

CT Region Service Committee
2008

September 27,

Grace and St. Peter's Church 2927 Dixwell Ave, Hamden, CT

The meeting opened at 2:15 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Visitors: Susan O. and Dara R. were welcomed .

Group members read the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.

Roll call - RCMs from 6 areas were present. PI/PL Chair and Alt Web Servant were absent.

Lois E. reviewed minutes from August. Bob F. (GHA) noted that minutes incorrectly stated that the GHA Campout will no longer be held after this year. Minutes should have stated that the GHA Campout will no longer be hosted by the GHASC. This correction will be made to August's minutes. Corrected minutes were voted on and accepted, 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair – Jim H. gave a written report. Since there is currently no Vice Chair, monthly calendar was updated and will be available on the website. Cathy W. (CCA) went to the post office in Meriden and found that they had not unlocked the mailbox after the payment had been made; everything has been straightened out now. Thanks Cathy!

Vice Chair – OTF

Treasurer – Dwight presented a report for September. Opening balance: \$1,750.00 Area donations: \$2,575.63 Expenditures: \$1,411.59 WSO Fund Flow: \$1,164.04 RSC Closing Balance: \$1,750.00. Schedule Closing Balance: \$1,795.52 Checkbook Balance: \$3,545.52 Report accepted, 6-0-0.

Alt. Treasurer – OTF.

Regional Delegate – OTF

Alt Regional Delegate – Melinda S. gave a written report. Asking for RSC members to ask the members in their areas what workshop topics they are interested in learning about. Some possible topics include: 1) What services are available to areas and groups? What services are available to areas and groups? 2) Lack of interest in service work – how can service become more attractive? 3) Fellowship development – what is going on in the rest of the world in NA?

Also received a DVD from World Services on Fellowship Development that shows NA worldwide, their meetings and the history of NA. Plans to give it to the Convention Chair and share it with the Programming Chair to see if there is interest in playing clips of it during the convention. Brought flyers for the NEZF that CT is hosting in Jan – all addicts are encouraged to attend.

Web Servant – Julie S. prepared a written report. Outdated events deleted and new events posted. Old flyers removed from the server. RD page is being updated and now contains a flyer for the NEZF.

Received emails from a visually impaired addict searching for meetings and also from a professional looking for meetings with sign language interpreters.

Alt Web Servant – Absent.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

B.O.D. – Mark L. gave a written report. 8 out of 9 areas present with TVA seat filled by Bill B. from GDA.

All is well with convention and is moving along as planned. Proposals are in from convention committee and their recommendations were reviewed, discussed and voted on with regard to entertainment, tapers and signers.

Convention – Kaye W. gave a verbal report. Registration flyers were distributed to all areas. Committee will begin meeting at hotel next month. Vicki (USA) states that she has not seen any flyers in meetings in USA.

H & I Buddy O. gave written report. H&I is currently serving 84 meetings/presentations. Considering serving "Big Cheshire" by sharing the commitment between 2 or 3 areas. Preparing for workshop at the upcoming convention. CCA is holding a learning day on 10/18 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Community Lake in Wallingford.

Literature – OTF.

PI/PL – Absent.

Schedules – Gary M. gave a written report. Julie S. (Web Servant) and Carlos (Web Servant from GHA)

attended meeting. Discussed ways of linking our schedule updates with the NAWS site. Also would like RCMs to find out if there are any meetings that may need to be updated / deleted from the schedule. Estimates that there are 11,000 schedules left from the last printing; therefore, the next printing will be smaller. Discussion regarding the price of schedules to groups and professionals – see Motions #1 and #2 under New Business. Schedules are available today.

WSR – OTF.

