

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for April 8, 2013

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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.

Welcome to all new Gsrs, Alternate Gsrs and visitors!

Steve, new Gsr from “Over the Wall”, **Van**, new Gsr from “Where We are Going”, and **Jeremy**, new Alt Gsr from “Miracles”:
Welcome!!

Mail: Bank statements, Pig Roast event flyers, and World Convention flyers

Roll Call: 21 Of 25 groups present

Service Orientation: Page 2 of revised policy Section III, Rules of Order, Section A General

Announcements: None at this time

Reports

Secretary minutes – There was a total of 10 groups whom did not receive ASC minutes from last month’s meeting. This will be corrected this month. It was suggested to look on Regional website for minutes. However, **Al (RCM)**, clarified that area minutes cannot be accessed until the following month because they need to be accepted prior to being posted. *Motion to accept minutes made by Jerry (Stepping Thru it All), 2nd by Joe (Whole Lava Love). Secretary minutes accepted 19-0-1.*

Treasurer report – Adam gave written / verbal report. *Motion to accept Treasurer’s report by Megan (After the Weekend), 2nd by Joe (Whole Lava Love). Treasurer’s report accepted 20-0-1.*

RCM – Al (RCM) gave written / verbal report. There was a correction made to the RCM report in the treasury report section. The MSUA fund flow to date line item should read \$0 not \$2,950.71 simply because the line item was not reset with the new fiscal year. **Please remember when an addict engages in any sporting activity at a NA event, he or she is NOT covered by insurance!** Should he/ she sustain an injury while participating in an event. **Play at your own risk!!** The RD and the RD Alt are interested in hosting a workshop to inform members of information regarding information they receive from World. Stay tuned. **Regional WSR is in desperate need of addict support.** Regional minutes can be accessed at **CTNA.org**

Subcommittee Reports:

Activities –Scott gave written / verbal report. Activities is waiting for confirmation from facility in order to change time and location of subcommittee meeting with hopes that the time change will bring more participation. The anticipated change will be the third Saturday of the month at 7:45pm at 300 Washington St prior to the ‘Basically Lit’ meeting. **Activities meets the last Tuesday of every month at 8:45 pm at the United Methodist church in Portland.**

H&I – Chris gave written / verbal report. H & I is looking to fill positions on both male and female panels. The MSUA subcommittee of H & I has changed the date on which it meets. **H&I now meets the third 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.**

Public Relations – Gene gave written / verbal report. PR Chair is OTF. Gene was nominated at subcommittee meeting for Vice Chair of PR. Congrats Gene! **Public Relations 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. Spanish phone coordinator and Secretary OTF**

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Retreat – Denise gave written / verbal report. Retreat held in April went well. Retreat Chair OTF, Subcommittee recommends Brianna L. for position. Dates for next Retreat are April 4, 5, & 6 of 2014. **Retreat Subcommittee meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 prior to area at the Portland Senior Center.**

Adhoc Committee – Adam (Treasurer) – Gave verbal report regarding an audit on the treasury books completed recently by the Administrative Committee and the Treasury books. Adam discussed the issue of outstanding checks to both Holy Trinity in Middletown and United Methodist in Portland. Adam has contacted both churches. This has the potential to be an ongoing issue as we continue to remain financially responsible toward these facilities, and the checks being written are not cashed. For more information, please see the attached report.

Group Reports

21 out of 25 groups

A New Awakening- Jim- AIW	Off the Hook Freedom Book- Colin- AIW
After Lunch Bunch- Absent	Saturday Night Sanity- Absent
After the Weekend – Megan – AIW	Serenity Check – Maureen - AIW
All About Change- Absent	Stepping Free –Absent
Basically Lit –Mark T.- Alt Gsr, OTF EVENT	Stepping Into the Weekend –Walt- AIW
Came To Believe –Katie- AIW	Stepping Thru it All – Jerry– See events pg for more info
Coming Alive- Renee - AIW	Stepping Up – Dave – Treasurer OTF, See events pg for more info
Living Clean- Greg B. – Alt Gsr OTF	Straight Lace –Gail – AIW
Miracles –Jeremy – Secretary, Alt Gsr OTF	Surrender to Win- Raymond - EVENT
New Freedom –Ivan – Alt Gsr OTF	The Other 23- Kate- Need Addict Support
New Perspectives –Leonard- Gsr, Alt Gsr OTF	Where We are Going – Van - AIW
No Joke on Oak – Steve – Alt Gsr OTF	Whole Lava Love – Joe – AIW
Over the wall- Dave- AIW	

Break for 10 minutes

Roll Call II: 21 out of 25 groups present

Sharing Session:

- **AI (RCM)** – There will be a listing on the CTNA.org website regarding all of the committees which meet for the convention this month. Please visit the website for dates and times if you are interested in serving the 2014 Connecticut Convention.
- **Brian** – We have a tool that has only been used a couple of times, yet it is very effective in relaying important information regarding group events, closings, etc. Our Secretary has a mailing list of all the trusted servants whom attend area. To fulfill our first tradition, and promote unity, it would be as good idea to use the mailing list to have open communication regarding important information amongst groups in the area. Discussion opened up from floor. All information should only be Narcotics Anonymous related, and all information should be sent to Administrative committee (Secretary) to avoid any problems or issues.

