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**Open:** 7:04pm 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! **No one new.**

**Mail:** NAWS, Comcast junk mail

**Roll Call:** 16 out of 25 groups present at roll call, 14 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 was met. Came to Believe, Miracles on Oak, No Joke on Oak, and Saturday Night Sanity were present but could not vote.

**Service Orientation:** MSUA Policy Page 5. Financial Policies 4-10 was read.

## **Announcements:**

“Surrender to Win” meeting will be closing after their Anniversary Picnic in July.

New Meeting: The Crossroads- Tue nights 7-8:15 374 Town St. East Haddam, CT 06423

It is at the “Two Wrasslin Cats” Café at the intersection of Rt. 151 and Rt. 82. It has a Rotating Format and is an Open Meeting

Anniversary party’s announced see upcoming events.

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

Question if treasurers report can be found online? Looking into it

## **Treasurer report –Treasurer’s report accepted 13-0-1**

**RCM** –Jeff J. (RCM) gave a verbal/ written report. **OTF: Vice Chair, Policy Facilitator, Alt. Treasurer, PR Chair, BOD seats for GWA, USA and GDA.** NAWS Annual report has been released, for a copy please go to <http://ctna.org/resources.cfm>. Regional Round Table Discussion to be held Saturday, June 10, From 10-2pm at Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church 147 west Main St., New Britain, CT. we now have a web page called “getting Involved-Being of Service” <http://ctna.org/bos.cfm> which consists of text from the Schedule of Service Committee Meetings foldout and a CTNA Business Calendar <http://ctna.org/buisness-calendar.cfm>. **Please determine if your group will be represented at the Round Table Discussion and bring back to June Area.**

**Activities** –Tonia gave a written/verbal report. A Spiritual Hike will be held at Wadsworth Falls on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm.

**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 – Absent**

**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 \$315.56 to place Literature order with NAWS and \$33.81 for shipping transfer. **MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.**

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**Public Relations** – Adam H (Chair) gave a verbal/written report. Karlene is the new phone line coordinator. Participating in Recovery event in Portland May 20th. **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** – Stacy M. verbal. Stacy notified that her commitment was up and will be needing a new retreat chair. **Submitted budget (Attached) to be voted on at groups and brought back to June area.**  
**Retreat meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30pm (before Area) at the Portland Senior Center.**

## Group Reports

16 out of 24 groups present	Concerns	Positions OTF	Groups	Concerns	Positions OTF
A New Awakening: Jerome-		Secretary	Till The Wheels Fall Off:	Absent	
After the Weekend: Tommy		AIW	Saturday Night Sanity:	Absent	
All About Change:	Absent		Serenity Check: Keith C		Alt GSR-OTF
Basically Lit: Billy		AIW	Stepping Free: Brett G.		AIW
Came to Believe: Absent	Absent		Stepping Into the Weekend: Greg B		AIW
Coming Alive:	<b>Absent</b>		Stepping Thru it All: Jim	Need Addict Support	AIW
Living Clean: Orlando R		AIW	Stepping Up: Cody		AIW
Miracles On Oak:	<b>Absent</b>		Straight Lace:	Absent	
New Freedom- Chick C		AIW	Surrender to Win: Ray	Meeting Closing	
New Perspectives: Mari O		GSR, Alt GSR	Where We are Going: Kyle S		Alt GSR, Secretary
No Joke on Oak:	Absent		Whole Lava Love: Katie P		GSR, Treasurer
Over The Wall: Sal		Alt GSR	Working the Steps: Robin		AIW
			The Crossroads: Ryan B		AIW

**Break: 8:10 to 8:20 pm**

**Roll Call II:** 16 out of 25 groups present, 14 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 met.

### Sharing Session:

1. New copies of updated Policy pages were handed out
2. Discussion on policy of RCM reports and delivery of copies to Area.
3. Donations from groups are requested for the Round Table Discussion. Need to have representative name/s from groups participating in Round Table Discussion on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
4. Notified that there are no 2017 MSUA Area minutes on the regional web page. RCM will notify web servant

### Old Business:

#### Motion #2 (4/10/17): (Living Clean)

**“The Connecticut Regional Public Relations Sub-Committee will present a learning day in the year of 2017 based on the Public Relations Handbook, with focus on chapter one and two. The committee is encouraged to seek out two guest speakers with local and global experiences.”**

**Intent:** To further our understanding of internal and external responsibilities in relating to each other and the public to further our primary purpose. As Public Relations Committees are the guiding source of all direct services

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to our members, potential members, institutions, the public and professionals alike. This learning day will be the first of an annual series, focused on the Public Relations Handbook and fellowship development.

A passage from Tradition Eleven, *It Works: How and Why*

*"The principle of service, critical to the application of our Eleventh Tradition, is not a passive principle. To be of maximum service to the still-suffering addict, we must energetically seek to carry our message throughout our cities, towns, and villages. We must take vigorous steps to make our program widely known. The better and broader our public relations, the better we will be able to serve. "*

This is to have the RCM bring this motion to Region.

**Motion Passed 10-0-2**

**Motion #2 (2/13/17) "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.

An Amended motion was presented but failed 5-6-2

**Motion Failed 7-4-1**

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### Elections:

- Alternate RCM- Al W.
- Activities Chair- Alicia M
- Retreat Chair- Denise H.

**Congratulations and thank you for your service!!!**

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### New Business:

#### **Motion #1 (5/8/17): (Retreat)**

**“Change to Policy for Retreat Subcommittee to attend area from September until following years May or until budget is approved and suspend attendance from June thru August.”**

**Intent:** To have a more realistic attendance schedule as there is no business after May. Flyers don't go out till September.

**Tabled to Groups, please vote and bring back to June Area**

#### **Motion #2 (5/8/17): (Activities)**

**“To Host the 4<sup>th</sup> annual volley ball tournament in August w/ a budget of \$330.00”**

**Intent:** Financial responsibility to MSUA

**Tabled to Groups, please vote and bring back to June Area (copy of budget attached)**

## Upcoming Events / Changes

### Group level changes:

**New Perspective:** Group wants to change the format to the Guiding Principles Book.

**Basically Lit:** Potluck Unity Picnic, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 3pm food, fun, fellowship. 8pm speaker meeting

**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”, 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.

**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*