

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for Dec 10, 2012

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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: Bank Statements, Retreat, NAWay Magazines, and GHANA Marathon flyers

Roll Call: 17 of 25 groups present

Service Orientation: Section V, Subcommittee Policies, Part A. Activities

Open Forum:

- **Kris (Activities)** – I want to apologize for the lack of notice the groups had prior to the Thanksgiving marathon meetings. If at all possible please give me your phone number or email so this does not happen again for the upcoming holiday marathon meetings.
- **Kalvin (Coming Alive)** – I would like to know if I can audio record during the meeting? Discussion occurred. Straw Poll was taken. Unanimous support.
- **Toby (Stepping Up)** – I have spoken to the pastor where Miracles meets and he was recently informed of what NA is. He wants to both increase the rent as well as have some kind of contract with us. He also was inquiring whether the groups who meet there now are able to merge. Discussion started regarding this issue. It was recommended that the trusted servants of these groups as well as Public Relations should meet with the Pastor to better inform him of our purpose.

Reports

Secretary minutes – Three amendments to last month's minutes.

- 1.) Motion # 2 in New Business should have been tabled for thirty days to allow for group discussion.
- 2.) The part of Motion #2 which begins with "After further discussion..." should have been moved to the budget portion of minutes and placed under the Activities subcommittee budget, considering it was an amendment to the budget and not part of the original motion.
- 3.) The last amendment applies to the bottom line item of the Activities budget which reads the totals. After the revolving seed was removed from the budget, both columns (current approved and proposed 2013) should have the amount of \$725.00.

Motion to accept the minutes with amendments ***passes 15-0-1***

Treasurer report – Gene informed the ASC that there would be no Treasurer Report this month due to a \$22.98 discrepancy between the check register and the bank statement. The bank statement shows that we have a \$1,935.20 and we are showing only \$1,912.22. "I apologize I did not want to distribute an incorrect report". Gene will have both reports for next month. There was further discussion. The Treasurer's Report will be voted on next month.

RCM – Al gave written/ verbal report. Troy B. has fulfilled his commitment, with that being said; I just wanted to inform the area that our B.O.D. seat will be open. Both the Regional Alternate Treasurer as well as the Regional Lit Chair are OTF. If you have interest in any of these service commitments, please come to the next RSC meeting for more information. Region meets the third Saturday of the month (12/15/12) at 2p.m. at Clayton Memorial Church in Waterbury which is located on 274 Long Hill Rd. All are welcome!!

Regional Public Relations and WSR are in desperate need of addict support!! Regional minutes can be accessed at **CTNA.org**

H&I – Chris gave written /verbal report. H&I is planning a possible upcoming Learning Day in March. Also anyone who is in possession of a Yellow Card please see the H&I chair, they are looking to compile a list. ***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. We have a new account with NAWs which will save the area money. We will have thirty days to pay for the lit order once it is filled. ***MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.***

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Public Relations – Rik gave written/verbal report. **Public Relations 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. Spanish phone coordinator, Vice Chair, and Secretary OTF**

Activities –Kris gave verbal/written report. The financial summaries for both the **Grand Slam Picnic** as well as the **25th Anniversary** were both included in the Activities report. Activities is planning for the Winter BBQ and Dance which will be held on Feb 23, 2013. We have printed pre-sale tickets which will be distributed soon. The tickets will be \$10 for both the BBQ and the Dance, and only \$5 at the door for the dance. **Activities meets the last Tuesday of every month at 8:45 pm at the United Methodist church in Portland, however; we will be meeting on Tuesday December 18, 2012 this month in lieu of the holiday.**

Retreat – Retreat met on Dec 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm with 1 member in attendance. Payment was received for 2 full packages as well as a partial payment for another. We have contacted the web servant and emailed flyers to him so he can post them on the website. However web servant has not verified that he received the email yet. We intend to follow up with him.

