

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for August 8, 2016

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Open: 7:02pm 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! **Eric M (Alt GSR, Basically Lit), Walt K (GSR, Stepping Into the Weekend), Evan F. (Alt GSR, Miracles on Oak).**

Mail: Bank Statement, NAWS News, Letter for All About Change

Roll Call: 16 out of 24 groups present at roll call, 16 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 (16) was met. "All About Change" "Saturday Night Sanity" may not vote. Public Relations, RCM and retreat were absent.

Service Orientation: MSUA Policy Page 11, Sub-Committee Policies E & F (1-2) Public Relations and Retreat

Announcements:

None

Secretary minutes –Motion to accept made by **Billy L (Basically Lit) 2nd by Tommy F. (After the Weekend)**
Minutes accepted 16-0-0

Treasurer report – **Dave W.** gave written/verbal report. Motion to accept **Billy L (Basically Lit) 2nd by Rachel L (Straight Lace).** **Treasurer's report accepted 16-0-0.**

RCM –Jeff J. (Alt. RCM) gave a written/verbal report. Region will be is MSUA for Aug, Sept, Oct at Faith Lutheran Church 300 Washington St Middletown. Two main issues (see attachments from RCM). A. NEZF, is in need of feedback regarding the forum. **Katie C (V Chair)** asked Alt RCM to table NEZF for 30 days for each group to review the information. Technically the NEZF is not part of our service structure and can do as they see best. B. Draft regarding intellectual property- groups were asked for their feedback in regards to the policy draft statement for NA intellectual property and the integrity of the NA message. These are not motions, however feedback should be brought back to RCM/Alt RCM in September.

Activities –**Mike B (Chair)** gave a verbal/ written report. Neon theme dance was successful. Misquamicut Beach Day set for September 17, meeting at Big Lots parking lot at 8am for an 830 departure. Volleyball tickets are on sale \$5 in advance, \$7 day of. Volleyball tournament is set for Aug 27th, teams need to register with Alicia or Mike. Volunteers are needed for both events.

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 verbal/ written report. Regional Learning Day Aug 21st at Pavilion 74 Cheshire Rd Wallingford. Mike G. was voted in as Vice Chair. Secretary, Rushford Women Panel Coordinator and Panel Coordinator Women Merritt OTF **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.**

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Subcommittee Reports (continued):

Literature – Gene F gave verbal/written report. Orders were filled from last month and dispersed to all groups, except Stepping Up. Literature order was placed in July. Thank you for your service Gene. ***MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.***

Public Relations –Katie C (Vice Chair) gave a verbal/written report. PR approved sending out mailers to doctors and counselors. Poster Drive will be held on last Saturday of August, September and October with a pizza party to follow after. Business Cards were approved that will have PR Members and NA information on them. Luke was nominated and approved as Secretary. Katie C., will request a rent check for 2nd half of year. OTF: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary.

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 –Absent. ***Retreat meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30pm (before Area) at the Portland Senior Center.***

Group Reports

16 out of 24 groups present	
A New Awakening-	Saturday Night Sanity:
After the Weekend: Tommy F.- AIW Sept-Anniversary Party	Serenity Check: Gail p- AIW
All About Change:	Stepping Free: Baker S. –AIW, Anniversary celebration Aug 15
Basically Lit: Billy L. – AIW, Secty Alt Secty OTF	Stepping Into the Weekend: Walt K- Alt GSR OTF Sept 10th Anniversary party
Came to Believe:	Stepping Thru it All: Earl- Secretary /Treasurer OTF
Coming Alive: David K.- Anniv last Mon in August	Stepping Up: Orlando R. – AIW, Alt GSR OTF
Living Clean: Carl – AIW	Straight Lace: Rachel L- AIW
Miracles On Oak: Evan F- .Anniv Aug 22nd 30 Years, need addict support	Surrender to Win: Lennie S.- GSR, Alt GSR
New Freedom-	Til the Wheels Fall Off- Brandon B- AIW
New Perspectives:	Where We are Going: Kyle S.- Alt GSR OTF
No Joke on Oak:	Whole Lava Love: Katie P- AIW
Over The Wall:	Working the Steps: Robin S- AIW

Break: Suspend Break

Roll Call II: 16 out of 24 groups present, 16 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 met. "All About Change" "Saturday Night Sanity "unable to vote

Sharing Session: 1. **NEZF Survey (Jeff J, Alt RCM):** more information regarding this (see attachment). 2. **Re-open discussion on Draft of Intellectual Property Draft (Tommy F)** all our websites contain literature (sub-committees).

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Discussion as to do we want the statement issued as is, changed or not at all. The statement comes from world and is in reference to the grey and mini baby blue books.

Old Business: None

Elections:

- **Lit Chair- Toby R. nominated, qualified and voted in. Congrats Toby!**
- **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)

- Two years' clean time required
- Prior experience on the subcommittee nominated for.
- Attending all ASC meetings and all subcommittee meetings.
- Brings written reports and gives verbal reports at ASC meetings.
*****BOD- out to fellowship(no longer just within our area*****

New Business:

Motion #1 (8/8/16) Made by: Billy L (Basically Lit) 2nd by: Brandon B (Til the Wheels Fall Off)

To increase current line item in budget for region. Currently budget for region is \$150 for this. Rent is \$50 a month leaving nothing for refreshments. Currently budget is \$150 for all 3 months, looking to increase to \$450 for 3 months.

Intent: To fulfill our responsibilities to host region for the next 3 months and to be fiscally responsible.

Vote: 6-4-5 FAILED

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

Stepping Free is celebrating 10 yr anniversary August 15th, 630-800, Higganum

Miracles On Oak is celebrating 30 years, August 22nd, Oak St Middletown Ct

After The Weekend and Stepping into the Weekend are Celebrating Recovery Sept 10th at Sears Park Pavilion 86 N Main St. East Hampton from 1-5pm

All About Change 23rd Anniversary Celebration Wed Sept 14th 6-730 FFF, 730-845 Speaker Meeting. Bethany Lutheran Church 50 Court St Cromwell Ct

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.