

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for May 14, 2012

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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, NAWay magazines, Retreat

Roll Call: 22 of 25 groups present

Service Orientation: Section IV, Part B Trusted Servants, #2 Vice Chair requirements

Open Forum:

- **Karlene (New Freedom)**- We received a call from a woman on the helpline she was concerned because she went to the "After Lunch Bunch" at the Sheppard Home and there was no meeting there, even though it's in the schedule. Someone from the group has come here to share the group concerns. **Linda (After Lunch Bunch)** - The group needs some support from addicts with experience because the meeting doesn't start on time, commitments are not being fulfilled, there is a lot of cross talk, and so on. It would be nice to help the newcomers by having a structured meeting. **Karlene (New Freedom)** - This meeting is still in the schedule can we show it some support? **Brian (Whole Lava Love)** - There is a possibility if addicts attend other day meetings such as Genesis that the word will be spread and maybe attendance will come from there. **Rik (PR Chair)** - A while back someone went to this meeting to check its status, and there was no meeting going on. **Greg P. (Coming Alive)** - How about we just have Gsrs announce at their groups the meeting needs addict support. If they don't get the support they need it will not be long before the meeting folds.
- **Rodney (Saturday Night Sanity)** – We are still having a hard time finding a start date for the group. Can we make up a date so we can celebrate? **Brian (Whole Lava Love)**- I mentioned last month how the Middletown Press can be accessed for meeting information; I have started the process however, there is a lot of information and it will take hours. The information is listed under the "Fraternal Notes". **Gene (Treasurer)** - There is a website called 'carrying the message' which has a plethora of information regarding meetings.
- **Kim (Retreat)** - Retreat is looking for some assistance in regards to obtaining insurance for the next Retreat. Up until now it has not been a concern, yet we received notification that insurance will be needed for the next Retreat. **Gary** – We do have insurance policies for NA events. The information can be found by attending the RSC. **Leonard (New Perspectives)** - Will give Retreat all the information they need to move forward re this issue.

Reports

- *Secretary minutes* – Motion to Accept made by Rodney (Saturday Night Sanity); 2nd by Leonard (New Perspectives), ***Secretary Minutes Accepted 21-0-0***
- *Treasurer report* – Gene gave written/verbal report. Motion to Accept made by Anthony (Where are We Going); 2nd by Lennie (Surrender to Win), ***Treasurer Report Accepted 19-0-0***

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- *RCM* –Donna gave written/ verbal report. Correction to report the **Regional Alternate Webservant** is **OTF** with a **2 year** clean time requirement. *Regional minutes can be accessed at CTNA.org*
- *H&I* -Eve- Gave written/verbal report. 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. 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 verbal report. Meets on the 4th 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
- *Activities* – Kris gave verbal/written report. **Activities is in dire need of addict support!!** 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* – Kim gave written/ verbal report. The 27th Annual Retreat was a great success! Thank you for serving Kim!

Group Reports: 22 Of 25 present

A New Awakening-Jaime- Tres, Sec.(Friday) OTF	Off the Hook Freedom Book-Lauren- Alt Gsr OTF
After the Weekend –Lois-AIW	Saturday night sanity-Rodney-AIW
All About Change-Joe- EVENT in Aug.	Serenity Check –Kevin C.- AIW
Basically Lit –Nikole- Alt Gsr OTF, EVENT	Stepping Free –Absent
Came To Believe –Jim –AIW	Stepping into the Weekend –Ken- AIW
Coming Alive-Greg P- Addict Support, EVENT	Stepping thru it All – Mike E- Gsr OTF
In Loving Service- Greg B- Gsr, Alt Gsr OTF	Stepping Up –Toby- Addict support at Bus. Meeting
Miracles –Jose-AIW	Straight Lace –Absent
New Freedom –Karlene-AIW	Surrender to Win-Lennie- Alt Gsr OTF, EVENT
New Perspectives –Leonard- Alt Gsr OTF	The other 23- Mike A-AIW
No Bull in Durham-Josh – Tres. OTF	Uncover to Recover -Sara – Addict Support
No Joke on oak – Absent	Where we are Going –Anthony- Sec OTF, Addict Support
Over the wall-Dave- Alt Gsr OTF	Whole Lava Love – Brian- EVENT

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Elections: All Positions are full at this time

Break- Break for 10 minutes

Opened second half with the Serenity Prayer

2nd Roll Call- 22 out of 25 groups present

Old business:

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	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
Over the Wall		Whole Lava Love	11/2005
Off the Hook			

Also Activities is working steadily on plans for the Area's 25th Anniversary.

New business: No new motions or concerns at this time.

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Upcoming Events

Whole Lava Love is hosting a **Summer Kick-Off Picnic** on **May 31, 2012** beginning at **6p** will be **food, fun, and fellowship** followed by the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30. The event will be held at the Haddam Neck Congregational Church at 408 Quarry Hill Rd. in Haddam Neck. Come on out and Celebrate the Season!!

Public Relations will be hosting a **Poster Drive** on **June 30, 2012**. Addict Support will be needed to hang Posters. It will be held from **1p to 4p**. We meet in the parking lot of 190 Court St in Middletown. Come on out and support PR!!

Surrender to Win will be hosting their **Annual Independence Day Picnic** on **July 7th** from 11a-6p at Veteran's Memorial Park in Middletown. **Rain date** will be on **July 8th**. Tickets are available **\$5 in advance, \$7 at the door**. Come on out for a great time!!

Basically Lit will be celebrating its **4 Year Anniversary** on **July 28, 2012** with a food and a dance. Tickets are \$5 in advance. More will be revealed.

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

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!

"Off the Hook Freedom Book" is looking for a new meeting location and is in need of Addict Support.

