

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for May 13, 2013

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Open: 7:10 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!
Adam D. new alt. Gsr for "Miracles on Oak" Welcome!!

Mail: Bank statements, Retreat, Retreat bank statements, and (H&I)Reaching Out

Roll Call: 20 Of 25 groups present

Service Orientation: Page 3 of revised policy Section III, Rules of Order, Section B General, Format of ASC Meeting

Announcements: None at this time

Reports

Secretary minutes – Secretary minutes accepted 18-0-0.

Treasurer report – Adam gave written / verbal report. *Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Megan (After the Weekend), 2nd by Mike J. (Stepping Free). Gary M. (Alt RCM)- Inquired what the Special Reserve was and it's purpose. Adam (Treasurer)- Special Reserve is money put aside to hold activities. The main reason this was established was because when there is an event we tend to spend \$300-\$400 at once to get started, when that happens it drops us significantly below our prudent reserve. Treasurer's report accepted 20-0-1.*

RCM – AI (RCM) gave written / verbal report. **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 **Regional WSR is in desperate need of addict support.** Region will not meet in the month of May due to the Pig Roast. The next RSC meeting will be on June 15, 2013 at 2p.m. at Grace Episcopal church in Newington (124 Maple Hill Ave.). *Regional minutes can be accessed at CTNA.org*

Subcommittee Reports:

Activities –Scott gave written / verbal report. Activities is tentatively planning a Learning Day along with all the other subcommittees this coming August. Activities has changed its meeting time and place. The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2013. They will be electing trusted servants (Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer). **Activities is now meeting on the 3rd Saturday of every month at Faith Lutheran church at 8p.m. prior to the 'Basically Lit' meeting.**

H&I – Chris gave written / verbal report. H & I is looking to fill positions on both male and female panels. Chris brought copies of H&I policy to area and made them available to all members of the ASC. 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. We will provide a inventory for everyone at the next ASC meeting per MSUA policy. **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. **Public Relations usually 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, however in lieu of Memorial Day we will meet on the 3rd Sunday, May 19th. Vice Chair, Spanish phone coordinator and Secretary OTF**

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Retreat – Briana gave report. Retreat held in April went well. Ending balance is \$864.89. Retreat Subcommittee elected trusted servants. Welcome Stacy M. as Vice Chair / Treasurer. Flyers will be available in October for the 2014 Retreat. **Retreat Subcommittee will not begin meeting regularly until September on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 prior to ASC meeting.**

Adhoc Committee –Nothing to report at this time

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 – Absent
All About Change- Lorieanne- Gsr, Alt. Gsr, Treasurer OTF	Stepping Free –Mike J.- AIW
Basically Lit –Mark T.- EVENT	Stepping Into the Weekend –Jerome- AIW
Came To Believe –Katie- Speaker Seeker OTF	Stepping Thru it All – Jerry– Alt Gsr OTF
Coming Alive- Renee - AIW	Stepping Up – Dave – AIW
Living Clean- Greg B. – Alt Gsr, Treasurer OTF	Straight Lace –Gail – AIW
Miracles –Adam D. – EVENT	Surrender to Win- Raymond - EVENT
New Freedom –Ivan – Alt Gsr OTF	The Other 23- Kate- Alt. Sec. OTF
New Perspectives –Leonard- Gsr, Alt Gsr OTF	Where We are Going – Absent
No Joke on Oak – Absent	Whole Lava Love – Joe – AIW
Over the wall- Steve- AIW	

Break: 10 minutes

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

2nd Roll Call: 20 out 25 groups present

Sharing Session:

- **Jerry P. (Stepping Thru it All)**- WSR will now be meeting in Middletown beginning in June. It will meet the second Thursday in June at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity church, which is located at 381 Main St. Come show support, WSR is in need of addict support.
- **AI W. (RCM)**- Inquired what groups are closed to non-addicts in the area. 'Whole Lava Love' is the only closed meeting in the MSUA. Just a reminder this information can be accessed on the ctna.org website.

Old business:

The motion for Regional Literature Budget was passed. **17-1-1**

Elections: All positions are filled at this time.

New Business: There was discussion regarding having a different meeting place for the ASC meeting. The reason being that it is difficult to obtain the key and there have been times when we could not get into the Senior Center. There was a consensus that the Administrative Committee / members look for other places, return to the June ASC with some ideas, and financial figures .

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Upcoming Events

"Off the Hook Freedom Book" has a home group member celebrating his/her 1 Year Anniversary on May 29th. Celebration begins at 8:00 p. m. Come help celebrate the miracle of recovery!!

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!!

"All About Change" which meets on Wednesday nights at Bethany Lutheran church in Cromwell has changed its format. Topics will be chosen by a stick on the second week, there is a topic on the 1st and 3rd week, followed by a speaker on the last week. 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, no action has been taken yet. If you are interested please attend.

"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:

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.

The Public Relations subcommittee will be holding a poster drive on **Saturday June 8, 2013** from **1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m.** followed by pizza and fellowship. One day clean and the willingness to serve is all that is needed to participate. We will be meeting at **Holy Trinity at 1 p.m.** **Please come help carry the message to the still sick and suffering addict!!!!**

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

"Surrender to Win" will be celebrating its **annual Independence Day picnic on Saturday July 13, 2013 at Veterans Memorial Park in Middletown.** Food, fun, and fellowship from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 the day of the event. Food donations are welcome. Come out and have some fun!!

"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 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.