

Mid State Unity Area of NA®
Area Minutes for March 13, 2012

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

Mail: Bank statements & Pigs-n-Space flyers

Roll Call #1: 23 out of 25 groups present

Service Orientation: IV Trusted Servants A. General was read by Vice Chair

Open Forum:

Jason (chair)- Opened with issues from last ASC meeting. The first being the revised Treasury report; after looking at the report there was a motion to accept from **Mike (Stepping Free)** 2nd by **Ken (Stepping into the Weekend)**. No further discussion. **Motion passes 18-0-2**. Next, **Jason (Chair)** -Stated that it was incorrect to withhold checks for subcommittee no matter what the status of the Treasury report is. These monies were requested for line items already in the budgets if they were new line items then it would be tabled.

Jason (Chair) - Then spoke of the audit which was carried out by the Executive subcommittee; no further discussion.

Jason- Then reintroduced the topic of the Activities being financially responsible to the facility in which it meets for both the Subcommittee meeting as well as the Holiday Marathon Meetings. Activities rent check should be made out for \$120; and a \$250 for 2010 and 2011 Marathon meetings. Jason read the letters to that will be sent with monies to the respective facilities (United Methodist and Holy Trinity). **Karlene (New Freedom)**- Questioned where this money would be coming from and wonders if we should have not fun flowed. **Jason**- The money will not be coming from this year's budget. **Donna (RCM)**- Treasurer should reconcile this line item. **Brian (Whole Lava Love)**- Made suggestion to revisit this issue in New Business. **Jason**- There has been agreement from this day forwarded to pay \$ 10 per month for rent on a quarterly basis. This allows for financial responsibility and accountability. **Brian**- Asked if United Methodist knows that Activities meets there on a monthly basis. **Kris (Activities)**- Clarified that the church does know that we meet there.

Secretary Minutes- Motion to accept made by **Dave (Over the Wall)** 2nd by **Ken(Stepping into the Weekend)** **Minutes accepted 22-0-0**

Treasurer Report – **Gene** gave written /verbal report. Motion to accept Treasurer report made by **Anthony (Where we are Going)** 2nd by **Lennie (Surrender to win)**. **Accepted 21-0-0**

RCM- Donna gave written / verbal report. MSUA will be hosting the RSC meeting for the next 2 months. Regional **H&I Secretary, Regional Secretary** as well as **Webservant position OTF**. CAR report votes must be in by April 9th. **Brian**- asked for clarification on the voting procedure. **Donna** responded. **Leonard (New Perspectives)** – Asked whether the R.D. will be able to come out to groups and help work through the CAR Report. CAR assemblies were a great success.

H & I – **James** gave written verbal report. H & I meets the first Monday of the month at the First United Methodist Church on 24 Old Church St. in Middletown new member orientation will be held at 6:30 followed by the regularly scheduled meeting. James brought it to our attention that there is yet another rogue meeting showing up at Rushford using the NA name with no affiliation to H&I. Rushford is concerned and with this and will be tightening up on check in procedures into the facility. **H&I Chair OTF** James has fulfilled his commitment. Thank you for serving James!! **H&I is in desperate need of female addict support!**

Literature- Michael and Dana gave written / verbal report. Some of the Literature is on back order and will not be distributed till April ASC meeting. **Lit Secretary OTF**

PI /PL- Rik gave written / verbal report. Please bring 12 Step Volunteer lists back to area ASAP!!

There will be a learning Day on May 5th. There will also be an upcoming Poster Drive (see events page). PI/PL is looking to keep up with World by changing their name to Public Relations. This will be tabled for 30 days. PI/PL meets the 4th Sunday of every month at Holy Trinity from 5-5:30pm is orientation directly followed by the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting.

Activities – **Kris** gave written / verbal report. Discussed the Grand Slam picnic as well as the MSUA's 25th Anniversary. Addict support needed. Activities meets the last Tuesday of the month directly following Over the Wall at United Methodist Church in Portland, 381 Main St. Tommy F. is the new Activities Secretary. Congrats Tommy! **Activities Vice Chair is OTF**.

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Retreat- Retreat absent although Kim gave the report to Marc and he read the report.

Group Reports: 23 of 25 groups present

A New Awakening- Jaime-**Alt Gsr OTF**

After the Weekend- Rose- AIW

All About Change-Matt-AIW

Basically Lit-Alicia-**EVENT went well, Gsr OTF in 4/12**

Came to Believe-Jim- **Alt Gsr OTF**

Coming Alive-Absent

Miracles- Bill-**Alt Gsr OTF Addict Support**

New Freedom- Karlene-**Treasurer OTF EVENT**

New Perspectives- Leonard-**Alt Gsr OTF**

No Bull in Durham-Josh-**Addict Support, Tres OTF**

No Joke on Oak-Absent

Over the Wall- Dave- **Alt Gsr OTF**

Off the Hook- Lauren-**Alt Gsr OTF**

Saturday Night Sanity- Rodney- **Alt Gsr OTF**

Serenity Check- Mari-**Gsr, Sec , Treasurer OTF**

Stepping Free- Mike J-AIW

Stepping into the W.E.-Ken- AIW

Stepping Thru it All- Absent

Stepping Up- Toby- **Alt Gsr OTF**

Straight Lace-Val- AIW

Surrender to Win-Lennie-**Alt Gsr OTF EVENT**

The Other 23- Mike A-**Addict support**

Uncover to Recover- Sara-**Gsr, Alt Gsr OTF Addict Support**

Where we are Going- Anthony- **Gsr, Alt Gsr OTF Addict Support**

Whole Lava Love- Brian- **Alt Gsr OTF**

**** Please announce all Area, Subcommittee, and Group Positions OTF at groups!**

Elections: All positions are full at this time.

