

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for October 10, 2016

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Open: 7:02 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!

Mail: No Mail

Roll Call: 13 out of 24 groups present at roll call, 13 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 (16) was NOT met. "All About Change" "Saturday Night Sanity" "Came to Believe" may not vote. Public Relations, H& I, retreat and Alt RCM were absent. Unable to vote because we did not meet quorum.

Service Orientation: MSUA Policy Page 21, Addendum B Commonly Used Motions (Rules of Order) I-M Division of Question through Point of Information.

Announcements:

Kim L. Retreat subcommittee, Chair has been OTF since June, discussion about requirements (see elections)

Secretary minutes –No vote (quorum not met)

Treasurer report – **Dave W.** gave verbal report. Treasurer will bring Oct and Nov reports in Nov. Treasurer was unable to reconcile ban due to issues on banks part. **No vote (quorum not met)**

RCM –Brian M. (RCM) gave a written/verbal report. Region will be is MSUA for Aug, Sept, Oct at Faith Lutheran Church 300 Washington St Middletown. The BOD for the convention met and contracts were signed for entertainment, registration and merchandise. Planning a workshop in next "B" month. Two old motions from 11/21/15 still referred to BOD, was discussion on motive for still being tabled. RCM ws asked to address this at next region. Motion #1 (9/17/16) To not fund anyone to go to the NEZF on 10/16 for this year. This was tabled to groups for 30 days for discussion. Positions OTF: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Alt Treasurer, RD, Alt RD, Schedule Facilitator, Alt Web Servant, Greater Danbury BOD, Greater New Haven BOD, Midstate Unity BOD.

Activities –**Mike B (Chair)** gave a verbal/ written report. Final report for volleyball tournament given, total collected was \$505.00. Scary Movie night October 22 at Faith Lutheran Church at 930pm. Movie will be "R" rated and a surprise. Tickets are \$5.00, popcorn, candy, water, gatorade and ice tea will be supplied.

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 – Absent. Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Literature Chair, Orientation Chair 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 – **Toby R. (Chair)** gave verbal/written report. New order forms with Toby's phone number and new Guiding Principles, Tradition Book (\$11.00) available. Budget for 2017 was handed in. If any group needs literature during the month please contact Toby and he will do his best to accommodate the group. **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. Learning Day- received little feedback from other subcommittees, committed to one in 2017. Next poster drive is October 29th. Region participated in the Psychiatric Nurses Association Conference. **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. Chair OTF 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	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, time changed 7-8pm
Came to Believe:	Stepping Thru it All: Earl-
Coming Alive: Vera C AIW	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:
New Freedom-	Til the Wheels Fall Off-
New Perspectives: Leonard S. AIW	Where We are Going:
No Joke on Oak:	Whole Lava Love: Katie P- AIW, Nov 10th anniv potluck dinner 630pm
Over The Wall: Sol S Alt GSR OTF	Working the Steps: Stacy M- AIW

Break: Straw Poll Break Suspended

Roll Call II: 13 out of 24 groups present, 13 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 NOT met. "All About Change" "Saturday Night Sanity" "Came to Believe" are unable to vote

Sharing Session:

1. **NEZF Funding RD to attend (Brian M): discussion amongst GSR's to get a group conscience on voting for this motion.**
2. **Retreat Chair-** OTF Discussion as to the position being OTF since June, to be voted on in November
3. **FB webpage** to be taken down "Narcotics Anonymous in and around CT"
4. **Budget proposal for Activities Scary Movie Night-** tabled, did not meet quorum.
5. **Blind Copy Emails (Carl, Living Clean)-** Emails used for area minutes being used to send Spam, discussion as to protecting anonymity and protecting identities. Discussed sending emails sent via BCC, no motion (no quorum)
6. **Marathon Meetings Thanksgiving- Please discuss with your group if they want to participate in Thanksgiving day marathon meetings (9am to 5pm) Meetings are 45 minutes in length, if groups want to participate they will receive a time slot at November Area. Holy Trinity Church is booked and confirmed.**

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Old 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.

Groups need to vote on this and bring back to area in November

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.

***Retreat Chair- OTF**

A two (2) year clean time requirement suggested for all trusted servant positions.

Only the MSUA Retreat Chair and Retreat Chair and MSUA Treasurer may handle, collect and disperse funds related to Retreat business.

H&I- Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Literature Chair and Orientation Chair OTF (see requirements)

New Business:

None

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 (860) 921-2919 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

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

"Feast Before the Feast" 26th Annual, at Shiloh Baptist Church, 346 Butternut St. Middletown Wednesday November 23 6pm to 715 pm followed by speaker meeting 730-900pm.

"Living Clean" 4th Anniversary Wednesday November 9th Food fun fellowship 6:00 pm to 7:00pm, meeting from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Trinity Church (aka Brownstone) 345 Main St Portland

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.