Schedule Ad Hoc: Julie reported that ad hoc 's first step will be to get the meeting schedule up-to-date. Will ask the RCMs to make sure all GSRs know that it is the group's responsibility to submit schedule changes to the RCM, who should direct them to the Schedule Committee . Future plans include the possibility of a 'meeting scout' to verify that the meetings listed in the schedule are accurate and a new position at the RSC called a NAWS Web Contact, who would have access to the world database. More will be revealed. The ad hoc will meet the 2nd Wed. of the month, after the Schedule Committee meets.

Note: At this time, one more RCM arrived – there are now 7 voting members present.

AREA REPORTS:

CCA – Cathy W. gave report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Alt. Treasurer, Alt. Secretary. Activities Chair. Fund Flow: \$371.68

GDA – Absent.

GHA – Bob F. gave report. Two groups (Between the Covers and Seriously Seeking Recovery) are getting together to continue the GHA Campout. Positions OTF: PI/PL Chair, PI/PL Vice Chair. Fund Flow: \$1,774.97

GNHA – Ron D. gave report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM , Alt Treasurer. Fund Flow: \$599.14

GWANA – Joe F. gave report. A treasurer from a group in his area stole their group funds, and they have asked for guidance. Julie suggested they read the NA World Services Bulletin on Theft of NA Funds.

Positions OTF: Treasurer, Vice Chair, Alt. RCM, Policy Chair, Activities Chair. No fund flow.

MSUA – Robin S. gave report. Positions OTF: H&I Chair. Fund Flow: \$464.66 and \$52.74 (2 checks)

SFCANA – Absent.

TVA – Ray G. gave report. Area concerns are lack of involvement. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Alt. Treasurer, Lit Chair, Policy Chair. Fund Flow: \$1,000.00

USA – Vicki McN. gave report. Area decided to forgo the requirement that service positions be filled by those with 1 year of area service experience in the hopes to fill more positions at the ASC. Positions OTF: Vice Chair, Alt Treasurer, RCM, PI/PL Chair. No fund flow.

Break – 10 minutes.

SHARING SESSION:

~ Jim H. (Chair) reports that the region received a refund check from our old insurance company for \$782.08.

~Melinda S. (Alt. RD) shared that there are several non-funded trusted servants that serve at the NEZF (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary), and most of the Regions that attend the NEZF contribute money to help fund their expenses to attend. Asks if the CTRSC is willing to contribute to help pay for these non-funded trusted servant expenses? See Motion #3 under New Business.

~Melinda S. (Alt. RD) shared her concern that RD budget may not contain enough money for everything that is planned for this year. Buddy O. noted that there is unused money budgeted for the Literature Subcommittee that could possibly be moved to cover RD expenses if needed.

~Dwight T. (Treasurer) noted that adjustments will need to be made to RD/Alt. RD and also PI/PL budgets. In the case of PI/PL, the Phonetel bill was only budgeted for the first three quarters of the year in error. Money may be able to be moved from other budgets that are not being used (Literature, for example). However, until this money is needed, there is nothing that needs to be done. When the time comes, a motion should be brought to this table to request a specific dollar amount for a specific purpose, etc. and will be voted on, on a case by case basis.

~Dara R. (visitor) shared her concern about the lack of willingness to do service work – what are we going to do about it?

Some of the suggestions were: it starts with sponsorship, we need to make service work attractive, choose 'service' as a topic at meetings, host service learning days and serve Food, encourage people that there are many ways to serve – there is something for everyone.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ELECTIONS:

Vice Chair: Vicki McN. was nominated by Buddy O.; 2nd by Kaye W. – declined. Lois E. nominated by Buddy O; 2nd by Kaye W. - declined.

Secretary: Vicki McN. was nominated by Gary M; 2nd by Kaye W. – accepted. Qualifications for the position were read. Vicki qualified and was elected. Congratulations Vicki!

Alt. Treasurer: No nominations or volunteers. Remains OTF.

RD: Melinda S. was nominated by Buddy O.; 2nd by Kaye W. – accepted. Melinda qualified and was elected. Congratulations Melinda!

Literature Chair: No nominations or volunteers. Remains OTF.

