

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for April 14th, 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! – Matt R- GSR for All about Change, Jeremy Z - (visiting from H&I), Dave - GSR for “Over the Wall” and Al D – just visiting ...WELCOME to ALL!!

Mail: Mail included bank statements for the treasurer, Mail for the retreat, “Reaching Out”, and mail from World (NAWS) for the “Stepping Through It All” group.

Roll Call: 22 out of 24 groups present, 21 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 (16) met.

Service Orientation: MSUA Policy Page 12, VI. Subcommittee Internal Guidelines, Section A (Activities).

Announcements: None.

Secretary minutes – All received the minutes. **Al W (RCM)** noted two errors in the RCM Session portion. First, where it said that “Region did not meet this month due to inclement weather”, it should have said that “Region did not meet in February due to inclement weather”. Second, where the March minutes indicated that “Region will be held in the Midstate unity Area on the 3rd Saturday of this month (3/15/2014)”, it should have said that “Region would meet in the Midstate Unity Area during the months of May, June, and July, 2014.” **Alicia M (Activities)** expressed some concern that if Region meets at 2 PM and lasts until it is over that it could potentially conflict with the MSUA activities new time of 6:30 PM as both meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month and for three months both will be using the same facility. **Marc L (MSUA Chair)** noted that 300 Washington Street was a large enough facility that accommodations could be made in the case of a temporary overlap in schedule. Gene F (PR) brought up that in the Elections portion of the minutes it should have stated that the MSUA PR chair was up in April 2014, not May as his term was up. (See Elections – this month). Motion to accept made by **Jim K (A New Awakening)**, 2nd by **Tommy F (After the weekend)**. **Minutes accepted 21-0-0**

Treasurer report – **Adam H** gave written/verbal report. Motion to accept made by **Jim K (A New Awakening)**, 2nd by **Katie C (Came to Believe)**. **Treasurer’s report accepted 20-0-0.**

RCM – **Al W (RCM)** gave written/verbal report. **The Regional literature budget is included in the MSUA minutes to be voted upon.** Al brought back a reply to Brian E’s Question from last month regarding why H&I had a t-shirt design contest prior to their budget being accepted. The answer was that if the budget had not passed, H&I would not have the shirts made. The RCM report included one item which was discussed at the area level. The Alternate RD stepped down six weeks prior to the world service conference and the RCM report indicates that the Alternate RD is now OTF. However, At the April Regional meeting the RCMs elected another addict to go to the WSC as a temporary Alternate RD. **Al D (visitor)** asked how the regional committee members chose the temporary alternate delegate and why they did so without putting the alternate delegate position out to the fellowship. Al also asked if regional policy was changed. Other Area participants asked if the temporary Alt RD was able to represent the CT region and if the Region was planning to pay for the temporary Alternate RD as it would have for anyone elected as an alternate RD. In the discussion it was clarified that the majority of the RCMs felt that the alternate position needed to be filled on a temporary basis as the WSC was only six weeks away. Two out of nine regions voted against the move. It was also clarified that the Temporary Alternate would be tasked with representing the CT region when the RD was not present just as an alternate RD would be, and that the temporary alternate RD had already paid to go to the WSC and would be reimbursed unless there was a vote not to do so. There was disagreement amongst the membership of MSUA about the appropriateness of filling the position on a temporary basis without putting the position out to the fellowship. No clear group conscience was reached during the discussion and no formal motions were made. However, the RCM was given a list of questions to bring back to region - asking for region to clarify why they acted without consulting the areas they represent first, expressing concern about reimbursing a person who was not formally elected to the position, asking if regional policy was going to be changed or amended to address this matter, and indicating that how the matter was handled caused some discomfort at the area level.

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Subcommittee Reports:

Activities – Alicia M. gave written/verbal report. She and Adam (Treasurer) discussed plans for Activities to pay the \$25 rent to Church where the Game Night was held directly out of proceeds from the event as the \$25 approved for the game night was never put into the special reserve on the Treasurer’s report. Alicia also mentioned that Activities would be changing the time that they meet from 7:30 PM to 6:30 PM as the Basically Lit Meeting held at the same church was changing its time from 9 PM to 8 PM.

Activities vice chair is OTF. *Activities meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month at Faith Lutheran church located at 300 Washington St. at 6:30 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. Dana and Adam (Treasurer) noted a \$39.39 discrepancy between the figure they had for the ending balance (Dana had \$1027.98, while Adam had \$1048.25) which they shall look in to. In any event the discrepancy is a line item within the Area Bank Account, and does not represent missing funds. ***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. ***Note: PR will be meeting at May 18th in May instead of the 4th Sunday due to Memorial Day weekend. 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 – Kim L (Subcommittee member). Gave written / verbal report. The retreat was a success with all 60 paid beds sold and three indigent packages provided. The Retreat subcommittee will meet in May at 6:30 prior to Area for elections and will not meet for three months after that, starting again in September, 2014. The next retreat will be held on April 10th, 11th & 12th 2015 and the cost of tickets will increase to \$180 due to a \$5 increase in price per bed by the retreat center for 2015.

