

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for December 9th, 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! - Kyle. from **Whole Lava Love**, Sean. representing **Stepping Free**, Lisa B from **Coming Alive**, Laurabeth C. visiting from **Stepping Free**, and Colin H. from **Stepping Free**,...**WELCOME to ALL!!**

Mail: Mail included bank statements for the treasurer, Mail for the retreat, and NA way magazine.

Roll Call: 23 out of 25 groups present, 22 of which currently had voting privileges.

Service Orientation: Page 9, IV. Trusted Servants section C. (Subcommittee Chairs).

Announcements: Laurabeth C. (**Stepping Free**) – Shared her experience with her group’s new “GSSR” commitment. Her Group elected to support WSR, and she described her position as a liaison between the group and the subcommittee. She reported that she had taken a commitment at WSR even though the group level “GSSR” commitment does not require her to do so. Laurabeth reported being enthusiastic about a subcommittee she knew little about after being exposed to it in this fashion. She also reported that WSR was happy for the support. Kristine M (**Straight Lace**) mentioned that her group had also begun a trial with the nascent “GSSR” model, and that they had opted to support activities.

Secretary minutes – All received the minutes. No corrections or deletions. Motion to accept made by Steve R (**Over the Wall**) 2nd by Chris H (**H&I**). Chris H (**H&I**) Indicated that he wished to go over the literature portion of the H&I budget quickly with the treasurer during the break – *this is reported upon in the old business section of this report.* **Minutes accepted 22-0-0**

Treasurer report – Adam gave written/ verbal report. Adam also indicated that he opted to simply include the H&I literature transfer from last month on this month’s report rather than submitting an amended report from the previous month (see treasurer’s report in November 2013 MSUA minutes).Motion to accept made by Gerry P (**Stepping Thru it all**). 2nd by Gene F. (**PR**). **Treasurer’s report accepted 22-0-0.**

RCM – Al W (**RCM**) gave written verbal report Adam H clarified that the regional literature committee meets on the third Tuesday of the odd months..... **WSR Chair OTF, Alt. Web Servant OTF, PR Chair OTF, Secretary OTF, BOD GDA OTF, BOD at large OTF.** Regional minutes can be accessed at **CTNA.org**

Subcommittee Reports:

Activities – Alicia M. submitted a written report which was read by the MSUA vice chair (Michael L) in her absence. The subcommittee decided to change the time they hold the meeting from 8:00 PM to 7:30 PM. In the report it was mentioned that any groups who were not able to make their scheduled times for the Christmas and New Year’s marathon meeting should call the chair of activities – (contact number was included on the report). **Activities meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month at Faith Lutheran church located at 300 Washington St .at 7:30 p.m. prior to the Basically Lit meeting.**

H&I – Chris H. (Chair) gave written/verbal report. The report mentioned that the MSUA H&I chair proposed a merger to the Central area H&I chair, but that the MSUA H&I chair was requesting feedback from MSUA itself. Discussion was had regarding this proposal. Maureen (**Serenity Check**) raised some concerns about the merger of subcommittees from two different areas and the mixing of budgets. She also reminded the MSUA that the 4th tradition does not apply to subcommittees and that they are directly accountable to those they serve – *the actual decision to merge or not rests with the two areas and the groups that they represent.* Chris mentioned that the proposed process of a merger would be to have the merged H&I subcommittees accountable to and financed by one area only. He also indicated that the Central Area H&I subcommittee serves all of the same facilities that the MSUA H&I subcommittee does, often on the same night, while many other facilities in our area which want H&I services cannot get them due to MSUA H&I not having enough support to serve them all. Adam H also indicated that a merger might get rid of the current “turf war” between the two areas over facilities within the MSUA. **H&I meets the third Monday of every month at Holy Trinity Church, 381 Main St. Middletown. New member orientation begins at 6:30 followed by the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting at 7:00.**

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Literature – Dana R gave written / verbal report. She reminded the MSUA that prices were going up for literature and that the current literature order forms were now obsolete. Michael S (New Freedom) asked how groups will be able to bring literature orders next month without an updated order form. A discussion was had. New forms have been produced and a copy has been attached to this report for the groups to use for their next literature order when area meets in January. **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. **Vice Chair, phone line coordinator, and Spanish phone line coordinator are OTF. 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.**

Retreat – Briana L. gave written / verbal report. The retreat committee prepared an expense report and budget which has been submitted with this report. Groups should vote on this budget and GSRs should be prepared to vote their group's conscience at MSUA next month.

