

USANA Minutes

Dec. 7, 2014

Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich

Glen A., Area chair opened at 7:30 p.m. with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts.

22 voting GSRs and alt-GSRs were counted at start of meeting

Open Forum:

Bob C., Area policy facilitator, said he had made and brought copies, for those in attendance, of policy changes since the last policy revision.

Elizabeth E., alt-RCM, announced that fliers for the annual Dopes on Slopes skiing event are available.

Cheryl G., Activities committee chairwoman, said the committee is planning a Valentine's Day chili cook off as a fundraiser to help pay for damage that occurred at St. James Church in New London. Also, she said priests at St. James and St. Mary church are meeting twice a month with representatives of groups that use the churches.

Joel T., area treasurer, announced his gratitude to addicts for bringing their checks and receipts to him before each Area Service meeting actually begins. This allows him to track the fund flow donations and perform his other work in a timely fashion.

Mark M., Sound of Serenity GSR, announced the group will celebrate its 29th anniversary on Jan. 21 with a pot luck meal/double speaker meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Addicts are encouraged to bring a dish. A flier is circulating.

Aldo P. announced that the NA in the Day group, which meets Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:30, has moved to 86 Golden Street (El n Gee) in New London.

Howard O., RCM, announced that Sesame Street Group, which meets Thursday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 and the New Beginnings Group, which meets Saturday mornings from 10:30 to 12 and the Saturday Night Fever Group, have all moved to 86 Golden St., New London. He also stated that a Friday night meeting in

Killingworth and a Saturday night meeting in Deep River have folded. He reminded us of an area policy which requires a member of the Area Executive Committee to contact groups that do not attend Area Service for two months in a row.

Executive Committee Reports

Secretary minutes:

Dale F., USANA Area Service Committee secretary, read minutes. Passed 18-0-0

Vice Chair Report

Mike R. said he had printed out 100 copies of the Area meeting schedule. He also printed out copies of the activities schedule. Please let him know of any changes, additions, deletions, etc. Passed 18-0-0

Treasurer Report

Joel T. read report. We are at prudent reserve. Passed 19-0-0.

Subcommittee Reports

Activities Report

Cheryl G., subcommittee chairwoman, gave report. The committee is working on the upcoming New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance to be held at Gales Ferry Firehouse from 8 p.m. to midnight. The subcommittee's tentative schedule of events for 2015: Keepin' It Green event in March, RockFest in May, Thanksgiving marathon. Proposed additions are Café NA, a luau themed event and New Year's Eve event. The committee has recommended Cheryl to serve another term as chairwoman. Passed 20-0-0.

RCM Report

Howard O. read report. The following regional positions are out to the fellowship (otf): writing steps for recovery chair, alternate treasurer, and H&I chair. Howard is the new regional vice-chair. The Regional committee is asking areas for input on three topics: do we want to buy the new regional service schedule; what to do with books donated by the East Coast Convention, and potential workshop topics for the upcoming zonal forum in March 2015. Passed 20-0-0.

H&I

Sheila B., subcommittee chair, gave report.

Women are needed to serve as panel members for York West. Passed 22-0-0.

PR

Katie L., committee chairwoman gave report. Committee will hold its meetings at 86 Golden Street beginning in January. Committee meets first Thursday of the month at 6:15 p.m. Committee has determined the phone line schedule for the area is out of date and will ask Region to take it off the phone line. Poster drive planned for February. **Addict support needed.** Committee needs a vice-chair, secretary and phone line coordinator. Passed 19-0-0.

Literature Report

Amanda H., committee chairwoman, gave report. Committee has completed its work on the traditions and will submit input to NAWS as part of traditions workbook project. The committee will no longer meet monthly since the traditions work is completed and business can be conducted at Area meetings. Amanda can be reached at 860-383-5373. Passed 20-0-0.

New GSRs and alt-GSRs:

Carl H., Great to be Straight alt GSR.

Lorraine M. Outer Limits, alt-GSR.

Lisa N., NA in the Day, GSR.

Aldo P., NA in the Day, alt-GSR.

Annie B., H.O.W. Group, GSR.

Don N., Live the Steps of Die, alt-GSR.

Kylie T., Live the Steps or Die, GSR.

Chris A., 3 Steps Forward, GSR.

Ken P., Sesame Street, GSR.

New Business:

Elections:

- **Cheryl G.** elected to a second term as Activities Subcommittee chair.
- **Elizabeth E.** elected to serve as RCM.
- Secretary's note: Due to an error/omission by me the two positions above were not announced as being out to the fellowship in the November minutes.

- Area alt-Treasurer: no nominations or volunteers.

New Business:

Motions: (both are regional motions)

#1: To add the following to policy section III.C.2.d: "In case of any vote requiring a 2/3 majority of members areas present, all abstentions shall count as 'no' votes." Motion failed by 0 in favor-17 opposed- 2 abstentions.

#2: As of January 2015, the contact us page of the CTNA website will have only one link to send requests or questions to called infor@ctna.org The web servant or alt. web servant will then forward to the appropriate committee member or subcommittee chair or RCM. The e-mail addresses that will remain in their appropriate site location are pr@ctna.org, webservant@ctna.org, and wsr@ctna.org.

Intent: To have efficiency and streamlined history. Motion passed. 6 in favor, 1 opposed, 14 abstentions.

The USANA needs trusted servants for the following position:

Area Chair, Alt-treasurer, alt-RCM, Area service meeting set up person.

Other Business:

A straw poll was conducted to gauge support for the Area buying some of the new Regional service schedules, which the USANA had previously voted against. Two in favor, no other votes.

Addicts with ideas on zonal forum topics should send them to Elizabeth E., RCM, at: e.esterly@gmail.com or e-mail them to rd@ctna.org. The forum will be held the last weekend in March at Faith Lutheran Church, Washington Street, Middletown, CT.

The East Coast Convention donates books to our region annually. If a group or subcommittee needs books requests can be made to region.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

The next Area Service meeting is scheduled for Jan. 4. In loving service,
Dale F.