

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for July 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!

Mail: Bank statements, Retreat, convention flyers from Las Vegas, and NAWS News

Roll Call: 19 out of 25 groups present, Retreat Subcommittee absent

Service Orientation: Page 5, III. Rules of Order, Section D. Financial Policies numbers 1-5

Announcements:

Marc (Chair) - Vice Chair stepped down from his trusted servant position.

Jerry P. (Stepping Thru it All) – WSR Subcommittee has changed its meeting location. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00p.m., at Holy Trinity church (381 Main St., Middletown, CT. 06457). We are in dire need of addict support! Come see how WSR carry's the message of recovery.

Reports

Secretary minutes – Everyone received minutes, no corrections or deletions. Motion to accept made by **Megan (After the Weekend)**, 2nd by **Mike J. (Stepping Free)**, **Minutes accepted 19-0-0**

Treasurer report – Adam gave written/ verbal report. No questions or discussion. Motion to accept made by **Megan (After the Weekend)**, 2nd by **Ivan (New Freedom)**, **Treasurers report accepted 19-0-0.**

RCM –Al gave written/ verbal report. Al reported that although the convention is a non-profit org, we still must file taxes accordingly. This was not handled properly; therefore, we were assessed with penalties and interest fees in the amount of **\$2967.15** with interest at 3% daily accruing till debt is satisfied. They are currently in the process of filing a request for abatement to argue the case in order to stop interest from accruing. The IRS offers three options to satisfy outstanding taxes and the body was directed by a tax consultant to pay the amount due in full. The body voted to pay in full in order to stop any further penalties/interest from accruing. **WSR Chair, PR Chair**, as well as **Alt. Web Servant OTF**. Regional minutes can be accessed at **CTNA.org**

Subcommittee Reports:

Activities – **Dave R. (Vice Chair)** gave written / verbal report. Annual Grand Slam Picnic will be held at Crystal Lake in Middletown on August 24th. Tickets are being processed and will soon be distributed. **REMINDER:** To all those who plan on attending the picnic: Insurance only covers the event. If you are to engage in **ANY** sporting event you must sign a waiver you **WILL NOT** be covered for any injuries sustained! **Activities Chair OTF. Chair (Marc)** also requested a financial statement required for hosted events. Dave received copy and will return it to the next ASC meeting. **Activities meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month at Faith Lutheran church located at 300 Washington St. at p.m. prior to the Basically Lit meeting.**

H&I –Chris gave written / verbal report. **H&I will be giving orientations during the “Basically Lit “Anniversary event on July 27th.**
H&I 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. **Adam (Treasurer)** inquired as to why someone was referred to 211 after calling the phone line. **Walt (Stepping Into the Weekend)** clarified that if someone calls looking for a specific treatment center; PR policy states that they are required to call 211. Gene brought copy of updated Public Relations policy for information purposes. It will be filed in ASC Secretary archives. **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 – Absent

Adhoc Committee – N/A

Group Reports

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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 –Mike J. - EVENT
Basically Lit –Mark T.- Absent EVENT	Stepping Into the Weekend –Walt- Alt. Gsr, Treasurer OTF
Came To Believe –Katie- AIW	Stepping Thru it All – Gerry– Secretary, Alt Gsr OTF
Coming Alive- Renee - EVENT	Stepping Up –Orlando– Treasurer OTF, See events pg for more info
Living Clean- Greg B. – Treasurer, Alt Gsr OTF	Straight Lace –Gail – AIW
Miracles –Absent- EVENT, Treasurer, Gsr, Alt. Gsr OTF	Surrender to Win- Raymond - AIW
New Freedom –Ivan – Alt Gsr OTF	The Other 23- Kate- May need Treasurer
New Perspectives –Leonard- Gsr, Alt Gsr OTF	Where We are Going – Absent
No Joke on Oak –Jim R.– EVENT	Whole Lava Love – Joe – Addict Support, Gsr, Alt. Gsr OTF
Over the wall- Steve- AIW	

Break for 10 minutes

Roll Call II: 19 out of 25 groups present

Sharing Session:

- Both **Joe A. (Whole Lava Love)** as well as **Jerome (Stepping Into the Weekend)** are moving to California. We wish you both the best on your future endeavors. Thank you for your service at the ASC table!
- **Adam (Treasurer)** - I understand that the Retreat Subcommittee does not reconvene until September; however, is there a reason why they are not attending the ASC? This is the second consecutive absence. It is understood that Retreat is a subcommittee of this area and should be present at all ASC meetings. **Stacy (Secretary)** will give the Retreat chair a courtesy phone call to make sure everything is alright as well as to clear up any misunderstanding.
- **AI (RCM)** - The RD and the RDA are looking to hold workshops. We are presently looking within all the areas to find facilities to accommodate certain needs for these assemblies. The purpose is to spark interactive discussion regarding issues in NA across the globe. At this point we are looking for a consensus if that is something we would like to have in our area. Consensus obtained. Majority in favor.

Old business: We are still looking for alternatives for our ASC meeting location. We apologize for our lack of diligence.

Elections:

RCM- Requirements for position can be found on pg. 8 of MSUA policy, #6.

ASC Chair- Requirements for position can be found on pg. 7 of the MSUA policy, #2

ASC Vice Chair- Requirements for the position can be found on pg. 7 of the MSUA policy, #3

ASC Secretary- Requirements for the position can be found on pg. 7 of the MSUA policy, #4

Activities Chair- Requirements can be found on pg. 9 under Subcommittee Chair

Literature Chair- Requirements can be found on pg. 9 under Subcommittee Chair

***All Subcommittee Chairs must also follow internal guidelines from specific subcommittee**

Each position is out OTF for 30 days for further consideration.

New Business: None at this time

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Upcoming Events

Group level changes:

“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:

“No Joke on Oak” will be celebrating their **5th Year Anniversary on July 25, 2013**. Located at 47 Oak St. Middletown. Food, fun, and fellowship starts at **5:30**, followed by the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00p.m. Come help us celebrate!!

“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!!

“Miracles on Oak” is celebrating a **Anniversary of 29 Years on July 29th**. Located at 47 Oak St. Food, fun, and fellowship from **6p.m. -7p.m.**, followed by a speaker meeting. Come out and celebrate the miracle of recovery with us!!

“Coming Alive” is hosting their Annual Ice Cream Social to celebrate 5 Years of recovery on August 26th at the First Baptist church on Main St. Ice cream and celebration from 6:30- 7:30 followed by a ticket topic meeting. Come have some fun!!

“Stepping Free” will be celebrating **7 Years** of recovery on **Monday August 19th**. Food, fun, and fellowship is from **6:30 – 8:00**, followed by the meeting which has a special format. Come out for some fun!!

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.