Beginning Balance:	\$1,299.89	Expenses:	\$0.00
3 New Registrations:	\$495.00	Current Balance:	\$1794.89

Group Reports

20 out of 25 groups

A New Awakening- Jim K – Alt GSR OTF, Addict support	Off the Hook Freedom Book- Kris V. – Alt GSR OTF
After Lunch Bunch- Absent	Saturday Night Sanity – Roberto C - AIW
After the Weekend – Tommy F - AIW	Serenity Check – Maureen - AIW
All About Change- Doming – GSR OTF	Stepping Free –Mike J. - AIW
Basically Lit – Billy - AIW	Stepping Into the Weekend – Tonia C- AIW
Came To Believe –Katie - AIW	Stepping Thru it All – Gerry P – Sec, Alt GSR OTF - EVENT
Coming Alive- Greg P - AIW	Stepping Up –Orlando R – Addict Support, Alt GSR
Living Clean- Greg B– AIW	Straight Lace –Kristine M - AIW
Miracles – Absent	Surrender to Win- Ray C - AIW
New Freedom –Michael S – AIW	The Other 23- Joe- Treasurer, Alt GSR OTF, Addict Support
New Perspectives – Maribel O - Alt GSR OTF, Addict support	Where We are Going – Jill F - Addict Support
No Joke on Oak – Jim R - Addict support	Whole Lava Love – JRob C – Addict Support
Over the wall- Steve- Alt GSR OTF	

Break for 15 minutes

Roll Call II: 23 out of 25 groups present

Sharing Session:

The Chair clarified that in the meeting format, the "Announcements" portion near the beginning of the meeting is a good place to make non group-specific announcements, while the "group sharing session" prior to the break is a good time to bring up specific group concerns. Finally, the "sharing session" after the break is the best place to bring up concerns relating to the entire area or how MSUA is conducted.

Jill F – (Where we are going) – Announced that the Tunxis Valley Area has a new years' eve party and dance from 9 PM New Year's eve to 1 AM new Year's Day at St. Mark's Church in New Britain CT. Tickets are available.

Gerry P – (Stepping through it all) – Reported that the feast before the feast was a hit, and that the Wesleyan campus will be closed during the December holidays, so unless an alternate meeting place is found, the meeting will not be held on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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Adam H – (MSUA Treasurer) – Reported that he was able to return the check to the Pig Roast Inc, and that he was able to speak directly to the Pig Roast Treasurer and explain why the check was returned. The Pig roast Treasurer also indicated that the Pig Roast Inc is fully accountable to the Pigs in Space Group of NA.

Michael S – (New Freedom) – Reported that all groups that meet at Oak Street are having their rents increased substantially. **Gene F (PR)** and **Jim K (A new Awakening)** also reported that the Holy Trinity Church may be raising rent for the groups that meet there to cover the increase cost of heat.

Marc L – (Chair) – Conducted a straw poll to see if the MSUA would approve H&I's plans to discuss a possible merger with the Central Area's H&I subcommittee. (This does not "permission" to merge, simply an OK to conduct negotiations). The poll had results of 15-3-4, so the H&I chair was given approval to conduct initial discussions.

Old business: The H&I chair reported that the questions he had about the literature portion of the subcommittee budget were straightened out in his discussion with the treasurer during the break.

Votes were as follows: **Administrative** 20-0-2, **Activities** 20-0-1, **H&I** 20-0-2, **Literature** 20-0-2, and **Public Relations** 19-1-2. All proposed 2014 budgets passed.

Elections:

MSUA Treasurer is out to the Fellowship in January 2014.

New Business: A motion to approve the Retreat Subcommittee Budget was made by **Adam H** and seconded by **JRob C**. The intent was "to follow policy and to be financially responsible". A copy of the budget is included with this report for review and to be voted upon by the groups at their next business meetings.

NOTE: The MSUA retreat budget is attached to this report. **GSRs should bring them to their groups at the next business meeting and have each individual budget voted upon by their group. Results should be brought back to area in December.** Please remember that MSUA has a "one addict one vote" policy, so remind addicts at the business meeting that if they have already voted at another meeting or are planning to vote at another meeting that they should not vote at yours.

Upcoming Events / Changes

Group level changes:

None at this time

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Off the Hook Freedom Book has an anniversary party for a home group member on Wednesday, December 18th at 8 PM with Food fun and fellowship, followed by a speaker meeting at 9 PM – all held at the meeting's usual location.

MSUA is holding **marathon meetings** on Christmas Eve into Christmas Day and New Year's Eve into New Year's Day. Meetings are held at the holy trinity church (aka squeaky floors) and run from 9 PM until 4:45 PM the next day. Meetings are held every hour on the hour and are 45 minutes long each.

Subcommittee Announcements:

WSR is in need of addict support! The subcommittee now meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, 381 Main St. Middletown. Come show support and get involved!!

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.

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Retreat budget to be voted on and results returned to January MSUA

Retreat Expenses	2013 Approved	2013 Spent	2014 Proposed
Rent	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Mailing	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Copies/Flyers	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$85.00
Food	\$325.00	\$87.97	\$260.00
Comp Packages ϕ	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$175.00
Cost Packages	\$9,900.00	\$7,590.00	\$9,900.00
Expenses Subtotal	\$10,995.00		\$10,500.00
Income			
Sale of Packages	\$10,500.00	\$8,050.00	\$10,500.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$96.00	\$0.00
Income Subtotal	\$10,500.00	\$8,146.00	\$10,500.00
Retreat net total	-\$495.00 \yen	-\$116.97 \yen	\$0.00

ϕ – Total number of compensation packages reduced from three to one

\yen - Negative net total covered by balance in checking