

USANA Minutes

Jan. 3, 2016

Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich

Mike R., Area chair opened meeting at 7:30 p.m. with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts. 15 voting GSRs and alt-GSRs were counted at start of meeting

Open Forum:

Vicki M., Live the Steps or Die GSR, asked when the USANA would submit its next order for regional schedules. Answer: Glen A., USANA treasurer planned to give a check for the next schedule order to Al D., USANA RCM.

Cheryl G., Activities chairwoman, said the New Year's Eve speaker jam was a success. The committee is preparing for its next event – a chili cook-off scheduled for Feb. 13, from 2 to 6 p.m., at the James Church in New London.

Al D., RCM, asked how the USANA would like him to respond if an attempt is made at region to remove the alternate regional delegate. It was determined the area would like him to have the effort brought back to groups in the form of a motion.

- Also **Al D.** told us he will not be able to attend the regional meeting in February.
- Al D. also asked if the USANA would support a move to change criteria for serving on regional executive committee to eliminate prior regional service experience.

Executive Committee Reports

Secretary minutes:

Dale F., Area vice chair read minutes as Secretary Jill T. was absent due to illness.

Passed 15-0-0

Vice Chair Report

Dale F., Area Vice Chair, no report.

Treasurer Report

Glen A. Area Treasurer, read report.

USANA fund flowed \$151.57 to RSC. USANA is at prudent reserve (1200.00)

Some discussion re: World never received our payment for the September lit order, which caused them not to send the most recent lit order. Passed 15-0-0

RCM Report

Al D. read/delivered report.

13 people attended the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) workshop earlier in the evening. He gave Glenn A. the \$8 remaining from money allotted for food at the workshop.

Region had a workshop meeting focused on the function and definition of service zones. Al asked why Region was spending \$550 for flights to California for the World Service Conference, saying the fare seems excessive.

Region considered the following motions:

- 1) CT RSC meeting minutes should be distributed by e-mail using addresses on regional web site. Failed 5-3 (required two thirds majority).
- 2) Should the region conduct a survey to gauge where addicts would like the CTNA convention to be held? Tabled for 30 days to convention board of directors.
- 3) Should the CT convention be moved to a different hotel? Tabled for 30 days to convention board of directors.

Report passed 15-0-0.

Subcommittee Reports

Hospitals & Institutions

Steve K., H&I Chair, read report

The sub-committee would like all addicts to know that just 1 day clean is required to get involved. Six months clean is required to observe a panel presentation and 9 months clean is required to be a panel member. The sub-committee will assign addicts to the facility that best suits the individual's need, location, experience and comfort level. Support is needed.

Panel members went to the Brooklyn jail for a presentation but were not allowed in. Steve has been in touch with the warden who has assured us we will be allowed access in the future.

Meeting at Radgowski has been suspended due to a staffing issue.

Passed 15-0-0.

Public relations/phone line. Amada H. read report as Katie R., chair was absent due to illness.

Subcommittee needs support and is looking for a new meeting place.

Passed 15-0-0.

Literature

Aile H. Literature Chair, read report

We did not get the December lit order because of a mix up regarding payment for the September lit order. World never got the September check and was unwilling to send the December order. Aile was able to fill parts of the December order and offered to deliver lit to groups when the December order arrives. **Passed 14-0-1.**

Activities

Cheryl G., subcommittee chair, read report.

Subcommittee needs a secretary.

Other upcoming events are likely to be: Café NA, Rock Fest, learning day, kickball cookout, and talent show. Possible new: October haunted hayride. Keith T. has agreed to serve as music coordinator for music events.

Addict support needed
Passed 12-0-0.

New GSRs and alt-GSRs:

Jodi M., GSR Therapeutic Value., Jared C.GSR Keep it Simple, Theresa Y. Sesame street, alt-GSR. **Welcome!**

Old Business:

None

Elections:

No eligible candidates for alt-RCM.

New Business

Al D. told to bring motion to remove alt-RD to groups if it comes up.
Discussion of changing requirements for Regional executive committee.
Some addicts said previous service experience at regional level is important.

Bob C., USANA policy facilitator, suggested the USANA change the lit chair position to lit facilitator because there is no sub-committee aside from the chair.

The following positions are OTF (Out to the Fellowship):

- Alternate RCM (regional committee member)
- USANA Area Service Executive Committee chair

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next Area Service meeting is scheduled for Feb. 14, 2016 at Park Congregational Church, Broadway, Norwich. This is one week later than usual as the Super Bowl rule is in play.

In loving service, Dale F. (sitting in for Jill T.)