

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for September 12, 2016

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Open: 7:03 pm 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! **Will M (Alt GSR, Coming Alive), Steve S. (GSR, Stepping Up), Corey M (Alt GSR, Stepping Up), Stacy M. (Alt GSR, Working the Steps), Carl M. (GSR, Living Clean), Vera C (GSR, Coming Alive) Welcome!**

Mail: Bank Statement

Roll Call: 21 out of 24 groups present at roll call, 21 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 (16) was met. "All About Change" "Saturday Night Sanity" "Came to Believe" may not vote. Public Relations and retreat were absent.

Service Orientation: MSUA Policy Page 21, Addendum B Commonly Used Motions (Rules of Order) A-H Adjourn - Commit or Refer to Committee

Announcements:

None

Secretary minutes – Motion to accept made by **Andy C (H&I Chair) 2nd by Adele V (New Freedom) Minutes accepted 20-0-0**

Treasurer report – **Dave W.** gave written/verbal report. Dave asked if anyone new of upcoming large expenses as we are fundflowing to region. Motion to accept **Orlando (Stepping Up) 2nd by Adele V (New Freedom).**
Treasurer's report accepted 20-0-1.

RCM – **Brian M. (Alt. RCM)** gave a written/verbal report. Region will be is MSUA for Aug, Sept, Oct at Faith Lutheran Church 300 Washington St Middletown. NEZF, is still in need of feedback regarding the forum. Technically the NEZF is not part of our service structure and can do as they see best, thus far only 2 areas gave feedback. 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. Areas" 4 of 7 agreed with statement as is, 1 of 7 agreed with changes, 2 areas abstained. A cease and desist letter was sent by certified mail and region unanimously to the following: 1. Web servant will draft a disclaimer statement to be displayed on the ctna.org website 1. Web servant will draft a letter to send to facebook 3. RD will contact NAWS. During the next B month (October) the convention committee will be giving a presentation. Erik M (Basically Lit) asked about minutes being put on website from region. At this point its not formally in policy (see New Business).

Activities – **Mike B (Chair)** gave a verbal/ written report. Final report for volleyball tournament will be brought to area in October. In need of addict support!

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 was held on Aug 21st at Pavilion 74 Cheshire Rd Wallingford and was well attended. Discussion was held in regards to CVH, Legionaire's disease outbreak and why H&I was not notified. Secretary, Rushford Women Panel Coordinator and Panel Coordinator Women Merritt OTF . In need of women 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.

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Subcommittee Reports (continued):

Literature – **Toby R. (Chair)** gave verbal/written report. New order forms available with Toby phone number on them. Guiding Principles, Tradition Book will be available in October for \$11.00 (Special Edition \$30.00). Will be on order forms so they can be ordered. Gene F volunteered as Vice Chair. ***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. Poster drive- each participant shared their experience. Discussion in regards to planning a learning day and ask other subcommittees to participate. There was an issue with the phone that has been resolved. OTF: Chair, Vice Chair.

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-:Jim . GSR/Alt GSR OTF * Need addict Support	Saturday Night Sanity:
After the Weekend: Tommy F.- AIW	Serenity Check: Gail p- AIW
All About Change:	Stepping Free: Baker S. –AIW
Basically Lit: Billy L. – AIW, Secty Alt Secty OTF	Stepping Into the Weekend: Walt K- Alt GSR OTF
Came to Believe:	Stepping Thru it All: Earl- Secretary /GSR OTF * Need addict support
Coming Alive: Vera C *Need addict support	Stepping Up: Orlando R. – AIW
Living Clean: Carl – AIW	Straight Lace: Rachel L- AIW
Miracles On Oak: Evan F- * need addict support	Surrender to Win: Lennie S.- GSR, Alt GSR *need addict support
New Freedom- Adele V. AIW	Til the Wheels Fall Off- Brandon B- AIW, need service support
New Perspectives: Leonard S. Anniv Oct 11th 6 pm	Where We are Going: Kyle S.- AIW
No Joke on Oak: Charles AIW	Whole Lava Love: Katie P- AIW, Nov 10th anniv potluck dinner
Over The Wall: Sol S GSR/ Alt GSR OTF	Working the Steps: Stacy M- AIW

Break: 8:00 to 8:10 pm

Roll Call II: 21 out of 24 groups present, 21 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 met. "All About Change" "Saturday Night Sanity" "Came to Believe" are unable to vote

Sharing Session:

1. **NEZF Survey (Brian M, RCM):** more information regarding this and the need for feedback.
2. Budgets (Tonia, Secty) Budgets handed out to sub-committees to be brought in October.
3. Registration Forms- a request for more convention registration forms, which we get from region

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Old Business: None

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)

- 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.

New Business:

Motion #1 (9/12/16) Made by: Tommy F (After the Weekend) 2nd by: Steve S (Stepping Up)

To add the following (B.6.f.i-B.6.f.iv) REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (RCM)

F. The RCM is responsible to act as the contact between our area and the Web Servant in order to maintain and update information on the Connecticut regional website (2/10)

i. Sends the ASC minutes to the webservant, for posting on the website, as soon as they are available from the secretary.

ii. Sends all Area and group activities, **including flyers, to the webservant so they can be added to the activities calendar. Attempts to get a digital copy of any associated flyer** to send, but if unable to, the RCM and/or Alternate RCM will work to digitize/scan a hard copy of the flyer to send.

iii. Makes sure any Area forms and documents are available on the Area webpage and sends updated forms if necessary. These include the Area Policy Document, Motion sheet, Disbursement Request Form, etc.

iv. Sends any important Area/Group information to the webservant for posting on the Area webpage (ie. meeting closures, new meetings, open positions, upcoming activities, etc.)

(F. already exists in Area policy. The text i. through iv is proposed additions)

Intent: To provide clear direction to the RCM and ALternate RCM with regards to what should get posted on the Connecticut regional website.

This motion is tabled to Executive Committee until October (groups do NOT need to vote on this)

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

"New Perspectives" Anniversary Celebration, October 11th 6pm Food, fun, fellowship followed by a double speaker meeting.

"Whole Lava Love" Potluck Anniversary Celebration November 10th. 6p-730pm Food, fun, fellowship 6-730 pm.

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.