

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for August 10th, 2017

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Open: 7:04pm 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! **Emilee J. GSR (all about change), Jesse C. GSR (Sat night sanity), Nasif M. Alt GSR (Coming Alive) Jim K. Alt GSR (Basically Lit), Sita R. GSR (Came to Believe)**

Mail: July NAWS, reaching out, Flyer for North DADE in FL seeking speaker tapes for their upcoming convention.

Roll Call: 18 out of 24 groups present at roll call, 16 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 was met. RCM was absent. All About Change, No Joke on Oak, Came to Believe and Saturday Night Sanity were present but could not vote.

Service Orientation: MSUA Policy Page 7. A. General 4-6 trusted Servants

Announcements:

Living Clean Moving Location to 554 Main St. Portland, CT starting sept 13th. CT Convention Registration starts August 19th. New Perspectives is changing its format to Guiding Principles. Saturday Night Sanity voting on changing its time from 7:15 to 7-8:30 with a break. Came to Believe changed its time from 7-8:30 to 7-8

Secretary minutes – Leonard did not receive the minutes

June minutes passed 13/0/2

July minutes passed 15/0/1

Treasurer report –Dave gave written/verbal report.

All rent paid except activities

June Report passed 12/0/2

July report passed 14/0/1

RCM –Alt RCM gave a verbal/ written report.

If groups make a change in time or format they need to make sure RCM or Alt RCM has info for web servant. World unity day is September 2, 2017. NEZF Meeting will be held 10/27-29/17. Multi-Regional Learning Event MRLE VX will take place 12/15-17/17. Convention Board of Directors did not meet in July. Regional H&I Unity/Learning Day will be on 9/17/17 12-4pm at Ashlor Village Pavilion in Wallingford, CT.

Motion #1 (7/15/17): “To pay for next three meeting dates (August 19, September 16, and October 21) at Immanuel Baptist Church in New Haven @ \$50.00 per date mentioned totaling \$150. GNHA will reimburse the Region for this money.”

Intent: to be financially responsible and support the RSC meeting for Aug/Sept/Oct 2017

Passed: 9/0/0

Motion #2 (7/15/17): “The Connecticut Regional H&I Subcommittee is requesting \$624.00 for another ½ order of T-shirts/sweatshirts to be sold at our Regional H&I Unity/Learning Day.

Intent: To promote unity and participation in H&I.

Passed: 8/0/1

Motion #3 (7/15/17): “The Connecticut Regional H&I Subcommittee is requesting \$350.00 to hold our Annual Learning Day per Regional Policy. This is a line item on our budget.

Intent: to comply with Regional Policy

Passed: 9/0/0

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OTF: Chair, Alt. Treasurer, Policy Facilitator, BOD seat for USA, GDA, and GWA. There are 3 motions from region under New Business that need to be voted on and brought back to September area.

Activities – Alicia M. gave written/verbal report

Volleyball/ Picnic will be held August 20th at Crystal Lake in Middletown. Activities did not spend \$50.00 for rent line item and will transfer back to Area as fund flow next month.

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 – Tonia gave written/verbal

Regional learning day is Sept 17th, 12-4pm at Ashler Village Pavilion in Wallingford. Looking for speakers who serve H&I as well as received the message from H&I.

OTF: Orientation Chair, Secretary, and Brett is nominated for Chair

H&I would like to participate in the learning day in November with PR.

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.

Literature – Toby R. written/verbal.

Both Commitments are OTF. Thank you Gene and Toby for your Service!

MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.

Public Relations – Adam H. written/verbal

Still looking at tentative date of November 11th, 2017 for Learning Day. Scheduled a poster drive for Sat, September 16, 2017.

List of Current Racks in Area

Middlesex Orthopedic Surgeons, 410 Saybrook Rd #100, Middletown, CT 06457 (pain treatment center via the side entrance. Rack is on table just to the left of the entrance)

Middlesex Hospital, 28 Crescent St., Middletown, CT 06457 (emergency room, on top of the television)

Middletown Police Department, 222 Main St, Middletown, CT 06457 (counter to the left of the entrance)

Middletown High School, 200 La Rosa Ln., Middletown, CT 06457 (Health center)

Main Street Market, Main St., Middletown, CT 06457 (large brochure table by book store)

Middlesex Hospital Family Practice, 13 High St., Portland, CT 06480 (window sill in lobby)

If any group is interested in adopting any of these racks, please let PR know. We also used to have ones at the soup kitchen and food pantry but they've disappeared and we are reconnecting with those facilities to get the racks back in there.

