

March Area Minutes

Area met on Monday, March 10th. It was opened at 7:05pm by Todd D. who was filling in for Frank and Joyce, with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Christi H. and the 3rd Concept was read by all. There were 15 voting members and 5 newcomers present at the area table. All introduced themselves.

Open Forum:

- Chris asked for the sign-up sheets for people to do 12 step calls for PI/PL. He also printed out a sheet for all the meetings in the Greater Waterbury Area.
- Progressive Recovery is having their 30th anniversary party on Thursday, March 27th from 7pm to 9:30pm at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 220 Prospect St. in Torrington, CT. There will be two speakers, food, fun and fellowship. Bring a dish and a friend!
- Regional H&I is having a t-shirt logo design contest. The shirts will be sold at the pig roast and other functions. Designs must be submitted no later than April 1st.

The Secretary read last month's minutes. Accepted 15-0-0

Reports:

- Chair: Frank picked up the mail on Saturday. He has nothing else to report. Accepted 15-0-0
- Vice Chair: (Verbal) Joyce attended the basketball shootout meeting and the CT Convention kick-off meeting. She announced that she is now the Arts and Graphics Chair of the convention and encourages people to participate. There will be a meeting the 1st Wednesday of every month at the North End Rec. center in Waterbury at 6pm.
- Treasurer: The GWANA ASC account started with \$654.19. There was \$503.67 in credits this month (\$453.67 were fund flows and \$50 for the voided PI/PL phone upgrade check). There was \$214.34 in debits, leaving an ending balance of \$943.52. We did not fund flow to region because we were below prudent reserve. The literature account had no activity this month, leaving at balance of \$1118.03. John says he is working on a spread sheet for fund flows from groups in the Greater Waterbury Area to help us be more accountable on the group level and to see which groups are fund flowing. He will try to have this available by the next area meeting. Accepted 15-0-0

- RCM: RSC did not meet in February due to bad weather. Louise followed up with Regional web servant on ASC web servant's question regarding the time it takes to post something on the website. She responded saying that she has been behind with the website, but usually it only takes a few days. Louise also worked with the Regional Delegate to arrange and set up for a CAR report workshop held at the North Congregational Church in Woodbury, and she did attend that workshop on March 8th. She explained the different motions that are out for the CAR report and if we want more details on the CAR report and motions, there is a website we can go to: www.na.org/?ID=conference-index. Louise couldn't give much detail on the CAR report, so Chris S. explained that it's something that comes down from World every two years, and it gives us a chance to be a part of what goes on on a World level. The next RSC meeting will be at 2pm on Saturday, March 15th at Rogers Lake Clubhouse, 75 Rogers Lake Trail in Old Lyme. Accepted 11-0-4
- H&I: There were 14 addicts at the last meeting. They are looking for some addict support to fill their openings at a few different facilities. MCCA needs a panel coordinator and a panel leader. They also discussed taking on another facility, but it was group conscience that they don't have enough support at this time. Regional H&I is having a t-shirt logo design contest, Todd brought flyers to bring back to groups. They are doing an adhoc for an H&I appreciation day, more to be revealed later. They are also looking to have a common orientation for all areas so they can keep the process the same for people speaking/serving in different areas. The next H&I meeting will be March 26th. Accepted 15-0-0
- PI/PL: Last met on Feb. 19th with 3 addicts in attendance. They discussed ways to have a greater draw to attract the general passer by's. They went over past budgets, updated changes and have submitted their '14-'15 budget to bring back to groups to be voted on. They discussed having a member contact various media outlets to carry our PSA's, which is going well. They had to postpone their mailouts until their next literature order comes in. With spring coming, they will be beginning their poster drives again and are in need of volunteer drivers in addition to member support to get the posters spread out. PI/PL really needs support to spread the word that we exist and can help. They are updating their lists for 12 step volunteers, phonline volunteers and presentation volunteers, as well as general members. They have also begun discussion on adding to their orientation materials and handouts. The next PI/PL meeting will be March 19th at 7:30pm. Accepted 14-0-1
- Literature: Last met on Feb. 20th at Jessica D.'s home due to conflicts in obtaining the TSB in Harwinton which they are hoping will be their temporary meeting place while the Terryville branch recovers from flood damage. All committee members from the previous month were informed and a sign was hung at the bank for anyone that was unaware of the change. The committee members will be setting up a date to hold a stock inventory in the coming

