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Area Minutes for February 10th, 2014

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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! – Keith - Alt GSR for After the Weekend, and Jodi - GSR for Saturday Night Sanity...WELCOME to ALL!!

Mail: Mail included bank statements for the treasurer, Mail for the retreat, and NA Way Magazine (1 per group).

Roll Call: 20 out of 25 groups present, all of which currently had voting privileges.

Service Orientation: Two Readings: Description of GSR from IP #2 “The Group” page 7 (bulleted points only), & MSUA Policy Page 10, V. Subcommittee Policies Sections C (H&I) and D (Literature).

Announcements: **AI (RCM)** Announced that an additional CAR workshop had been added in Middletown. **Adam H (Treasurer)** announced that there are three other CAR workshops as well (*Dates and times for all CAR workshops are included in the upcoming events section at the end of this document*).

AI (RCM) Announced that there was a kickoff meeting for the 2015 Ct convention Sunday February 16th 2014, at 1:00 pm at St. George’s Episcopal Church, 755 Clinton Ave Bridgeport CT. **A Flyer was made available the night of Area.**

AI (RCM) Announced that there was a “flyer” containing a survey for those who had attended the Ct convention in order to get feedback from participants. **The deadline to return the survey is April 30th, 2014.**

Secretary minutes – Alicia M (Activities) and Jim K (A new Awakening) did not receive E-mail of the minutes for January. **Gene F (PR)** asked why some e-mails of people who were not at the January Area Meeting were included in the cc list. **Marc L (Chair)** indicated that those not attending who were included were GSRs and would need the minutes. Motion to accept made by **Gene F (PR)**, 2nd by **Tommy F (After the Weekend)**. **Minutes accepted 19-0-0**

Treasurer report – **Adam H** gave written/verbal report. After the report Adam noted that he went back and did some research regarding the total annual of MSUA as compared to the proposed budgets of all of the subcommittees.

	2014	2013	2012
Total Annual Income	?	\$5884.31	\$6328.57
Proposed Budgets of All Subcommittees	\$6565.00	\$6649.00	\$6700.00

While it was indicated that the subcommittees did not actually spend as much as the approved budgets, Adam expressed concern that the area was unwittingly approving budgets exceeding its anticipated income. **AI (RCM)** asked if those figures took fund flow to region into account, Adam answered that they did not. Motion to accept made by **Jim K (A New Awakening)**, 2nd by **Steve R (Over the Wall)**. **Treasurer’s report accepted 21-0-0.**

RCM – AI W (RCM) gave written/verbal report. AI indicated that his figures of MSUA fund flow to the CT region differ from Adam’s as the Region and Area use different starting points for their fiscal years. **Brian E (Living Clean)** asked about the “A month/B month” proposed format for regional subcommittees and if the subcommittees are only conducting business every other month why are they meeting and costing rent? AI clarified that they are still conducting business and that this is the first “B month” – so more shall be revealed. Attached to the RCM report were the proposed budgets for region for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. **These budgets are to be brought back to the groups of MSUA and voted upon and the results brought back to the March meeting of MSUA.** A discussion followed. It was decided that not only would the budget proposals as listed on the RCM report be sent to the MSUA GSRs but the expanded version of those budgets would be sent out to Area GSRs as many of the line items are confusing and require further explanation. During the discussion it was clarified that “Motions #2-#7” were in fact the individual budgets. It was also revealed that the “storage unit” proposal for the executive committee was included as the materials for the region are in several locations and have to be transported. The “projects” line item for PR was explained to be for learning days, rentals, and vendor fees. The discrepancy between the H&I Merchandise and income line items (both approved and actual) was explained as region allotting more monies to H&I after they had sold all t-shirts/merchandise. The possibility of adding two prior years actual YTD spent rather than one was suggested and discussed as it was clarified that the YTD expenditures do not reflect a calendar year and thus skew the comparison between a prior year’s budget and the actual amount spent. **WSR Chair OTF, Alt. Web Servant OTF, PR Chair OTF, Secretary OTF, BOD at large OTF, Literature Chair OTF. Alt technical director (BOD)** will be **OTF** in March. Regional minutes can be accessed at **CTNA.org**

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Subcommittee Reports:

Activities – Alicia M. gave written/verbal report. The subcommittee reported plans to have two separate events, and noted that by MSUA policy that they would need to be approved. It was clarified that Activities needed to submit a pre budget form indicating all proposed expenses and income from an event. It was also revealed that even though the activities subcommittee planned to sell baked goods and bottled water at the first event, the money generated would go to area and be fund flowed rather than set aside for future activities. It was also noted that activities was supported by MSUA and didn't need to engage in fundraising. **Activities meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month at Faith Lutheran church located at 300 Washington St .at 7:30 p.m. prior to the Basically Lit meeting.**

H&I – Chris H. (Chair) gave written/verbal report. **H&I meets the third Monday of every month at Holy Trinity Church, 381 Main St. Middletown. New member orientation begins at 6:30 followed by the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting at 7:00.**

Literature – Dana R (Chair) gave written / verbal report. Gene F (PR) asked if an inventory of literature had been done. Dana indicated that it had been completed two weeks prior to the MSUA meeting. **MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.**

Public Relations – Gene F (Chair) gave written / verbal report. Vice Chair, phone line coordinator, and Spanish phone line coordinator are OTF. **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.**

Retreat – Stacy M (vice chair) and Briana L. (Chair) gave written / verbal report. The retreat committee met at 6:45 PM, February 10th, 2014 prior to the MSUA meeting. 3 addicts were in attendance. The expense report and budget were reviewed and there was no old business. 14 packages have been sold to date. Flyers were made available for the groups at MSUA, 3 flyers per group.