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 –Denise J. verbal report

2018 retreat is scheduled for April 6-8 2018. Flyers to follow next month

Retreat meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30pm (before Area) at the Portland Senior Center.

AD-HOC Committee- none

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Group Reports

| 16 out of 24 groups present | Concerns | Positions OTF | Groups | Concerns | Positions OTF |
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| A New Awakening: Jerome | AIW | | Till The Wheels Fall Off: Absent | Absent | |
| After the Weekend: Kevin | AIW | | Saturday Night Sanity: Jesse | Need Support | Alt GSR |
| All About Change: Emilee | AIW | Alt GSR | Serenity Check: Barbara | Need Support | Alt GSR |
| Basically Lit: Billy | AIW | | Stepping Free: Keenum | AIW | |
| Came to Believe: Sita | Need Support | | Stepping Into the Weekend: Greg B | AIW | |
| Coming Alive: Nasif | AIW | Alt GSR | Stepping Thru it All: Jim | Need Support | Alt GSR |
| Living Clean: Jennifer | AIW | | Stepping Up: Cody | AIW | |
| Miracles On Oak: Absent | Absent | | Straight Lace: Christina | AIW | |
| New Freedom: Chick | AIW | | | | |
| New Perspectives: Leonard | Need Support | | Where We are Going: Jill | AIW | Alt GSR |
| No Joke on Oak: Absent | Absent | | Whole Lava Love: Absent | Absent | |
| Over The Wall: Absent | Absent | | Working the Steps: Midge | AIW | |
| | | | The Crossroads: Briana | AIW | |

Break: 8:00 to 8:19pm

Roll Call II: 18 out of 24 groups present, 16 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 was met.

Sharing Session:

1. After the weekend- Never got to review retreat budget at area table, not submitted in correct format. Correct budget will be provided
2. Whole Lava Love is looking for new location
3. H&I- looking for ideas to get more people involved
4. Discussion on Volleyball flyer not being a part of NA

Old Business:

Retreat budget ruled out of order

Motion #2 (6/17/17): "To move the CTRSC to a central location permanently."

Intent: to make the CTRSC more accessible to RCMs and all CTRSC members.

Failed 6/3/5

Motion #3 (6/17/17): "To add to Policy under schedule Facilitator Responsibilities to do an annual review and cost analysis to include 3 bids for printing of CTRSC Schedules to be approved by the RCMs. Also, to include in Section IV.E.3.b.v Reports: out of date loss.

Intent: to be financially prudent with NA funds.

Passed 9/1/5

Motion #4 (6/17/17): "Any motion that seeks to add to, remove from, or change CTRSC policy shall be automatically postponed for two months to allow for Area consideration."

Intent: to allow the RCMs the opportunity to discuss RSC policy changes with the members in their Areas, in keeping with Tradition Nine.

Passed 12/0/2

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Elections:

- H&I Chair- OTF Brett recommended
- Lit Chair- OTF

New Business:

Motion: #1 (8/14/17): “that the Retreat Committee get three bids from other facilities where the retreat could be held. Allowing for a greater number of members in the Region and having a more affordable package price should be key points of focus in obtaining the bids from other facilities. The Retreat Committee should bring these bids to the MSUA Committee by October 2017 for decision by the whole Area. This would be for the 2019 Retreat, and possibly beyond.

Intent: to have more unity and be more affordable.

To Retreat Subcommittee for 30 days

Upcoming Events / Changes

Group level changes:

New Perspective: Group wants to change the format to the Guiding Principles Book.

Miracles on Oak: 31 year Group Anniversary, August 7, Food and Fellowship 6-7pm, Meeting 7-8pm. Open Door Missionary Baptist Church, 47 Oak Street, Middletown.

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 (860) 268-4348 with the information, and the secretary will then use the MSUA Email and telephone lists to disseminate the details as soon as possible*