

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2014

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met in Middletown and the meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by our chair, Leonard S. After a moment of silence and the Serenity prayer, the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts were read.

ROLL CALL

6 areas were represented.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Secretary –OTF- Mary read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the April minutes.

Minutes were then accepted. 6-0-0 ACCEPTED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Chair-Leonard S read the report. He was able to obtain 1 insurance request from Mark B; however the request should have come from CCA RCM. He has 1 certificate pending, and reported that insurance company is not filling request in a timely matter.

He has the storage facility; see vice chair or himself for details. He filled outside order for schedules. The total was 450 schedules.

Vice Chair-Mary H read report; I attended PR, WSR, and Literature. I went to PO Box and picked up mail.

Schedule- update made schedule order for 18,000 RD and Web Servant sent template. I only picked up 4 boxes. Chair asked on May 8th that I put rest on hold for one week. Chair will pick up remaining schedules.

I have two checks to give Treasurer, need recite from Chair.

300 was sold to MSUA RCM

300 were sold to MSUA Literature.

Two boxes for May and June was given to MSUA to bring to PR and store.

Literature will need a check for rent donation for \$60.00 made out to Meriden Public Library (kid's corner)

PR-update

PR-I opened the meeting at 7:00pm. There were 10 addicts in attendance, including 2 visitors. 6 out of 9 areas were present.

PR – rent is due, will ask treasurer for check for next three month. Total\$ 225.00

PR – will review policy/guide line, orientation package and phone-line updates at next meeting.

Chris turned in recite for copies, \$12.02

PR is doing well; nonetheless they are in need of addict support.

OTF; Chair, clean time requirement 2 year and 6 months prior involvement in PR, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Public Relation meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Church, Meriden CT.

WSR-update

WSR- Gerry chaired meeting and there were 4 addicts in attendance.

WSR – will not be here today have commitment at Pig roast

Meeting went well; nonetheless WSR are in need of addict support.

OTF; Chair, clean time requirement 2 years and 1 year served on the WSR committee, Vice Chair, and Men's Coordinating Secretary

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

Treasurer – Gail, read the report. (April/May 2014 report)

Opening Balance:	\$ 3,827.00
Donations Received:	\$ 1,711.88
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$.00
Expenditures Total:	\$ 1,891.94
Donation to WSO:	\$ 2.77
Closing Balance:	\$3,644.17
Schedule Reserve:	\$2,626.00
Checkbook Total:	\$6,270.17

Treasurer report: passed

RD – Adam H read report

Motion 1 passed (the new IP)

Motion 2 failed (alternates at the conference)

Motion 3 failed (NAWS funding for delegates)

Motion 4 passed and while not officially needing 2/3, it got 2/3 anyway

Motion 5 passed and while not officially needing 2/3, it got 2/3 anyway

Motion 6 passed and while not officially needing 2/3, it got 2/3 anyway

New business at the WSC, Adam submitted two proposals;

“To place any proposed project plans that would seek to eventually create new recovery literature, or would ultimately affect groups or local service delivery, in Conference Agenda report and not in the Conference approval Track materials. A simplified summary of the proposed project plan (without the details of what KRA’ and objective the project would address) would be acceptable.”

Intent; to ask the fellowship for their conscience on matters that would affect them BEFORE starting down a path only Conference Approval

“For the purpose of the WSC, we ask that Word Board members follow the same double occupancy lodging requirements the that Regional Delegates have to follow (see GWSNA pg 32-last paragraph.”

Intent: This could save about \$15,000 USD for the duration of WSC. Also it would eliminate the perception that there are different “classes” of WSC participants.

Business section: There is a draft summary of decisions available for anyone who wants to read the whole thing. It’s at the top of the list items on www.naorg/conference

North east Zonal Forum (NEZF) the host (ABCD) in Albany NY, only on Saturday June 28 2014

RD and RDA have started to get some proposals for the upcoming NEZF January 2015.

