

CCANA Minutes
December 2, 2013

7:05 – Bill opened in the usual manner

John read the 12 Traditions.

OPEN FORUM

New GSR's : A.J. , Living Clean Midday; Rob K., Stepping into Serenity

Step Brothers & Step Sisters: Vicki B. asked that all GSR's announce at their groups that this meeting is now open and has changed names. Due to lack of support, the meeting may close. It meets on Thursday at 6:45 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran on Cook and Hanover.

Living Clean Midday: This is a new meeting that is not in the schedule yet and they are in need of addict support. They meet on Fridays at the Dry Dock in Wallingford from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 19 out of 22 groups were in attendance.

Bill passed out a sign-up sheet for the Christmas and New Year's Day Marathon meetings. He informed the group that we are in need of trusted servants, i.e., subcommittee members and GSR's ,to sign up to take slots to oversee the meetings and make sure everything runs smoothly. In the past, this responsibility has fallen solely on the Activities Subcommittee, and it has become too much of a burden for a small amount of addicts to undertake. Therefore, everyone's assistance is necessary to keep the meetings going.

Secretary's Report – Pam F. read the report. The report was accepted 16-0-1.

Chair Report – Bill gave a verbal report. He paid the rent and checked the mailbox. He attended the Activities, Public Relations Subcommittee meetings and the Sponsor/Sponsee ad hoc.

Vice Chair Report No Vice Chair/no report.

Treasurer's Report – Steve read the report and it was accepted 20-0-0.

Opening Balance: \$2,581.41
Deposits: \$2,017.95 (\$396.81) Literature orders/funds from groups
Total of Checks Written \$1,514.90
Ending Balance: \$3,084.46

Steve announced that we would be able to fund flow \$1,435.12 to Region and that the CCANA is currently doing very well financially. He informed us that we will need to purchase CAR Reports for the groups, the subcommittees and the Executive Subcommittee. The CAR Report money comes from either the RCM budget or the Executive Subcommittee budget. Each report is \$8.00 x 29 = \$239.00.

RCM Report – Libby read the report. She informed us that she relayed our request to highlight the town names in schedule and a straw poll showed that the other RSM's agreed. Literature was asked to make this change at the next printing. Our Motion to create a CT Regional Service Schedule was well received by Region but not by the Regional Literature Chair who was unhappy to be given additional responsibilities. The battle continues. Next Regional meeting will be on December 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the CCAR Building, 49 Cannon St, Bridgeport, CT.

H&I Report -- Lee read the report. The drug replacement therapy issue was brought to the table at Region and it was decided to follow the World Service Bulletin #29. The next meeting is December 31, 2013 at 6:30 for orientation and 7:00 for the business meeting at St. Andrews Church on Catlin St.

Literature Report – Stephanie read the report. She informed us that Region is discussing the CT Regional Service Schedules and that Adam H. is getting some prices for printing. Stephanie had new literature order forms that reflected

the new prices. These will be used after January 1, 2014, and the old forms will not be accepted. The next meeting is January 6, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church on Catlin St.

Public Relations Report – Maria read the report. Maria attended the Regional meeting and reported that the schedule on the phones is in need of updating and that this task is too much for one person to handle and would use a lot of the minutes from our plan. Bill and others thought that each Area should update their own schedule, and Maria will bring that back to the Regional table. The next meeting is on December 18, 2013 at 6:15 for orientation and 6:30 for the business meeting at First Congo on Colony St. **GSR's were asked to announce to their groups that PR is in desperate need of addict support.**

Activities Report -- Rose read the report. Upcoming events are the Bowling Night on January 24, 2014 at Wallingford Bowl at 9:30 p.m. and the Valentine's Day Dance on February 15, 2014 at Immanuel Lutheran Church at Cook and Hanover. It was decided it was too late to change the New Year's Day Marathon meeting to New Year's Eve, and it will be discussed for next year. The need for help with the Marathon meetings was discussed, and it was decided to bring this issue to the Area table and ask for assistance. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. **GSR's were asked to announce to their groups that Activities is in need of addict support.**

Activities Treasurer's Report -- Vicki B. read the report. She informed the group the Sponsor/Sponsee Dinner Dance was a big success and that Activities was able to fund flow \$515.31 to the Area. She requested 2 checks – one for \$70 for rent for the two marathon meetings and one for \$100 for supplies to be split between the two meetings. Additionally, she requested two checks for the Valentine's Day Dance – one for \$100 for rent and one for \$100 for the deposit on the DJ.

