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Open: 7:00 the meeting opened with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and the Service Prayer were read.

Mail: NAWS news

Roll Call: 21 of 27 groups present, Retreat absent

Service Orientation: Section IV, Part B Trusted Servants, #4 Treasurer Requirements

Open Forum:

- **Jason (Chair)** – Just so the entire body is aware the terms for the ASC Chair, ASC Vice Chair, ASC Secretary, RCM, and Lit Chair are up in September which means we will be nominating people for these positions at the next ASC meeting (August) to take on commitments in September.
- **Adam (In Loving Service)** – At the last ASC meeting there were some people in the room whom continued to make motions to close before our business was complete. I find that it is disrespectful seeing that we are all here to serve our groups.
- Discussion also included one of the issues which had been brought forth last month regarding filling literature for groups outside the MSUA. **Jason (Chair)** – Confirmed that this will be addressed in the Literature report. **Gene (Treasurer)** - If you look at the Budget Recaps section of the Treasurer report the Shipping cost is in fact taking money from our account which directly affects our area. **Jason (Chair)** – Read the Literature responsibilities which states; *'This area's literature are this committee's first priority. Regional needs are second priority and World needs are third priority'* (pg. 13, Part V section C #4). **Brian** – Convenience and accessibility will have to be extremely robust to supply other areas. The tone of the situation which occurred last month sounded as though it were an emergent situation. This area lit subcommittee needs to serve the needs of the groups within it. If this is the precedence that is set, this area will become taxed for its need and its lit supply. **Jason (Chair)** – This would be a good reason for the subcommittees to attend the policy adhoc. **Rik (P.R.)** – Does the World/ Regional needs encompass the needs of the other groups? **Jason (Chair)** – Yes, this region includes 9 areas. **Al (Alt RCM)** – What is our priority then? **Gene (Treasurer)** – The budget is not forecasted to supply other meetings outside of the area with shipping cost. **Michael (Lit Chair)** – The reason this was done was for no other reason than accessibility and convenience. The area for which the lit was ordered last month is stable. This was the only occurrence, I apologize. The shipping budget line item is over because the job is being done correctly. **Jason (Chair)** – This should be addressed in the upcoming budget proposal.

Reports

Secretary minutes – **Jose (Miracles)** – Did not receive minutes from June ASC meeting. This will be rectified. Motion to accept minutes made by **Rodney (Saturday Night Sanity)**, 2nd by **Nikole (Basically Lit)**.
Minutes accepted 19-0-0

Treasurer report – Gene gave verbal/written report. **Adam (In Loving Service)** – Wasn't Literature supposed to review line items and return this month with possible resolution to the negative figure (\$13.11) from the receipt books line item? **Gene (Treasurer)** – It may have been a misunderstanding because I had taken care of it by moving some budget items around to get rid of the negative balance. **Michael (Lit Chair)** – Gene did a great job it looks perfect. Motion to accept treasurer's report made by **Karlene (New Freedom)**, 2nd by **Nikole (Basically Lit)**.
Treasurer's Report accepted 17-0-2

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RCM – Donna gave written/ verbal report. Regional minutes can be accessed at **CTNA.org**
Alternate Webservant OTF

H&I – Eve gave written /verbal report. H&I meets the first Monday of every month at First United Methodist Church located at 24 Old Church St. New member orientation begins at 6:30 followed by the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting at 7:00.

Literature – Michael gave written/verbal report. **Leonard (New Perspectives)** – Are we going to be receiving the July 2012 updated schedules? The schedules that we have are out of date (Feb 2012). However, if we were to order them today we wouldn't receive them until after the next RSC meeting, correct? **Donna (RCM)** – There are many changes that happen for groups on the regional schedule, they are happening all the time. The most accurate information regarding meeting changes can be found on the web. **Gene (Treasurer)** – Per policy; *'The Literature committee will be reimbursed for replacing outdated schedules with current printings'* (pg. 13, part V Subcommittee Policies part C Literature #11). **Brian** - We'll have to work with what we have on hand considering we have to wait to receive new schedules, they should be ordered tonight. **Adam (In Loving Service)** – We should use the schedules in stock to fill orders until we receive July 2012 Regional schedules. **Jason (Chair)** – That would make sense, last year we threw away 100's of schedules. **Lois (After the Weekend)** – If the policy says we should only be distributing up to date schedules, than that is what we should do. **Jose (Miracles)** – There are many of updates and closings to meetings in the region and not everyone has web access. **Walt (Stepping into the Weekend)** – Stepping into the Weekend is updated on the web yet not in the regional schedule. **Donna (RCM)** – If they are correct on the web they will make it into the schedule the changes have not made it into the printing phase yet. **Jason (Chair)** – Can anyone contact the Webservant, or does it have to go through the RCM? **Donna (RCM)** – Changes need to be made through the RCM. **Al (Alt RCM)** – Anyone can make changes through the World website. **Jason (Chair)** – Lit report will change based on changes with schedules will be effective next month. MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome. **Lit Sec OTF**

