

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for Jan 14, 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 were read.

Mail: Bank Statements, Retreat, Reaching Out (H&I), and mail for Stepping Thru it All

Roll Call: 22 of 25 groups present Public Relations absent

NOTE: A copy of the revised policy was handed out to each group present

Service Orientation: Vice Chair read from newly revised policy (Jan. 2013) page 1 Section I. Purpose

Announcements:

AI (RCM) - The 2014 CT Convention is having the kick-off meeting Sunday Feb 17, 2013 at 5 Clapboard Rd. in Danbury, CT. 06810. All addicts are Welcome! Also, can all GSR's look in the CT Regional schedule to make sure that their group's are in the schedule with the correct information?

Adam (Living Clean) - The meeting which meets at Manchester Hospital on Mondays and Wednesdays has temporarily moved to St. Mary's on Park St. in Manchester until further notice due to the flu outbreak.

Jerry (Stepping Thru it All) - We were meeting downstairs in Rm. 058 we are meeting again in Rm. 121.

Reports

Secretary minutes – No corrections, additions, or deletions. Motion to accept minutes made by **Megan (After the Weekend)**, 2nd by **Joe (All About Change)**. *Minutes accepted 20-0-1.*

Treasurer report – Gene gave written/verbal reports for both December as well as January. The reports also included a final financial rundown for 2012 stating left over budget monies, total expenses, and fund flow to Region. There was no further discussion. Motion to accept Treasurers report for December made by **Kate (The Other 23)**, 2nd by **Megan (After the Weekend)**. **December Treasury Report passes 21-0-0.** Motion to accept January report as well as final financial statement made by **Jerry (Stepping Thru it All)**, 2nd by **Megan (After the weekend)**. **January Treasury Report passes 21-0-0. Thank you Gene for your service for the past 2 years!!!**

RCM –AI gave written/ verbal report. **Regional Literature Chair is OTF.** There was discussion regarding confusion among the RCM, Web servant, and vendors when getting group information to Regional schedule. "Women Do Recover" is still on website; however, this is no longer an NA meeting. Regional minutes can be accessed at **CTNA.org**

Subcommittee Reports

Activities –Kris gave verbal/written report. **Activities Chair is OTF.** Winter BBQ and Dance scheduled for February is postponed until further notice. **Activities meets the last Tuesday of every month at 8:45 pm at the United Methodist church in Portland. Activities needs addict support.**

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. There was both an original copy of report as well as an amended report. **MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.**

Public Relations- Public Relations was absent no available report. **Public Relations Chair is 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. Spanish phone coordinator, Vice Chair, and Secretary OTF**

Retreat – Retreat did not meet this month. Brianna gave update regarding registration packages. No financial report available.

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Group Reports: 22 out of 25 groups

A New Awakening- Jim- AIW	Off the Hook Freedom Book- Collin- AIW
After Lunch Bunch- Absent	Saturday Night Sanity- Rodney- Alt Gsr OTF Need support @bus. mtgs
After the Weekend – Megan – AIW see events page	Serenity Check –Mary- Gsr & Alt Gsr OTF
All About Change-Joe- Possibly in need of Alt. GSR	Stepping Free –Tanya- AIW
Basically Lit -Nikole- AIW	Stepping Into the Weekend –Walt- AIW
Came To Believe –Katie- AIW	Stepping Thru it All –Jerry– AIW
Coming Alive-Renee - AIW	Stepping Up – Orlando – Gsr, Tres. OTF
Living Clean- Adam- AIW	Straight Lace –Gail – AIW
Miracles –Tim K- Alt Gsr OTF	Surrender to Win-Lennie- see events page
New Freedom –Ivan- Gsr OTF	The Other 23- Kate- Alt Gsr, Sec OTF Needs Addict Support!
New Perspectives –Leonard- Gsr ,Alt Gsr, & SS OTF	Where We are Going – Absent
No Joke on oak – Absent	Whole Lava Love – Joe – AIW
Over the wall- Dave- AIW	

Break for 10 minutes

Opened 2nd half with the Serenity Prayer

Roll Call #2: 21 out of 25 groups present Public Relations absent

Sharing Session:

Marc (Chair) briefly described this new portion of the ASC meeting Format.

