

## CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2013

**VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION:** Tami Jo, Mike, JC, Rich, Allen and Dan, introduced themselves and was welcomed to the RSC.

### CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Sandy Hook (Newtown) 5 Washington Ave, Newtown, Ct Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read.

### ROLL CALL

Eight areas were represented. Alternate Delegate and United Shoreline Area were not present

### APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

**Secretary** – Mary read, Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the September minutes. Minutes were then accepted, 8-0-0

**Note:** Thanks to Adam H. for, Corrected and Approved Version/ of September and October minutes

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Chair** – Steve gave verbal report. No requests for insurance certificates for the past month, one just came in.

**The next RSC meeting will be on November 16, 2013, at 2:00pm at the CCAR Building, 49 Cannon St. Bridgeport Ct Please park on street - it's free on the weekends. DO NOT park in parking lot.**

**Vice Chair** – Leonard read report. Vice Chair attended Public Relations and WSR this month. PR is in need of addict support, position OTF and Dufel PR for next three months. Next month he will bring the car receipts because he did not attend this month. WSR still in need of support, all positions OTF.

**Treasurer** – Gail, read the report. **(October 2013 report)**

Opening Balance:	\$ 1,215.81
Donations Received:	\$1,274.83
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$99.00
Expenditures Total:	\$ 483.42
Donation to WSO:	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance:	\$2,106.22
Schedule Reserve:	\$ 2,676.27
Checkbook Total:	\$4,782.49

**Treasurer report: passed 8-0-0**

**RD & RDA** – Adam H. read report. Conference Agenda reports will be released on or before November 27, 2013. RD and RDA will be sent one from World Service, but the region needs to order them for all RCMs and Regional trusted servants. This is a count of 31 (18 for the 9areas, 5administrative officers and 8 subcommittee chairs and/or resource positions). RD has already been asked if areas need to order their own or if Region handles that. Each area has the responsibility of purchasing your own CAR. All RCMs might want to check your area policy during the next month so you're prepared for when the report are available for purchase.

RD and RDA leaves for Western service Learning Day Conference in Los Angeles.

### Reminder

- 25-27October- The Western Service Learning Day, Los Angeles, CA
- 6-8 December 2013- Multi-Regional Learning Day Event, Alfred ME
- 24-26 January 2014-Northeast Zonal Forum, Buffalo, NY
- 7-9 February 2014 – Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference, Lancaster, PA
- 27 April-May 2014-World Service Conference, Woodland Hills, CA

During the 2012-2014 conference cycles, the Tradition Book Project is focusing on gathering input and ideas. Some information has been sent in so far to shape the project, but now NA is looking to collect more personal experience related to

each tradition. They have created new material for the standard 90 minute workshop to focus on a single tradition per workshop. The new workshops materials are on-line at [www.na.org/traditions](http://www.na.org/traditions). 2013 membership survey is available online <http://www.na.org/?=2013survey>. Those who filled one out at WSC do not fill out again.

**Web Servant** – Donna report read. All meeting updates, calendar events and flyer links have been completed for the month. As a reminder double check your area minutes for phone numbers before sending to the website addresses.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOD** – Phil D read report. The BOD has not met since our last Regional meeting. Our treasurer has supplied the monthly financial report and the reconciliation report for your review. Troy and I met with Site Selection Director to go over proposals for the 2015-2016 convention and supply her with information for the Stamford Marriot and the Stanford Hilton. She will be presenting Board with her recommendation at next BOD meeting.

[BOD next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on, October 20, 2013 at the Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St, Middletown Ct, 06457](#)

**Convention** – LisaMarie O. read report. All subcommittee are on task and are doing well. As requested by NHA, Chair has distributed flyers to some convention committee members for NHA. Chair has more flyers to be distributed today.

**NOTE: There has been a misprint in the registration forms for the room rates, it state rooms are \$93.00 and should read \$95.00 a night, PLEASE share with your areas!**

[Convention Committee meeting will be held October 20, 2013 at the Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St, Middletown Ct, 06457](#)

**H&I** – Dan read report, H&I are currently making 84 presentation in our region. 2000 schedules were distributed to attending area chairs. I have submitted three copies of H&I monthly minutes for the archives.