Public Relations – Rik gave written/verbal report. Facilities such as Rushford and Merritt Hall are looking for our subcommittee to have a presentation. **Al (Alt RCM)** – Does anyone from your subcommittee have any experience with giving a presentation at a facility? **Donna (RCM)** – Suggested to attend region and ask for assistance there. **Rik (P.R.)** – I intended on asking someone at the regional level. **Karlene (New Freedom)** – I know when I first began serving PI/PL it was suggested to me to sit in on a presentation at the Meriden Rushford. **Mary (Serenity Check)** – I have some experience with giving presentations at facilities. I had a packet which assisted as a guide through giving a presentation. I may be able to help. **Adam (In Loving Service)** – I may have a PI/PL orientation packet at home. **Jose (Miracles)** – Is it Central or Midstate that serves the facilities in our area. **Eve (H&I)** – Both Central and Midstate serve those facilities. **Jason (Chair)** – Don't P.R and H & I do this presentation together? Meets on the 4th Sunday of every month at Holy Trinity, 381 Main St. 5:00pm is new member orientation followed by the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting. Will be a poster drive in June, see events page for more details. **Spanish phone coordinator OTF**

Activities – Kris gave written/verbal report. The shipment of fundraiser T-shirts are in, they will be sold for \$10 a shirt. T-shirts will be sold at events, subcommittee, and ASC meetings only, not at regularly scheduled meetings. The adhoc for the MSUA 25th Anniversary celebration meets at Trinity Episcopal Church directly following the "In Loving Service" group that meets on Wednesdays from 7p-8p. Activities

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meets the last Tuesday of every month directly following the Over the Wall group in Portland located on the corner of Church on Main St.

Retreat – Retreat absent. No report available.

Policy Adhoc - **Marc (Adhoc Chair)** – Handed out inserts for current policy last month, if you were not here please see me at the break and I will hand out the inserts of policy revisions.. Both pages 1 and 2 of current policy and proposed policy were distributed to Gsrs. Changes, additions, and deletions will be distributed in this manner to allow for a clear concise, visual point of reference. The Policy Adhoc meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. All are welcome. Also the Subcommittee portion of the Policy will be reviewed, it is suggested that Subcommittee chairs attend the adhoc.

Group Reports: 22 Of 27 present

A New Awakening-Absent	Off the Hook Freedom Book-Absent
After Lunch Bunch- Absent	Saturday Night Sanity-Rodney-AIW
After the Weekend –Lois- Alt Gsr, EVENT	Serenity Check –Mary-AIW
All About Change-Matt S.- Addict Support, EVENT	Stepping Free –Mike J.- EVENT
Basically Lit –Nikole- Alt Gsr OTF, EVENT	Stepping Into the Weekend –Jerome-AIW
Came To Believe –Gary - AIW	Stepping Thru it All – Absent
Coming Alive-Greg- EVENT	Stepping Up – Toby-AIW
In Loving Service- Adam- Alt Gsr OTF	Straight Lace –Valerie -AIW
Miracles –Jose- Addict Support, EVENT	Surrender to Win-Mary- Addict Support Gsr, Alt Gsr OTF
New Freedom –Karlene-AIW	The Other 23- Mike A- Addict Support
New Perspectives –Leonard- Alt Gsr OTF, EVENT	Uncover to Recover -Absent
No Bull in Durham- Absent	Where We are Going –Absent
No Joke on oak – Van- Alt Gsr OTF	Whole Lava Love – Greg- AIW
Over the wall- Dave- AIW	

Elections: Denise recommended for Retreat Chair position from within subcommittee. Jason read qualifications for Subcommittee Chair. Denise was nominated qualified. Questions and discussion opened up. **AI (Alt RCM)** – Asked if it would be possible to bring report including financials to area every month? **Denise-** That will not be a problem. **Leonard (New Perspectives)** – As Retreat Chair will you stay for the entire ASC meeting, because it seems as though Retreat leaves after their report is given? **Denise-** If that is what I am supposed to do then that is what I will do. **Jason (Chair)** – Per policy all subcommittee chairs are required to attend every ASC meeting. **Denise voted in as Retreat Chair.** Congratulations Denise!

