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Area Minutes for April 10th, 2017

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Open: 7:02pm the meeting opened with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and the Service Prayer.

Welcome to all new GSRs, Alternate GSRs and visitors! **Jerome D. (GSR, A New Awakening) Ryan B. (GSR, The Crossroads *New Meeting*), Briana H. Alt. (GSR, Living Clean) Welcome to all!**

Mail: Reaching out Booklets for H&I, Order form for Literature from GNYRSO

Roll Call: 16 out of 24 groups present at roll call, 14 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 was met. A New Awakening, Came to Believe, No Joke on Oak and *New Meeting* The Crossroads were present but could not vote.

Service Orientation: MSUA Policy Page 4. C. Motions 3. Voting, pg. 5. Financial Policies 1-3b.

Announcements:

New Meeting: The Crossroads- Tue nights 7-8:15 374 Town St. East Haddam, CT 06423
It is at the "Two Wrasslin Cats" Café at the intersection of Rt. 151 and Rt. 82. It has a Rotating Format and is an Open Meeting
Anniversary party's announced see upcoming events.

Secretary minutes –Minutes accepted 10-0-1

Mary H (Came to Believe) did not receive the minutes.

Treasurer report –Treasurer's report accepted 13-0-0.

Question of what rents haven't been paid yet? Admin Officers haven't paid rent yet, PR submitted requested for \$60.

RCM –Jeff J. (RCM) absent from region. Gave a verbal/ written report. **OTF: Vice Chair, Secretary, Alt. Treasurer, PR Chair, Alt. Web Servant, BOD seats for MSUA, GHA, GWA, USA and GDA.** Discussion on why PR Budget was ruled out of order. New motion with line item for Workshop Attendance removed can be found under New Business. **Environmental Scan Survey due back April 30th (see attachment). Motions to be voted on and brought back to May Area.**

Activities –Tonia gave a written/verbal report. **Chair and Vice Chair are OTF.** Due to the Talent Shows great success, Activities will not need the Budgeted \$90. A Spiritual Hike will be held at Wadsworth Falls on May 21st at 12:30pm.

Activities meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month at Faith Lutheran church located at 300 Washington Street at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Basically Lit meeting.

H&I – Andy C (Chair) gave a written/verbal report. Vote on the 2017 t-shirt and sweat shirt logos passed. Area discussion on whether or not medical marijuana patience should be allowed to serve on H&I, as Danbury Area has put it into their policy to not allow them to serve. One new female orientate, still in need of more women to serve on panel. Women's Merritt Hall and Rushford panel coordinator positions OTF.

H&I meet the third Wednesday of every month at Holy Trinity Church, 381 Main St. Middletown. New member orientation begins at 6:30 followed by the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting at 7:00.

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Literature – **Toby R. (Chair)** gave a verbal/written report. Requesting check in the amount of \$252.90 to place Literature order with NAWS. Last month Literature took in \$288.55 from group orders. **MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.**

Public Relations – **Adam H (Chair)** gave a verbal/written report. PR had a presentation at Rushford that went well. Making contact with a Recovery Event being held in Portland in May. The “Adopt-a-Rack” Program with guidelines (see attached guidelines) is up and running, please discuss with groups. Q: who’s financially responsible for literature. A: if groups can’t afford PR is happy to cover the costs. Q: Do groups get to choose a location. A: yes. Area PR vice Chair OTF, Region PR chair OTF. **Public Relations meets on the 4th Sunday of every month at Holy Trinity, 381 Main St. at 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM. New member orientation is at 6:00 PM following the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting.**

Retreat – **Stacy M. gave verbal report.** Retreat was a success with 51 total packages sold totaling \$9575.00 income. Rent of \$60 is due in Sept. Chair and vice Chair are OTF **Retreat meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30pm (before Area) at the Portland Senior Center.**

Group Reports

16 out of 24 groups present			
A New Awakening: Jerome- AIW *need addict support*		Till The Wheels Fall Off- Erica	AIW
After the Weekend: Megan O.	AIW	Saturday Night Sanity: Absent	
All About Change: Joey	AIW	Serenity Check: Keith C	Alt GSR-OTF
Basically Lit: Billy , Cx Parm Dinner April 22nd	AIW	Stepping Free: Brett G.	GSSR- OTF
Came to Believe: Absent		Stepping Into the Weekend: Greg B	AIW
Coming Alive: Mary H *need addict support*	GSR OTF	Stepping Thru it All: Jim Need support	AIW
Living Clean: Orlando R	AIW	Stepping Up: Cody	AIW
Miracles On Oak: Chris B *need addict support*	All Positions OTF	Straight Lace: Kayla	AIW
New Freedom- Chick C	AIW	Surrender to Win: Absent	
New Perspectives: Absent		Where We are Going: Absent	
No Joke on Oak: Absent		Whole Lava Love: Katie P	AIW
Over The Wall: Absent		Working the Steps: Robin	AIW

Break: 8:07 to 8:17 pm

Roll Call II: 17 out of 24 groups present, 15 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 met.

