

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for December 14th, 2015

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Open: 7:00pm 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! **George, Alt GSR "Where We Are Going" Greg B. GSR "Stepping Into the Weekend" Christine C GSR "Straight Lace" Kim D, Alt GSR "Miracles on Oak St" Ray C,** representative "Surrender to Win" **Welcome to all!**

Mail: NAWS product flash, NAWS News, and Retreat had mail.

Roll Call: 16 out of 24 groups present at roll call, 15 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 was met. No Joke on Oak, All About Change, Sat Night Sanity, Stepping Thru It All, Came to Believe cannot vote.

Service Orientation: MSUA Policy Page 1, MSUA Service Committee Policy I. Purpose, II. Function 1-9

Announcements: Christmas and New Year's Eve Marathon meetings (schedule attached)

Secretary minutes –Motion to accept made by **Billy L (Basically Lit)** 2nd by **Katie P (Whole Lava Love)** **Minutes accepted 14-0-1**

Treasurer report – **Dave W.** gave written/verbal report. Discussion in regards to prudent reserve, fund flow to region, subcommittees that still owe rent for facilities, Adam H mentioned our subcommittees setting up a schedule for rent payments to be more fiscally responsible. Motion to accept made by Tommy F (**After the Weekend**) 2nd by Ray C (**Surrender to Win**). **Treasurer's report accepted 15-0-0.**

RCM –**Brian E. (RCM)** gave a written/verbal report. Ongoing effort to update the ctna.org website. There is a survey from the Convention BOD, please discuss this survey at your home groups and bring information back to Jan area meeting. Discussion about changes to schedule that were needed specifically Stepping Free and Till the Wheels Fall Off.

Activities –**Mike B.** gave a written/verbal report. Holiday marathon meetings planned. Future Activities: January 21 Bowl-A-Rama 10pm February 23- Ice Skating. More to be revealed.

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 (Chair)**- H&I Region will be hosting a workshop at CTCNA from 10am to 11:15 on Sat 1/7/17. Discussion at subcommittee meeting in regards to elected positions and time frames. Lit Chair is 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.

Literature – **Gene F. (V. Chair)** gave a verbal/written report. There are new items available from NAWS, a keychain medallion holder, 2017 JFT calendar. **MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.**

Public Relations – **Adam H (V. Chair)** gave a verbal/written report Discussion about PR Budget for 2017, amended in Old Business. PR participated in an addiction awareness event in Cromwell. PR is developing a list of goals and projects for 2017. Regional PR is holding a workshop at the CT Convention at 930-1045 Saturday Jan 7 **Public Relations meets on the 4th Sunday of every month at Holy Trinity, 381 Main St. at 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM. New member orientation is at 6:00 PM following the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting.**

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Retreat – Stacy M(Chair) gave a verbal report. Flyers for 2017 retreat are available. 3 registrations have been received thus far.

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 K.- GSR & Alt. GSR OTF *NEEDS ADDICT SUPPORT*	Till the Wheels Fall Off- Policy ad hoc
After the Weekend: Tommy F AIW	Saturday Night Sanity:
All About Change:	Serenity Check: Gail P AIW
Basically Lit: Billy L. – Alt Secty OTF	Stepping Free:
Came to Believe:	Stepping Into the Weekend: Greg B AIW
Coming Alive:	Stepping Thru it All:
Living Clean: Carl – AIW	Stepping Up: Corey Secty OTF
Miracles On Oak: Evan *need addict support**	Straight Lace: Christine C Alt GSR OTF
New Freedom-	Surrender to Win: Ray C. AIW
New Perspectives: Leonard S.- Alt. GSR Secty OTF	Where We are Going: George AIW
No Joke on Oak:	Whole Lava Love: Katie P *need addict support**
Over The Wall: Sol S. – GSR/Alt GSR OTF	Working the Steps: Robin S Alt GSR

Break: 8:17 to 8:27pm

Roll Call II: 16 out of 24 groups present, 15 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 met. N

Sharing Session:

* **Tommy F (After the Weekend)** CAR report- Discussion as to better planning for CAR report, add as a "blind line item" into budget as we will need to order them every other year. In 2015 they cost approx. \$400.

