

## **February Area Minutes**

Area met on Monday February 10th. It was opened at 7:06pm by chair, Frank A. with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Christi H. and the 2nd Concept was read by all. There were 18 voting members and 3 newcomers present at the area table. All introduced themselves.

### **Open Forum:**

- Cris S. asked for the PI/PL sheets that he handed out last month. He hopes that new people signed up to do 12 step calls.
- Louise wants to distribute a list of the people that attend area, so people can contact others.
- Feb. 23rd Miracles Happen is celebrating their 31st anniversary. Starting at 6pm. Food, fun and fellowship.
- Derek announced that the Just For Tonight group will be having their 21st anniversary on March 7th at the Union Congregational Church on Buckingham St. starting at 6pm.
- Derek announced that the Sunday meeting, When at the End of the Road will be celebrating 24 years on Sunday, Feb. 23rd starting at 6pm.
- March 8th in Woodbury, there will be a workshop on the CAR Report starting at 11am.
- Derek announced that he attended a CAR Report workshop in another area and found that all GSR's are required to attend a CAR Report workshop.
- The convention kick-off meeting will be held on Feb. 16th at 1pm at St. George's Episcopal Church, 755 Clinton Ave. in Bridgeport, CT.

The Secretary read last month's minutes. Accepted 18-0-0

### **Reports:**

- Chair: (Verbal) Frank announced that he does not have a report because his computer is having issues, and he was not able to pick up the mail either. Frank asks that if anyone wants him to visit a subcommittee to just ask him and he will attend.
- Vice Chair: Joyce attended the last Basketball Shootout meeting and picked up the key for the area meeting. She has nothing else to report. Accepted 18-0-0

- Treasurer: The GWANA ASC account started with a balance of \$1390.17. There was \$189.28 in credits and \$925.26 in debits. There was a \$25 fee for the stop payment on the check for the PI/PL phone upgrade. A new check was issued. The ASC ending balance was \$654.19. The Literature account started with \$609.60. There was a total of \$508.43 in deposits and no debits for this month. There was an ending balance of \$1118.03. John is still looking into the check that was bounced for a literature order. He is also working on a spread sheet for fund flows from this area's groups. Accepted 17-0-1
- RCM: Last met on Jan. 18th. There are a few things out to the areas for 60 days, including the regional budgets and regional policy changes. There was discussion based on a Hartford H&I member's desire to exclude all members who are on any medication, including prescription drugs, from serving. There is a scheduled workshop in Woodbury on the CAR Report on March 8th at 11am. The next RSC meeting will be on Feb. 15th in Roger's Lake Clubhouse, 75 Rogers Lake Trail in Old Lyme. Accepted 18-0-0
- H&I: 15 addicts in attendance. They discussed the H&I budget and Todd is submitting it for approval. The Panel Coordinator at MCCA has to step down, and another addict has volunteered to fill in for a short time. They are looking for some addict support to fill some openings at a few different facilities. Trinity Glen and Carnes Weekes need a panel coordinator and MCCA needs a panel coordinator and a panel leader. The next meeting will be February 26th. Accepted 18-0-0
- PR/PL: Last met at 7:30pm on Jan 16th with 7 addicts in attendance. They went over the upcoming events including the presentation at Northwestern. They will be doing a mail out to government institutions. The new phone is operational and being set up. The problem was not the phone itself, but the outlet that it was being charged in. The new phonenumber is: 203-206-3678. The next meeting will be Match 20th at 7:30pm. Accepted 15-0-3
- Literature: Last met on January 16th at the Thomaston Savings Bank in Harwinton. Due to flooding at the TSB in Terryville, they will not be able to meet there for the next few months. The subcommittee meeting will be held at the Harwinton Thomaston Savings Bank until further notice. They are holding small workshops each month to go over each tradition for the new traditions workbook. The new order forms with the price increases are not yet available. In the meantime, we are to refer to the price increase forms that are available. Accepted 16-1-1
- Policy: Last met on January 16th with 3 addicts in attendance. No changes were made. The Policy budget has been submitted for approval. The next Policy meeting will be March 20th at the First Lutheran Church at the corner of Cooke and Grove in Waterbury. Accepted 18-0-0