RDA- Antony F read report, want to thank all for allowing him to serve. Both old and new business discussed. The WSB ask questions of policy, procedures, information and direction of issues and voting policy. The WB had us break up into groups, I participated in we Identified common needs such as Literature, sustainability, carrying the message, diversity, ECT)in moving forward and options for the future we were guided into projecting what the WSC would look like if we started from scratch, most option discussed were state/nation/province, zonal representation.

Web Servant – Donna report, all meeting updates, calendar events and flyer links have been completed for the month. She received a request from GNHA to maintain own web page and events calendar. Web servant will bring up in the sharing session. Please remember to email all meeting changes/updates and area web site update requests to webservant@ctna.org and not my personal email.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD –**Ron B** read report, I attended BOD April 27th. Phil D was elected Board member for GWA, there is still 1 at large position vacant. We received confirmation from our accountant that everything is in order and they will be filling our income tax.

The Alternate Executive Director, Alternate tech Director, and previous Tech Director learned how the PayPal account and credit card account works.

I sent the budget worksheet for each subcommittee to the Convention Chair for distribution to subcommittee Chairs.

The Art and Graphics is in need of ideas for **Convention theme and logo**.

BOD next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on, May 18th 2014 at The Church of the Redeemer 185 Cold Spring Street New Haven, Ct 06511.

Convention – Leigh B read report, we held our convention meeting on Sunday April 27, 2014 1:00 at St George Episcopal Church in Bridgeport.

Starting May 18th 2014 we will be meeting at The Church of the Redeemer 185 Cold Spring Street New Haven, Ct 06511.

Meeting starts at 1:00 pm.

If any **Regional Subcommittee** would like a time slot at the convention please contact **Chair** via email before our convention meeting in June. Please document any specifications. (Room size, time of day, ECT)

Convention Committee meeting will be held May 18th 2014 at The Church of the Redeemer 185 Cold Spring Street New Haven, Ct 06511. Meeting starts at 1:00 pm.

H&I – Dan E read report

We last met on May 7, 2014 at the New Britain YMCA. 8 of 9 areas were present at subcommittee meeting. We are currently making 85 presentations in our region. 2000 schedules were disbursed to attending area representatives. Thanks and appreciation to subcommittee for their help in getting boxes of schedules delivered to proper hands in lieu of my absence last month at CTRS.

Old business: ADHOC committee met on 5-16-14 for discussion and planning of the H&I appreciation pig roast event. We look forward to having some final dates and numbers at our next subcommittee meeting.

T shirt contest design was selected.

The voted on suggested regional orientation packet was put out to the area subcommittees for review and consideration.

Elections: All trusted servant positions are currently filled.

New business:

An order for t shirts has been placed (See attached copy of invoice for quantities and specifics). The total amount of order is \$1,132.41 (below our budgeted amount which is \$1,200.00) Re-imbusement has already been collected. It was decided that T-shirts will be sold at Pig roast event (pending availability; tentative delivery date is 5-16-14). We were given the go ahead by the events merchandise committee and no percentage will be paid as is customary of other participating vendors.

General info: Next scheduled meeting is June 4, 2014 at 7:30 pm New Britain YMCA.

Literature-meets after Region

Policy Ad-Hoc – Howard USA RCM, open meeting at 1:15, 3 addicts in attendance. Worked on motion referred to literature and discussed changes to policy Motion submitted.

AREA REPORTS;

Central Connecticut Area – Libby R (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice Chair

Activities: Spiritual Hike on 6/1/14 at noon at Hubbard Park in Meriden

Mini Golf/Bumper Boats/Go-Carts on 6/22/14 at 1:00 pm Price is \$12.50 for all events.