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Adam (In Loving Service) – Can you please read all the requirements for the positions that will be OTF as of next month. **Jason (Chair)** – Read the requirements for ASC Chair, ASC Vice Chair, and ASC Secretary which can be found on pg 6 Part IV Trusted Servants Section B Executive Committee numbers 1, 2, & 3: RCM pg 7 number 5 and Lit Chair pg 8 under Subcommittee Chairs. **Adam (In Loving Service)** – RCM would still need to attend the RSC meeting in August as position will not fully turn over until September of 2012.

Break- Break for 10 minutes

Opened 2nd half with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer

2nd Roll Call: 21 out of 27 groups present, Retreat absent

Old business:

Also; most of the start dates have been given for the groups only a few left, then we will have a complete group registry...Let's try to fill in the blanks. Thanks for your help!

GROUP NAME	START DATE	GROUP NAME	START DATE
A New Awakening	10/2004	Over the Wall	2/1986
After Lunch Bunch		Off the Hook	9/2009
After the Weekend	2/1995	Saturday Night Sanity	10/1987
All About Change	9/1993	Serenity Check	1/2008
Basically Lit	7/2008	Stepping Free	8/2006
Came to Believe		Stepping into the Weekend	11/2003
Coming Alive	8/2008	Stepping Thru it All	11/1990
In Loving Service	5/2012	Stepping Up	
Miracles	7/1986	Straight Lace	10/1984
New Freedom	4/1985	Surrender to Win	4/1990
New Perspectives	7/2002	The Other 23	3/2010
No Bull in Durham	4/2007	Uncover to Recover	1/2007
No Joke on Oak	7/2008	Where We are Going	4/2007
		Whole Lava Love	11/2005

Regional Motion: Motion made by **Roberta T. (GNHA)**, 2nd by **Donna H. (MSUA)** to form a Regional Activities Subcommittee. **Intent:** To coordinate activities and ideas between activity committee chairs for entire region. Questions arose regarding purpose of motion.

Motion Passes 14-3-1.

New business:

Motion 1: Motion made by **Michael (Lit Chair)** 2nd by **Karlene (New Freedom)** to increase shipping line item to \$140. **Intent:** To cover shipping cost for the rest of the year. Discussion regarding motion was opened. **AI (Alt RCM)** – Is this an outright increase or a change among line items? **Michael (Lit Chair)** – This motion is

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requesting an outright increase. **Leonard (New Perspectives)** – The original budget allotted for \$250, correct? **Michael (Lit Chair)** - Yes the line item allotted for \$250.00 for shipping at this point in time the remaining balance is \$25.66 which does not include shipping cost for this month. **Adam (In Loving Service)** – In the last six months you've spent almost \$250 will \$140 be enough to cover shipping expenses until the new budget proposals? **Michael (Lit Chair)** - I just placed a large order which should hold us until September, than we will access monies in budget until the new budget. **Dave (Over the Wall)** – Why not just ask for an even \$200 to avoid this situation again? **Jason (Chair)** – Because any amount over \$150 has to be brought back to groups for a vote. **Brian** – With an increase in the shipping line item we will have to recalculate the prudent reserve. Money which is above the budget will sit and not move through the service structure so we should be prudent when increasing budget line items. **Leonard (New Perspectives)** – The prudent reserve will increase? **Marc (Vice Chair)** – Yes, by \$140 which will end up being \$11.67 in the account considering we have 1/12 of all budgets in the account. Motion called to a vote. **Motion passes 15-0-2**

