

## March Area Minutes

Area met on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting started at 7:07pm by chair, Frank A. The 12 traditions were read by Art and the 3<sup>rd</sup> concept was read by all. There were 13 voting members and 6 newcomers present at the table. All introduced themselves.

### **Open Forum:**

1. The treasurer is absent tonight, please give all fund flow checks to Frank A. and he will forward them to Tami-Jo.
2. The Together in Recovery Campout is having multiple events. There will be a Spiritual Breakfast on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm at St. Michael's Parish, located at 25 South St. in Litchfield, CT. There will also be a Sponsor/Sponsee Ziti Fun-Raiser on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 9pm at the Second Congregational Church, located at 800 Main St. in Winsted, CT.

The secretary was absent last month and this month, so Jessica D. read last month's minutes from her notes.

### **Reports:**

**Chair:** Frank tried to get a hold of Clutch (previous secretary) to get all of the secretary supplies, but was having difficulty. She did respond with a text tonight, stating that they would meet some time this week because she is in the process of moving and put the area supplies into storage. More will be revealed on that matter. He has also been reaching out to other addicts about filling the area secretary and treasurer commitments. They will hopefully be filled tonight. All area sub-committees need addict support. You can call or text Frank with any questions or concerns about the Waterbury Area Service Committee. Accepted 13-0-0

**Vice Chair:** Joyce attended the Basketball Shootout meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and all is well on that committee. She picked up the mail. Also went to Region to get insurance for the Basketball Shootout. Wants to remind everyone that when you're having an event, you must have insurance. Your group or committee will be covered under the NA insurance policy. To get insurance, give the RCM the name of the group or committee, date of event and location of event. Accepted 13-0-0

**Treasurer:** Tami-Jo is absent tonight, so Frank read her report. GWSCNA Checking Account: Beginning Balance: \$542.03; Debits: \$171.16 (\$111.16- storage; Chk# 1015 for \$60.00- Watertown Food Bank, sub-committee rent); Deposits: \$0; Ending Balance: \$370.87; GWSCNA Literature: Beginning Balance: \$1957.83; Deposits: \$248.88; Debits: \$1847.11 (Chk# 1005 for \$1739.93- Lit order from NAWS; \$52.18- returned check; \$15.00- fee for returned check); Ending Balance: \$399.60. Tami-Jo still needs a copy of each sub-committee's approved budget for 2013. She also assumes that the \$15.00 fee for the returned check should be the responsibility of the group who wrote the check. Also, the check for \$1739.93 to NAWS has not yet cleared and it was written in early February. Accepted 12-0-1

**RCM:** Beverly reported that there are a few positions OTF. BOD- Alternate Technical Director- 4yrs clean. Work closely with Technical Director for the 1<sup>st</sup> yr and as Tech Dir 2<sup>nd</sup> yr; Public Relations- Vice Chair and Spanish Phone Line Coordinator; WSR- Chair, 2yrs clean and 1 yr service on WSR committee. It was suggested to create a rewards account with Staples to receive points and save money on copies, etc. Beverly put this on the agenda to discuss. The protocol for obtaining insurance certificates is not being followed in the Waterbury Area. Please do not contact the Chair. Put in your requests with the RCM. If Beverly needs to be contacted for insurance certificates, you can email her at beverlyh2172aol.com. Accepted 13-0-0

**H&I:** H&I met on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> with 18 addicts in attendance. MCCA, Carnes Weekes and Help Inc. all need Panel Coordinators. They started going to Trinity Glen on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. A learning day in the near future was also discussed. Region is still looking for yellow card holders. There is also a t-shirt design contest happening. Flyers are out. Next meeting is March 27<sup>th</sup>. Accepted 13-0-0

**PI/PL:** PI/PL met on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> with 6 addicts in attendance. JC and Chris S. attended the healthcare event at Northwestern. They were able to make some contacts for future events. There are several new projects in the works to spread the message, including media contacts and resuming mail outs. Also a project called Opening Doors in GWANA, which will be devoted to getting public interest in NA in outlying towns, and will include poster drives and media connections. They would also like to begin updating and re-orienting their volunteer lists. They could use a lot of addict support. Accepted 12-0-1

**Literature:** Debbie is absent. She said that she has to work on issues pertaining to her sub-committee. There will be no literature meeting this month (March) due to scheduling issues at the normal meeting place (Thomaston Savings Bank). This issue has been put on the agenda.

