

# Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area Minutes for March 6th, 2017

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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! **Mary H. new GSR (Coming Alive), Erica new alt GSR (Till the Wheels Fall Off) .... Welcome to all!**

**Mail:** Retreat and Registration

**Roll Call:** 14 out of 24 groups present at roll call, 13 of which currently had voting privileges. Announced that Quorum of 2/3 was not met. Coming Alive present but could not vote.

**Service Orientation:** MSUA Policy Page 4. C. Motions 1. Making 2. Handling

## **Announcements:**

Anniversary party's announced see upcoming events.

## **Secretary minutes –Minutes accepted 14-0-1**

Basically lit had questions on motion #9 (2/13/17) and motion#10 (2/13/17)

**Treasurer report –Treasurer's report accepted 15-0-0.**

**RCM –Jeff J. (RCM)** gave a verbal/ written report attached. **OTF Vice Chair, Secretary, Alt Treasurer, Convention Chair, PR Chair, Alt Web Servant, BOD seats for MSUA, GHA, GWA, USA and GDA.** Brandon B. raised awareness to the fact that Till the Wheels Fall Off is not in the meeting schedule and asked that it be made aware at the regional level. Adam H. was looking for clarification on whether motion #1 is referring to only budget or non-budget items for submission. **Environmental Scan Survey due back April. Motions to be voted on and brought back to April Area.**

**Activities –Mike B.** gave a written/verbal report. Talent Show to be held April 1<sup>st</sup> at 300 Washington St. Middletown. Spiritual Hike at Wadsworth Falls at 1pm on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

***Activities meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)** gave a written/verbal report. Sunday and Monday women's meetings are both in need of addict support. On 2 separate occasions they were not able to bring meetings to facility due to lack of 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 – Toby R. (Chair)** gave a verbal/written report. Requesting check in the amount of \$344.05 and a transfer of \$40.43 to place Literature order with NAWS. Last month Literature took in \$427.54 from group orders.

***MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.***

**Public Relations – Adam H (Chair)** gave a verbal/written report. PR had a presentation at Rushford that went well. Developing guidelines to keep lit stocked in the community. They are willing to do mobile orientations at your group.

Need phone line and twelfth step volunteers. ***Public Relations meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.***

**Retreat – Denise S. gave verbal report.** Retreat will be held April 7-9<sup>th</sup> in Ivoryton, CT. Cost is \$190 which includes meals and lodging. She reported 34 packages were sold. With an ending balance of \$6558.39. ***Retreat meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30pm (before Area) at the Portland Senior Center.***

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## Group Reports

16 out of 24 groups present	
A New Awakening: Absent	Till The Wheels Fall Off- Brandon B: AIW
After the Weekend: Megan O.	Saturday Night Sanity: Absent
All About Change: Absent	Serenity Check: Keith C-Alt GSR-OTF
Basically Lit: Al W. – AIW, Cx Parm Dinner April 22nd	Stepping Free: Brett G.- GSSR- OTF
Came to Believe: Absent	Stepping Into the Weekend: Greg B-AIW
Coming Alive: Mary H- Gsr, Alt Gsr-OTF need addict support	Stepping Thru it All: Gerry P. all positions OTF
Living Clean: Orlando R- AIW	Stepping Up: Absent
Miracles On Oak: Absent	Straight Lace: Christina C.-AIW
New Freedom- Chick C- AIW	Surrender to Win: Lennie S.- All positions OTF
New Perspectives: Absent	Where We are Going: Kyle S.- AIW
No Joke on Oak: Absent	Whole Lava Love: Katie P- AIW
Over The Wall: Sol S. – Alt GSR OTF	Working the Steps: Midge M- AIW

**Break: 8:00 to 8:10 pm**

**\*Note: the chair reported a miss count during first half, we did meet quorum (14 / 21 voting members)**

**Votes on secretary and treasurers reports were done at this time.**

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

### **Sharing Session:**

1. (New Freedom) Question and discussion on quorum and defining what group membership means. Policy pg2 sec 3 Rules of Order. Was read for clarity.
2. (Basically Lit) Clarity on Motion #9 from February. RE: Table policy. pg. 4 sec 2 and pg. 6 sec 11 were read for clarity. Chair said her mistake to table policy motion.

### **Old Business:**

**Motion #1 (2/13/17) "To Approve the 2017/2018 Proposed Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate Alternate budget in the amount of \$5,400."**

**11-0-4 Passed**

**Motion #2 (2/13/17) "To approve the 2017/2018 Proposed Administrative Committee budget in the amount of \$2,740."**

**14-0-1 Passed**

**Motion #3 (2/13/17) "To approve the 2017/2018 Proposed Schedule Facilitator budget in the amount of \$300."**

**12-2-1 Passed**

**Motion #4 (2/13/17) "To approve the 2017/2018 Proposed Regional H&I budget in the amount of \$4,700."**

**13-0-2 Passed**

**Motion #5 (2/13/17) "To approve the CTRSC Policy Facilitator position with \$80 annual budget for 2017/2018."**

**14-0-1 Passed**

**Motion #6 (2/13/17) "To accept the proposed 2017/2018 WSR budget of \$1,070."**

**12-1-2 Passed**

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**Motion #7 (2/13/17) "To accept the 2017/2018 Regional PR Budget in the amount of \$5,680."**

