

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for August 12, 2013

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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.

Welcome to all new Gsrs, Alternate Gsrs and visitors!
JROB, Jen, Michael, Sara, and Jean Marie...WELCOME!

Mail: Bank statements, Retreat, H&I (Reaching Out), and NA Way Magazines

Roll Call: 20 out of 25 groups present

Service Orientation: Page 5, III. Rules of Order, Section D. Financial Policies numbers 6-12

Announcements:

- **Michael L. (Lit Chair)** is celebrating 5 years today!! Congratulations Michael!
- Blank subcommittee budget forms were handed out to each member representing their subcommittee. **Budgets are due back October ASC meeting, please hand completed budgets to Adam.** Thank you.
- All groups which meet at Holy Trinity can now resume meeting on the second floor. **Any and All keys issued to access the first floor must be returned to the church promptly!** Thank you.

Reports

Secretary minutes – Megan (After the Weekend) did not receive last month's minutes. No corrections or deletions. Motion to accept made by Megan (After the Weekend), 2nd by Gerry (Stepping Thru it All) ***Minutes accepted 19-0-0***

Treasurer report – Adam gave written/ verbal report. United Methodist Activities rent check is still outstanding. No questions or discussion. Motion to accept made by Gerry (Stepping Thru it All), 2nd by Megan (After the Weekend) ***Treasurers report accepted 19-0-0.***

RCM – Al gave written/ verbal report. When a member attends an event hosted by NA and participates in any sporting activities; **THEY ARE NOT COVERED!! PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK!!** As of now we do not have an official waiver form. It has been discussed at Region, more will be revealed. As far as the GSR Assembly is concerned, our area voted in favor of hosting, we will organize and plan. Hope all the Gsrs can attend it has been very informative. Regional H&I will be printing T-shirts, however this contradicts last month's H&I report; more information to come. **PR Chair, Alt. Web Servant OTF. WSR IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT!** Regional minutes can be accessed at **CTNA.org**

Subcommittee Reports:

Activities – Dave R. (Vice Chair) gave written / verbal report. Annual Grand Slam Picnic will be held at Crystal Lake in Middletown on August 24th. **REMINDER:** To all those who plan on attending the picnic: Insurance only covers the event. If you are to engage in ANY sporting event you must sign a waiver you **WILL NOT** be covered for any injuries sustained! **Activities Chair OTF. *Activities meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month at Faith Lutheran church located at 300 Washington St .at p.m. prior to the Basically Lit meeting.***

H&I – Jean Marie (Vice Chair) gave written / verbal report. There is an updated form including the rules and regulations volunteers must follow when carrying the message into the facilities. The ASC Secretary will put them in the archives with the updated Internal H&I Guidelines. H&I is in need of female panel members as well as speakers. Please bring the form back to your groups and have it filled out to the best of your ability and bring back to Chris next month. Thank you. ***H&I meets the third 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. **Lit Chair OTF. *MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.***

Public Relations – Karlene 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. Vice Chair, Spanish phone coordinator and Secretary OTF***

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Retreat – Kim gave written / verbal report.

Adhoc Committee – N/A

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A New Awakening- Jim- Weds. Sec OTF	Off the Hook Freedom Book- Sara- AIW
After Lunch Bunch- Absent	Saturday Night Sanity- Absent
After the Weekend – Megan – EVENT	Serenity Check – Jen - AIW
All About Change- Absent	Stepping Free –Mike J. - EVENT
Basically Lit –Billy L.- Sec, Alt Sec OTF	Stepping Into the Weekend –Walt- AIW
Came To Believe –Katie- AIW	Stepping Thru it All – Gerry– Secretary, Treasurer, Alt Gsr OTF
Coming Alive- Dyan - EVENT	Stepping Up –Orlando– AIW
Living Clean- Greg B. – Alt Gsr OTF	Straight Lace –Gail – Alt Gsr OTF
Miracles –Absent	Surrender to Win- Raymond - AIW
New Freedom –Ivan – AIW	The Other 23- Kate- Treasurer OTF
New Perspectives –Leonard- Gsr, Alt Gsr OTF	Where We are Going – Jill- Alt Gsr OTF
No Joke on Oak –Jim R.– Addict Support, Alt Gsr OTF	Whole Lava Love – JROB – Alt. Gsr OTF
Over the wall- Steve- AIW	

Group Reports

Break for 10 minutes

Roll Call II: 21 out of 25 groups present

Sharing Session:

Greg B (Living Clean) - Inquired whether there has been any progress as far as our ASC meeting at a different location. **Marc (Chair)**- Apologized for the lack of vigilance on this issue. No news as of yet.

