

CCANA Minutes
March 3, 2014

7:05 – Bill opened in the usual manner

An addict read the 12 Traditions.

OPEN FORUM

New GSR's: Rich, Young, Serene & Living Clean, Adam, Thursday Night Recovery

Straight from the Hip Spiritual Breakfast: Sherrie K. reported that the Spiritual Breakfast was well attended and a huge success. The group was able to put \$600 into the Retreat reserve to lower the cost of each package by \$10. They were also able to fund an indigent package for a home group member and fund flowed \$100 to Area.

Area Budgets: Bill D. informed the Area table that his group was unable to vote on some of the Subcommittee budgets due to the fact that they were incorrectly done.

ROLL CALL: 16 out of 24 groups were in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Pam F. read the report. The report was accepted 15-0-0.

Chair Report – Bill gave a verbal report. He again informed everyone that all the subcommittees are in need of addict support. **GSR'S WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE THIS AT THEIR GROUPS.**

Vice Chair Report No Vice Chair/no report.

Treasurer's Report – Steve, Treasurer, read the report and it was accepted 16-0-0.

Opening Balance: \$2,901.24
Deposits: \$881.21 (\$517.84) Literature orders/funds from groups
Total of Checks Written \$1,490.92
Ending Balance: \$2,291.53

Steve announced that there would be no fund flow to Region this month.

RCM Report – Libby, RCM, gave a verbal report due to the fact that there was no Regional meeting last month. She needs to get back forms regarding the Regional budgets from the GSR's. She also had some voting materials for the CAR report for the GSR's, and she reminded everyone that it is one addict/one vote on the CAR report. **SHE WILL NEED ALL THE VOTES ON THE CAR REPORT BACK FOR THE NEXT AREA MEETING SO SHE CAN BRING OUR VOTES TO THE APRIL REGIONAL MEETING.** She informed us that there are two upcoming CAR Workshops: Saturday, 3/8/14 from 11:00-4:00, at the North Congo Church, Main St, Woodbury and 3/9/14 from 11:30 to 4:30 at 300 Washington St, Middletown, CT. **ALL GSR'S ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE OF THE CAR WORKSHOPS SO THAT YOU CAN INFORM YOUR GROUPS ABOUT THE MOTIONS TO BE VOTED ON.**

Some of the GSR's asked where they could find the Regional budgets and Libby informed them that they were handed out in January. Bill asked why the Regional budget for PR was \$7,000 and they only spent \$1,000. Libby informed him that due to lack of support on the Regional level, they have had some trouble with Regional PR and they also have more time to spend this money. John S. asked if we were voting on Regional policy, and Libby informed him that we would be doing that yet.

H&I Report -- Lee read the report. All is going well. They are still discussing the possibility of a merger with Midstate. Lee informed the GSR's that he would be bringing a new speaker list to Area. The next meeting is March 25, 2014 at 6:30 for orientation and 7:00 for the business meeting at St. Andrews Church on Catlin St. **GSR'S WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE TO THEIR GROUPS THAT H&I IS IN NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT.**

Literature Report – Stephanie read the report . The Vice Chair position is OTF. **GSR'S WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE TO THEIR GROUPS THAT LITERATURE IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT.**

Public Relations Report – Maria read the report. Maria took packets of schedules to Police Station, Courthouse, Public Defender's office and Probation office. The Associate Director of the Meriden Health Department was very interested in attending one of the subcommittee meetings to see what is happening there. Mike M. is following up with the Record Journal about publishing the NA schedule. Pam informed Maria that she saw an inaccuracy in Monday, 3/3/14 paper listing the Straight from the Hip Group as meeting on Catlin St. rather than Cook & Hanover in the Local Section under Calendar. Mike M. will look into getting that changed. Maria informed the group that she needs addicts to go with her when she drops off the schedule at various places. A poster drive has been planned for 3/29/14 at noon at the St Rose Community Center, Center St, Meriden, CT. The subcommittee has moved to Meriden Public Library. The next meeting is on March 19, 2014 at 6:15 for orientation and 6:30 for the business meeting at Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller St, Meriden, CT. **GSR'S WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE TO THEIR GROUPS THAT PR IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT.**

Activities Report -- Vicki read the report. Upcoming activities: Learning Day on April 12, 2014 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The format will be speaker jam/chili cookoff. The kickoff meeting for the Poker Run will be held on 3/17/14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. There will be a spiritual hike on 6/1/14 at noon at Hubbard Park and Mini-golf/Bumper Boats/Go-karts is planned for 6/22/14 at 1:00 p.m. Flyers for all these events were distributed at Area. Rose was recommended as the new Chairperson. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2014 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 read the report. Vicki reported that we took a \$186 loss on the Valentine's Dance due to bad weather. The subcommittee fund flowed \$227.00 back into reserves. Receipts in the amount of \$81.42 were turned in for photocopies and flyers made for future events.

Policy Report: Chris gave a verbal report. Chris has not printed out new policies since there will probably be changes in the coming months.

Webservant –Cathy W., Acting Webservant, reported that she mistakenly sent in last year's activities. She has corrected the mistake and will be more careful in the future.

