

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 16,2014

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION: Ivan introduced himself as a visitor

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met on Colony Street in Meriden, CT
The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by Mary
After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer, Allen read the 12 Traditions and Mike read the 12 Concepts.

ROLL CALL

7 areas were represented. 2 were not present.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Jason read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the October minutes.
Motion: Allen 2nd: Patricia To approve the October minutes. **7-0-0 PASSED**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Read report

Vice Chair – Mary read her report.

Treasurer – Gail read the report. **(November 2013 report)**

Opening Balance:	\$3644.17
Donations Received:	\$946.27
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$210.54
Expenditures Total:	\$2174.60
Donation to WSO:	\$ 0
Closing Balance:	\$2626.38
Schedule Reserve:	\$3644.17
Checkbook Total:	-\$1017.79

Motion: Allen /2nd Mike to approve the November Financial Statement. **Passes 7-0-0**

Regional Delegate (RD) – Adam H. read RD report.

Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA) – Anthony: Presentation on growing fellowship regionally

Web Servant – Donna H. read the report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD – Absent

Convention Leigh. Read the report.

Literature – Mary . Read the report. /OTF

Public Relations – Gene Read The report

WSR – OTF

H and I- Absent

Policy Ad-Hoc – Howard read the report.

AREA REPORTS

Central Connecticut Area –

Positions Out to fellowship: Chair, Vice Chair, Web servant, Alt RCM

Activities/Events: 2015 coming alive campout meeting

Fund Flow: \$422.27

Area Concerns:

Greater Danbury Area –

Positions Out to fellowship: Chair, Vice Chair, H and I, Alt RCM

Activities/Events:

Fund Flow:

Area Concerns:

Greater Hartford Area –

Positions Out to fellowship: Vice Chair, Alt. Treasurer

Activities/Events:

Fund Flow: \$357.67

Area Concerns:

Greater New Haven Area –

Positions Out to fellowship: Alt Treasurer, Alt RCM, Alt Policy, PR Chair

Activities/Events: Comedy Show Sept 6

Fund Flow: \$445.75

Area Concerns: Catholic Church requirements

Greater Waterbury Area – Absent

Positions Out to fellowship:

Activities/Events:

Fund Flow:

Area Concerns:

Mid-State Unity Area –

Positions Out to fellowship: Secretary, Alt. RCm

Activities/Events:

Fund Flow:

Area Concerns:

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Absent

Positions Out to fellowship:

Activities/Events:

Fund Flow:

Area Concerns:

Tunxis Valley Area –

Positions Out to fellowship: Policy Chair

Activities/Events: TVA Picnic

Fund Flow:

Area Concerns:

United Shoreline Area –

Positions Out to fellowship: Alt Treasure, Alt RCM, Vice Chair,

Activities/Events: Talent Show

Fund Flow:\$539.24

Area Concerns:

BREAK: 3:40

SHARING SESSION:

PATRICIA (GNHA):

Discussed the new training requirements for trusted servants at Catholic churches the area holds meetings in. This is based on the predatory issue within Catholic Church not NA.

Omar- Behavior is poor at times even with step work, how do we change our behavior?

1. Step work helps us to become better people so we can have better relations with facilities
2. Our behavior at meeting places is what gives us a bad name as a whole.

TONY-

This is a requirement of church to hold meetings there, this happens often and it is the choice of group whether they would like to hold meeting in that facility.

Gail- Who gets trained?

Patricia- Secretary, Chair, etc.

Howard- This is same as is required in some H and I facilities

Mike (GDA) Consensus based decision making:

Mike- Adam presented this a while ago, we had lengthy discussion on this and it hasn't gone anywhere. Feels as if using a card system or something that keeps track of who is next to share would benefit us.

Dara- What is CBDM (see title)

Mary- This is a workshop we should do again so that we can see how to best use it at our regional meeting.

Patricia- Concern about CBDM is that everyone being allowed to share until done may extend meeting beyond current length.

Jason- CBDM is used in a format that requires a chair/facilitator who is well versed in the system and how to conduct the roll of time keeper, etc.

Mike- Using cards to discuss things would make conversation easier not to move completely away from motions, used for direction of meeting.

Al- Cards help efficiency and region will go smoother.

Ron- Group Conscience/ coming to a consensus is a great way to obtain a vote even when in disagreement and everyone in process still walks away feeling ok about decision.

AL- SENDING REPORTS AS ATTACHEMENTS WITH MINUTES:

Some confusion still on what to do and what type of files to send.

Tony- Doesn't use all forms of attachments and has hard enough time doing emails.

Howard- Feels that all files should be pdf and should we push back when the reports are due so that the secretary has time to send out before Regional meeting? Also looking to get language into policy about this.

Gene- Document downloader on droids converts all files to what you need.

Jason- Should have in secretary commitment for future, that the secretary is familiar with different forms of documents and conversions.