Break: 10 Minutes

Reopened with the Serenity Prayer

Roll Call #2: Straight Lace and Activities absent

Old Business:

- **Jason Chair-** Brought up the revised Executive Subcommittee Budget. Motion to accept. Motion passes 18-0-2.
- Motion made last month by **Leonard (New Perspectives)** and 2nd by **Val (Straight Lace)**- to add \$150 line item to budget to host RSC meeting was revisited. The intent of this motion was to remain financially responsible for refreshments when this area hosts the RSC meeting. **Brian (Whole Lava Love)**- asked if this money would be coming out of this year's budget? Didn't the budgets just get voted on? Jason clarified that this line item will be added to this year's budget. No further discussion, called to a vote, **motion passes 17-3-0.**
- We are looking for a location to hold the ASC meeting in May because it will not be possible to meet at the Senior Center. We will contact United Methodist to see if it will be available for us to meet there the second Monday in April.
- **Regional Motions:** **Motion 2-** Change PI/PL to Public Relations. **Passed 17-3-0, Motion 3-** Regional Executive Subcommittee Budget **passed 20-0-1, Motion 4-** WSR Budget **passed 20-0-1, Motion 5-** H&I Budget **passed 20-0-1, Motion 6-** Literature Budget **passed 18-2-1, and Motion 7-** D& RD Alt Budget **passed 19-1-1.**

New Business:

Motion #1 made by **Mike J.(Stepping Free) 2nd by Karlene (New Freedom)** - To pay outstanding Activities rent in the amount of \$300 dollars to cover 2010 and 2011 as well as the first and second quarters of 2012; Intent: to have financial accountability to United Methodist church. Discussion opened with Brian wondering why Activities is not making this motion since it directly has to do with that subcommittee? **Jason (Chair)**- This motion was made by the result of the audit done on the treasury books. We should have directed Activities to make the motion. **Brian (Whole Lave Love)**- Replied with the concern that groups making motions for subcommittees may cross a line and set precedence for groups to interrupt subcommittees simply because they may not like what a subcommittee is doing. **AI (Alt RCM)**- If this money is in the budget then why should we be voting on it especially that it is not coming from this year's budget. **James (H&I)**- Offered clarity on the check being delivered and it was not a matter of the church not cashing check. **Gene (Treasurer)**-The \$120 was taken out of Outstanding Checks line in the Treasury Report. The groups had voted to suspend Fund Flow to be accountable to pay the Activities Subcommittee rent. **\$120** will be paid for **2010** rent, **\$120** will be paid for **2011** rent, and a **\$60** amount for the first **2** **Motion Passes 21-0-0.**

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Motion 2: 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. **A (Alt RCM)**- Isn't this the same as motion #1. **Jason (Chair)**- this needs to go back to groups because these funds are outside of the budget and the amount is over \$150. This will be brought back to groups.

Jason (Chair) - The Executive Subcommittee recommends that Activities pay rent quarterly. **Brian (Whole Lava Love)**-If that were to be the case then every subcommittee should be doing the same for the sake of uniformity. **James (H&I)** – The idea of Uniformity is questionable With all the disarray within the budget, there is a lack of funds. **Jason (Chair)** - we will find out exactly what money we are working with. Please attend the Policy Adhoc every first and third Sunday at Holy Trinity from 5:30-6:45.

MSUA Group Registry: REMINDER... Please bring back to your groups for Assistance in filling this out...

GROUP NAME	START DATE	GROUP NAME	START DATE
A New Awakening	10/2004	Saturday Night Sanity	
After the Weekend	2/1995	Serenity Check	
All About Change		Stepping Free	8/2006
Basically Lit	7/2008	Stepping into the Weekend	11/2003
Came to Believe		Stepping Thru it All	
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		Uncover to Recover	1/2007
No Joke on Oak		Where We are Going	4/2007
Over the Wall		Whole Lava Love	11/2005
Off the Hook			

UPCOMING EVENTS

PI/PL will be hosting a **Poster Drive** on Saturday March 31st from 1p-4p. Everyone will meet in the parking lot for the First Church of Christ, 190 Court Street. Only takes one day clean to serve! Come on out and help carry the message!

The **Where are We Going Group** of NA will be celebrating its **5 Year Anniversary** at the St. Vincent De Paul Place (Soup Kitchen) in Middletown on Sunday April 1st 2012 from 7:15-8p will be food, fun, and fellowship!! Food donations are Welcome!! Come join us as we celebrate 5 years!!

Became Willing Retreat to be held April 13, 14, and 15th of 2012 in Ivoryton, Ct. Registration forms are available. Deposits for a bed will be accepted until January 1, 2012. All registration including full payment must be in by March 1st 2012.

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 start6 off your Sunday with Recovery and a great pancake breakfast!!

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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!!