

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for May 9, 2016

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Open: 7:05pm 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! **Jennifer C, secretary, "Living Clean"**

Mail: Bank Statement, Pig Roast Flyer

Roll Call: 23 out of 24 groups present at roll call, 22 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 (16) was met. "All About Change" and "No joke on Oak" were unable to vote, Public Relations was absent.

Service Orientation: MSUA Policy Page 8, Administrative Officers, Section 7, Alternate Regional Committee Member A-D, Section 8, Admin Officers/ Ad Hoc Committees A-E

Announcements:

"A New Awakening" (Jim K) Mondays format is changing to Living Clean: The Journey Continues

"Living Clean" (Jennifer C) is hosting a BBQ Celebration June 22nd.

Ivan P., Chair, the Senior Center will not be available in October, will need alternate locations.

Secretary minutes –Motion to accept made by **Orlando R (Stepping Up) 2nd** by Jeremiah K **Basically Lit) Minutes accepted 22-0-0**

Treasurer report – **Dave W.** gave written/verbal report. **Gail P (Serenity Check)** questioned if proper formulas were utilized for YTD figures. Motion to accept made by **Dave K(Coming Alive) 2nd** by **Jim K (A New Awakening).** **Treasurer's report accepted 22-0-0.**

RCM –**Brian E. (RCM)** gave a written/verbal report. Month B Workshop for June will be Conference Agenda Workshop. Motions were reviewed on the report for the traditions guide. The survey, previously discussed is located on our website (ctna.org). Service IP's cost \$0.17 to print, old ones are to be destroyed, #800 new ones to be printed. RCM indicated to Lit Chair there is a need to update Lit order form to include service IP.

Activities –Mike B (Chair) gave a verbal/ written report. Working with Basically Lit to hold a dance. Committee will find out cost of church and DJ for the dance. Volleyball tournament waiting for budget vote.

Activities meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month at Faith Lutheran church located at 300 Washington Street at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Basically Lit meeting.

H&I – **Andy C (Vice Chair)** gave a verbal/written report. Regional received schedules and is planning a learning day in August. New t-shirts will be available at the Pig Roast. We are in need of female addict support.

H&I meet the third Wednesday 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 – **Gene F. (Chair)** gave a verbal/written report. Will be holding their 6 month inventory. An order to NAWS will be placed after inventory. Will receive schedules from region. Asked groups to ensure their money order or check amount matches the order form. **MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.**

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Subcommittee Reports (continued):

Public Relations –Katie C. (Vice Chair) gave a verbal/written report. Doctors and counselors names are being compiled for a Mail out. A proposal was made for a new position to coordinate this. PR Presentations are being done at Rushford. A poster drive is tentatively scheduled for July 2016. Was discussion on the best way to communicate phonline reports to the sub-committee. A motion was made and passed (Policy changed)that the Rushford Presentation be coordinated every month at the MSUA PR sub-committee meeting. A motion was made and passed (Policy change) that the phonline coordinator responsibilities be amended to include a verbal report to the PR sub-committee at the monthly meeting or in written form if unable to attend.OTF: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Phone line Coordinator.

Public Relations meets on the 4th Sunday of every month at Holy Trinity, 381 Main St. at 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. New member orientation is at 6:00 PM following the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting.

Retreat – Jen K. (Chair) gave a verbal/written report. The retreat was a success. 47 paid beds and 2 indigent packages The subcommittee met in May for elections and will not meet again until August. The next retreat is scheduled for April 7th-9th, 2017, and will have a \$5 per bed price increase. **Retreat meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30pm (before Area) at the Portland Senior Center.**

Group Reports

18 out of 24 groups present

A New Awakening:- Jim K.- GSR & Alt. GSR OTF *Monday has a format change to Living Clean*	Saturday Night Sanity: Eric T- Treasure OTF Needs addict support
After the Weekend: Tommy F.- AIW	Serenity Check: Gail P- AIW
All About Change:	Stepping Free: Baker S. -AIW
Basically Lit: Jeremiah K. – AIW	Stepping Into the Weekend: Jerome D.-AIW
Came to Believe: Sarah B AIW	Stepping Thru it All: Van G.- Secretary OTF
Coming Alive: David K.-AIW	Stepping Up: Orlando R. – Alt. GSR OTF
Living Clean: Jennifer C – AIW	Straight Lace: Rachel L- AIW
Miracles On Oak: Mike A.-Desperate need for addict support, meeting in danger of folding	Surrender to Win: Ray C.- *NEED ADDICT SUPPORT*
New Freedom- Adele V- AIW	Til the Wheels Fall Off- Brandon B- AIW
New Perspectives: Leonard S.- Alt. GSR OTF	Where We are Going: Kyle S.-Alt GSR OTF, motion to change format
No Joke on Oak: Charles W- Alt GSR OTF	Whole Lava Love: Justin S- AIW
Over The Wall: Sol S. – AIW	Working the Steps: Kim L- All trusted servants OTF

Break: Motion to suspend break (Katie C) passed 19-0-3

Roll Call II: 22 out of 24 groups present, 19 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 met. “All About Change” and “No Joke on Oaks” were unable to vote

Sharing Session: None

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Old Business:

1. **Motion #1 (April 11, 2016) Activities Proposed Budget for Picnic/Volleyball Tournament (Mike B/Tommy F)**

Motion: To accept the proposed picnic/volleyball tournament budget for August 2016.

Intent: To promote unity and fun in MSUA NA.

Passed 17-0-3

Elections:

- **Public Relations Chair- OTF**

Requirements of Subcommittee Chair: (These are the major requirements; you can see all Sub Committee Chair requirements on pg. 9 of MSUA Policy)

1. Two years' clean time required
2. Prior experience on the subcommittee nominated for.
3. Attending all ASC meetings and all subcommittee meetings.
4. Brings written reports and gives verbal reports at ASC meetings

- **BOD- OTF (Until August)**

Requirements of BOD:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age
2. Live in Connecticut
3. Have some experience in servicing large events and have some understanding of Budgets and Contracts.
The BOD is governed by ByLaws (not policy).
It is a 3 year commitment

New Business:

1. **Motion #1 (5/9/16) Amend MSUA Policy Section D, Article V, that Rushford Presentation be coordinated every month at the MSUA PR Sub-Committee meeting.**

Intent: Policy updates in conjunction with changes to document the Rushford Commitment

Made by: Katie C (PR) Seconded by: Orlando R (Steppin Up)

Passed 19-0-2

Meeting closed with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Emergency or Temporary Group Cancellation or Relocation: *In the event that your group has to cancel or relocate on an emergency or temporary basis, as a GSR or other trusted servant you should make the effort to inform the fellowship. GSRs should use the Area c.c. E-Mail list to send a group E-mail with the cancellation or relocation information to all other GSRs who should then inform members of their various groups. GSRs or other trusted servants may also contact the MSUA secretary at (203)-435-2222 with the information, and the secretary will then use the MSUA Email and telephone lists to disseminate the details as soon as possible.*

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Upcoming Events / Changes

Til the Wheels Fall off is a new meeting held on Friday nights from 10-11pm, held at 300 Washington St., Middletown CT.

“Surrender to Win” is celebrating their Annual Independence Day Picnic Saturday July 9th 2016 from 12:00-4:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the gate.

“Living Clean” is celebrating Summer with a BBQ June 22nd. Flyers will be made available.

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.