **Intent:** *Financial accountability.* Discussion regarding motion opened
- **Jason (Chair)** -This same scenario occurred just a couple months ago. Funds were frozen and no checks were paid out after receiving receipts. After reviewing policy this resolution was considered incorrect. Therefore a motion to suspend policy would be in order. **Gene (Treasurer)** -At this time I haven't received receipts and as soon as the books are rectified, there will be a check paid out for fund flow. Motion called to a vote, **Motion passed 11-0-6.**

### Upcoming Events

**New Perspectives** will be hosting it's very first **Annual Speaker Jam** will be held on **August 25<sup>th</sup>** from 12p-6p at Veteran's Memorial Park (Walnut Grove Rd.) in Middletown. Bring a chair, donations accepted. Come on out!!

**Coming Alive** will be celebrating their **4 Year Anniversary** with an **Ice Cream Social** from **6:30p-8:30p** on **August 27<sup>th</sup>**. Come join us for some fun and ice cream.

**September 8, 2012** the **After the Weekend** group will be hosting their '**After the Summer Extravaganza**' at Sears Park in East Hampton. This event is happening September 8<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 4p. There will be frisbee, volleyball, and swimming. Come on out for some fun!!

The **Narcotics Anonymous Regional Unity Day** will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12p – 4p (lunch from 12-1), at Prageman Park in Wallingford (31 Oak St.). Come get involved and informed. There will be food, fun, fellowship, and workshop speakers all day.

**MSUA** will be celebrating its **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11a – 6p at Ron McCutcheon Park Crystal Lake in Middletown. There will be meetings, volleyball, games, and a scavenger hunt. There is no cost for entry however donations will be kindly accepted. **Come join us to support the MSUA on our Unity Day Picnic!!**

**No Bull in Durham** is hosting their **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Group Renovation** party on Sunday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> food, fun, and fellowship from 5:30 – 7 followed by a speaker meeting. Come help us celebrate!!

**Saturday Night Sanity** will be hosting a **Anniversary/Halloween Party** on Saturday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>...more information to come...stay tuned.

**Came to Believe** will be celebrating **16 Years** of recovery on Sunday Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity church in Middletown from 6-7 will be food, fun, fellowship, followed by a double speaker meeting. All are welcome come help us celebrate!!

**MSUA has a brand new meeting....**

**"In Loving Service"** meets on **Wednesdays** from **7p-8p** at **Trinity Episcopal Church** (Brownstone) in Portland. This meeting's format rotates each week and is primarily based on Service in NA. Come show support!