- Campout: The fund raising chair does not have a report, but said that there were 6 addicts at the last meeting and they were able to vote in a registration chair. The last fund raiser was a success, but the exact numbers are unknown at this time. There are plans in the making for a St. Patrick's Day fund raiser. There are still a lot of commitments OTF, they could use a lot of support.
- Basketball Shootout: Last met on February 8th. Flyers went out for the basketball shootout event on April 26th and 27th. Glenn mentioned that the subcommittee needs more support. Registration chair and policy chair are OTF. The next basketball shootout meeting will be March 1st at 7pm at 88 Cooke St. Accepted 18-0-0
- Web Servant: In January, we received three messages. One was a request for a flyer posting, which was the second time it was requested. The regional web servant lost the original request and Billy had to resend it. The flyer was never posted but the activity was put on the calendar. The second was a test message. The third was a request from the area secretary to post the minutes. The email address link on the site is now valid. It is: [gwa@ctna.org](mailto:gwa@ctna.org). It was requested to please use this email address in the future. The Regional Web Servant took two weeks to respond and post our meeting minutes. If any groups would like to post something on the website, please send it as early as possible. Accepted 18-0-0

### **Elections:**

- Board of Directors: 3yr clean time, 3yr commitment. Must have prior experience at an area level. Must be familiar with budgets. Have a willingness to serve. Just an FYI: your full name will be posted if you serve on this position.-- No volunteers or nominations. OTF for 6 months in the Waterbury area and then will go out to all areas.
- Secretary: Kelly K. was nominated for a second term. She accepted and re-qualified. Accepted unanimously

### **Old Business:**

- Derek announced that the drug replacement therapy motion is out of order because area cannot dictate what each group does for their commitments. Each group is autonomous. GSR's are to clarify at their meetings that area motions can be voted on by anyone, it does not matter how many business meetings someone has attended. It is still one addict, one vote, but people can choose which meeting they want to vote at.-- One addict said that this issue/motion was a great learning experience, but it still breaks tradition. However, this issue/motion created more awareness on this issue, causing some meetings to change their policies. There is a bulletin called "NA Groups & Medication" that discusses both sides of the

issue. It also discusses that NA is not a hierarchy. Our primary purpose is to help the newcomer.

Motion to extend the meeting for 30 minutes. Accepted 13-0-3

Joyce said that we should just vote on this matter and get it over with. Derek said that he learned that this motion should have been called out of order when it was first brought to the table, before it reached the next step. John S. stated that the area needs to meet quorum for any motions for policy change and then needs 2/3 to pass. Derek also announced that if the area does not meet the quorum, then the motion is null and void. It was also stated that "GSR's serve a dual role. As our fellowship's Second Concept for Service indicates, GSR's take part on their group's behalf in the area committee and the regional assembly, conveying a sense of their group's wishes to the service structure and bringing back information on what's happening in the larger world of NA. Yet our Twelve Concepts also suggest that GSR's are delegated the authority to serve in their own right as ASC and regional assembly participants, exercising their own conscience and best judgement in the best interests of NA as a whole... Qualifications and terms of service for GSR's are determined by the groups, which elect them."

- Campout Budget: The campout budget was brought back to groups to be voted on. Motion: To pass a budget to hold a successful campout. Intent: To be financially responsible. Made by: Eliza L. and seconded by Todd D. Accepted 16-0-1

**Key Pick-up:** Peggy

**Mail Pick-up:** Frank

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

- H&I budget: The chair Todd D. brought the proposed H&I budget to the area table to be brought back to groups to be voted on.
- What should be done with the old area printer?-- It was decided to recycle the printer. Accepted 15-0-2
- RCM Budget: Louise brought the proposed budget for Region to be brought back to groups to be voted on.
- Policy Budget: Derek brought a proposed policy budget to area to be brought back to groups to be voted on.

- Glenn S. created a motion to make the ad hoc marathon committee permanent. Motion: To make the ad hoc marathon committee a standing body. Aside for just holidays, it's duties could gradually be expanded to include those of events and activities subcommittee. Intent: To have a standing subcommittee to put on marathons, help with area event notifications as they come up and help with coordination. Made by JC (PR/PL Chair), seconded by Glenn S. (Unity group GSR). Accepted 15-0-0

Motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Accepted 6-5-0

- New England Zonal Forum: Steve C. made a motion to table this issue back to the groups. Seconded by John S. Accepted 10-2-1

Motion to close, seconded. The meeting closed at 9:40pm with a circle and the serenity prayer.