Financials: May 2012 – April 2013

Deposit held by retreat center \$800

Beginning Balance: \$663.89

| Month | Deposits | Expenses | Misc Info. | Balance |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------------------------|------------|
| May | 0 | 0 | *flyers for Region donated | \$663.89 |
| June | 0 | 0 | | \$663.89 |
| July | 0 | 0 | | \$663.89 |
| August | 0 | \$60 | Annual Rent | \$603.89 |
| September | 0 | 0 | | \$603.89 |
| October | 0 | 0 | | \$603.89 |
| November | \$85.00 | 0 | 1 Deposit | \$688.89 |
| December | \$435.00 | 0 | 2 pkgs, 1 deposit | \$1,123.89 |

In Loving Service, Denise

Elections: Alt RCM is OTF. **Mike (Vice Chair)** - Read requirements. **Gary M (Came to Believe)** was nominated, accepted and qualified. No further questions for Gary at this time. Gary voted in as Alt RCM. **CONGRATULATIONS GARY!!**

ASC Treasurer, Public Relations Chair, as well as Activities Chair is OTF in January 2013

Break for 10 minutes.

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

2nd Roll Call: 18 out of 25 groups present

Group Reports: 19 out of 25 groups

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| A New Awakening- Absent | Off the Hook Freedom Book- Absent |
| After Lunch Bunch- Absent | Saturday Night Sanity- Rodney- Alt Gsr OTF Need support @bus. mtgs |
| After the Weekend – Megan – AIW see events page | Serenity Check –Absent |
| All About Change-Joe – AIW | Stepping Free –Tanya- AIW |
| Basically Lit –Mark T.- AIW Event Cancelled | Stepping Into the Weekend –Jerome-AIW |
| Came To Believe – Alt Gsr OTF | Stepping Thru it All – Charles – AIW see events page |
| Coming Alive-Kalvin- Alt Gsr OTF | Stepping Up – Toby – ALL POSITIONS OTF Addict Support @ bus. mtgs. |
| Living Clean- Adam- Alt Gsr OTF | Straight Lace –Gail – AIW |
| Miracles –Tim K- Alt Gsr OTF | Surrender to Win-Absent |
| New Freedom –Dan C.- Gsr & Alt Gsr OTF | The Other 23- Kate- Alt Gsr, Alt Sec. OTF Needs Addict Support! |
| New Perspectives –Leonard- Gsr & Alt Gsr OTF | Where We are Going – Absent |
| No Joke on oak – Van- Alt Gsr, Addict support | Whole Lava Love – Joe – AIW |
| Over the wall- Dave- EVENT | |

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Old business:

All Budgets passed. Below are the vote tallies for each budget.

H&I Budget passed 13-0-4

Public Relations Budget passed 11-2-4

Activities After implementing Amendment #3

(Changing Total Line items in Current and Proposed to \$725.00) Budget passed 10-1-6

Literature Budget passed 13-0-4

Executive Committee Budget passed after amendment was made to the CAR report Line item. It was brought to the ASC's attention that the CAR would have to be ordered at the end of 2013 for distribution in 2014. The proposed line item for the CAR report will read 30 CAR reports at the price of \$390.00 which changes the bottom line to \$1,370.00. Budget passed with Amendment 13-0-4

MOTION #2 (O.B) Motion made by Adam (Living Clean), 2nd by Megan (After the Weekend) to approve the policy adhoc committee's recommended changes to Area policy.

INTENT: To act upon the work the ad-hoc committee did.

Motion passes 15-0-2.

MOTION #2 (N.B.): Made by Adam (Living Clean), 2nd by Megan (After the Weekend), motion to eliminate the Activities Committee Revolving Seed Money and add language to our policy explaining that funding for all events shall be approved on a per-event basis. As event funding is approved, any monies above our prudent reserve should be placed in a special reserve until the budgeted amount is reached. After the event has taken place, any monies remaining in the special reserve, as well as income from the event, shall be "rolled" back into the ASC general funds.

*Note - Since our ASC policy requires that all motions concerning unbudgeted expenditures over \$150 be automatically postponed for one month to allow for group consideration it is recommended that all proposed event budgets be presented to the ASC about 6 months before the event is scheduled to take place.

INTENT: To eliminate confusion with the Activities Committee Revolving Seed and to provide a mechanism for the groups in the Area to show support for a particular event. This process also provides for plenty of planning and time for announcement of events to get to every group.

