

CCANA Minutes
January 6, 2014

7:05 – Bill opened in the usual manner

John read the 12 Traditions.

OPEN FORUM

New GSR's : Bill from the Time is Now

New Alt GRS's: Jay from Pigs in Space, Shirley from Step Brothers/Step Sisters

Straight from the Hip: Sherry announced that the Spiritual Breakfast will be held February 15, 2013 from 9-12 p.m. and that a raffle will be held. Tickets are \$5.00.

70/80's Valentine's Day Dance: Vicki B. announced that Activities would be hosting a 70's/80's Valentine's Day Dance on 2/15/14 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and she would like to get tickets out to some addicts to sell.

ROLL CALL: 17 out of 22 groups were in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Pam F. read the report. The report was accepted 13-1-1.

Chair Report – Bill gave a verbal report. He paid the rent and checked the mailbox. He attended some subcommittees and reminded the GSR's to announce the need for addict support at all of the subcommittee meetings.

It's A Start – John asked about the status of It's A Start's lack of attendance at the Area table. John said he attends the group a couple times a month and they have no trusted servants and very little attendance. John from Recovery on Track informed us that the group is incorrectly listed as a women's meeting. Bill, Chair, informed the group that he would go to the meeting and see what's going on.

Vice Chair Report No Vice Chair/no report.

Treasurer's Report – Steve read the report and it was accepted 15-0-1.

Opening Balance: \$3,084.46

Deposits: \$2,137.54 (\$342.89) Literature orders/funds from groups

Total of Checks Written \$2,370.31

Ending Balance: \$2,851.69

Steve announced that we would be able to fund flow \$299.70 to Region.

RCM Report – Allen, Alt RCM, read the report. He informed us that Region is looking for assistance from the RCM's to set up CAR Workshops throughout the state. Bill informed us that he had checked with the Meriden Public Library for conference room availability and was informed that there was only availability after 2:00 p.m. which probably would not work for the CAR Workshop. Adam H., RD, also asked for assistance in planning the Northeast Zonal Forum. In addition, Adam is gathering quotes for the printing of the CT Regional Service Schedule. He provided a mock-up of what the schedule might look like. John pointed out a change in the mock-up, and Allen pointed out that this is not a final draft, but made note of the change. The final would be 6-fold rather than 4. The next RSC meeting will be held on January 18, 2014 at the CCAR Building, 49 Cannon St, Bridgeport, CT.

H&I Report -- Lee read the report. There was some discussion at the Regional level to combine CCANA with the Midstate Area. It was also discussed that speakers need to have at least 9 months clean and the ability to carry the NA message. The next meeting is January 28, 2014 at 6:30 for orientation and 7:00 for the business meeting at St. Andrews Church on Catlin St.

Literature Report – Stephanie read the report. She attended the Regional Literature meeting where the CT Regional Service Schedule was discussed. She informed us that she has the CAR Reports and would be passing them out to all GSR's, Subcommittees and the Executive Committee. The next meeting is February 3, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church on Catlin St.

Public Relations Report – Maria read the report. She informed us that the Record-Journal will be publishing the NA schedule in its Public Information section on Saturdays without cost to NA. Maria reminded everyone that even though they have gotten a small amount of support, they still need more. It takes six months of attendance at the PR table in order to take a trusted servant position. Chris F. suggested that sponsors get their sponsees involved in service. The next meeting is on January 15, 2014 at 6:15 for orientation and 6:30 for the business meeting at First Congo on Colony St. **GSR's were asked to announce to their groups that PR is in desperate need of addict support.**

Activities Report -- Rose read the report. Upcoming events are the Bowling Night on January 24, 2014 at Wallingford Bowl at 9:30 p.m. and the Valentine's Day Dance on February 15, 2014 at Immanuel Lutheran Church at Cook and Hanover. A CCANA Learning Day is tentatively scheduled for April. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. **GSR's were asked to announce to their groups that Activities is in need of addict support.**

Activities Treasurer's Report -- Vicki B. read the report. She first thanked everyone who participated in the Marathon Christmas and New Years Day meeting. Everyone showed up on time and fulfilled their commitments making the events very successful. A total of \$136 in basket money from the Marathons was fund flowed to Area in addition to \$26.66 left over from the \$100 for supplies/refreshments. Vicki requested a check for \$45 for 3 months rent and \$50 for refreshments for the Bowling Night. Chris F. commented that Activities rent is very reasonable, and Vicki informed him that Activities piggybacks off another meeting for rent making it affordable. Chris F. suggested that maybe other subcommittees could do the same to lower their rents.

