

CCANA Minutes

April 1, 2013

7:00 – Lou opened in the usual manner

Bob read the 12 Traditions.

OPEN FORUM

New GSR's : Tom S. from Ties That Bind, Marilyn from No Mas, Leigh B. from Keep It Simple, John from Free To Be Me

New Alt GSR's: Doreen from Through the Steps

Executive Committee Concerns:

1. Storing Archives – Currently archival materials are being stored at the home of an addict which the Executive Committee decided was inappropriate. It was decided to look for an alternative site such as the Masonic Temple. Lou will come to the Area meeting with some prices for this storage.

2. Group Reports -- It was suggested that the reading of Group Reports at the end of the Area meeting is both a waste of time and paper. Alternatively, the groups should be voicing any concerns during the Open Forum portion of the meeting. Carleen informed us that a motion was required to make this change as it is a change in policy.

ROLL CALL: 16 out of 21 groups were in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Pam F. read the report, and it was accepted 15-0-1.

Chair Report – Lou gave a verbal report. Lou attended Activities due to lack of support and found that 17 people attended the last subcommittee meeting. He thanked everyone who participated in making the Learning Day a huge success. He announced that Camp Out flyers were available and that there was availability for 80 addicts to attend. He also informed us that Keep On Stepping won the Chili Cookoff at the Learning Day and that Gary from Pigs came in second.

Vice Chair Report – Bill gave his report. He picked up the mail and paid the rent. He contacted the Church about some outstanding checks and they informed him that they just deposited them. He attended the Public Relations Subcommittee meeting that is still in desperate need of addict support. Chair position is still OTF. **GSR'S please inform your groups.** Bill picked up materials for PR and Activities from the former chairperson of these Subcommittees and organized it. These materials will be stored at Center Congo on 62 Colony so it is more accessible. He attended the Learning Day and thanked everyone for their participation.

Treasurer's Report – Steve read the report and it was accepted 17-0-0.

Opening Balance: \$2,913.09

Deposits: \$752.93 (\$338.40) Literature orders/funds from groups

Total of Checks Written \$1,137.22

Ending Balance: \$2,528.80

Steve reported that Area would not be fund flowing to World this month.

RCM Report – Libby e-mailed her report to Bill who read it in her absence. She reported that there were no updated scheduled at Region so she was unable to make a purchase. Bill informed us that there was a new Regional Literature Chair who was just taking over a position that had been vacant for over 6 months. Everyone was asked to have patience during this transition. Libby informed us that Region's liability insurance does not cover injuries to participants at events and that it was suggested that event organizers should consider having participants sign a release of liability. Schedule changes are being accepted electronically now. The groups need to vote on Regional Motion #3 to approve the Regional Literature Chair budget of \$1,215. Libby proved a form for this purpose at the end of her report. She did not include

what the previous year's budget for Regional Literature was. Any questions, please contact Libby at rhoadese12@yahoo.com.

H&I Report -- Marcia read the report. All is well at H&I. Lee K. volunteered and was elected as Vice Chair. The next meeting is April 30, 2013 at 6:30 for orientation and 7:00 for the business meeting at St. Andrews Church on Catlin St.

Literature Report – Bill read the report. Vice Chair is out to the fellowship. **Bill reminded GSR's to use the updated order forms with Bill's name on them and to announce to their groups that Literature is in need of addict support.** The next meeting May 6, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church on Catlin St.

Public Relations Report – Bill gave a verbal report since there is no chair for PR. Bill collected materials from the former Chairperson and organized it. There was discussion about purchasing a phone or using your own phone. Chris suggested that Bill put together a flyer stating the Subcommittee's desperate need for addict support. Marcia said that they have a lot of great ideas for the future but need addicts to implement them. The next meeting is April 17, 2013 at 6:15 for orientation and 6:30 for the business meeting at Center Congo on Colony St. **GSR's were asked to announce to their groups that PR is in desperate need of addict support.**

Activities Report – Cathy read the report. Learning Day was a huge success and Cathy gave a financial report to the group. The Coming Alive Campout ad hoc is in full swing and planning this event. The Poker Run ad hoc had its first two meetings and will be meeting again on April 13, 2013 at St. Rose Church Community Center at 12:00 noon. There are a lot of suggestions for future events but Activities is still in need of support to put these events on. The next meeting is April 15, 2013 at 6:30 at Center Congo at 62 Colony St. **GSR's were asked to announce this event to your groups and that Activities is in desperate need of addict support.**

Policy Report: Chris gave a verbal report. There will be several policy changes and Chris will amend the current policy and give the GSR's the changes at the next Area meeting. Cathy asked Chris to e-mail her the amendments for the website.

Webservant: Cathy read the report. She informed us that she sent all the CCANA information to the Regional Webservant and after noting that nothing was posted until late March found out that Donna H. is the new Regional Webservant. Everything is now back on track. Cathy suggested that everyone should go on the website by logging onto CTNA.org, go to Area pages on left side of page and click on CCA. **GSR's – please give Cathy a copy of any meeting changes so that she can update the website.**

Enders Island Spiritual Retreat Subcommittee: Steve B. gave a verbal report. The Spiritual Weekend has been scheduled for 9/20-22/13 at Enders Island, Mystic, CT. Friday night there will be a cold buffet, 3 meals on Saturday and 1 meal on Sunday. The cost is \$180. The next meeting is on 4/30/13 before the Pure & Simple Group in Wethersfield.

BREAK SUSPENDED

Reading the 12 Concepts was suspended.

Elections

Alt Secretary – No nominations/no volunteers – OTF for 30 days

Alt Treasurer – No nominations/no volunteers – OTF for 30 days

Alt RCM – No nominations/no volunteers – OTF for 30 days

PR Chair – OTF for 30 days

Activities Chair – Michelle was nominated by Activities as Chairperson and she qualified and was noted in at Area.

BOD Chair for CCA – 3 years clean/3 year commitment. No nominations/no volunteers – OTF for 30 days.

GSR'S – please announce these openings to your groups.

OLD BUSINESS –

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS --

Motion #1 – A motion was made by Kevin B. of Pure & Simple and seconded by Carleen P. of Through the Steps to eliminate the use of handwritten Group Reports since they are considered to be wasteful in both time and paper. The motion passed 15-1-0. It was decided to put this motion into effect immediately and not read the Group Reports for this evening. Pam will make a form for new GSR's to submit their contact information to the Secretary. Group concerns will be voiced during Open Forum as usual.

Selling Literature at Learning Days -- Bill, Chair of Literature, brought up Literature's inability to sell literature at Learning Days due to the fact that the Literature Subcommittee does not handle money. Alan suggested that Activities should sell the literature at Learning Days since that subcommittee already does handle money and that the money will go back to Area in the form of a Literature order.

Next meeting of CCANA – Monday, May 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

In loving service,

Pam F.