Motion passes 15-0-3

**Marathon Meetings are 45 minutes per time slot leaving a 15 minute break in between each meeting.

| Christmas Eve 9p.m. until Christmas Day 6p.m. | | | |
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| Time | Groups | Time | Groups |
| 9:00p | Basically Lit | 8:00a | New Freedom |
| 10:00p | Off the Hook Freedom Book | 9:00a | New Freedom |
| 11:00p | Stepping Free | 10:00a | Miracles |
| 12:00a | Over the Wall | 11:00a | Miracles |
| 1:00a | Stepping Into the Weekend | 12:00p | Stepping Up |
| 2:00a | New Perspectives | 1:00p | ASC Chair |
| 3:00a | A New Awakening | 2:00p | Saturday Night Sanity |
| 4:00a | Coming Alive | 3:00p | Straight Lace |
| 5:00a | Came to Believe | 4:00p | After the Weekend |
| 6:00a | Stepping Thru it All | 5:00p | Off the Hook Freedom Book |
| 7:00a | Whole Lava Love | | |

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| New Years Eve 9p.m. until New Years Day 6p.m. | | | |
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| 9:00p | Off the Hook Freedom Book | 8:00a | New Freedom |
| 10:00p | Straight Lace | 9:00a | New Freedom |
| 11:00p | Basically Lit | 10:00a | Miracles |
| 12:00a | Over the Wall | 11:00a | Miracles |
| 1:00a | Stepping Into the Weekend | 12:00p | Stepping Up |
| 2:00a | Came to Believe | 1:00p | Whole Lava Love |
| 3:00a | After the Weekend | 2:00p | Coming Alive |
| 4:00a | Activities Subcommittee | 3:00p | New Perspectives |
| 5:00a | Saturday Night Sanity | 4:00p | Stepping Free |
| 6:00a | Stepping Thru it All | 5:00p | Off the Hook Freedom Book |
| 7:00a | A New Awakening | | |

Upcoming Events

Meeting Changes

The **"In Loving Service"** group has changed its name and format. We are now the **"Living Clean"** group. We are reading our newest piece of literature *"Living Clean: The Journey Continues"*. We meet at the Trinity Church (Brownstone church) at 345 Main St. in Portland on Wednesday nights from 7pm -8pm. Come show support!!

"The Other 23" has **changed its time** from 8:30 pm – 10:00pm to **8:00pm till 9:30pm** as of November 1st. We have a revolving format by spinning the wheel. We are in need of addict support, please show support for our group.

Meeting Cancellations

Stepping Thru it All which meets on Wednesday nights on the Wesleyan campus **will be cancelled on 12/26/12** because the campus will be closed for the holiday.

After the Weekend which meets on Monday nights in East Hampton **will not be meeting on 12/24/12** because the church is not available.

Announcements

The **28th CTRNA Convention** is approaching. **Just Believe; That We Believe** will be held on January 4th, 5th, and 6th of 2013 at the Hilton in Stamford located at 1 First Stamford Place (151 Greenwich Ave.) in Stamford CT. Please get your registration in as soon as possible by mail or online. The **Connecticut Region's Delegate Team** will be hosting a workshop at this year's convention on Sat Jan. 5, 2013. Workshops will include information regarding **Fellowship Development Around the Globe, Developing Group Conscience, Service Systems Project Update** as well as **Developing New Literature: The New Traditions Book**.

Over the Wall will be celebrating their **25th Anniversary on February 26, 2013**. Food, fun, and fellowship will begin at 6 followed by a speaker meeting. Come help us celebrate!

Became Willing Retreat flyers are out. The Retreat will be held in **Iroyton Ct. on April 5, 6, and 7th of 2013**. To reserve a bed a deposit of \$85 will be accepted till January 1, 2013

Reminder: The most efficient way to convey meeting changes to region is to visit regional website **"ctna.org"**, then proceed to **"service subcommittees"** (on left side of the page), click on the **"CTRSC"** link. Go to **"RSC Forms"** then click on the **"Ct. Regional Schedule Meeting Information Form"**. Please fill out form and at the bottom of the page it will say; **"Choose Area to Send"**. Once the MSUA has been chosen the information will be sent directly to our RCM.