month. They held their second group workshop on Tradition 2 for the Traditions Workbook Project. Their next meeting will focus on Tradition 3. The new GWANA Literature order forms with the price increases are now available. They can be obtained at the literature subcommittee meeting. They are asking to be reimbursed \$8.40 for the copies made of the order forms. GSR's are asked to announce that according to policy, the literature orders must be submitted at the literature subcommittee meeting on the third Thursday of every month, and then can be picked up by the GSR's at the next area committee meeting or at the next literature subcommittee meeting. Literature will meeting next on March 20th at the TSB in Harwinton at 7pm. Accepted 15-0-0

- Policy: Derek said that he purchased ink for his printer so he could continue making copies of his report. He asked to be reimbursed for his purchase. The policy subcommittee will be meeting at 6pm on March 20th at the First Lutheran Church, 88 Cooke St. in Waterbury, CT. The secretary commitment is OTF. Accepted 14-0-1
- Campout: (Verbal) Met Monday, Feb. 17th. They were able to fill one commitment at that meeting. There are still plenty of commitments OTF and they urge people to get involved. There are 2 flyers representing fun-raisers that are coming up. The next meeting will be Monday, March 17th at 7pm at the TSB in Harwinton.
- Basketball Shootout: Glenn W. went to area and spoke with the RCM to remind her to get the insurance for the Basketball Shootout for the 2 days. Policy chair is still OTF. Their next meetings will be April 5th and 19th. Accepted 15-0-1
- Web Servant: We received two messages from area members in the month of February. One was from the Regional Web Servant stating that our January minutes were posted, and the other was from the GWA secretary sending the February minutes. He sent a message to the Regional Web Servant on March 5th asking to post the minutes, but he has not received a response. He reminded us that the email address link is now valid: gwa@ctna.org. Accepted 15-0-0

Elections:

- Board of Directors: 3yr clean time, 3yr commitment. Must have prior experience at an area level. Must be familiar with budgets and motions and have a willingness to serve. Just an FYI: your full name will be posted if you serve on this position.--No volunteers or nominations. It will continue to be OTF for the Waterbury Area and then will go out to all areas.

Key Pick-up: Peggy

Mail Pick-up: Joyce R.

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Old Business:

- H&I Budget: The proposed H&I budget was brought back to groups and voted on. Accepted 15-0-0
- Policy Budget: The proposed policy budget was brought back to groups and voted on. Accepted 15-0-0
- RCM Budgets: Executive Committee- Accepted 14-0-1; RD and RD Alt.- Accepted 14-0-1; Web Servant- Accepted 13-0-2; H&I- Accepted 14-0-1; Public Relations- Accepted 11-1-3; WSR- Accepted 13-0-2

Motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes. Accepted 11-2-2

- New England Zonal Forum: There were a set of questions given out to bring back to areas and possibly groups to help with the direction that the forum is going. Any input that was given by the groups will be handed into the RCM to bring back to Region.

New Business/Agenda:

- What is the area quarem? Derek stated that the area quarem is 2/3 of groups present. If a group is not represented for 2 consecutive months then that group will be contacted. Quarem can be the number of active groups in the ASC. If a group has not attended in a certain number of months, then they will be taken off the active list. Peggy made a motion to table this issue until next month and was seconded by Steve C.
- Discussion of miscellaneous policy issues: Derek wanted to state that he cannot find in policy where it states that verbal reports do not have to be voted on.

Group Reports:

- All group reports were handed in to the secretary.

Fund Flow:

- Just For Tonight: \$348.24
- Progressive Recovery: \$25.00
- Together We Can: \$45.00

- Steps to a New Beginning: \$100.00

Motion was made to close and seconded. The meeting closed at 9:17pm with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

In Loving Service, Kelly K.