Fund Flow: \$ 191.87

Area Concerns: none

Greater Danbury Area – Mike [REDACTED] (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Positions OTF: ASC Vice chair, H&I Chair, Alt RCM, Activities

Activities: Learning day/ cookout Sept 6, Bennett Park. Bethel CT

Fund Flow: \$444.00

Area Concerns: none

Greater Hartford Area – Absent

Positions: RCM, Alt RCM, Alt Treasurer

Activities:

Fund Flow: \$ 0

Area Concerns:

Greater New Haven Area – Absent

Positions Out to Area: RCM, Alt RCM, Sect, Alt Sect, Alt Treasurer, Web servant

Activities: Picnic in the Park @ the Light House/ 6-8-14

Fund Flow: \$

Area Concerns: open positions

Greater Waterbury Area – Absent (RCM)

Positions:

Activities:

Fund Flow: \$000

Area Concerns:

Mid-State Unity Area – Al W. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: none

Activities: none

Fund Flow: \$ 644.93

Area Concerns: make area more enjoyable

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Samantha M (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt-RCM, Policy Chair, Web-Servant

Activities: **Mets vs. Padres Bus Trip to City Field** Saturday June 14th Game time is 4:30pm

\$75 includes tickets, transportation, bag lunch, and soda pop.

Bus leaves from two location, Trumbull @ 1:30pm (commuter lot on Penny Ave) and Norwalk Green/First Congregational Church (3 Lewis St) @2:00pm.

Fund Flow: \$0

Area Concerns: none

Tunxis Valley Area – Darlene B (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: currently not filled Alt Treasurer

Chairperson: 3 years ,Vice Chair 2 years, Secretary 1 year, Treasurer 3 years, Alt Treasurer 2 years, RCM 3 years, Alternate RCM 2 years, Policy 2 years ,All subcommittee positions are OTF for 60 day also;

Activities: none

Fund Flow: \$0

Area Concerns: none

United Shoreline Area – Howard O (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: alt RCM, policy facilitator, BOD, Secretary

Activities:

Fund Flow: \$

Area Concerns: none

Break:

Sharing Session:

- **BOD, debit card/Ron-wanted to get a debit card for on-line use. Needed to order supplies at convention, also for Go Daddy. Trusted servant has to use their cards.**
- **BOD obsolete computer/Ron-wanted to donate. Computer are so old maybe should delete data and toss out**
- **GNHA maintain site/Donna- no one here from GNHA to discuss**
- **Workshop next month/Gail-wanted to know topic(will be WSC)**
- **Make area more enjoyable/Al- GHA said their area is doing themes**
- **Schedule/Mary- Mary stated that she is not physically fit to pick up 18,000 schedules, Chair will pick-up and put in storage.**
- **Website/Mary- not updated, areas meeting not posted. Web servant stated if you want something on web site let you RCM know and it will be put on, she put everything on she gets request for.**
- **Minutes/Mary- minute was sent but for some reason most did not receive. Mary will resend.**

Old Business:

Motion #2 (11/16/2013) M/S Libby R. (CCA)/Mike (GDA):

To create a state of CT regional service schedule (sample attached) that can be sold with the other IPs. Please include where region meets, all service committees including PIPL, Literature, H&I, Regional Activities, Regional Policy, etc.

Intent: To keep addicts informed on the many ways they can get involved and give back. Not everyone has internet service and the availability of info is extremely hard to come by. Many subcommittees are in dire need of support.

Motion M/S/F Al (MSUA)/Howard (USA): To postpone for 30 days. 1-6-0 FAILED (in November)

Motion REFERRED to Literature Committee in November. Lit Chair stepped down so Literature had no formal report in December and doesn't meet again until January (after RSC). So, the Literature Committee will bring formal report on this in February. Literature Committee came back with quotes. And a sample draft. Q: What are the recommendations? A: To print 3000 and update once a year. The sample that was handed out was just a sample. Q: Can we word the motion properly, eventually, to make sure who is responsible for printing them. A: Yes... Statement by Adam - this is actually approving a service pamphlet.

Q: Can an update form (for service committee meetings) be added to website? Good idea.