Policy Report: Chris gave a verbal report. He informed the group that he added the last month's motion regarding drug replacement therapy (DRT) to policy. He will be printing out new policies for all the groups next month.

Webservant –Cathy W., Acting Webservant, reported that all is well with the website. She informed us that Chris F. sent her all the subcommittees' policies and that she has updated the website. She reminded everyone that the website is a wealth of information from GSR starter kits to the new literature order form, so if you need information that's a great place to go – ctna.org.

Enders Island Spiritual Retreat Subcommittee: Tony S. gave the report. All positions will be filled at the first subcommittee meeting on February 25, 2014 at 150 Prospect St, Wethersfield. **All GSR's should announce this at your business meetings.**

Coming Alive Campout Subcommittee – Allen announced that the start-up meeting set for December 17, 2013 was postponed due to bad weather. The new time for the start-up meeting is January 14, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 164 Hanover St, Meriden.

BREAK SUSPENDED

Jay read the 12 Concepts.

Elections

Vice Chairperson – 3 years clean, 1 year of Area service, 1 year commitment. OTF for 30 days.

Alt Secretary – Cathy W. volunteered, qualified and was voted in.

Secretary – Pam F. volunteered and was voted.

Webservant -- This position is OTF for 30 days.

GSR'S – please announce this opening to your groups.

OLD BUSINESS –

Motion #1 – There was a lot of discussion about last month's motion which passed and changed policy at the Area table. The Motion was that no subcommittee chair, GSR or Alternate GSR should be on drug replacement therapy (DRT) at the Area table, and the purpose of this motion was to keep the NA message clean and pure.

Mike M's group felt that this Motion should have gone back to the groups for discussion before being voted on. He also felt that they needed more information on the topic. He was given the World Service Bulletin #29 which discusses the topic of DRT. Georgie asked how we came to this decision and Bill explained that it came up as a Motion, was discussed at length and then was voted on and passed. Cathy said that she heard about some GSR's not being happy with the outcome of the Motion and reminded everyone that it is important to speak up at Area and voice concerns. April said that she didn't understand the level of her voice at the area table and informed us that her group was not happy that Area was telling them what the requirements for GSR's were. She told us she felt bullied as a new GSR and thought that the only requirement for membership in NA was the desire to stop using. Maria felt that the groups felt slighted and wondered if the groups needed to follow this policy. Rich informed us that the groups have authority over Area not the other way around, and that the groups can send whoever they want to Area. John reminded us that the groups have autonomy except in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole, and that sending a GSR or Alt GSR who is on DRT would affect NA as a whole. Allen asked if there was a time limit for changing policy and Chris informed him that there was not, but that a 2/3 majority was needed to change policy. Lee stated that NA as a whole means that this motion should have gone back to the groups. Chris suggested that maybe a motion could be made to amend last month's motion removing GSR's and Alt GSR's. Maria stated that the addict is the most important person and that Area should not be trying to tell the groups what to do.

NEW BUSINESS --

Motion #1 -- To allow GSR's to bring Motion #1 from last month back to the groups. Maria stated that last month's motion was out of order and should have been brought back to the groups. Rich informed us that whether or not the motion was out of order should have been brought up last month. That Area meeting is closed and therefore it is too late to call a motion out of order. He stated that there are remedies available to rescind or amend previous motions. He suggested making a motion to delay putting the previous motion into policy. John asked the GSR's to think about whether they wanted someone on DRT to represent their groups. Motion #1 is void.

Motion #2 – To rescind last month's motion as it applies to GSR's. It was decided that rather than rescinding the entire motion, that it would make more sense to make a motion to amend last month's policy. Motion #2 is void.

Motion #3 – To amend last month's motion to not include GSR's and Alternate GSR's. Motion failed 5-4-4.

Agenda:

1. Bill announced that the Budgets for all subcommittees and Executive Committee are due next month. The budgets must include last year's budget, the new proposed budget and all monies spent to date. Steve, Treasurer gave all Subcommittee chairs expense report forms to use for this purpose. Tony S from Spiritual Retreat and Allen from the Coming Alive Campout informed us that since they were newly formed subcommittees, they would not have a budget from last year.

2. Allen announced that he had schedules for anyone who needed them.

Next meeting of CCANA – Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

In loving service,

Pam F.