AI (RCM) - I just wanted to mention that those who choose to use social media such as Facebook or Twitter break their own anonymity by posting anything about Narcotics Anonymous. They should know they are putting others at risk as well. There is an Information pamphlet which was published to deal with these kinds of issues. Can we please keep in mind that anonymity is being broken for those who do not wish to be revealed? Also keep in mind that employers have the ability to search social media to gather information which could destroy the possibility of gainful employment.

Leonard (New Perspectives) - In the CAR Report which was voted on in 2012 there was a Resolution in which the majority in our area voted in favor of regarding the new Service System Proposal. Are we interested in moving forward with these new ideas?

Adam (Living Clean) -Elaborated on the Resolution which suggests that we may conduct business differently at the ASC. This should be something that goes back to the groups. For more information please log on to www.na.org/servicesystem

Eve (H&I) - As of right now we have no money to place a literature order. We have facilities without literature. Is there some way we can get some IP's to these facilities? After discussion issue was resolved. Lit Chair filled the order for H&I. Literature will be paid back in full when funds are transferred out of the H&I budget.

Old Business: None

Elections:

Activities Chair- Vice Chair read requirements for this position (2 yrs clean time, 1 yr of service). There were no nominations or volunteers. **Activities Chair still OTF**

Public Relations Chair- Vice Chair read requirements for this position (2 years clean time 1 yr of service). There were no nominations or volunteers. Just to note, the Public Relations Chair was not present at ASC therefore no recommendations have been brought forth as of yet. **Public Relations Chair still OTF**

ASC Treasurer- Vice Chair read requirements. Adam (Living Clean) was nominated for position with a second in favor. Adam accepted and qualified. No further questions or comments for Adam. **Adam voted in as ASC Treasurer. CONGRATS ADAM!!**

MSUA B.O.D. Seat is OTF. Chair explained the process of nomination or volunteer for this position (3 yr clean time, 3 yr commitment). *See Bylaws for more information regarding this service position which are located at the end of the Regional Policy.*

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New Business:

Motion #1 made by **Adam (Living Clean)** 2nd by **Dave (Over the Wal)** to add “Welcome of new GSRs alternates and visitors” to (Section III, pg 3) of MSUA area policy before #6 Reading of the mail. **Intent:** To welcome new members and visitors to our ASC. **This motion needs 2/3 majority to pass as it will be a change in the ASC policy.** Motion Brought to vote. **Motion passes 19-0-0**

Closed in the usual manner.

Upcoming Events

The **Connecticut Regional Convention Committee** is kicking off for the **2014 convention!** Kick –off will be held **Sunday Feb 17** at **1:00pm** at the **United Methodist Church** on **5 Clapboard Ridge Rd.** in **Danbury CT. 06810.** **All addicts are welcome!!**

‘After the Weekend’ group of NA which meets on Monday nights in East Hampton is celebrating 17 years of recovery on **Monday Feb 18th**. We will be celebrating at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on rte 66 in East Hampton. Food, fun, and fellowship will begin at 6:30pm followed by a speaker meeting from 7:30-9:00p. Come help us celebrate!!

‘Surrender to Win’ which meets on Saturday mornings from 10am till 11am has moved. Surrender to Win will be meeting at Holy Trinity on Saturday mornings. Same time! Come show support!

The **“In Loving Service”** group has changed its name and format. We are now the **“Living Clean”** group. We are reading our newest piece of literature **“Living Clean: The Journey Continues”**. We meet at the Trinity Church (Brownstone church) at 345 Main St. in Portland on Wednesday nights from 7pm -8pm. Come show support!!

“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!**

The Retreat will be held in **Iroyton Ct.** on **April 5, 6, and 7th** of **2013.** **All registrations (both remaining and full payments of \$175) are due by March 1st.**

REMINDER: 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.