

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for Oct 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.

Welcome to all new GSRs, Alternate GSRs and visitors!

Norman B. representing Stepping into the weekend, Mari O. GSR for New Perspectives, Toby R. representing Miracles on Oak, Jason L. from Basically Lit, and Joe L new GSR for the Other 23...WELCOME to ALL!!

Mail: None – Chair apologized for not remembering to check the P.O. Box prior to the day of the meeting, as the day of MSUA was a postal holiday.

Roll Call: 18 out of 25 groups present

Service Orientation: Page 7, IV. Trusted Servants section B. Administrative officers1-3 (Chair, Vice Chair, & Secretary)

Announcements:

- **Michael L (Vice Chair)** – Announced that the marathon meeting forms needed to be submitted at the beginning of area (or that in the absence of the form, the GSR should indicate on the group report sheet the intentions of their group to participate or not participate in the three separate marathon meetings).

Secretary minutes – Roberto (Sat Night Sanity) -Did not receive minutes from last month. No corrections or deletions. Motion to accept made by **Mike (Stepping Free)** 2nd by **Megan (After the Weekend)**. **Minutes accepted 17-0-0**

Treasurer report – Adam gave written/ verbal report. Adam also reminded all subcommittees that their budgets were due now. (all budgets were submitted). Al (RCM) had one question regarding the year to date fund flow to RSC on page one, stating that his records had the YTD fund flow at \$3210.81 rather than \$3270.81. Adam was unable to verify the correct amount without going back and looking at records not available at Area. Correction or verification of YTD fund flow to RSC will be brought to MSUA next month. Motion to accept made by **Megan (After the Weekend)**. 2nd by **Mike (Stepping Free)** **Treasurers report accepted 18-0-0**.

RCM – Al W (RCM) gave written verbal report, which was presented by **Renee M (Alt RCM)**. **Mike (Stepping Free)** had a question regarding the statement “we will like everyone to show up” located in the 4th bulleted section on PR in the sharing section of the RCM report. Al clarified that this meant that as there is no regional chair for some of the subcommittees, the vice chair of region has been responsible for chairing the regional level meetings on a continual basis as opposed to on a temporary or emergency basis as intended. **Steve (Over the Wall)** had a question regarding the statement in the BOD subcommittee report that the IRS had issued an adjustment check to the BOD for overpayment in the amount of \$105.84. Al clarified that the IRS had given a lump sum figure to be paid on a certain date in order to stop the accrual of interest on the penalties for failing to submit a tax report, but that the BOD paid this amount prior to the date given by the IRS. As interest accrued continually, the BOD saved money by paying early, so the IRS refunded this. **Leonard S (new perspectives)** had a question about Motion #1 in new business where \$75 was moved from the secretary to the treasurer line item budget. Al clarified that region had switched banks to people’s bank and that the \$75 was actually an expense incurred by the treasurer and not by the secretary. **WSR Chair OTF, Alt. Web Servant OTF. PR Chair OTF, Regional Chair OTF, Vice Chair OTF, Secretary OTF, Treasurer OTF. Alt. Treasurer OTF, BOD GDA OTF, H&I Chair OTF.** Regional minutes can be accessed at **CTNA.org**

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Subcommittee Reports:

Activities – Marc L. (MSUA Chair) gave verbal report. The meeting was not held as no one else showed up. Jill F (Where we are Going) expressed concern that without an activities committee, the marathon meetings might not be held. Marc clarified that MSUA policy states that marathon meetings are the responsibility of the area itself, so that the executive body would be directly responsible for the coordination of the marathon meetings. **Greg B (Living Clean)** asked how many tickets had been sold for the cancelled grand clam picnic and where the money from those presale tickets now was. **JRob (Lava)** indicated that 3 tickets had been pre-sold and as far as he knew the money was supposed to be given back to people, and that the person who had sold the advance tickets had moved out of state. Adam H indicated that money had not been returned to at least one person. JRob stated that he would try to contact the seller and remind them to return all presale money. **Gene F (PR)** expressed some concern that activities was not represented at the recent MSUA learning day. The ASC chair indicated that this was an oversight by the executive body.

Activities Chair OTF. All activities are on hold until the group has addict support. **Activities meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month at Faith Lutheran church located at 300 Washington St .at 8:00 p.m. prior to the Basically Lit meeting.**

H&I – Chris H. (Chair) gave written / verbal report. MSUA Learning day was held on 10/12/2013. PR and WSR also participated. **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 – Larry gave written / verbal report. Larry indicated that although the written report states otherwise, there may be backorders of literature and the committee will look into the matter to determine if this is so. **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. A poster drive will be held on Saturday, 10/26/2013 from 1-4 PM. PR also distributed sign up sheets for “Twelfth Step Volunteers” to take addicts that reach out to the NA telephone line to meetings. Requirements for volunteers are 1 year clean time and an orientation by a member of the PR subcommittee. **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. Chair, Vice Chair, and Spanish phone coordinator are OTF**

Retreat – Briana L. gave written / verbal report. The Retreat Subcommittee met at 6:45 PM on 10/14/2013. There were 2 addicts in attendance. The flyer for the retreat was submitted to the regional website. There was no change in the balance or registration – (mail was unavailable at area). All figures are from last report; retreat confirmed the balance is still \$969.