Old business; H&I held their annual Learning Day cookout on Sept. 15, 2013 in Middletown. There were approximately 50 addicts in attendance. There was a surplus of \$107.68 which was not spent on event; this sum was and record of receipts has been returned to regional treasurer. \$307.00 in tee shirt sales from event has been returned to regional PO Box from the \$480.00 regional seed money.

Elections;

Chair -Dan volunteered and was voted in

Vice Chair-Tami-Jo volunteered and was voted in

Volunteer liaison Sean volunteered and was voted in

Asst. Volunteer liaison volunteered and was voted in

Secretary is OTF, 1 year clean time

New business; Discussed the security clearance guideline of some facilities we serve. Also discussed standardizing orientation for all members of the 9 areas of H & I with purpose of making it possible for addicts wishing to serve or share at other areas facilities. Will be exploring the current area orientation packages for compilation at next H&I meeting H&I will be checking on status of rent, for 2013.

[Next Meeting Nov. 6, 2013 at New Britain YMCA, 50 High St, New Britain, CT 7:30pm](#)

**Literature** – Mary R. read report. The Literature committee is in need of addict support. New schedules order was placed; starting inventory going into this month's region is now 18,000

- Starting inventory before print; 4,571
- There was 50 schedules sold outside the fellowship for \$7.00
- Sold 1,000 schedules sold within the fellowship for \$140.00
- Transferred 2,000 to RSC Subcommittee \$280.00
- Total: 3,050 schedules sold for \$427.00
- Ending inventory 1,571

[The next meeting will be at the Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller Meriden Ct, Tuesday November 19, 2013, 7:00pm](#)

**Public Relations** – Absent (OTF) Positions OTF are Chair, Vice Chair. Spanish Phone Line Coordinator  
[Public Relation meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Church, Meriden CT.](#)

**WSR** – OTF, Gerry gave verbal report. WSR is still meeting, but need addict support. Addict does not have to be a step writer to fill a position. Willingness to serve!

[WSR meets on the second Thursday at 7:00 pm, Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St, Middletown Ct, 06457](#)

**Policy Ad-Hoc** – No report will try and meet before next Region meeting.



## **AREA REPORTS;**

### **Central Connecticut Area – Libby R (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: Vice Chair Alt and Secretary

Activities: Sponsor Sponsee Dinner Dance, Nov. 23, 2013 5pm-9pmdinner-7pm-8pm speaker-9pm-12am dance, First Congregational church, 62 Colony St, Meriden Ct

Fund Flow: \$000

Area Concerns: None

### **Greater Danbury Area – Mike Q (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: Vice-Chair, Alt RCM and Activities Chair

Activities: spiritual Breakfast/lunch, Feb 4, 2014

Fund Flow: \$0.00

Area Concerns: we will be doing an area inventory next month. Any input from members with experience would be appreciated

### **Greater Hartford Area – Toby**

Positions Out to Area: PI PL Chair, vice chair, RCM and ALT RCM

Activities:

Fund Flow: \$ 000

Area Concerns: addict participation

### **Greater New Haven Area – Rich V**

Positions Out to Area: none

Activities:

- Fall into Service GNHA Leaning Day, Oct. 26,2013, 2:00-5:00pm, Congressional Church Center St/ on website
- Thanksgiving marathon

Fund Flow: \$ 000

Area Concerns: none

### **Greater Waterbury Area – Louise (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: Web Servant and Alt RCM

Activities: none

Fund Flow: \$000

Area Concerns: Tuesday morning meeting not being run correctly, new coming meeting

### **Mid-State Unity Area – Al W. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: Activities Chair

Activities: none

Fund Flow: \$451.41

Area Concerns: none

### **Southern Fairfield Country Area – Samantha M (Alt RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: Alt RCM and Policy Secretary

Activities:

