CT Region Service Committee
YMCA, High Street, New Britain, CT

February 23, 2008

The meeting opened at 2:15 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.
Group members read the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.
Visitors: Steve introduced himself as a visitor and was welcomed. Megan introduced herself as the new Alt. RCM from MSUA. Welcome Megan!
Roll call was taken. All 9 areas present. Alt. Regional Delegate, BOD, H&I Chair and PI/PL Chair were absent.
Lois E. reviewed the minutes from January – they were voted on and accepted, 9-0-0.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
Chair – Susan O. reported that she has continued correspondence with insurance agent, Royco Sharmott, in Rocky Hill regarding getting a quote for insurance. The Philadelphia Insurance Co. has reviewed our application for a quote and has come back with some questions – they want to know an estimated number of NA members in our region, and she asks for the Region’s assistance in determining this estimate.
Vice Chair – Jim H. prepared a written report. He created a monthly calendar for March based on the information found on the website. Also picked up the mail from the P.O. Box.
Treasurer – Dwight presented a corrected report for January & a report for February. January: Opening balance: $2,095.00 Area donations: $810.14 Expenditures: $1,891.67 WSO Fund Flow: $0 RSC Closing Balance: $1,013.47 Schedule Closing Balance: $1,836.46 Checkbook Balance: $2,849.93. Accepted, 9-0-0. February: Opening balance: $1,013.47 Area donations: $1,136.59 Expenditures: $1,278.39 WSO Fund Flow: $0 RSC Closing Balance: $871.67 Schedule Closing Balance: $2,583.71 Checkbook Balance: $3,455.38. Accepted, 9-0-0. Note: This month’s closing balance is 41.6% of prudent reserve; a financial emergency would exist if our balance drops to 40% of prudent reserve or less. Also reports that there are 3 outstanding checks from 2007 – Susan volunteered to contact the people the checks are written to.
Alt. Treasurer – OTF.
Regional Delegate – Glen A. attended the North East Zonal Forum (NEZF) last month. Put in a verbal bid to host the NEZF in Jan. ’09. Reports that the first CAR Workshop was a great success with 18 addicts in attendance. The next CAR Workshop will be held on March 2 at 3 p.m. a the YMCA in New Britain. The last workshop will be announced asap.
Alt Regional Delegate – Absent.
Web Servant – Julie S. gave a written report. Outdated events were deleted and new events were posted. Meeting schedules were also updated. There were 5,590 hits in January, with an average of 30 more hits per day than in December. Recommends going forward with providing our proof of ownership of the CTNA website with the required documentation and updating the email to a trusted servant position to ensure Region’s control of the website in the future. Concern was voiced that a way should be found to set things up so that our domain is not vulnerable if the ball is dropped and someone forgets to renew the registration – if this happens, we could lose our domain name. This was discussed at length.
Alt Web Servant – Nicole gave a verbal report.

SUBCOMMITTEES:
B.O.D. – Absent.
Convention – Kaye W. gave a written report. Kickoff meeting held 2/17. All positions were filled. The next Convention Committee meeting will be held at the Safe Haven Recovery Club in Meriden on 3/16.
H & I – Absent.
Literature – OTF
PI/PL – Absent.
Schedules – OTF.
WSR – Roberta gave written report. Orientation material has been updated to assist new step guides on the topic of writing letters. Note: Roberta reports an approximate $50 discrepancy between WSR expenditures reported on treasurer’s report for the year when compared to the expenditures that the WSR subcommittee has recorded. The discrepancy seems to have occurred in June of ’07.
AREA REPORTS:
CCA – Cathy W. reports that the area is concerned about the misappropriation of funds and how it was handled. Notes that the Alt. Treasurer was not involved. Area is working on Policy update/clean-up. Also concerned about high rents paid by meetings and sub-committees and concerns about reimbursement of expenses by trusted servants due to low fund balance. Positions OTF: Alt.Treasurer, Alt.RCM, PI/PL Chair.
GDA – Bill B. gave report. Alt. RCM is OTF.
GHA – Sharon B. gave report. Position OTF: Alt. RCM.
GNHA – Ron D. gave report. Reported that the area is planning to send a motion to the RSC to outsource the website next month. Position OTF: Alt. RCM. Fund Flow: $429.02
GWANA – Karen R. gave report. Positions OTF: RCM, Alt. RCM, Campout Chair. Reports that their Area is giving their vote of confidence to Gerry P. for the GWA BOD seat. Their ASC meeting is moving from Sunday to Monday from 7 – 9 p.m. beginning on 4/7. Location has not been finalized yet.
SFCANA - Lou T. gave report. Notes Area concern re: difficulty getting GSRs for groups and fund flow not up to what it used to be. Positions OTF: RCM, Alt RCM. Fund Flow: $400+.
TVA – Ray G. gave report. Noted that the area is trying to get a young people’s meeting started.
Positions OTF: Vice Chair, Alt. Treasurer, BOD.
USA – Vicki McN. gave report. Reports that the area is operating under prudent reserve at this time.
Positions OTF: Vice Chair, Alt Treasurer, Alt RCM, PI/PL Chair.