Enders Island Spiritual Retreat Subcommittee: Tony S. read the report. The Treasurer's position is OTF. Tony S. has money from last year's Spiritual Retreat and deposit money is at Ender's Island from last year as well. Next meeting is March 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 150 Prospect St, Wethersfield. **ALL GSR'S SHOULD ANNOUNCE THIS AT YOUR BUSINESS MEETINGS.**

Coming Alive Campout Subcommittee – Leigh B. read the report. She informed us that the Campout will take place on July 25-27, 2014 at Strawberry Park. Lee K. contacted the Campground and was informed that the prices should probably be the same as last year. Leigh B was recommended as the Chairperson for this year's event. The next subcommittee meeting is March 11, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 164 Hanover St, Meriden. **ALL GSR'S SHOULD ANNOUNCE THIS AT YOUR BUSINESS MEETINGS.**

Bill, Chairperson, informed the Ender's Island and the Coming Alive Subcommittees that they are welcome to make presentations at the April 12 Learning Day.

BREAK SUSPENDED

Leigh read the 12 Concepts.

Elections

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

Webservant -- 2 years clean, 1 year of Area service, computer knowledge. This position is OTF for 30 days.

Activities Chairperson – Rose was recommended by the Activities Subcommittee and was voted in at the Area table.

GSR’S – PLEASE ANNOUNCE THESE OPENINGS TO YOUR GROUPS.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regional Budgets: Only 1 out of 24 groups brought back the vote on the Regional Budgets. Alan, Alt RCM, suggested that the GSR’s vote their group’s conscience since these votes are due at the next Regional meeting at the end of March. The GSR’s were informed that they should vote for, against or abstaining on the Regional Budgets. The votes were as follows:

Executive Committee	\$2,685	10-0-3
Regional Delegate & Alt	\$4,950	8-0-5
Webservant	\$1,010	10-0-3
H&I	\$4,860	8-0-5
PR	\$6,730	7-1-5
WSR	\$1,130	10-0-3

Motion 1 Re: DRT: John S. discussed the fact that the Motion stating that no GSR’s and Subcommittees members should be on Drug Replacement Therapy (DRT) passed in good faith in December after being explained by the Policy Chair and then it was challenged and failed in January. He felt that since the motion passed in good faith in December that it should be reinstated. Bill, Chair, stated that the Motion didn’t meet the numbers and therefore did not pass. Chris checked the numbers and realized the error and explained to the group that the motion was null and void. Bill, Chair, stated that the motion will stay as it stands, and therefore there is no change in policy. John S. informed us that the policy change is currently on the website. Chris stated that he will ask Cathy to redact it from the Policy listed on the website.

Area Budgets: Bill D. stated that the only budget his group could vote on was the Executive Committee budget because the rest of them had not been done correctly and did not list line items. Vicki B. stated that Activities had done been done correctly as was H&I’s. Maria admitted that PR’s budget was not done correctly and explained that she is new to the Subcommittee and will fix the budget for the next Area meeting. Only 2 out of 24 groups brought back votes on the Area budgets. According to policy, all the subcommittees will have a \$400 budget until their next year’s budget are submitted and voted on. After much discussion, it was decided that Vicki would make copies of all the subcommittees budgets and have them for the GSR’s at the next Area meeting. Stephanie will put her budget for Literature together and bring 30 copies to the next Area meeting.

Motion #1: John S. made a motion to table the vote on the Area subcommittee budgets for 60 days and it passed 13-0-0.

Motion #2: John S. made a motion that no GSR or Subcommittee member should be on Drug Replacement Therapy.

Bill, Chairperson, said that he thought DRT was too vague a term and open for individual interpretation. Adam thought that this is a subject we should bring back to the groups, and that since World does not have a policy on the subject that our Area should not either. He reminded us that the groups are autonomous and that Area is supported by the groups, not the other way around. AJ informed us that his group, Living Clean Midday, has adopted this policy. Rich, GSR for Young, Clean & Serene, stated that he has witnessed a problem with a GSR are being on DRT. Chris, Policy, thought that since we only had 13 GSR’s left we could not have quorum, and that maybe we should vote on this motion at the beginning of the Area meeting when everyone is present. Libby stated that the only requirement for membership is the desire to stop using and that there should not be second class citizens in NA. Alan informed us that more than half the

GSR's must be present for a quorum and that a 2/3's vote is necessary change policy. Since we had 13 out of 24 groups present, we would be able to vote on this motion. Chris, Policy, agreed that this was correct. Mike M. agreed with Libby and felt that we shouldn't make judgments about others.

Motion failed 5-8-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

AGENDA:

1. **Regional Policy:** Voting on changes to Regional policy will not take place because the GSR's were not given adequate information. Alan, Alt RCM, will ask that this vote be postponed.
2. **Subcommittee Schedules:** Vicki asked who made the last flyer regarding all the Subcommittee's meeting schedules. Pam F. informed her that it was Ana and she said that she would ask her to make an updated one with all the new meeting locations.
3. **New Schedules:** Since there was no Regional meeting last month, Libby will get us the latest schedules at the next Regional meeting this month and have them for next Area.

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

Meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

In loving service,

Pam F.