

May 14, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:07pm by chair Stephanie B. with the circle and serenity prayer. Debbie read the 12 traditions and the 5th concept was read by all. There were 2 newcomers to the area table, and all introduced themselves. There were 12 voting members present.

**Open Forum:**

Dainette L. - During the basketball shoot out a player was injured. Has private insurance but has out of pocket expenses and is looking to be reimbursed. Region may have insurance but need to look into it. Need guidance. Next year they will have waiver forms filled out, but this is a first occurrence. Will need to contact region.

Tami-Jo - The Progressive Recovery group of NA is hosting it's 27 year anniversary party on May 24th at 7pm at the Trinity Church on Water St. in Torrington.

**Reports:**

Secretary read the previous months minutes. Accepted 12-0-0

Chair - verbal. Stephanie B. reported that she is still filling in this month. This is her last month at the table. She is still filling in for literature. She also has policy documents available to those who need them. She will not be here next month.

Vice chair - OTF

Treasurer - Chris S. reported that a \$15 bank fee was incurred again because there was no activity in the literature account. Didn't close the Bank of America account because a check is still outstanding. Thomaston savings bank requires a tax document containing our tax ID number with the groups name on it, but we do not have that. We may have to get a new tax ID number to open our free checking account.

**GWANA Checking Account:**

Beginning balance: \$1,353.56

Deposits: \$115.42

Expenses: \$674.50

Ending balance: \$794.48

**GWANA Literature Checking account:**

Beginning balance: \$1,091.15

Deposits: \$0

Expenses: \$15.00

Ending balance: \$1,076.15

Accepted 12-0-0

RCM - Robert H. filled in for Beverly last month at region. He gave the fund flow check to region and updated the calendar with our new area meeting dates. Motion was passed to begin the May and June RSC meeting at 1:00pm at the Meriden Public Library due to hard stop time at 5:00pm. Intent: to be responsible to location. Accepted 13-0-0

H&I - Tami-Jo reported that panel coordinator and leader are needed at Help Inc. in Waterbury. Panel Coordinator is needed at MCCA in Waterbury. Panel members are needed at Renaissance West in Waterbury, and at Carnes Week in Torrington. Todd D. was nominated as chair to be voted on during elections. T-J chaired adhoc meeting

regarding T-shirt design contest on May 2nd. Another adhoc meeting will be on June 6th at YMCA in New Britain. Yellow card members are needed for meetings starting at Cheshire CI. Accepted 13-0-0

PIPL - verbal. JC unable to attend. Chris S reported that the meeting is now at 7:30pm instead of 7:00pm. PIPL went out and spoke to freshman health classes at Naugatuck High School. They will also be going to Pompaug High School on May 24th.

Literature - OTF. verbal. Stephanie B. reported that Area Literature met on April 19th. One person showed up and placed an order. Orders are available for pick up for the following groups: Elevators Broken use the Steps, and Recovering Women.

Policy - OTF verbal. Stephanie reported that policy documents are available for pickup. JC volunteered to update any new addendums until we get a new policy person.

Campout - Beth M. reported that the numbers for the Cinco de Mayo BBQ are in. It was a good event and they made a net gain of \$301.00. They asked Camp Cedarcrest if they could reimburse our \$400 deposit and they said they could consider putting it towards next years campout. Accepted 13-0-0

Basketball Shootout - Dainette L. reported that there is a fund flow of \$1,000 for the area table. Kick off meeting for next years shoot out is June 2, 2012. All positions OTF. Player got injured and has private insurance but is seeking reimbursement for out of pocket expenses. Will bring it up at Region. May have had to file insurance paperwork with region. Will report back to area next month. Policy was checked and there is nothing in there about it. Accepted 13-0-0

Web Liaison - absent.

### **Elections:**

Chair - Frankie A. was nominated, qualified, and was voted in.

Vice chair - Joyce R. was nominated, qualified, and was voted in.

Literature - Debbie W. was nominated, qualified, and voted in.

Policy - Dainette L. volunteered, qualified, and was voted in.

Treasurer - Tami-Jo was nominated, qualified, and voted in.

H&I - Todd D. has nomination from the H&I subcommittee. He qualified, and was voted in.

Next meeting is June 11, 2012. Clutch will bring mail. Todd will pick up the key.

### **Old Business:**

1.) Re-use paper for motions. Clutch suggested using other side of old reports that are left over and print motions on back of them. No rejections from table.

2.) Use bank with free checking. Motion 2 - To set up free checking account for ASC checking accounts. Intent: To save money for ASC accounts. Passed. Currently, we do not have the form that has our tax ID number and organization name on it. May have to create new ID number or find the correct form with organization name.

3.) Budgets for literature and for the executive committees are needed. Please submit as soon as possible.

4.) Motion to extend area meeting for 15 minutes.

5.) Motion 1 - To write into policy as a function of the area chair to call the bank in December to secure rooms for all area service and subcommittee meetings. Intent: To insure continuity of the meeting place and time for future meetings. Passed 18-0-0

**New Business:**

1.) Rich D. - GSR for Recovery in the East - Group business meeting is not occurring. Most groups have policy that if a commitment holder misses a certain amount of business meetings, then they should step down. Should announce to the group that there needs to be a business meeting.

2.) Sarah V. - New meeting called "Living Clean the Journey Continues" has started and it will read the new book "Living Clean the Journey Continues" when it comes out. Needs support. All positions are filled except for alternate GSR. Meeting will take place on Thursday's from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. Takes place at the North Canaan Congregational Church at 30 Granite Avenue in Canaan. Could use help with registering the meeting, getting them in the schedule, and also needs literature start up pack. Meeting must be active for at least three months before it can get put into the schedule. Please announce at groups. No flyers available yet.

3.) Tina - Meeting at facility run by clients is in need of addict support. The "Last Chance Group" meets at Trinity Glenn in Sharon, CT. There is not enough support for H&I to go over there. Motion #1 - That the Area chair, H&I chair, and PIPL chair attend the Last Chance meeting in Sharon. Intent: To see how we could help out the meeting to better serve the fellowship. Made by: Rick W., and seconded by Debbie P.

4.) Motion to extend meeting for 20 minutes. Passed 12-6-0

Group Reports were read and accepted.

Fund flow:

Steps to a New Beginning: \$120.00

Recovery on the Mountain: \$50.00

Just For Tonight: \$280.00

Meeting closed at 9:20pm with circle and serenity prayer.

In loving service,

Clutch S.