- Free as an Eagle Anniversary meeting, Oct. 30, 2013, 6:30pm-9:00pm, Fairfield Warde High School Cafeteria
- H&I Learning Day Nov 16, 2013,10:00am-1:30pm Golden Hill Methodist Church 210 Elm St Bridgeport Ct

Fund Flow: \$ 000

Area Concerns: still having questions on literature budget or do we charge % shipping

### **Tunxis Valley Area – Omar P RCM**

Positions Out to Area: filled

Activities:

- Halloween Dance, October 26, 2013,9:00pm-1:00am, St Marks, 147 West Main St New Britain
- Thanksgiving Marathon-11-28
- Christmas Marathon 12-25

Fund Flow: \$394.00,

Area Concerns: none

**United Shoreline Area** – Howard O (RCM) absent

Positions Out to Area: Alt RCM, and Alt Treasurer

Activities:

- Thanksgiving Marathon meeting, Nov. 27, 2013, 10:00pm- Nov. 28, 2013 5:00pm, 10 Huntington St, New London Ct

Fund Flow: \$000

Area Concerns: None

**Break:**

**Sharing Session:**

- **CBDM/ RD** to facilitate discussion next month at 1:00 before Region for next month
- **WSR/** discussed possibly meeting on line to get addict involved/ support, Chair is willing to help. Suggestions to talk to other regions doing Sponsorship Behind the Walls. Maybe change name and/or have home group liaisons.
- **East Coast Convention of NA/ Jimmy C** was asked to read a letter from ECCNA report. The basic text has been donated by ECCNA and will be distributed. For more information [www.eccna.org](http://www.eccna.org).
- **High watch (rehab) is charging extra for literature/** basically, it's a free market

**Old Business:**

**Motion# 2 (8/17/13) M/S:** Mike Q (GDA-RCM) Libby (CCA-RCM)

To change the agenda: For every other monthly meeting of the RSC, reports by the executive committee, subcommittees and areas will be limited to pressing concerns that require immediate attention. Old business, sharing session, elections, and new business will still occur at the end of the RSC. Between the pressing business section and motions, the body will participate in a workshop or presentation session. The executive comm, subcommittee chair, and RD will be responsible for selecting topics, to be approved by RCMs

Intent: to educate our service members, and to be better trusted servants.

**Referred to Policy Adhoc for 1 month (back in October).**

**Motion M/S:** Mike Q. (GDA) / Toby (GHA): To substitute Policy Ad-Hoc recommended wording (below):

To replace Section III.B.5 (Format for CTRSC Meetings) of CTRSC Policy with the following:

**“A” Month**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Visitor Question & Answer Period

Reading of the Serenity Prayer

Reading of the 12 Traditions and/or 12 Concepts for NA Service

Roll Call

Recognition of New Areas

Approval of minutes from previous meeting (additions and corrections are made)

**REPORTS**

Executive Committee Reports

Resource Positions Reports

Subcommittee Reports

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

Area Reports

**BREAK**

**SHARING SESSION**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ELECTIONS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**“B” Month**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Visitor Question & Answer Period

Reading of the Serenity Prayer

Reading of the 12 Traditions and/or 12 Concepts for NA Service

Roll Call

Recognition of New Areas

Approval of minutes from previous meeting (additions and corrections are made)

Approval of financial statement

**Workshop/Presentation** (*The Executive Committee, Subcommittee Chairs, and RD/AD will be responsible for selecting topics, to be approved by RCMs*)

**BREAK**

**SHARING SESSION**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ELECTIONS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Substitute Passed 9/0/0 (in September)**

**Motion postponed for 30 days, twice (September and October)**

**We will be discussing this item at 1:00pm before the Regional Service Committee Meeting in November and this motion will be the first item under Old Business in November**

**Motion# 2 (9/21/13) M/S: Mike Q (GDA-RCM) Libby (CCA-RCM)**

For the policy ad-hoc chair to explore and inform the RSC on the procedure for a regional level inventory to be brought back at the October RSC meeting (30days)

**Intent:** 5<sup>th</sup> tradition to explore if we are furthering our primary purpose or not

Motion postponed for 30 days (September)

