

Minutes for USANA October 1st 2017

Park Congregational Church 283 Broadway Norwich, CT

Dale F., Area Chair, Opened the meeting at 7:30 with a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts for NA were read. There were 17 voting GSRs and Alternate GSRs present.

Dale F., Area Chair, was informed on Wednesday September 27th, 2017 that the Chelsea Group is no longer allowed to hold their meetings here at the church. The church believes the damage done to the restrooms was done by 1 or more people who attended the meeting on the 25th. Dale will speak to the church before the next area about the details and to reconfirm USANA will still have a home at the church.

Open Forum (20 Minutes)

Zach B., GSR for the Chelsea Group, The church confirmed with the group that area was still allowed to meet at the church but due to the damage and other incidents that have happened the church has decided to no longer allow the Chelsea Group to meet there. The church did not come to this decision lightly. The Chelsea Group will be drafting a letter to the church thanking them with the intent to keep a good relationship with the church. The group is actively looking for a new home and will not be meeting until a new meeting place has been arranged.

Leah R., GSR, The Women Taking Steps meeting is now meeting at 322 Main Street in Willimantic on Saturday mornings from 10:30am-11:45am in the 1st floor conference room.

Mary B., GSR, The Way We Walk step meeting on Thursday nights from 7pm-8:30pm at 713 Main St, Willimantic is a fairly new meeting but has not been added to the website.

There was some discussion about this. The information has been sent to the correct people but the Regional Web Servant is behind on posting many things, that meeting is one of them.

Bonnie B., GSR, The Morning Serenity Meeting that meets in Danielson on Saturday mornings has been closed.

Leigh S., GSR, NA in the Day Thanksgiving Feast flyer is available on the table. The event will be from 1pm-4pm. Food will be served from 1pm-2pm. There will be a speaker from 2pm-3pm. A gratitude meeting will be held from 3pm-4pm. Please Announce.

Mark Q., GSR, The Sesame Street meeting will be having its annual Thanksgiving Celebration from 6pm-9pm. Food, Fun and Fellowship will be from 6pm-7:30pm. The meeting will be held at its normal time from 7:30pm-9pm.

Hiram H., GSR, New Meeting in Brooklyn, CT. Getting better in Brooklyn 6:30pm-8pm.

Committee Reports

Anthony M., Area Secretary, Read minutes from Area held September 10th, 2017. There was an amendment to minutes to clarify that Area and the Activities Committee did not come to a

decision that waivers will be used at any sporting events. The insurance issue is still being investigated and no solution has been found yet. Minutes Passed.

Aldo P., Area Vice Chair, Read Report. No Discussion. Passed

Steve B., Area Treasurer, Read Report. Donations totaled \$1856.66. Expenses totaled \$1856.66 which includes at fund flow of \$784.71. USANA is at prudent reserve. No discussion. Report Passed.

Nick S., Literature Chair, Read Report. No Discussion. Report passed.

Katie L., Activities Chair, Read Report. **Leah R., GSR**, Asked where the activities are being held in the area and that there are venues available in Willimantic. **Katie L.** responded that anyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings held by the Activities Committee and are welcome to share any ideas about events at those meetings. Report passed.

Tad V., Alternate RCM, Read Regional Report, There was some discussion but questions were not able to be answered as Tad V. did not attend region and Al D., RCM had left Area early. Tad V. offered to continue to find out as much information as he could about the Area's insurance issue so the Area Body could come to a decision about what to do when sporting and other events are held in our area after some discussion. Report Passed.

H&I- No representative from committee present. No Report.

Stephen A., PR Chair, No Report. He did attend the Regional PR meeting and they are looking into the possibility of a new carrier for the phone line due to unanswered calls and voicemails. PR is meeting at 6:30pm on Thursday directly before the Sesame Street meeting at the same location. The committee needs support.

Ad Hoc Reports

Bekkah P., Policy Facilitator, gave verbal report. There were 4 addicts in attendance and they were able to get to the end of the policy. They will be drafting motions for policy changes at the next Ad-Hoc meeting.

Aldo P., Learning Day Chair, No Report.

New GSRs and Alternate GSRs

Hiram H. – Alternate for Finding the Way

Mary B. – GSR for The Way We Walk.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!

ELECTIONS

Dale F., Area Chair, Read qualifications for all of the following:

Alternate Treasurer – There weren't any nominations or volunteers. **The Position is OTF**

Area Vice Chair – Aldo P. volunteered for a second term, qualified and was voted in. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE!

Alternate RCM – Gail S. GSR nominated Tad V. for a second term. Carl Seconded. Tad qualified and was voted in. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE!

Policy Facilitator – Gail S. GSR nominated Bekkah P. for a second term. Bonnie B. seconded. Bekkah qualified and was voted in. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE!

Set Up – Leroy volunteered, qualified and was voted in. After some discussion about a person holding 2 positions at the Area level, Leroy decided to resign as the coffee maker.

Coffee Maker – Position is OTF until a new coffee pot is purchased.

REGIONAL MOTIONS

Motion #3 – To determine if the change to PR Policy allowing anyone to vote at the Regional PR Subcommittee meetings after attending two meetings is valid. **MAKER** - SFCA **SECONDED** – USA. **INTENT** – To be compliant with policy.

After much discussion and questions that could not be answered due to the RCM not being in attendance, there was a motion made by Gail S. GSR, to table the Regional Motion for 30 days so the area body could be more informed before voting on the motion. Zack B. GSR, seconded the motion to table made by Gail. That motion passed and Regional Motion #3 will be voted on at next area.

Motion to Close at 9:00pm

The Next USANA will be held on November 5th, 2017 at 7:30pm at Park Congregational Church 283 Broadway Norwich, CT.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service!

In Loving Service,

Anthony M.