Marathon Meetings -- There was additional discussion about the need for support for the marathon meetings and who should be signing up. The group was informed that only trusted servants, i.e., subcommittee members and GSR's, should be signing up to oversee the meetings and handle any basket money. Chris pointed out trusted servants could sign up to chair a meeting and oversee it at the same time. Vicki informed us that Activities would open the meetings at 8:00 a.m. and would be there at 6:00 p.m. to close the church.

Area Meeting Attendance – Bill reminded the group that it is important for all subcommittee chairs, GSR's and Alternate GSR's to stay for the entire Area meeting as their vote and input into the proceedings is essential.

Policy Report: Chris gave a verbal report. He informed the group that he added the Coming Alive Campout Subcommittee was added to policy, and that he had sent Cathy W. their policy for the website. Allen asked why the other subcommittees' policies were not on the website. Cathy thought they were part of the Area's policy and Chris told her they were not and that he would be sure to send them to her to post.

Webservant –Cathy W. reported that all is well with the website and this is her last month as Webservant. Cathy agreed to continue serving for another month if no one steps up to take the commitment, but due to her work schedule would not be able to continue after that.

Enders Island Spiritual Retreat Subcommittee: Tony S. read the report. Tony informed us that flyers will be brought to Area in January for distribution. All positions will be filled at the first subcommittee meeting on February 25, 2014 at 150 Prospect St, Wethersfield. **All GSR's should announce this at your business meetings.**

Coming Alive Campout Subcommittee – Allen announced that there are flyers available but that Leigh's phone number is inaccurate. It should be 203-631-0500. The start-up meeting is set for December 17, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 164 Hanover St, Meriden.

BREAK SUSPENDED

Maria read the 12 Concepts.

Elections

Vice Chairperson – 3 years clean, 1 year of Area service, 1 year commitment. OTF for 30 days.

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

Secretary – This position is OTF for 30 days.

Webservant -- This position is OTF for 30 days.

GSR'S – please announce this opening to your groups.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS --

Motion #1 – John from Recovery on Track made a motion that no GSR or subcommittee member should be on drug replacement therapy. The intent is to keep our message clear and pure. Drug replacement therapy would be methadone or suboxone. John informed the group that this was according to World policy and was described in the World Service Bulletin #29. Bill believes that Bulletin #29 is an opinion and not a policy and Libby that he is correct. Tom S. asked if this would be a change of policy at Area and if Area was going to give the groups a list of drugs that were to be included in drug replacement therapy. Bill told him that this would not be a change of policy but an addition to area policy. Kevin asked if the GSR's would be bring this back to their groups to change the group policy. Bill informed him that this would be an addition to area policy and that the groups are autonomous and would make their own decisions about changing policy. Libby stated that drug replacement therapy is a big issue, and that methadone is sometimes used to treat other illnesses. She said that in Narcotics Anonymous you are a member when you say you are and that making policy about addicts on drug replacement therapy not being able to serve could create a "second class" of addicts within NA. She said that if this were an easy issue, World would have set policy on it, and they have not. Maria informed the group that when she was taking narcotics for an injury that she was told her could not chair meetings, and she left NA for 10 years because of it. Ria stated that some people need certain narcotics such as morphine pumps, and that a lot of discussion should take place before this matter is decided. Cathy suggested using the words "strongly suggest that an addict not be on drug replacement therapy" rather than make a strict policy. Sherry asked that the GSR's be given details to bring back to their groups. Tony offered that methadone and suboxone are highly addictive drugs and should not be looked at the same as if someone is on a short-term program of narcotics for a tooth extraction. John read from the #29 Bulletin that the groups' autonomy comes into question when some using is allowed to chair because it affects other groups and NA as a whole. Georgie asked if he went home tonight and used methadone would he still be clean and he was told that he would not be.

The Motion passed 10-0-7.

Agenda:

1. April asked at what point during the area meeting that the groups could announce how much money they were fund flowing to area. She was informed that this information could be given during the Open Forum where we discuss all group concerns.

2. Judd announced that the Saturday Night's All Right meeting needs a Secretary and a Treasurer and is in need of addict support.

Vicki B. wanted to thank everyone who signed up for the marathon meetings.

Steve, Treasurer, was instructed to make a check out to the WSR for the CAR reports.

Next meeting of CCANA – Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

In loving service,

Pam F.