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Sharing Session:

1. (RD Report) Planning Regional Round Table Discussion Sat June 10th 10-2pm. **Discussion on 2 Literature surveys to be filled out. (1) Mental Health/ Mental Illness IP Project survey (www.na.org/itot) (2) Spiritual Principle a Day Meditation Book survey (www.na.org/meditationbook) Please either fill out online or print and return to next Area meeting.**
2. (Working the Steps) Discussion on separating each subsection on the marathon meetings on Motion #1. Much discussion on where accountability should lay. If there is not group support it won't work.
3. (Midge M) discussion on Regional Minutes attachments/ links and if they can be included with the Area Minutes.
4. (Al. W) asked about rent and locations of H&I and PR

Old Business:

Motion #1 (3/13/17) "Motion to remove section II. 9 of the Mid-State Unity Area Service Committee policy which states:

To host the annual holiday marathon meetings. The Activities committee will act as coordinator for the marathon meetings but the responsibility for them rest with the entire MSUASC.

And replace it with the following

II.9.A

To host the annual holiday marathon meetings. The Activities committee, along with the Administrative Officers, will act as coordinators for the marathon meetings but the final responsibility rest with the groups.

II.9.B

Meeting schedules are as follows: Thanksgiving Day beginning at 9 am with the last meeting ending at 4:45 pm. Christmas Day beginning at 9 am with the last meeting ending at 4:45 pm. New Year's Eve beginning at 10 pm with the last meeting ending at 5:45 am. On the years when the holiday marathon meetings may overlap with regular scheduled meetings, consultation with that group is required to determine their preferences as to proceed with their time slot.

II.9.C

Each time slot will be 45 minutes long with a 15 minute break. All time slots are to be chosen randomly by drawing from the pool of groups wishing to participate. In the event that there is not enough groups willing to cover the hours, the duration of the marathon may be shortened. A single point of accountability is to be supplied by each group who bears responsibility for their time slot."

6-4-3 Failed

Motion #2 (2/13/17) "To have MSUASC pay six months' rent for all service committees upon approval of the committee's annual budget, though no later than the February ASC of each year. From that point on, the ASC will develop a scheduled payment plan that is responsible for the payment of the remaining six-month period of the fiscal year. The oversight, that rent "donation" is paid resides with the ASC administrative committee "as the single point of accountability" on behalf for the MSUA committees and groups."

Intent: Fulfill our agreed financial obligations with facilities and outside organizations, as well to be responsible with fellowship funds and public relations. As always it is incumbent of the MSUASC membered groups to continuously review all financial matters of the area's committees and trusted servants. Restate from the body of the motion "The oversight, that rent "donation" is paid resides with the ASC administrative committee "as the single point of accountability" on behalf of the MSUA

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committees and groups." Our obligations to outside agencies must be paid first before any other services are provided, even if the service have been approved in a budget. If other services or priorities arise in financial matters, the sub-committee should raise their concern for discussion and acknowledged by MSUASC.

2-3-8 failed. More discussion on topic and revote was taken

Revote to table for 30 Days Passed

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Elections:

- **Alternate RCM- OTF**, 3 years' clean time and prior experience at and Area Service Committee.
- **Activities Chair- OTF**, 2 years clean time and willingness to give time and resources necessary.

New Business:

Motion #1 (4/10/17): (Living Clean)

"Affects MSUA Policy B. Admin Officers 1. Gen. Requirements Motion. An existing elected trusted servant shall be selected by the Administrative Officers to attend Region as the MSUA representative in the event that the RCM or Alt RCM cannot attend Region."

Intent: To represent MSUA and carry the Areas conscience when RCM or Alt RCM are not available. To maintain consistent MSUA representation at CT Regional body.

Revote 14-1-0 Passed

Motion #2 (4/10/17): (Living Clean)

"The Connecticut Regional Public Relations Sub-Committee will present a learning day in the year of 2017 based on the Public Relations Handbook, with focus on chapter one and two. The committee is encouraged to seek out two guest speakers with local and global experiences."

Intent: To further our understanding of internal and external responsibilities in relating to each other and the public to further our primary purpose. As Public Relations Committees are the guiding source of all direct services to our members, potential members, institutions, the public and professionals alike. This learning day will be the first of an annual series, focused on the Public Relations Handbook and fellowship development.

A passage from Tradition Eleven, *It Works: How and Why*

"The principle of service, critical to the application of our Eleventh Tradition, is not a passive principle. To be of maximum service to the still-suffering addict, we must energetically seek to carry our message throughout our cities, towns, and villages. We must take vigorous steps to make our program widely known. The better and broader our public relations, the better we will be able to serve. "

This is to have the RCM bring this motion to Region.

Motion to table to Area PR for 30 days. Passed

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Upcoming Events / Changes

Group level changes:

Miracles on Oak has changed its time. It now meets from 7-8pm, every Monday at 47 Oak St Middletown.

New Freedom, annual pancake breakfast Sunday April 30th, 2017 9am St. Vincent's DePaul soup kitchen Middletown

ECCNA 21st Convention, planting the seeds New London CT June 23-25

The most efficient way to convey meeting changes to region is to visit regional website "ctna.org", then proceed to "service subcommittees" (on left side of the page), click on the "CTRSC" link. Go to "RSC Forms" then click on the "Ct. Regional Schedule

Meeting Information Form". Please fill out form and at the bottom of the page it will say; "Choose Area to send". Once the MSUA has been chosen the information will be sent directly to our RCM.

Emergency or Temporary Group Cancellation or Relocation: *In the event that your group has to cancel or relocate on an emergency or temporary basis, as a GSR or other trusted servant you should make the effort to inform the fellowship. GSRs should use the Area c.c. E-Mail list to send a group E-mail with the cancellation or relocation information to all other GSRs who should then inform members of their various groups. GSRs or other trusted servants may also contact the MSUA secretary at (203)-435-2222 with the information, and the secretary will then use the MSUA Email and telephone lists to disseminate the details as soon as possible.*