

Greater Hartford Area of Narcotics Anonymous 347th Meeting Saturday October 11, 2014

Call to Order:

Toby opened the meeting at 3:00pm. Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Dan. The 12 Concepts were read by Dave.

Group Roll Call: 26 Groups in attendance (Quorum: 15)

New GSR's: Eric- GSR Wherever you go there you are
Jackie-Alt GSR Recovery East
Tommy- Alt GSR Process is in the Book
Victoria- GSR Home at Last
Rick- Alt GSR Fresh Start
Mike- Alt GSR What a Way to Grow

New Groups: New Women's Meeting- Monday Nights 6:45-8:00 Step Meeting out of the Green and Gold. Meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church 239 Graham Rd South Windsor

Previous Month's Minutes were Accepted

Vice Chair Report: Bill- Attended all subcommittee meetings in September. Attended Region with Dara (alt rcm) as a visitor. When attending PI subcommittee the chair chose not to convene a meeting. Heard much concern around the area regarding the private Facebook page. Reached out to WSO and referenced others to do the same. See report for more detail.

Treasurer Report: Alfred - Read report- ending balance was added incorrectly on the report Should read \$3693.33, not \$3824.41.
Accepted

RCM Report: Dara- Motion that our Area brought to the table failed. Glovine discussed the insurance certificate and put flyer on table on the process to do this. I have made a copy and attached to the minutes (email format only) Janette was informed that once filled out, we are to email or hand over to our RCM to send in to Region. If you need Glovine's email, reach out to me. janette3131@gmail.com

Group Reports: None

H&I Report: Clayton- Learning Day went well. Vice Chair has been filled.

PI/PL report: Tony- Continuing to place literature in locations- schedules and bookmarks in town halls, libraries, police stations, methadone clinics, laundromats and a pawn shop. Comcast is still airing. See report for more details. Details of Social Media is in the report.

Activities Report: Toni - Secretary is OTF. Four groups are participating in the Capture the Flag Challenge- see report for the groups. Groups are being encouraged to join the challenge. There is a Holiday Marathon sign up sheet. If your group wishes to participate inform Toni M 860-268-5353. A sign up sheet will be available at the next area meeting again. Will be held Dec 24th from 6pm through Dec 25th at 6pm. Mount Sinai Hospital. 3rd Tuesday Movie night discontinued due to lack of interest. Concern about flyers not being posted to the Regional website.

Sharing Session:

Old Business: Motion from last month regarding the Facebook page was not seconded on paper and therefore was not a valid motion. The group who originally created the motion, withdrew the motion on account that the group voted it down anyway.
26 Voting Members- Needed 15 to meet Quorum

No Elections

Agenda:

- Ron- Policy for trusted servants of the GHA- There are 11 questions in the GHA policy that are asked when voting a trusted servant in. These questions are not optional to answer. They should be taken seriously. Discussion around this stemmed from last month when a trusted servant was voted in and when asked the questions did not give a yes or no answer, but instead informed the body that they didn't believe it was of concern to the body. An addict informed the Area that the in August when discussion arose about the 11 questions that the body stated that these questions were not a requirement to answer, but a guide to go by. After discussion a motion was put into place to amend the policy. See Motion section.
- Bryan D- Hartford area PI/PL Chair and Alt Regional Delegate for CT providing NA Services/Business discussions on a private Facebook page called "Connecticut Service Opportunities and Discussions" done without the conscience of PI/PL or the Area Service Body. Bryan discussed the concern his group has along with Mike K discussed the value that it is with the activities committee. Tom asked four questions to Tony- is there maximum security set? Yes. /Can you

upload PDF or photos? Yes /Can you Ichat? No/ Did you read the terms of service? Yes. Eric asked who is monitoring on the page? It is a private page and Tony is the only administrator. Dan says it is good for our area. Tom expressed the concern that if a phone number is on a flyer that is posted (which 2 phone numbers are required on our flyers) that it can be googled and the person can be found therefore breaking anonymity..