Mary- If someone doesn't know how to do attachments, ask her for help. We should all learn how to do this not rely on secretary to do it for us.

Jason- The files in PDF would make things easier

Mike- Point of ORDER

Gene- Concern about timing of report submission, due to PR not meeting until the Wed night before region.

Gail- Wanted classification for her notes on how to get report to secretary in proper file format.

Mary- If we want language about this on how to submit forms, it needs to be put in motion form for a policy change.

Howard- Would like to set a time for policy adhoc to discuss this and where it would go in policy.

Omar- Lets think of future when changing policy.

Leonard- ends discussion, motion coming in new business.

Tony- NEZF

For the workshops and Forum to work next April, we need facilities that can handle all functions of the event (Food,meeting,workshop, dance,etc.) Please bring any ideas/ interested groups to host back to RD or RDA at next region.

JASON- LENGTH OF MINUTES:

This month I included all reports submitted by the committee members and it was suggested to me not to include as this is a lot of info and everyone can get reports off table. My concern was that RCM not in attendance would not have those reports and lack info on what happened at Region.

Al- reports are long but was nice to have all the info.

Patricia- Format as to what is included in minutes would be great and the reports being included this month was great!

Mike- calls for straw poll to have all reports included with minutes

Poll- 6-0-0

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION :(6-21-14)

To disband Regional Lit Subcommittee and start adhoc for any literature that needs to be discussed. Schedule responsibilities to be shared by web servant and Regional vice chair.

Intent: to stop holding unnecessary meetings

Maker: Al W

Second: Mike ■

Committed to Policy for 30 days 6/21/14

Committed to Policy for additional 30 days 7/14/14

Policy committee submits Policy Motion A

(See attached file)

Maker: Policy ADHOC Chair

Seconded: Allen C.

Discussion:

Patricia- Would it be better served in duties of PR?

Tony- What about building our future did we miss in workshop?

Mike: Submitting motion for new position would like to submit substitute motion

Call to accept submission of substitute motion:

5-2-0

Elections:

WSR-OTF 2 years clean time and 1 year service on WSR

Alt Web-OTF 2 year clean time and 6 months involvement on RSC

BOD AT LARGE- OTF 3 years clean time and must be 18 yrs. old and a CT resident.

Lit Chair- OTF 2 Year Clean Time

Alt Treasurer- 4 year clean time and completion of 1 NA treasurer commitment and suggested 1 year active in RSC.

USA BOD Seat- OTF 3 years clean OTA (Out to that Area only until September)

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #1 (8/16/14)

MAKER: MIKE ■

SECONDED: ALLEN

TO SUBSTITUTE FOR MOTION-# 1 (6/18/14)-

To disband the Regional Literature Committee and create a schedule facilitator/ resource position with the following requirements and responsibilities:

Requirements:

- *2 years clean time*
- *Active for at least one year in the NA service structure*
- *Six months active involvement at the RSC during previous two years*
- *Willingness and desire to serve*
- *Ability to organize*
- *Ability to communicate*
- *A good working knowledge of 12 steps, 12 traditions and 12 concepts of NA*
- *Leadership ability*
- *Length of term is 1 year*
- *It is recommended that schedule facilitator serve no more than 2 consecutive terms*

Responsibilities:

- *To provide and distribute the meeting and service schedules for the CT Region*
- *To contract for the printing of schedules*
- *Make schedules available at cost to areas through RCM's and to subcommittees through their chairperson at the RSC*
- *Have schedules available for purchase by outside organizations at a price determined by the Schedule Facilitator and Regional Treasurer*
- *Makes and distributes a written report at each monthly RSC meeting to all RSC members. This report should include a summarized accounting of schedule sales as well as any other pertinent information related to the position*

Intent: To assign a single point of accountability for handling the schedules without overburdening our vice chair or webservant.

Motion #1 (8/16/14)

Pro-

Mike speaks to intent of motion

Gail- Specific commitment takes away burden of committee and fulfills purpose

CON-

Patricia- creates another service position, why not utilize position in place and we will still need an adhoc for literature project needs

Al- recreating position that no one served before.

VOTE: 5-2-0

Requires 2/3 vote to change policy

Passed

MOTION #2 (8/16/14):

To enter CTRSC policy- that all reports being submitted to secretary, be sent as an attachment (excel,word,pdf)

Intent:

To enable consistent submission of reports and to place same in policy so that it is followed regardless of who secretary is.

Maker: Patricia

Seconded: Renee

Vote: 2- 2-1

FAILED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING IS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH , COLONY STREET, MERIDEN AT 2 PM

The meeting closed at: 5:05

In Loving Service

Jason [REDACTED]

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
FSS – Florida Service Symposium (service conference)
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
NAWS – Narcotics Anonymous World Services
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
WSLD – Western Service Learning Days (service conference)
WSO – World Service Office
WSR – Writing Steps for Recovery