

# 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:** Bank Statements and NAWS news

**Roll Call:** 21 of 27 groups present

**Service Orientation:** Section IV, Part B Trusted Servants, #6 Alternate Regional Committee Member (Alt. RCM)

## Open Forum:

- **Brian (Whole Lava Love)** – It's come to my attention that many groups in our area do not announce important information regarding events, most likely due to the time constraints of the meeting. This can become very challenging to convey information. Activities will be hosting our area's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration soon and it's difficult to get the word out to regarding directions and information regarding the actual even. We are failing to practice our First Tradition by establishing and maintaining unity and letting addicts know it is possible to have fun in recovery. In my home group our Secretary reads from the last page of our ASC minutes titled "Upcoming Events" to let people know what is happening in the area. It's virtually effortless and only takes a couple minutes out of the meeting.
- **Chris (Uncover to Recover)** – Due to lack of support within the service structure 'Uncover to Recover' has folded. We made efforts to keep the meeting afloat, yet it was the same three people who attended the business meeting. At this point we have made an extra donation to the church to show our gratitude and the rest will be fund flowed to MSUA.
- **Adam (In Loving Service)** – The Policy Adhoc has put together the first 8 pages of the revised policy which is on the back table. Please take the entire packet to be reviewed.
- **Gene (Treasurer)** – Just to make everyone aware there are 2 Treasury reports. There is a report from last month as well as this month. Please note that the all the recaps will be found on the report from this month.
- **Stacy (Secretary)** – Just to let everyone know we will not be meeting at the Senior Center in the month of November due to elections. I will keep everyone posted as to where we will be meeting. **Gene (Treasurer)** – Seeing that we pay quarterly and this seems to be a recurring issue with not being able to meet here, is there any feelings about being financial accountability toward the Senior Center and should we continue to meet here? **Adam (In Loving Service)** – This seems unusual that we have not been able to meet here 3 times with only a few months. Maybe it's time we look for another place for the ASC meeting?
- **Josh C. (Activities)** – Just a reminder that we will be selling T-shirts to fund our area's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If you have not already purchased a shirt please do to support the Mid-State Unity Area.
- **Kris (Activities)** – It would be helpful for our subcommittee if we were to have some type of storage to keep our event supplies in. We were wondering if the area had any feedback. We are thinking of looking around, getting ideas as well as some prices.

## Reports

**Secretary minutes** – No corrections or deletions to minutes. Motion to accept minutes made by **Dave (Over the Wall)** 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Al (RCM)**. *Minutes accepted 21-0-1*

**Treasurer report** – Gene gave report for July – August, with correct financial figures. Motion to accept made by **Gail (Straight Lace)** 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Lennie (Surrender to Win)**. No discussion. *Last month's Treasure's report accepted 21-0-2*. Gene gave written verbal report for report from August 13<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. This month's report is off by 15 cents. I wrote the wrong number down on the deposit slip and it was never looked over by bank teller. Also Activities has an outstanding check from May for Middletown Park and Rec. This must be cashed by October; otherwise the check will be voided. Motion to accept this month's Treasurer's report made by **Gail (Straight Lace)** 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Joe (All About Change)**. *Treasury report passes 20-0-2*

**RCM** – Al gave written/ verbal report. Convention Treasurer stepped down from commitment. Vice Chair has been filling in. Convention Treasurer is OTF. WSR has an array of commitments which are OTF. **Brian (Whole Lava Love)** – How is it that this subcommittee is supporting itself with this many position open? NA Regional Unity Day is coming up soon. See events page for more information. **\*\* When hosting an event with any type of sports it should be known that we are not covered by insurance, it is play at your own risk!!** Regional minutes can be accessed at **CTNA.org**

**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. There is a female spot for

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panel member open, please attend subcommittee meeting for more information. We are looking forward to participating in the Regional Unity Day.

**Literature** – Michael gave written/verbal report. The Literature subcommittee has welcomed a new Secretary. **Congrats Larry!** MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.

**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. We are looking forward to participating in the Regional Unity Day as well. Will be a poster drive in October, see events page for more details. **Spanish phone coordinator OTF**

**Activities** – Kris gave verbal report. It is important for the groups to know that the proceeds from the T-shirt sales will go to fund the 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. The Grand Slam Picnic was a great success. We have put \$270 back into Activities seed money, simply because we thought it would be financially irresponsible to have that much money lying around. We are now requesting it back to pay for refreshments for the Anniversary celebration. It is not an additional amount, providing all the T-Shirts are sold prior to or during the event. We still have monies from the Grand Slam picnic. **Jason (Alt RCM)** – It was my understanding that we were not going to be using any basket money for this event? **Brian (Whole Lava Love)** – We put the money back in to the revolving seed to be responsible. It is not an additional cost it is the money taken in from the T-shirts. **Gene (Treasurer)** – If at all possible can I please have a financial run down including plans and line items with amounts for a financial explanation to fulfill these types of requests. 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. Report will be emailed after ASC due to the fact the Sub-committee meets on the same night.

