

7:30 p.m. **Vicki M.**, United Shoreline Area Committee vice chairwoman, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read. Twenty-three (23) voting Group Service Representatives (GSRs) and alt GSRs were in attendance.

- Open Forum:
Anissa M., Activities Subcommittee chairwoman, along with the help of two committee members, conducted a lottery to determine time slots for the upcoming Thanksgiving marathon to be held Nov. 27 at 10 p.m. to Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, 10 Huntington St., New London. The following are the time slots assigned to participating groups:

Great To Be Straight	Nov. 27	11:30 p.m.
Crystal Clean	Nov. 28	9:30 a.m.
Living Clean	Nov. 28	1:30 p.m.
There Is Hope	Nov. 28	12:30 p.m.
Clean & Serene	Nov. 28	1:30 a.m.
Chelsea Group	Nov. 28	5:30 a.m.
Twilight Zone	Nov. 28	6:30 a.m.
We Do Recover	Nov. 28	3:30 p.m.
Just For Today	Nov. 28	10:30 a.m.
Three Steps Forward	Nov. 28	3:30 a.m.
Outer Limits	Nov. 27	10:30 p.m.
Sound of Serenity	Nov. 28	7:30 a.m.
Live the Steps Or Die	Nov. 28	4:30 a.m.
Sesame Street	Nov. 28	12:30 p.m.
Keep it Simple	Nov. 28	8:30 a.m.
I Can't We Can	Nov. 28	11:30 a.m.
Circle of Recovery	Nov. 28	2:30 p.m.
River of Recovery	Nov. 28	2:30 a.m.

Don N. said that the motion he made last month: (To change policy so that the area treasury be brought up to a minimum balance equaling all the area budgets as well as the prudent reserve in current area policy) was out of order because the person who seconded the motion was not a group service representative nor an alternate GSR.

Mark M. apologized to the USANAASC.

Bill B. and **Jared** said they did not receive a copy of the September minutes.

Jill T. asked that all addicts speaking during the Area Service meeting identify themselves using their names before speaking, so that everyone can get to know each other.

Anissa M. said the Central Connecticut Area is holding a Sponsor Sponsee Dinner Dance Nov. 23, from 5 p.m. to midnight, at First Congregational Church, 62 Colony St., Meriden, CT.

Dwight T. said that he had submitted a motion requiring the Activities Committee to open a second bank account with a \$400 limit and a debit card for last minute purchases and for the debit card for the main account to be eliminated.

Russell T. said food cannot be cooked but can be heated in the church during the Thanksgiving Marathon.

Bill B. announced that the Sesame Street Group will be conducting its annual dessert prior to its regular meeting on Thanksgiving.

- **Secretary's report Dale F.** read the September minutes, which were accepted and passed unanimously.
- **Vice Chair report: Vicki M.** report accepted and passed.
- **Treasurer's report: Gail S.** shared the research she performed connected to Don N's motion to change policy so that the area treasury be brought up to a minimum balance equaling all the area budgets as well as the prudent reserve in current area policy. Gail said the general guideline is to keep an amount of money set aside to cover one month of expenses in the event donations received are not enough to pay the bills (i.e. rent, coffee, etc.). If a group, area, or region knows that there is a large expense, e.g. an insurance bill, funds can be set aside for that purpose. This is separate from a prudent reserve and are considered encumbered funds. Hoarding funds for fear of a lack of funds is not the same as reserving funds for a specific purpose. Therefore keeping an amount of money in the Area checking account equal to the amount of the annual budget would be hoarding funds. Report passed and accepted.
- **Literature report: Penny M.** report accepted and passed.
- **Hospitals & Institutions report Sheila B.: The subcommittee needs support, there is a shortage of addicts who are approved to go into prisons for H&me presentations. The committee is floundering.** Report accepted and passed.
- **Public Relations Mike R.:** Report accepted and passed.
- **Activities: Anissa M.:** .To improve financial transparency the committee will give a copy of its most recent reconciled bank statement and a copy of the subcommittee treasurer's report to the Area treasurer each month. Report accepted and passed.
- **RCM report Howard O.** read report: The following Regional positions are out to the fellowship: H&I chairperson, Public Relations chairperson, Alternate

Web servant, Board of Directors at large, Writing Steps for Recovery chairperson. All executive positions except RD and RDA (chair, vice-chair, treasurer, alt. treasurer, and secretary) are also OTF. Registration pamphlets for the 2014 Connecticut Convention are available and contain a misprint. The room rate is \$95 per night, not \$93. Report accepted and passed.

- **GSR Orientation Ad Hoc Vicki M:** The committee has almost completed a draft version of an orientation guide for new GSRs and will now determine how to present it to the Area.
- **Central Office Ad Hoc Sheila B.:** No one attended the committee's first meeting. Sheila did receive a couple of phone calls from addicts suggesting possible locations for an office. The committee meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich. Report accepted and passed.

New GSRs and alt. GSRs:

Joe G. Clean & Serene GSR.
Mark M Sound of Serenity GSR
Ron T. Sound of Serenity alt. GSR
Cheryl G. Chelsea Group GSR
Russell T. I can't We can (designee)
Jody S. Living Clean Today GSR
Gina A. Living Clean Today alt. GSR

Welcome!

Elections:

Public Relations Subcommittee:

Mike R. re-elected.

Alternate Regional Service Committee representative (alt RCM):

Position remains out to the fellowship.

Area Service Committee alternate Treasurer:

Position remains out to the fellowship.

Old Business:

Motions:

Motion 1: The ASC will hold and maintain the Activities Subcommittee checking account. The ASC will continue to hold this as a separate account.

Intent: To keep in conformance with NA financial policy recommendations.

Motion made by Sound of Serenity Group.

MOTION FAILED: 4 votes in favor; 13 opposed; 6 abstentions

Motion 2: The Activities Subcommittee will return or destroy their account debit card.

Intent: To keep in conformance with NA financial policy recommendations.

Motion made by Sound of Serenity Group.

MOTION FAILED: 6 votes in favor; 11 opposed; 6 abstentions

New Business:

Motion 1: Activities Committee to open a second bank account with a \$400 limit and a debit card for last minute purchases and for the debit card for the main account to be eliminated. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

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 if not on 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.**

Action on the Motion was postponed and the motion was moved to the RCM who will study it and report back to the ASC.

Meeting closed at about 8:57 p.m.

The next Area Service Committee meeting is scheduled for Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich.

In loving service,

Dale F.