

7:30 p.m. **Vicki M.**, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read. Sixteen (16) voting Group Service Representatives (GSRs) and alt GSRs were in attendance.

- Open Forum:

Joel announced that he was Miracles Happen Here's designated representative but not the group's GSR nor its alt-GSR.

Gail S. announced that the Sound of Serenity group will celebrate its 28th anniversary on Jan. 15 with a celebration from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Annisa M. announced that the Activities Subcommittee has produced a schedule for the upcoming Thanksgiving marathon. Also, she said that a couple of groups have indicated a willingness to participate after the schedule was formulated. If groups that previously committed to a time slot are no longer available please let Annisa know so that the other groups can be slotted into the schedule.

Howard O. announced that the Sesame Street group will host its annual Thanksgiving desert meeting starting at 6:30 with the regular meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Desert donations are welcome.

Vicki M. said she would talk to the church about the lack of heat at Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich, where the Area Service meetings occur. **Don N.** said the church has asked that we no longer use space heaters. He also asked about the location of the tables the USANA ASC donated.

- **Secretary's report: Dale F.** read the October minutes, which were accepted and passed unanimously.
- **Vice Chair report: Vicki M.** asked whether we have an ASC chairperson since Frank P. has been absent for two months in a row. Howard O. read from USANA policy IV A 4 e, indicating that a member of the ASC Executive Committee "may be asked to step down" upon meeting two consecutive meetings. No written report.
- **Treasurer's report: Gail S.:** The ASC treasury is \$338.32 below prudent reserve due to a literature order miscalculation. The cost of the order was more than Gail realized. Gail said she didn't think we would be under prudent reserve for long. Gail also said that she may have improperly recorded the fund flow donation amounts for the Living Clean and Living Clean Today groups and asked the group's representatives to check their records. Gail also asked all GSRs and alt-GSRs to make sure they sign the money orders they submit to her. Report accepted and passed.

- **Literature report: Penny M.** delivered her report, which focused on clarifying the new literature ordering process. She said a limited amount of literature and other items would be available monthly for purchasing outside of the new pre-order system. The order system was changed, Penny said, to increase control over supplies and reduced the chances of losing money as a result of theft. Report accepted and passed.
- **Hospitals & Institutions report Sheila B.:** The subcommittee needs a new meeting place. Subcommittee needs support. Four panel coordinator positions are open. Report accepted and passed.
- **Public Relations Mike R.:** There was not a meeting in October. Report accepted and passed.
- **Activities report: Anissa M.:** The subcommittee did not submit its monthly bank statement to the ASC treasurer because the subcommittee's treasurer did not provide it. The subcommittee considered a motion made by a subcommittee member to fund flow 5 percent of all monies raised to the ASC but the motion failed. Some members said that subcommittee members make donations to help pay for events and therefore the events are not truly self-supporting. Anissa's commitment is ending, her position is out to the fellowship. Report accepted and passed.
- **RCM report Howard O.** read report: He was unable to attend the October meeting of Region but provided a synopsis based on the minutes. Conference Agenda Reports will be released on or before Nov. 27. Region remains in a financial emergency Region needs a secretary, public relations chair, Writing Steps for Recovery chair, and an alt. web servant.
- **GSR Orientation Ad Hoc Vicki M:** The committee did not meet in November and will try to have a draft document for review next month.
- **Central Office Ad Hoc Sheila B.:** Sheila has had communication with the owner of a 4,000 square foot facility in New London that might be suitable. The subcommittee, which consists only of Sheila, must determine how much various area subcommittees and groups currently pay for rent to help determine how much the Area could afford to rent the facility. There was also discussion of the need for groups to become more aware of this proposal and subcommittee. Report passed 15-0-1
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- **New GSRs and alt. GSRs:**
Don N.: GSR HOW Group
James D.: alt GSR Twilight Zone
Brianna Serenity by the Sea

Welcome!

Elections:

ASC alt-Treasurer: Joel volunteered and was elected.

Old Business:

Motion 2: To change the policy for new groups joining USANA. The RCM should inform the regional web servant to put new groups on the web schedule as soon as possible and the regional print schedule on the next printing and if not on the next printing at least on the web.

Intent: That any addict seeking recovery be able to find us.

Maker: More Will Be Revealed, **Sunny C.**

Second: **Don N.**

The motion had been postponed to give Howard O., RCM, time to research and report back to the ASC.

MOTION WAS TABLED TO GROUPS by a vote of 6-3-7

The FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OUT TO THE FELLOWSHIP:

Area Service Committee chairperson

Activities Subcommittee chairperson

Regional Committee member

Alt-Regional Committee member

ASC Coffee maker

ASC set up person

A motion to extend the ASC meeting past 9 p.m. failed by a 6-10-0 vote.

Meeting closed at about 9 p.m.

The next Area Service Committee meeting is scheduled for Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich.

In loving service,

Dale F.