**Was ruled out of order at region. Our Vote 9-1-5 Passed**

**Motion #8 (2/13/17) "To accept the 2017/2018 Regional Web Servant Budget in the amount of \$1,000."**

**13-0-2 Passed**

**Motion #10 (2/13/17): "to add to policy to read last month's minutes before voting to accept and also copies of report be brought to area". Was replaced by ASC committee substitute motion (vote 9-1-4) for Sub Motion #10 "to amend MSUA policy pg. 3 B. Format of ASC Meetings and pg. 8 B. Administrative officers 4. Secretary: J. to read last month's minutes before voting to accept. K. Bring 10 extra copies of minutes to area."**

**Intent:** move accountability and clarity of the responsibilities of secretary.

**Motion Failed (6-3-6)**

## Elections:

- **Treasurer- Dave, congratulations!**
- **Alternate RCM- OTF, 3 years' clean time and prior experience at and Area Service Committee.**
- **Activities Chair- OTF, 2 years clean time and willingness to give time and resources necessary.**

## New Business:

**Motion #1 (3/13/17): (After the Weekend) "to remove section II. 9 of the Mid-State Unity area Service Committee policy which states:**

**To host the annual holiday marathon meetings. The activities committee will act as coordinator for the marathon meetings but the responsibility for them rest with the entire MSUASC.**

**And replace it with the following**

### **II.9.A**

**To host the annual holiday marathon meetings. The activities committee, along with the administrative officers, will act as coordinators for the marathon meetings but the final responsibility rest with the groups.**

### **II.9.B**

**Meeting schedules are as follows: Thanksgiving Day beginning at 9 am with the last meeting ending at 4:45 pm. Christmas Day beginning at 9 am with the last meeting ending at 4:45 pm. New Year's Eve beginning at 10pm with the last meeting ending at 5:45am. On the years when the holiday marathon meetings may overlap with regular scheduled meetings, consultation with that group is required to determine their preferences as to proceed with their time slot.**

### **II.9.C**

**Each time slot will be 45 minutes long with a 15 minute break. All time slots are to be chosen randomly by drawing from the pool of groups wishing to participate. In the event that there is not enough groups willing to cover the hours, the duration of the marathon may be shortened. A single point of accountability is to be supplied by each group who bears responsibility for their time slot." Made by Megan O. (After the weekend) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg B.**

**Intent:** Clarity of accountability

**Tabled to Groups for 30 days.**

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### **Motion #2 (3/13/2017) (Living Clean)**

“To have MSUASC pay six months’ rent for all service committees upon approval of the committee’s annual budget, though no later than the February ASC of each year. From that point on, the ASC will develop a scheduled payment plan that is responsible for the payment of the remaining six-month period of the fiscal year. The oversight, that rent “donation” is paid resides with the ASC administrative committee “as the single point of accountability” on behalf for the MSUA committees and groups.”

Intent: Fulfill our agreed financial obligations with facilities and outside organizations, as well to be responsible with fellowship funds and public relations. As always it is incumbent of the MSUASC membered groups to continuously review all financial matters of the area’s committees and trusted servants. Restate from the body of the motion “The oversight, that rent “donation” is paid resides with the ASC administrative committee “as the single point of accountability” on behalf of the MSUA committees and groups.” Our obligations to outside agencies must be paid first before any other services are provided, even if the service have been approved in a budget. If other services or priorities arise in financial matters, the sub-committee should raise their concern for discussion and acknowledged by MSUASC.

**Tabled to subcommittees for 30 days.**

### **Motion #3 (RSC motion #9) (1/21/17): “that the CTRSC do away with the ‘B’ month.”**

**Intent:** that the CTRSC primarily conduct regional business as its primary purpose.

**Vote 4/6/4 Fails**

### **Motion #4 (RSC Motion #3) (2/18/17): “to change the mileage reimbursement rate in CTRSC Policy to reflect the current year’s rate as determined by the IRS. (This amount would change every year).”**

**Intent:** To be fully self-supporting.

**Vote 0/10/5 Fails**

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

### Group level changes:

**Over the Wall**, 31st Anniversary Tuesday February 28, 2017. FFF with a speaker begins at 6pm United Methodist Church, Portland

**Miracles on Oak** has changed its time. It now meets from 7-8pm, every Monday at 47 Oak St Middletown.

**After the Weekend**, Celebrating 22 years of recovery on Monday February 20, 2017 at 630 pm. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, East Hampton

**Living Clean**, Keep it Green Spring Fling, Wednesday March 22, 2017 6pm Potluck dinner 7pm Meeting

**New Freedom**, annual pancake breakfast Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 9am St. Vincent's DePaul soup kitchen Middletown

**ECCNA 21<sup>st</sup> Convention**, planting the seeds New London CT June 23-25

The most efficient way to convey meeting changes to region is to visit regional website "[ctna.org](http://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.