

7:30 p.m. **Glen A.**, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read. Seventeen (17) voting Group Service Representatives (GSRs) and alt GSRs were in attendance.

- **Open Forum:**
Armando R., GSR for the Miracles Happen Here Group said the group was looking for food donations for its Valentine's Day dance/speaker jam/ dinner scheduled for Feb. 14 at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Huntington Street, New London. The event will include speakers from 3 to 8 p.m., a potluck dinner, and dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Cheryl G. Activities Committee chair, announced the 3rd annual Keepin It Green fundraiser is scheduled for March 16 at Rogers Lake Clubhouse, Old Lyme from 2 – 6 p.m. The event raises funds the committee uses to help pay for other events.

Howard O. announced that copies of the conference agenda report were available and said he was seeking input on the type of workshop to conduct on the CAR.
- **Secretary's report: Dale F.** read the January minutes. Howard O. questioned whether the minutes accurately described the vote count on the motion regarding how groups get on the schedule and when. He said the vote was 10-5 but the minutes said 10-4. It was determined that the minutes were correct. Minutes accepted and passed unanimously
- **Vice Chair report: Vicki M.** No report.
- **Treasurer's report: Gail S.:** The ASC treasury is at \$1,200, the prudent reserve level. Report accepted and passed unanimously.
- **Literature report: Penny M.:** Report accepted and passed unanimously.
- **Hospitals & Institutions report Sheila B.:** Report was accepted and approved unanimously.
- **Public Relations Mike R.:** A poster drive is being planned for the spring. Committee needs support. Report accepted and passed.
- **Activities report: Cheryl G.:** Report accepted and passed unanimously.

- **RCM report Howard O.** read report based on region's minutes as he was unable to attend the meeting. The following regional positions are vacant: secretary, public relations chair, Writing Steps for Recovery chair, alternate webserver, Convention Board of Directors at large seat, and Convention chair. USANA will host region Feb. 15, March 15, and April 19. He will need help. Report accepted and passed 16 in favor, 1 abstention.
- **GSR Orientation Ad Hoc Vicki M:** Committee has completed its work but a decision will have to be made on whether the orientation will involve just a written document or an event/meeting. She will e-mail the proposed orientation document to GSRs and others and will make a recommendation to the area service committee next month.
- **Central Office Ad Hoc Sheila B.:** Sheila has determined that it is not feasible for the Area to rent a space. Ad Hoc was dissolved.

NEW GSRs and alt GSRs:

Amie L., GSR I Can't We Can; **Julie C.**, GSR Chelsea Group; **Kylie P.**, alt-GSR, New Beginnings; **Marc Q.**, alt-GSR, Crystal Clean.

Old Business:

Elections:

Alt RCM: No nominations or volunteers. Position remains OTF.

New Business:

Motion 1: To table the USANA subcommittee annual budgets to groups. **Passed unanimously.**

Motion 2: To allow the policy facilitator to be a voting GSR. **Tabled for 30 days because motion involves a proposed change to Area policy.**

Motion 3: To require the Area secretary to bring "secretary report" (minutes) to monthly Area meetings for distribution. **Passed 12-4-1**

Open positions:

Alt-RCM

USANA convention Board of Directors position

The meeting closed at about 8:52 p.m.

The next Area Service Committee meeting is scheduled for Feb 9, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich.

In loving service,

Dale F.