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SHARING SESSION:
~Julie S. (Web Servant) prepared and read proposed Spam and Primary Purpose policies to the RSC, due to a large amount of spam emails received per day. Received positive feedback from the group and no objection that these policies be posted on the website. Julie and Nicole will post both policies in appropriate locations on the website.
~Kaye W. (Convention Chair) noted that the Convention Committee would like to make internal committee changes; for example, adding an Alt. Vice Chair and allowing trusted servants to participate in the convention. As these are internal changes to the Convention Committee, they can be made at the Convention Committee and do not need the permission of the RSC.
~Vicky McN (USA) asked “How do we determine how many members of NA there are in CT?” After group discussion and several suggestions, an estimate of approximately 4,500 was settled on. This was determined by multiplying 300 meetings times an average of 15 attendees per meeting. Susan will respond to the insurance company with this estimate.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion #1 2/23/08 To accept the proposed PI/PL budget for 2008-2009.
Intent: To be financially responsible.
Maker: Robin S. (MSUA) 2nd by: Linda F. (TVA)
Motion tabled to Areas for 60 days by Ron D. (GNHA), 2nd by Sharon B. (GHA)

Motion #2 2/23/08 To accept the proposed RSC Executive Committee 2008-2009 budget.
Intent: To be financially responsible.
Maker: Dwight T. (Treasurer) 2nd by: Robin S. (MSUA)
Motion tabled to Areas for 60 days by Ron D. (GNHA), 2nd by Sharon B. (GHA)

Motion #3 2/23/08 To accept the proposed RSC Website Committee ‘08 – ’09 budget.
Intent: To be financially accountable to the RSC.
Maker: Julie S. (Web Servant) 2nd by: Robin S. (MSUA)
Motion tabled to Areas for 60 days by Ron D. (GNHA), 2nd by Sharon B. (GHA)
Motion #4 2/23/08  To accept the proposed Schedule Committee budget for 2008-2009.
Intent:  To be financially responsible.
Maker:  Robin S. (MSUA)  2nd by:  Linda F. (TVA)
**Motion tabled to Areas for 60 days** by Ron D. (GNHA), 2nd by Sharon B. (GHA)

Motion #5 2/23/08  To increase and accept WSR budget for 2008-2009 as outlined
Intent:  To assure that the WSR subcommittee adhere to the 7th tradition.
Maker:  Roberta T. (WSR Chair)  2nd by:  Robin S. (MSUA)
**Motion tabled to Areas for 60 days** by Ron D. (GNHA), 2nd by Sharon B. (GHA)

Budgets for Literature, H&I and RD / Alt RD will be brought to the March RSC.

**ELECTIONS:**

Alt. Treasurer:  No nominations or volunteers.  Remains OTF.
Literature Chair:  No nominations or volunteers.  Remains OTF.
Schedule Chair:  No nominations or volunteers.  Remains OTF.
BOD for TVA out ‘at large’ to the fellowship:  No nominations or volunteers  Remains OTF.
**BOD for GWA out ‘at large’ to the fellowship:**  Gerry P. was nominated, qualified and was elected.
Congratulations Gerry!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

The meeting closed at 4:20 p.m.