Motions:

- **Motion #1** To Reaffirm our current policy. I.E. to ask persons up for trusted servant position- add a statement of clarity to reduce confusion going forward.

Intent: To explain the importance of and clarify the purpose of the questions.

Motion ruled out of order by Toby (Already in policy)

- **Motion #2** Ask the PI Chair to not conduct NA service work on that page.

Intent: The NA service being provided on this page is in conflict with traditions and concepts.

Motioned by: Straight Ahead Group- Mark and 2nd by What a Way to Grow- Bryan D

Motion Failed: 8/9/5

- **Motion #3** To have the GHA form a Social Media 'Ad-Hoc' to discuss various aspects of social media as it pertains to the GHA. The various aspects will be determined by the Ad-Hoc

Intent: To make sure we are uploading

Motioned by- Tom- No other Way and 2nd by Bryan- What a way to Grow

After discussion, Bryan withdrew his 2nd. No other group seconded

- **Motion #4** To require an answer of either yes, no or an appropriate response to the GHASC election questions.

Intent: To get a better idea of the person or persons being elected to our executive committee.

Motioned by Eric K- Wherever you go there you are and 2nd by Ron W- Take What you Need

Motioned Carried 15/6/3

Announcements:

- **New Womens meeting:** Monday nights 6:45-8:00. Step Meeting out of the Green and Gold. Meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church 239 Graham Rd South Windsor
- **Northeast Zonal Forum:** Hosted by the Connecticut Region April 2015. Regional Delegate team will be putting on a one day symposium with speakers and roundtable discussion. if your group would like to get involved email Adam or Tony at RD@ctnaorg
- **PI/PL:** Meets the 3rd Thursday St Patrick St Anthony Church at 6:00pm Many Commitments are OTF: Schedule Placement, Literature/ Business Card Stamping/ Presentations.
- **GHASC Activities:** Any group interested in Participating in the Holiday Marathon meeting please contact Toni M 860-268-5353 or David M 860-849-6547
- **GHASC Activities:** Capture the Flag has started if still interested contact Toni M 860-268-5353 There are currently 4 Groups participating. Last Alternative, Straight Ahead, Between the Covers and Wherever you Go, there you Are.
- **GHASC Activities:** Six Flags New England Fright Fest October 25th 12pm-11pm \$39.99 Includes ticket, parking, all you can eat buffet- Order online use promo code "Scare8" to purchase
- **To Carry the Message:** Need support with Business meeting. Secretary and Coffee Maker OTF St Lutheran Church Fridays 7:30-8:45
- **CTRSC 30 Convention:** Jan 2,3,4 2015 Registration is going on now. If addicts pre register before November 30th, they will be entered into a drawing for a Room for the weekend. 2 rooms are being given away
- **Clean Choice:** 30th Annual Spaghetti Dinner. New Covenant United Methodist Church. 16 Church St East Hartford. Dinner 3-6/ Social Hour 6-7:30/ Meeting 7:30-9:00. Tickets \$7.00 Sunday November 16th
- **Hope Springs:** New Group meeting 7:30-8:30 Friday nights Just for Today Topic Discussion 8 Church St Stafford Springs

Subcommittee Times and Places:

Activities: 2nd Saturday of every month at 2:00 at St Patricks/St Anthonys Church, 285 Church St, Hartford

Area Service: 2nd Saturday of every month at **2:00 Learning Hour**, Area Service begins at 3:00pm. St Patricks/St Anthonys Church, 285 Church St, Hartford

H&I: 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. St Patricks/St Anthonys Church, 285 Church St, Hartford

PI/PL: 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00-7:00 St Patricks/St Anthonys Church, 285 Church St, Hartford

Meeting Updates: Go to www.ctna.org/ service committees/subcommittees/litterature scheduling/schedule change form

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm

In Loving Service, Janette