Retreat Expenses	2014 Proposed	2014 Actual
Beginning Balance (does not include \$800 deposit held by facility to reserve event since last retreat)	\$864.89	\$864.89
Rent	\$60.00	\$60.00
Mailing	\$20.00	\$0.00 (All donated)
Copies/Flyers	\$85.00	\$0.00 (All donated)
Food	\$260.00	\$120.56 - (\$78.86 snacks + \$41.70 water)
Cost of Comp Packages	\$175.00	\$510.00
Cost of Paid Packages minus last year’s \$800 deposit	\$9,900.00	\$9410.00
Deposit for next year	\$800.00	\$800.00
Expenses Subtotal	\$10,500.00	\$10890.56
Income		
Sale of Packages	\$10,500.00	\$10,420.00 – (8 at \$165 and 52 at \$175)
Donations	\$0.00	\$20.00
Income Subtotal	\$10,500.00	\$10440.00
Ending Balance	\$864.89	\$414.33
Retreat net total	\$0.00	-\$450.56

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Group Reports

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A New Awakening- Jim K – AIW	Over the wall- Dave – Alt GSR OTF
After Lunch Bunch- Absent	Off the Hook Freedom Book - Kris V. – AIW
After the Weekend – Tommy F - AIW	Saturday Night Sanity – Gary M - Alt GSR OTF
All About Change- Matt R – Secretary, GSR OTF, Addict Support	Serenity Check – Maureen F – AIW
Basically Lit – Billy L – Time Change, EVENT	Stepping Free – Colin H - GSR OTF
Came To Believe –Katie C - Alt GSR OTF	Stepping Into the Weekend – Tonia C - AIW
Coming Alive- Greg P – AIW	Stepping Thru it All – Gerry P – AIW
Living Clean- Brian E – AIW	Stepping Up –Orlando R – Alt GSR OTF
Miracles – Absent	Straight Lace –Kristine M - AIW
New Freedom – Lisa S – Alt GSR OTF, EVENT	Surrender to Win- Ray C - Alt GSR OTF, EVENT
New Perspectives – Maribel O - Alt GSR OTF	Where We are Going – Jill F – GSR, Alt GSR OTF, – format change ad hoc.
No Joke on Oak – Jim R - Alt GSR OTF, Addict Support	Whole Lava Love – JRob C - AIW

Break for 15 minutes

Roll Call II: 22 out of 24 groups present

Sharing Session:

Brian E (Living Clean) asked about the financial status of MSUA as the treasurer's report indicated that we were only at 75% of our prudent reserve? **Adam (Treasurer)** Indicate that Fund Flow for the month of April should more than cover the deficit.

AI W (RCM) – Mentioned that he only received tally sheets for the Car Report from 5 groups. After he mentioned this 3 more groups gave him sheets, bringing the total number of groups bringing tally sheets back up to 8.

Old business: None

Elections:

MSUA PR Chair was put out to the Fellowship for 30 days. Gene was able to show in archives of MSUA minutes that his term was actually up in April, not May. **Jill F (Where We Are Going)** – Nominated **Gene F** for a second term as PR Chair. **2nd** by **Tommy F (After the weekend)**. Gene accepted, qualified, and answered questions. Brought to a vote. **Congrats Gene!**

New Business: GSRs were reminded to have their groups **vote on the regional literature budget** at their next business meeting and to bring the results back to MSUA in May. **Brian E. (Living Clean)** mentioned that the subcommittee only used 10% of what they asked for, but they were 12% of the total regional budget. **AI W (RCM)** pointed out that for the most part there hasn't been a literature subcommittee, so they were unable to use their proposed budget.

Closed with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

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Regional Literature Budget – to be voted on and results brought back to MSUA in May.

Item	2013-2014 Budget	Spent YTD 12/21/2013	Proposed 2014-1015 Budget
Copies (Order Forms)	\$60.00	\$16.05	\$60.00
Supplies (Recites Books Binders)	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Postage (Mail-outs)	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Workshops	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Rent (Donation paid for with books & literature)	\$91.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
P.O. Box (Cost increased)	\$104.00	\$104.00	\$120.00
Literature Conference (None to date)	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$1,215.00	\$120.05	\$500.00

Upcoming Events / Changes

Group level changes: The “Basically Lit” Group which meets on Saturdays at Faith Lutheran church located at 300 Washington St., Middletown CT has changed the time they meet from 9:00 Pm to 8:00 PM. The Meeting will run from 8:00 PM to 9:15 PM starting on May 3rd, 2014.

Subcommittee Announcements: Activities has changed the time that they meet from 7:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Activities meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month at Faith Lutheran church located at 300 Washington St .at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Basically Lit meeting.

PR will be meeting at May 18th in May instead of the 4th Sunday due to Memorial Day weekend. The Subcommittee will still meet at 5:30-6:30 PM with new member orientation at 5PM at Church of the Holy Trinity, 381 Main Street Middletown.

Upcoming Events:

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. A raffle of NA memorabilia will also be held.

New Freedom is holding their 29th anniversary with their annual Pancake Breakfast. Sunday April 27th, 2014 from 9:00 AM-10:15 AM Food fun and fellowship, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Meeting. 615 Main St Middletown – St Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen. Food donations welcome.

Surrender to Win is celebrating its 24th anniversary Saturday May 3rd, 2014 from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at Church of the Holy Trinity (squeaky floors) – 381 Main Street Middletown. Continental breakfast donations gratefully welcome.

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).

Surrender to Win is hosting its annual Independence Day picnic on Saturday July 12th, 2014 (Rain date July 13th) at Veteran’s Memorial Park in Middletown. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the gate. Children 12 and under are free and there are free t-shirts for the first 50 kids.

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.