Motion M/S: Allen (CCA)/Mike (GDA): Postpone for 60 days **PASSED** *By policy, once a motion to postpone to allow for area consideration has been made and seconded it is considered passed. **This is due back for vote in May. (passed) 4-1-0**

Motion #1 (01/18/2014) M/S Adam (RD) / Al W. (MSUA):

To approve the policy changes as submitted.

Intent: To follow through on the ad-hoc committee's work.

Motion M/S Mike (GDA) / Toby (GHA) – To postpone for 60 days to allow for area consideration. **PASSED**

*By policy, once a motion to postpone to allow for area consideration has been made and seconded it is considered passed.

Motion M/S Allen (CCA)/Samantha (SFCA): To postpone for 60 days. **5-2-1 PASSED.**

This is due back in May (passed) 5-0-0

Motion #1 (03/15/2014) M/S Mary H. (RSC Vice-Chair) / Al W. (MSUA):

To accept proposed 2014-2015 budget for Literature Committee.

Intent: To be fiscally responsible.

Motion M/S Mike (GDA) / Samantha (SFCA) – To postpone for 60 days to allow for area consideration. **PASSED**

*By policy, once a motion to postpone to allow for area consideration has been made and seconded it is considered passed.

This is due back for vote in May (passed) 4-0-1

Motion #1 (04/19/2014) M/S Adam H. (RD) / Howard O. (USA):

For the CT region to financially commit to hosting the January 2015 North East Zonal Form meeting. Estimated cost-no more than \$2,000

Intent: To host the NEZF

Motion M/S Howard O (USA)/Al W (MSUA): To postpone for 60 days. **This is due back in June**

Elections:

- **RSC Secretary – Jason L** volunteered and was elected. **Congratulations**
- **PR Subcommittee Chair – Gene F** was nominated and elected. **Congratulations**
- **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 At-large seat – OTF**. 3 year clean time requirement and must be 18 years of age and resident of Connecticut.
- **Literature Chair – OTF**. 2 year clean time requirement.
- **Alternate Treasurer – OTF**. 4 year clean time requirement, completion of at least one NA Treasurer Commitment, and suggested active for at least 1 year on the CTRSC.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1 (5/17/2014) M/S policy ad hoc / Al W. (MSUA)

During B month RSC trusted servants report to be submitted electronically 3day prior to the RSC meeting to the secretary. In addition, 15 hard copies should be provide at the RSC meeting Add'1 policy change below

Intent: to provide monthly reports in a timely manner

(Secretary Responsibilities) iv.b.4.g must distribute reports received electronically from RSC trusted servant to all RSC participants)

5-0-0 Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **All June report should be e-mailed three day before Region(b month) workshop(WSC)**
- **Next CTRNA meeting, June 21,2014 @ 2:00@Christ Lutheran Church, 300 Washington Street, Middletown Ct. 06457**

The Meeting closed at 5:10pm.

Love to Serve NA,

Mary H.

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar



MSUA

Basically lit 6th annual picnic 7/26 2-5 food, 6:00pm raffle, 7:00 meeting, 9:00 dance. 300 Washington St, Middletown Ct
Surrender to Win Group, Picnic, July 12, 2014 at Vet's Park Middleton Ct
History of NA Conference 9/12-3:00pm -9/14-, 700 E main St, Stanford Ct

CCA

Mini Golf/Bumper Boats/Go-Carts on 6/22/14 at 1:00 pm Price is \$12.50 for all events.
Coming Alive Campout, 7/25 1:00pm -7/27 noon, strawberry Park 42 Pierce Rd. Preston, Ct

GNHA

Picnic in the Park @ the Light House/ 6-8-14

GWA

Poster Drive

SFFC

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Serenity on the Sound, 7/27/14 Short Beach Stratford, Ct (more will be revealed)

GDA- Learning day/ cookout Sept 6, Bennett Park, Bethel CT

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*