In Loving Service,
Lois E.

The next meeting will be on March 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

YMCA, High Street, New Britain, CT
Parking available on street in front of building or in parking lot in back (Columbus Blvd entrance)

**From points North – East (Hartford):**
Take Rt. 84 West to Exit 35 (Left exit Rt. 72 & Rt. 9 New Britain)
Follow Rt. 72 to Exit 8 (Columbus Ave)
Straight thru 1st traffic light.
Right at 2nd light (High St.)
YMCA is immediately on right.

**From points West (Waterbury / Danbury):**
Take Rt. 84 East to Exit 35.  (**Stay in left lanes for exit**  Rt. 72 & Rt. 9 New Britain)
Exit 8 (Columbus Ave)
Straight thru 1st traffic light.
Right at 2nd light (High St.)
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**From points South – East (Middletown / Shoreline)**
Take Rt. 9 North to Exit 26 (Downtown New Britain)
Go straight thru 5 traffic lights.
Take a left at 6th traffic light (High St.)
YMCA is immediately on right.

**From points South (Meriden / New Haven)**
Take Rt. 91 North to Exit 22-N (Rt. 9)
Follow Rt. 9 North to Exit 26 (Downtown New Britain)
Go straight thru 5 traffic lights.
Take a left at 6th traffic light (High St.)
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**From points South – West (Bridgeport / Fairfield)**
Take Rt. 8 North to Exit 31 (Rt. 84 East in Waterbury).
Follow Rt. 84 East to Exit 35 (Stay in 2 left lanes for exit Rt. 72 & Rt. 9 New Britain)
Exit 8 (Columbus Ave)
Straight thru 1st traffic light.
Right at 2nd light (High St.)
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**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

Visit [www.ctna.org](http://www.ctna.org) Activities page for directions and events in other regions.

**Saturday, March 8**
Speaker Jam from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. hosted by the GNHA Activities Subcommittee
Trinity Lutheran Church, Corner of Orange & Wall Sts (2nd Floor), New Haven, CT
Free Admission – Pizza and beverages for sale.

**Saturday, March 15**
H&I Fun Day from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Roger’s Lake Club House, Old Lyme, CT
Food, Fun and Fellowship.

**Saturday, March 29**
Spiritual Speaker Meeting & Easter Egg Hunt from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church, 1120 Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT

**Wednesday, April 9**
Issue’s Group of NA 7th Anniversary from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., McCullough Temple,
55 Chapman St, New Britain, CT

**Saturday, April 12**
Annual Spring Bling Bling Dance 2008 from 8:00 p.m. til Midnight, sponsored by A Day At A Time Group of NA. Kramer School Gymnasium, 322 Prospect St., (corner of High St.), Willimantic, CT. $5 donation requested.
DJ – The Fabulous Mark J.

**Saturday, April 19**
Spring Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by the GNHA Activities Subcommittee, Trinity Lutheran Church, Corner of Orange & Wall, New Haven, CT
Tickets $2 in advance, $3 at the door.

**Friday, May 9 thru Sunday, May 11**
4th Annual Women’s Sponsorship Weekend Retreat, Sponsored by the Hip Group, Incarnation Retreat Center, Ivoryton, CT

**Saturday, May 10**
GHA PI/PL Learning Day from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., St. Patrick St. Ann, Hartford, CT
Sunday, May 18
Shoreline Activities Committee presents: 2008 Rockin' Recovery Fest,
From Noon – 7:00 p.m. at McCook Park, Niantic, CT. Come and enjoy a day of live
music played by many venues, BBQ on the beach, Children's activities, raffles and
FUN! Cost is $6.00 at the door. Food donations greatly appreciated.

Friday, June 6 thru Sunday, June 8
GWANA 22nd annual Together in Recovery Family Campout

Friday, Sept. 5 thru Sunday, Sept. 7
Never Alone Campout, Camp Claire, Hamburg Cove, Lyme, CT 06371