Beginning Balance: \$864.00	Rent Paid: \$60.00
1 New Registration: \$165.00	Current Balance: \$969.00

Group Reports

20 out of 25 groups

A New Awakening- Jim K – Alt GSR, Monday Sec OTF	Off the Hook Freedom Book- Absent
After Lunch Bunch- Absent	Saturday Night Sanity- Roberto - GSR, Alt GSR, Policy Chair OTF
After the Weekend – Tommy – AIW	Serenity Check – Absent
All About Change- Doming – GSR OTF	Stepping Free –Mike J. - AIW
Basically Lit – Jason – AIW – Event Ad Hoc	Stepping Into the Weekend – Norman - AIW
Came To Believe –Katie - EVENT	Stepping Thru it All – Absent
Coming Alive- Absent	Stepping Up –Orlando– Addict Support, Alt GSR
Living Clean- Greg – Alt GSR OTF	Straight Lace –Kristine – Event
Miracles –Toby – Sec, GSR, Addict Support	Surrender to Win- Ray - AIW
New Freedom –Mike – GSR OTF	The Other 23- Joe- Treasurer, Alt GSR OTF
New Perspectives –Leonard- Policy Ad Hoc, Sec Treasurer, Alt GSR OTF	Where We are Going – Jill - Treasurer, Alt GSR OTF
No Joke on Oak –Jim R.– Addict Support, Sec, Alt GSR OTF	Whole Lava Love – JROB – Sec OTF
Over the wall- Steve- AIW	

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Break for 15 minutes

Roll Call II: 21 out of 25 groups present

Sharing Session:

Renee – (Alt RCM) – Reminded all groups to take convention forms and information.

Jason L (Basically Lit) Mentioned that he had yet to see the activities subcommittee thrive or not have money problems. He suggested that perhaps the future leadership of activities could benefit from guidance and tutelage of the MSUA executive officers.

Adam – (Treasurer) – Announced that all budgets had been turned in.

Leonard - (New Perspectives) – asked if budgets came out with area minutes. Adam indicated that he would hand out up to date figures when they are prepared.

Leonard - (New Perspectives) –asked if MSUA was still trying to find a new meeting location. The Chair indicted that an alternate site had not yet been found, but some of the problems with getting a key and last minute cancellation by the site had been addressed and that it may be possible that the issues which drove area to consider a new site may be resolved.

Old business: NONE

Elections:

Activities chair - There were two nominations, both respectfully declined. **Activities Chair OTF!**

New Business: None

Upcoming Events / Changes

Group level changes:

None at this time

Upcoming Events:

“Straight Lace” is celebrating their 29th anniversary on Friday October 25th 2013 at 6:30 PM, 381 Main Street Portland CT at the united Methodist church. All are invited to attend for food, fun, fellowship, and a double speaker meeting.

“Came to Believe” which meets at Holy Trinity on Sunday nights is celebrating **17 Years** of carrying the message. *Due to last minute changes to church availability, the date from the original flyers has changed to **November 4th***. Food, fun, and fellowship will begin from **6 – 7p.m.** followed by a speaker meeting. Come on out!

“Basically Lit” will be starting Ad Hoc meetings on the third Monday of October for a possible second **NA History Conference** at 9:30 PM at 130 Marlborough St in Portland CT. All are invited to attend.

Keep in mind... **“The Feast before the Feast”** is coming up...confirmed location is Shiloh Baptist Church, 349 Butternut Street in Middletown CT...stay tuned for more information to come!!

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.

Marathon Meeting Schedule

Slot Start Time	Thanksgiving Day	Christmas Eve/Christmas Day	New Year's Eve/New Year's Day	Slot Start Time
9 PM	N/A	Stepping Free	Basically Lit	9 PM
10 PM	N/A	Stepping Free	Basically Lit	10 PM
11 PM	N/A	Basically Lit	Over the Wall	11 PM
12 AM	N/A	Basically Lit	Surrender to Win	12 AM
1 AM	N/A	No Joke on Oak	Surrender to Win	1 AM
2 AM	N/A	No Joke on Oak	Straight Lace	2 AM
3 AM	N/A	Where we are going	Straight Lace	3 AM
4 AM	N/A	Came to believe	No joke on Oak	4 AM
5 AM	N/A	Came to believe	No joke on Oak	5 AM
6 AM	N/A	A new Awakening	Stepping Free	6 AM
7 AM	N/A	Surrender to Win	Stepping Free	7 AM
8 AM	N/A	Surrender to Win	A new Awakening	8 AM
9 AM	New freedom	New Freedom	A new Awakening	9 AM
10 AM	No joke on oak	New Freedom	The Other 23	10 AM
11 AM	Stepping Free	Whole Lava Love	Came to believe	11 AM
12 PM	Surrender to win	Whole Lava Love	Came to believe	12 PM
1 PM	Over the wall	Over The Wall	After the Weekend	1 PM
2 PM	The Other 23	Over The Wall	Whole Lava Love	2 PM
3 PM	Whole lava love	Straight Lace	Whole Lava Love	3 PM
4 PM	Straight Lace	Straight Lace	New Freedom	4 PM
5 PM	Living Clean	N/A	N/A	5 PM
	<i>9 slots – 13 groups “yes”</i>	<i>20 slots – 11 groups “yes”</i>	<i>20 slots – 12 groups “yes”</i>	

Marathon meetings start on time on the hour indicated and last for 45 minutes with a fifteen minute break after. At least two representatives from your group should attend.