Beginning Balance:	\$2124.89	Expenses:	\$0.00
6 New Registrations:	\$1050.00	Current Balance:	\$3174.89

Group Reports

21 out of 25 groups

A New Awakening- Jim K – AIW	Off the Hook Freedom Book- Kris V. – AIW
After Lunch Bunch- Absent	Saturday Night Sanity – Jodi R - AIW
After the Weekend – Tommy F - EVENT	Serenity Check – Maureen F – Sec OTF
All About Change- Absent	Stepping Free – Colin H - AIW
Basically Lit – Billy - EVENT	Stepping Into the Weekend – Tonia C- AIW
Came To Believe –Katie - AIW	Stepping Thru it All – Sol S – Sec OTF
Coming Alive- Greg P – Addict support	Stepping Up –Orlando R – Alt GSR
Living Clean- Greg B– AIW	Straight Lace –Kristine M - AIW
Miracles – Dillon L - GSR OTF, Addict Support	Surrender to Win- Ray C - AIW
New Freedom –Michael S – Event	The Other 23 - Absent
New Perspectives – Maribel O - Alt GSR OTF	Where We are Going – Jill F – Alt GSR OTF, Addict Support - EVENT
No Joke on Oak – Jim R - Alt GSR OTF, Addict support	Whole Lava Love – Absent
Over the wall- Steve- Alt GSR OTF	

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Break for 15 minutes

Roll Call II: 21 out of 25 groups present

Sharing Session:

Michael S. (New Freedom) – Holy Trinity (aka Squeaky Floors) church has refinished the wooden steps leading upstairs and would like them swept after meetings. They would also like meetings to remind participants to wipe their feet as well.

AI (RCM) - Asked that if the literature committee only consists of one person, why do they meet prior to area and cost rent? A discussion followed. It was brought up that in the past there were more people involved in the subcommittee. It was also mentioned that for the past two times the chair of the subcommittee has changed, the person taking over the position had been there to help and had been “trained”. Without a place for addicts to come and get involved, there would be no way for a potential new chair to “learn the ropes”. It was also mentioned that the small size of the subcommittee now did not guarantee that it would remain small, and some felt that deciding if a subcommittee should exist based upon its size would be setting a dangerous precedent. It was also revealed that Billy L intended to take over the chair position once Dana’s term ended. During the discussion **Brian E (Living Clean)** asked about the progress of the Traditions Book being written by the fellowship and why we as an area hadn’t heard anything about it. Adam H mentioned that our regional literature committee hadn’t done anything with it yet and that in some area there are separate literature review and literature distribution subcommittees, rather than the one that our area and region has.

Adam H (Treasurer) – Indicated that if a meeting changes their time from that listed in the schedule, until the new schedule is printed, there should be someone at the church during the printed duration of the meeting in case a new person shows up.

Old business: A vote was conducted on Motion **#1** from last month - “That MSUA only accepts financial contributions from groups and/or committees within MSUA”. Votes were 1-15-4. The motion failed.

Motion #2-from last month “Change Literature vice Chair Position to have 1 year clean time requirement (Policy VI: Literature, line 5 on page 16)” was committed to the literature subcommittee for a month. The Literature subcommittee agreed and changed the clean time requirement to one year. No vote needed.

Elections:

MSUA H&I Chair is up in March and has been put out to the Fellowship for 30 days.

New Business:

Motion 1# “Activities wants to put on a game night for April 13th. We require \$25 for a rent donation. We will be selling soda, water, & baked goods. Anticipated income of \$50 to be fund flowed back to area.” was made by **Alicia M** and seconded by **Billy L** The intent was “To put on an event”. The motion was put to a vote and passed 21-0-0.

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Upcoming Events / Changes

Group level changes:

None at this time

Upcoming Events:

The 29th annual Became Willing Retreat of MSUA is Being held April 4th, 5th, & 6th 2014 at 253 Bushy Hill Rd, Ivoryton CT – Conference Center. 60 registrations are available at a cost of \$175. ***Flyer available with registration information.***

After the Weekend is celebrating the group's 19th anniversary on February 17th, 2014. Food fun and fellowship start at 6:30 and the meeting ends at 9:30 PM. Bethlehem Lutheran Church at the corner of West High (66) and Main – East Hampton.

Where We Are Going has an 8th Year anniversary party for the group coming up in April 2014. More will be revealed.

Basically Lit is hosting the 2014 History of NA conference - Sept 12-14 2014 at the Sheraton Stamford in Stamford. Ad Hoc meets the 4th Saturday of the month at 7:30 PM at 300 Washington St, Middletown. Registration meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at 130 Marlborough St, Portland. Programming Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at Portland United Methodist Church following the over the wall group (after 8:30 PM).

Basically Lit is holding a dinner fundraiser for the 2014 History of NA conference on Saturday, April 26th at 300 Washington St, Middletown.. Tickets are \$10. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM followed by a speaker at 7:30.

Conference Agenda Workshops scheduled dates are: Sat 2/22/2014, 11:30 AM – 4 PM, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 71 River St. Milford; Sat 3/1/2014, 12 Noon – 5 PM, Elmwood Community Church, 26 Newington Rd. West Hartford; Sat 3/8/2014, 11 AM – 4 PM, North Congregational Church, 11 Main St. North, Woodbury and Sun 3/9/2014, 11:30 AM-4:30 PM, 300 Washington Street, Middletown.

Subcommittee Announcements:

Activities is hosting a **Game Night** Sunday April 13th, 2014 from 12 PM - 6 PM at Church of the Holy Trinity (squeaky floors) – 381 Main Street Middletown. Tentative plans are underway to hold a hike at Wadsworth State Park on Sat May 10th 2014 (rain date Sunday May 11th). Check in time 11:30 till Noon, hike from noon to three, double speaker to follow.

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.