Old business: NONE

Elections:

ASC Chair OTF. Adam read requirements for the position. There were no volunteers and 2 nominations. **Al (RCM)** nominated Marc for second term 2nd by **Billy L. (Basically Lit)**. Marc accepted and qualified. Marc voted in as Chair. **Congrats Marc!**

ASC Vice Chair OTF. Marc read requirements for the position. There were no volunteers and 2 nominations. **Greg B (Living Clean)** nominated Michael L., 2nd by **Karlene (PR)**. Michael accepted and qualified. Michael voted in as Vice Chair. **Congrats Michael!**

ASC Secretary OTF. Marc read requirements for the position. There were no volunteers and 12 nominations. All those whom were nominated respectfully declined. **SECRETARY OTF**

RCM OTF. Marc read requirements for the position. Al volunteered for a second term and was also nominated with a second. Al accepted and qualified. Al voted in as RCM. **Congrats Al! *NOTE:** Gary M. stepped down from his position as Alt RCM.

ALT RCM OTF. Marc read requirements for the position. **Gary M.** nominated Renee with a second. Renee accepted and qualified. Renee voted in as Alt RCM. **Congrats Renee!**

Lit Chair- Marc read requirements for the position. Subcommittee recommends **Dana (Vice Chair)**. Dana was nominated, accepted, and qualified. Dana voted in as Lit Chair. **Congrats Dana!**

Activities Chair OTF. Subcommittee has no recommendations at this time. **Gary M** nominated **Dave (Vice Chair)**. Dave let the area know that he did not have the clean time nor the experience that the subcommittee required. This opened up to discussion.

Motion made by JROB to amend policy regarding clean time and prior experience , 2nd by Gary. Pros and cons brought to table.

Motion brought to a vote. Motion failed 8/7/3. ACTIVITIES CHAIR OTF.

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New Business: Motion was made by **Kim (Retreat)** to amend MSUA policy (**pg 9 SC Chairs & pg 6 Trusted Servants, General**) for the Retreat Subcommittee and allow them to not have to attend MSUA monthly meeting for the months of June through August, 2nd by **Karlene (PR)**. Discussion regarding motion opened. Pros and cons were heard. Motion was brought to a vote.

Motion Failed 8/7/3

Upcoming Events / Changes

Group level changes:

“Stepping Up” which meets on Thursday nights from 7:30- 9:00pm on Thursday nights at St Vincent DePaul Soup kitchen has changed its format. They will now be a beginner step meeting, covering steps 1-3 followed by a speaker. Come show support!!

“Stepping Thru it All” which meets at Wesleyan on Wednesdays from has changed its location. We will still be meeting in the Science Center just in a different room. We will be meeting in the Woodhead Lounge from now on. Also the group is considering a format change. Please attend our business meeting on the first Wednesday in May directly following the meeting if you are interested.

“Surrender to Win” has changed its meeting location. We now meet at Holy Trinity church, 381 Main St. every Saturday morning from 10:00- 11:00am. Come out to support our group!!

Upcoming Events:

“Stepping Free” will be celebrating **7 Years** of recovery on **Monday August 19th**. Food, fun, and fellowship is from **6:30 – 8:00**, followed by the meeting which has a special format. Come out for some fun!!

Activities will be hosting the **“Grand Slam Picnic”** on **August 24th** from **11a-7p** at **McCutcheon Park**. Tickets are available \$5 in advance and \$7 at the event children under 12 get in free. *If you wish to register your team please arrive promptly between 11a-11:45a.* Come show support for our area!!

“Coming Alive” is hosting their Annual Ice Cream Social to celebrate **5 Years** of recovery on **August 26th** at the First Baptist church on Main St. Ice cream and celebration from **6:30- 7:30** followed by a ticket topic meeting. Come have some fun!!

“After the Weekend” will be hosting their **“After the Summer Extravaganza”** on **Saturday September 14th** from **12 noon to 4:00 p.m.** at Sears Park which is located on 68 North Main St. in East Hampton. There will be swimming, fishing, volleyball, basketball, and tennis. Come on out and have some fun!

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.