**Policy Adhoc** – **Adam (In Loving Service)** The Adhoc is basically absolved. As I mentioned there are packets on the back table. Essentially this is two separate packets. The layout of information will include, proposed revisions on the left side and the currently approved on the right side of the packet. The pages in the back which are not on the large paper do not match up correctly and we decided it would be a waste to put this information on the large paper. This includes sections 1-4 of the policy. Section 5 will include the general requirements for Subcommittee Chairs which will be dictated by the ASC. Section 6 will include the internal guidelines of the Subcommittee which can be changed from within as the Subcommittee sees fit; however those changes must still be brought to area. Just to verify both these sections have not been changed only moved around. It was suggested to have this policy out for review until December so it can go into effect by Jan 1, 2013. A couple of Gsrs also mentioned having a workshop. I can facilitate the workshop; however, I do not have time to organize the place and time. **Brian (Whole Lava Love)** – It may be wise to have a workshop in November so we can gather questions from our group members to bring back to workshop. Then bring back votes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> month (December). **Dave (Over the Wall)** – How many changes were there? **Adam (In Loving Service)** – I do not have a figure off the top of my head. Adam gave some examples of changes, many of which included formatting, placement, and punctuation. **Mary (Serenity Check)** – I just wanted to extend gratitude for all that were involved in this process there is a lot of information which takes a lot of time. **Larry (Lit. Sec.)** – Are we voting section by section or the whole policy in its entirety? And should groups be holding their own workshops. **Adam (In Loving Service)** – We decided that we will vote on the policy in its entirety. It's up to everyone what they would like to do regarding the information.

Group Reports: 22 out of 26 groups present, see next page

**Elections:** None at this time.

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:** 22 out of 26 groups present

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**22 out of 26 groups present**

A New Awakening- Absent	Over the wall- Dave- AIW
After Lunch Bunch- Absent	Off the Hook Freedom Book-Lauren – <b>Alt Gsr OTF</b>
After the Weekend – Absent	Saturday Night Sanity-Absent
All About Change-Roberto – <b>Alt Gsr OTF</b>	Serenity Check –Mary- <b>Alt Gsr OTF</b>
Basically Lit –Mark- AIW	Stepping Free –Tanya- AIW
Came To Believe –Gary - <b>EVENT</b>	Stepping Into the Weekend –Jerome-AIW
Coming Alive-Renee- AIW	Stepping Thru it All – Charles – <b>Meeting moved temporarily</b>
In Loving Service- Adam- <b>Needs Addict Support!</b>	Stepping Up – Toby - AIW
Miracles –Tim K- AIW	Straight Lace –Gail – <b>Gsr OTF</b>
New Freedom –Dan-AIW	Surrender to Win-Lennie- AIW
New Perspectives –Leonard- <b>Alt Gsr OTF</b>	The Other 23- Kate- <b>Alt Gsr OTF Needs Addict Support!</b>
No Bull in Durham- Brian – <b>Gsr OTF, EVENT</b>	Where We are Going – Frank – <b>Gsr, Secretary OTF</b>
No Joke on oak – Van- AIW	Whole Lava Love – Brian- AIW

**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

**New business:**

Motion made by **AI (Alt RCM)** to ensure that all flyers for events maintain the proper formatting, for example 2 contact people, 2 NA logos, time, date, and place. Region will not accept flyers from the area without these Requirements. Motion was suspended for 30 days.

**Gene (Treasurer)** –When filling out money orders please fill them out correctly and make sure they are signed. If not anyone can cash them. Also when a Subcommittee requests money, it would be helpful to me if there was paperwork regarding the intent and financial needs. It is very difficult for me to keep track. Thank you.

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### Upcoming Events

**Attention: \*\*Stepping Thru it All group which meets on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 p.m. of NA has moved from the Exley Science Center room 121 to room 508 which is downstairs until December 12, 2012.**

**\*\*Also please be aware that the Off the Hook Freedom Book meeting will also be looking for a new location. As information comes it will be shared.**

The **Narcotics Anonymous Regional Unity Day** will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12p – 4p. Lunch will be served from 12-1. The event will be held 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!!

**Public Relations** will be holding a **Poster Drive** on **October 6, 2012**. Please come out to help and carry the message of Narcotics Anonymous. The Poster Drive will begin at 1p till 4p. We meet in the parking lot of 190 Court St. Middletown. Hope to see you there.

**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!!

**Became Willing Retreat flyers are out. The Retreat will be held in Iroyton Ct. on April 5, 6, and 7<sup>th</sup> of 2013. To reserve a bed a deposit of \$85 will be accepted till January 1, 2013**  
**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!