**Policy:** Derek has been inquiring about a place to hold the sub-committee meetings. He has, however, been able to establish that the meeting will take place sometime during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April, and he will submit his policy budget at that time. He has been reviewing all the policy books and paperwork. If anyone is interested in helping out with this sub-committee, please contact Derek P. at 203-528-8828. Accepted 13-0-0

**Campout:** The chair, Tina M. was absent, so Eliza L. gave the report. There was no campout meeting held in February because the key was unable to be picked up. Clean-up, Electric, Coffee, Registration and Fun-Raising Chairs are OTF. They have planned three fun-raisers: March 16<sup>th</sup>- Spiritual Breakfast, 9am-1pm at St. Michael's Parish in Litchfield; April 16<sup>th</sup>- Sponsor/Sponsee ziti dinner, 5pm-9pm at 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church in Winsted; May 5<sup>th</sup>- Cinco De Mayo picnic, more will be revealed. Next campout meeting will be on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Accepted 14-0-0

**Basketball Shootout:** The deposit for the DJ at the shootout was made and a check for the recreation center will be made at the end of the month. Registration forms for teams along with waiver info are all set. There were dance flyers made to go out to groups. A new logo for t-shirts was voted on and approved with Refuse on back. Policy chair and secretary are OTF. As the shootout gets closer, the committee will meet more than once this month. The chair will contact committee members with dates and times.

Accepted 14-0-0

**Web Liaison:** There have been no emails since October. The area email inbox is a great tool to spread information and Jono asks that we utilize this effective pipeline. Also, if you find any meetings in the schedule or online that is incorrect, please email Jono and he will forward the info to the RCM. If you have any questions regarding how to effectively use the email inbox, don't hesitate to contact him: 860-274-8846, [gwana@ctna.org](mailto:gwana@ctna.org).

Accepted 14-0-0

### **Elections:**

Secretary: Kelly K. was nominated by John N. She accepted and qualified. A motion was made to waive the clean time requirement and she was voted in.

Treasurer: OTF- Active for at least 1 year in the NA service structure; strongly suggested having 2 years clean.

**Old Business:** N/A

Next Area Service Committee Meeting will be April 8, 2013.

Key pickup: Todd D.

Mail pickup: Joyce R.

### **BREAK**

### **New Business/Agenda:**

1. The Ladder to Recovery group needs to change their location of the meeting because of insurance issues with the church. Do they need to get fliers approved by area? No, the fliers just need to have to contact numbers and the NA logo. Once a new meeting place is secured, they will make fliers to be passed around.
2. Jessica D. did research and made a list of meetings on the schedule and website that don't match up. She announced which meetings she found and made changes. She will email the necessary changes to Jono.
3. Bev. said that Region brought up using a rewards system from Staples. If we do all of our copying and printing there we can earn rewards points to save money. The Waterbury Area will not be doing it because if everyone is told to use Staples, it becomes an endorsement and that is against our traditions.

4. Bev. stated that she has been trying to get literature for quite some time but it's been difficult, especially since there was no literature meeting last month and there won't be one this month either. Orders are also being lost and not filled for months. The chair said that a literature order to World to replenish the area supply was just put in the previous week. He also said that he and the vice chair will try and get in contact with the literature chair to ask if she needs help with the commitment or if she wants to relinquish her commitment.

John N. made a motion to extend the meeting 10 minutes. Eliza L. seconded the motion.  
Accepted 6-3-0

5. The More Good Times Ahead group wants the \$62.63 reimbursed from a literature order that they placed because they placed the order back in October and they have yet to receive it. John N. made a motion for the treasurer to reimburse the money. The motion was seconded by Craig S. Accepted 13-0-1

**Group Reports:** Read and accepted 14-0-0

**Fund Flow:**

It Works: How and Why- \$94.41

Recovery Women- \$80.00

Meeting closed at 9:12pm with circle and serenity prayer.

In Loving Service,

Kelly K.