Old Business:

Motion #1: (11/14/16): To approve the 2017 Administrative Officers budget. Amended 12/12/16 to add line item for CAR reports (see attached budget) **Please bring back to your home group to be voted on and brought back in January. Amendment vote 13-0-1 PASSED**

Administrative Officers *	2017 Proposed	2016 Approved	2016 Spent (Jan - Sept)
Chair / Vice-Chair Copies	40.00	40.00	-
Conference Agenda Reports	300.00	-	-
P.O. Box	140.00	140.00	
RCM Copies	120.00	120.00	4.50
RCM Host Region	300.00	140.00	
Rent	120.00	120.00	
Secretary Copies/Supplies/Postage	200.00	200.00	
Treasurer Copies/Supplies	120.00	120.00	67.39
Administrative Officers Totals	1340.00	880.00	71.89

Intent: To be able to conduct business for the next year.

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Motion #2 (11/14/2016): To approve the 2017 Activities Sub Committee budget. Amended 12/12/16 (see attached budget) **Please bring back to your home group to be voted on and brought back in January Amendment**

Vote: 15-0-0 PASSED

Activities *	2017 Proposed	2016 Approved	2016 Spent (Jan - Sept)
Copies / Flyers	25.00	25.00	9.94
Learning Days	50.00	50.00	-
Marathon Meetings Rent	145.00	145.00	
Marathon Meetings Supplies	200.00	200.00	-
Rent	120.00	120.00	
Key Deposit	-	0.00	0.00
Area Activities/Events	300.00	300.00	50.00
Activities Totals	840.00	840.00	59.94

Motion #3 (11/14/2016): To approve the 2017 H&I Sub Committee budget

Vote on Motion #3: Passed (15-0-0)

Motion #4 (11/14/2016): To approve the 2017 Literature Sub Committee budget

Vote on Motion #4: Passed (14-0-0)

Motion #5 (11/14/2016): To approve the 2017 Public Relations Sub Committee budget. Amended budget (miscalculation in total)

Vote on Motion #5: Passed (13-0-0)

Motion #6 (11/14/2016) To have electronic communications blind copied from area.

Made by Carl (living Clean) seconded by Sol S (Over the Wall)

Intent: To Keep people from selling contacts and spamming members

Vote on Motion #6: Passed (13-0-2)

Elections:

PR Chair- OTF

H&I Chair- OTF in May, clarity of subcommittee versus area policy

All Administrative Officer positions are out to Fellowship:

- **Chairperson-** 2 years' clean time and prior experience as an ASC Administrative Officer.
- **Vice Chairperson-** 1-year clean time and prior experience as an ASC Administrative Officer.
- **Secretary-** 1-year clean time and prior experience at an Area Service Committee.
- **Treasurer-** 2 years' clean time and prior experience as an NA Treasurer.
- **Regional Committee Member (RCM)-** 3 years' clean time and prior experience at an Area Service Committee
- **Alternate RCM-** 3 years' clean time and prior experience at and Area Service Committee.

New Business:

Motion #1(12/12/16) To raise rent for 2016 Marathon meetings from \$120.00 to \$200.00 made by Mike B (Chair Activities) Seconded by Sol S (Over the Wall)

Intent: Keep good relations with church

Vote on motion: PASSED (14-0-1)

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Motion #2 (12/12/16) To change financial policy #5 to read "prudent reserve shall be 1/6th of the annual budgets"
Made by Tommy F (After the Weekend) Second by Leonard S (New Perspectives)
Intent: Financial responsibility
Tabled to groups for 30 days

Motion #3 (12/12/16) To approve September Secretary Minutes Made by Adam H (PR V Chair) Second by Billy L (Basically Lit)
Intent: Area responsibility
Vote on Motion Passed (8-0-4)
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.*

Upcoming Events / Changes

Group level changes:

MSUA Marathon Meetings Christmas Eve/Christmas Day from 10pm till 5pm at Holy Trinity Church Middletown CT

MSUA Marathon Meetings New Year's Eve/ New Year's Day from 10pm till 5pm at Holy Trinity Church Middletown 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.