Passed 8/0/0 (October)

**Elections:**

- ❖ **RSC Chairperson – Leonard S. nominated and elected. Congratulations Leonard!**
- ❖ **RSC Vice-Chairperson – Mary H. nominated and elected. Congratulations Mary!**
- ❖ **RSC Secretary – five members nominated and declined. OTF.** 3 year clean time requirement. Record accurate minutes of the monthly CTRSC meeting and distribute them in a timely manner.
- ❖ **RSC Treasurer – Gail S. nominated and elected. Congratulations Gail!**
- ❖ **RSC Alternate Treasurer – Steve J. nominated and elected. Congratulations Steve!**
- ❖ **H&I Subcommittee Chair – Dan E. is the committee’s recommendation. Elected! Congratulations Dan!**
- ❖ **PR Subcommittee Chair – OTF.** 2 year clean time requirement and 6 months prior involvement in PR
- ❖ **WSR Subcommittee Chair – OTF.** 2 year clean time requirement and 1 year served on the WSR committee
- ❖ **RSC Alternate Web Servant – OTF.** 2 year clean time requirement and 6 months prior involvement in RSC
- ❖ **BOD seat for GDA – OTF.** 3 year clean time requirement. Term ends 3/31/2016
- ❖ **BOD At-large seat – OTF.** 3 year clean time requirement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**“Thanksgiving Feast Before the Feast” Stepping through It All Group 23 years, Nov. 27, 2013, Shiloh Baptist Church, 346 Butternut St, Middletown Ct**

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The Meeting closed at 4:15pm.

Love to Serve NA,

Mary H.

# Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar



## GNHA-

- Thanksgiving Marathon

CCA- Sponsor Sponsee Dinner Dance, Nov. 23, 2013 5pm-9pm dinner-7pm-8pm speaker-9pm-12am dance, First Congregational church, 62 Colony St, Meriden Ct

## USA-

- Thanksgiving Marathon meeting, Nov. 27, 2013, 10:00pm- Nov. 28, 2013 5:00pm, 10 Huntington St, New London Ct

## SFFA-

- H&I Learning Day Nov 16, 2013, 10:00am-1:30pm Golden Hill Methodist Church 210 Elm St Bridgeport Ct

## TVA

- Thanksgiving Marathon-11-28
- Christmas Marathon 12-25

## *GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATION (THE ABC'S OF NA)*

**ASC** – Area Service Committee  
**BOD** – Board of Directors (for the CRCC, Inc. – Connecticut Regional Convention Corporation)  
**BT** – Basic Text  
**CAR** – Conference Agenda Report  
**CAT** – Conference Approval Track material  
**CBDM** – Consensus Based Decision Making  
**CCA** – Central Connecticut Area  
**CTRCNA** – Connecticut Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous  
**CTRSCNA** – Connecticut Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous  
**FIPT** – Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust  
**GDA** – Greater Danbury Area  
**GHA** – Greater Hartford Area  
**GLS (GTLS)** – A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous  
**GNHA** – Greater New Haven Area  
**GWA** – Greater Waterbury Area  
**GWSNA (GTWS)** – A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous  
**H&I** – Hospitals & Institutions  
**IW: H&W** – It Works: How & Why (Green & Gold)  
**JFT** – Just for Today daily meditation book  
**MARLCNA** – Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference  
**MRLE** – Multi-Regional Learning Event  
**MSUA** – Mid-State Unity Area  
**NEZF** – North East Zonal Forum  
**OTA** – Out to the Area  
**OTF** – Out to the Fellowship  
**PI/PL** – Public Information & Phone Line  
**PR** – Public Relations  
**RCM** – Regional Committee Member  
**RD** – Regional Delegate  
**RDA** – Regional Delegate Alternate  
**RSC** – Regional Service Committee  
**SFCA** – Southern Fairfield County Area  
**SWG** – Step Working Guides  
**TVA** – Tunxis Valley Area  
**USA** – United Shoreline Area  
**WSO** – World Service Office  
**WSR** – Writing Steps for Recovery