Old business:

Regional Budgets were brought back from groups, here are the votes:

Regional Web Servant – 14-0-3 Passed

Regional Executive Committee – 14-0-2 Passed

Regional Hospitals and Institutions – 13-1-2 Passed

Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate – 14-0-2 Passed

Public Relations – 12-1-3 Passed

WSR – 14-0-2 Passed

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Elections:

Both Public Relations and Retreat Subcommittees are in need of a Chair. **Mike (Vice Chair)** read all the requirements for Subcommittee Chairs.

Gene (PR Vice Chair) was nominated by **Walt (Stepping Into the Weekend)** 2nd by **Adam (Treasurer)**. Gene accepted and qualified. Gene has required clean time yet lacks the 6 month experience within the subcommittee. Opened up for questions from the floor and brought to a vote. Gene voted in as Public Relations Chair. **Congratulations Gene!!**

Brianna L (Retreat) was nominated by **Gail (Straight Lace)** with a second. Brianna accepted and qualified. Questions opened up from the floor and brought to a vote. Brianna voted in as Retreat Chair. **Congratulations Briana!**

New Business:

Regional Literature budget for 2013/2014 is out. **This budget must be brought back to groups and voted on so results can be taken in May.** There was a significant amount of discussion regarding this budget and its inconsistencies. Please remember that there has not been a Regional Literature Committee in approximately 6 months. They have just recently elected a Reg. Lit Chair. It is important for all Area Lit Subcommittee Chairs to attend the Regional Literature Subcommittee meeting. (**Note: The other attachment contains an email which was sent to the Admin Comm. by our treasurer after obtaining more information from region. Please review prior to voting on budget.)

Operating	Proposed 2013-2014 Budget	Approved 2012-2013 Budget	Actual Spent 2012-2013 YTD
Rent	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$61.82
P.O. Box	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$126.00
Copies	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$69.55
Workshops	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$60.44
Literature Conference	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$34.30
Totals:	\$1,245.00	\$1,245.00	\$352.11

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Upcoming Events

Group level changes:

“The Other 23” has **changed its time** from 8:30 pm – 10:00pm to **8:00pm till 9:30pm** as of November 1st. We have a revolving format by spinning the wheel. **We are in need of addict support, please show support for our group!!**

“Stepping Up” which meets on Thursday nights from 7:30- 9:00pm on Thursday nights at St Vincent DePaul Soup kitchen has changed its format. They will now be a beginner step meeting, covering steps 1-3 followed by a speaker. Come show support!!

“Stepping Thru it All” which meets at Wesleyan on Wednesdays from has changed its location. We will still be meeting in the Science Center just in a different room. We will be meeting in the Woodhead Lounge from now on. Also the group is considering a format change. Please attend our business meeting on the first Wednesday in May directly following the meeting if you are interested.

“Surrender to Win” has changed its meeting location. We now meet at Holy Trinity church , 381 Main St. every Saturday morning from 10:00- 11:00am. Come out to support our group!!

Upcoming Events:

“Surrender to Win” will be celebrating its **23rd Anniversary** on **Saturday April 27th**. Food fun, and fellowship begins at **9:00** followed by the regularly scheduled meeting. Come help us celebrate 23 years of recovery!!

“Basically Lit” will be hosting its **5 Year Anniversary** on **Saturday July 27th** 2013 from **3:00pm- 12:00am** at 300 Washington St. Outdoor BBQ, live music, face painting!! Food fun and fellowship begins at 3:00pm followed by a speaker meeting at 7:00pm. Dance starts at 9pm. Pre-sale tickets are \$5 and \$10 on the day of the event. Come out for some fun!!

The **“Pigs in Space”** group of Narcotics Anonymous is holding their 30th Annual Pig Roast at Lake Quassy Amusement Park in Middlebury Ct. on May 18th from 10am-7:00pm. Tickets are available online or in person, ask around for more information.

Save the date...**Saturday June 29th 2013, NA is having their 60th Anniversary Unity Luau Learning Day..**stay tuned for more info.

The most efficient way to convey meeting changes to region is to visit regional website “ctna.org”, then proceed to “service subcommittees” (on left side of the page), click on the “CTRSC” link. Go to “RSC Forms” then click on the “Ct. Regional Schedule Meeting Information Form”. Please fill out form and at the bottom of the page it will say; “Choose Area to Send’. Once the MSUA has been chosen the information will be sent directly to our RCM.