Motion 2: Motion made by **Kris (Activities Chair)** 2nd by **Mike A. (The Other 23)** to increase rent line item in Activities budget from \$250 to \$300 (a total of \$50). **Intent:** To cover cost accrued with back rent for 25th Anniversary adhoc meetings. Discussion opened up regarding motion on the floor. **AI (Alt RCM)** – If we increase these line items, this means the budget will increase then need to be decreased in the next budget. **Kris (Activities)** – The Activities rent budget was originally \$250 we paid back rent and now we do not have the funds to pay for the 25th Anniversary adhoc to meet. No further discussion. Motion called to a vote. **Motion passes 17-0-0**

AI (Alt RCM) – As far as the ASC Chair and Vice Chair positions are concerned, is there an amount of time that one should serve? **Adam (In Loving Service)** – No more than two consecutive terms. **AI (Alt RCM)** – Is it mandatory for either one of those positions to be the co-signer on the account? What if they are in check systems? Is that a valid question to ask someone who is nominated for the position? **Marc (Vice Chair)** - That is a valid question.

Gene (Treasurer) – We are asking to raise line item amounts, yet I am noticing that there are many subcommittees who have not used any of the budgeted monies set aside for a specific agenda. I have not been receiving any receipts. This increases the prudent reserve. **Donna (RCM)** – In my case I usually make copies at home. However, when there is someone else serving in this position they may need to go to Staples or Kinkos, in that case they would utilize the money in the budget as necessary. **Jason (Chair)** – Just to remind everyone that the budget is only a numerical figure, we only keep 1/12 of the entire budgets in the account.

Brian- It seems as though the attendance at the ASC this month is pretty low. Are we keeping track of attendance? **Stacy (Secretary)** – It is well documented.

****NEXT MONTH (AUGUST) WE WILL BE MEETING AT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN PORTLAND ON THE CORNER OF CHURCH AND MAIN (same location as "Over the Wall" which meets on Tuesdays). Do not forget... we will see you there!!**

****Also, the Policy Adhoc will be meeting on July 29, 2012 @ 4p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. We are beginning to revise portions of the policy which are affiliated with the Subcommittees as well as Subcommittee Chair positions. All are Welcome. The Adhoc will not be meeting on August 5, 2012.**

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Upcoming Events

Miracles on Oak will be celebrating its **26th Year Anniversary** on **July 23, 2012** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (47 Oak St.) Middletown. Food, fun, fellowship will begin at 6p.m. followed by a speaker meeting from 7p.m. till 8:15. Come help celebrate!

No Joke on Oak is having their **4th Anniversary** celebration on **Thursday, July 26th** on 47 Oak St. Food, fun, and fellowship will begin at 5:30-6:00, followed by a basket topic meeting. Come join us!

Basically Lit will be celebrating its **4 Year Anniversary** on **July 28, 2012** with a food and a dance. Celebration will begin at 3pm and goes till 12am. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. (Just a note: flyer states incorrect amount of \$7, sorry about the mistake). More will be revealed.

Sunday **August 19th** the **Activities Subcommittee** will be hosting the **Grand Slam Picnic** and Wiffle Ball Tournament from 11am to 5pm at Vet's Memorial Park in Middletown. ***This event will help fund the MSUA's 25 Year Anniversary Celebration.*** Come join us for a great time!!

All About Change group of NA is hosting their **2nd Annual Speaker Jam** on **August 19th** from 2p to 7pm at Watrous Park in Cromwell. All are welcome!! There are playground and grills available on park grounds. Food donations are welcome!

Stepping Free will be celebrating its **6th Year Anniversary** on Monday **August 20, 2012** in Higganum on the corner of Rte. 81 and Little City Rd. Food, fun, and fellowship will begin at 6:30p to 8:00p, followed by a meeting with a special format. Come have some fun!

1st Annual Speaker Jam will be held on **August 25th** from 12p-6p at Veteran's Memorial Park (Walnut Grove Rd.) in Middletown. Bring a chair, donations accepted..Come on out!!

Coming Alive will be celebrating their **4 Year Anniversary** with an **Ice Cream Social** from **6:30p-8:30p** on **August 27th**. Come join us for some fun and ice cream.

September 8,2012 the **After the Weekend** group will be hosting their 'After the Summer Extravaganza' at Sears Park in East Hampton...stay tuned.

MSUA has a brand new meeting....

"In Loving Service" meets on **Wednesdays** from **7p-8p** at **Trinity Episcopal Church** (Brownstone) in Portland. This meeting's format rotates each week and is primarily based on Service in NA. Come show support!