WSR Chair: No nominations or volunteers. Remains OTF.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1: 9/27/08 To change RSC Policy V.A.7.b. to read “Selling price of schedules to outside institutions to be determined by CTRNA Schedule Subcommittee. Cost of living increases to be approved by CTRSC.

Intent: To maintain financial responsibility.

Maker: Vicki McN. (USA RCM) 2nd By: Ray G. (TVA RCM)

Motion Passed, 7-0-0.

Motion #2: 9/27/08 Revise VI.E.5.d in RSC Policy to read “Make schedules available at cost to Areas through RCMs and to subcommittees through chairperson at RSC.” This is an addition of the words ‘at cost’.

Intent: That the RSC not be covering shortage of the cost of schedules.

Maker: Vicki McN. (USA RCM) 2nd By: Ron D. (GNHA RCM)

Motion Passed, 7-0-0.

Motion #3: 9/27/08 To contribute \$60.00 to NEZF Non-funded trusted servants who are not sent by a region to cover expenses.

Intent: To contribute with other regions in supporting Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the zonal forums.

Maker: Melinda S. (RD) 2nd By: Vicki McN. (USA RCM)

Motion Passed, 6-0-1.

The meeting closed in the usual manner at 4:25 p.m.

In Loving Service,
Lois E.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Visit www.ctna.org Activities page for directions and events in other regions.

Friday, Oct. 3 thru
Sunday, Oct. 5

Free To Be Me Prayer and Meditation Retreat, Camp Wightman, Griswold, CT
Registration \$145 (includes lodging and 6 meals). Limited to 40 registrants, so register early!

Saturday, Oct. 4
(rain date Oct 5)

Walk the Walk At The Beach, West Haven Town Beach – Meet at Captain’s Galley at 1 p.m. and walk to the Point. Speaker Meeting.

Sunday, Oct. 12

Between the Covers Chili Cook-Off from 11 a.m. til Dusk. P&F Pond, East Hartford, CT. All home groups are invited to participate! Bring your

best pot of

Chili and as many supporters of your home group and represent!

Saturday, Oct. 18

CCA Sub-Committee Learning Day – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Community Lake Park, Wallingford. CT (look for flyer).

Wednesday, Oct. 22

“Live The Steps Or Die” 7th Anniversary from 7 – 9 p.m. at Uncas on the Thames 401, W. Thames St. (Rt. 32), Norwich, CT Speakers, Food and Fellowship.

Saturday, Nov. 1

Spiritual Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, corner of Cooke & Grove Sts., Waterbury, CT

Saturday, Nov. 1

NA Halloween Dance hosted by the Straight Ahead Group from 8 p.m. til Midnight, St. Jean Baptiste Hall, 209 Smalley St., New Britain, CT DJ, Refreshments, Costume Contest Admission: \$5.00

Saturday, Nov. 15

Straight From the Hip Women’s Sponsorship Retreat **Fun Raiser** – Holiday Crafts, Tag & Bake Sale from 10 a.m. til 3 p.m. Double Speaker meeting at noon.

Safe Haven Recovery Club, 74 Grove St., Meriden, CT

Wednesday, Nov. 26

The Feast Before The Feast, co-hosted by The Stepping’ Thru It All and All About Change Groups from 6 – 7:15 p.m., followed by a speaker meeting

from 7:30 – 9

p.m. Turkey / ham dinner with all the fixings. Food donations

appreciated.

Jan. 23 thru Jan 25, 2009

Northeast Zonal Forum (NEZF), hosted by the CT Region Courtyard Marriott, 4 Sebethe Drive, Cromwell, CT. All addicts encouraged to attend. Hotel phone # 860-961-9240 for

reservations.

Room rate: \$99 per night – must mention NEZF for group rate.

Friday, May 8 thru
the Straight
Sunday, May 10
3/31: \$155

5th Annual Woman’s Sponsorship Weekend Retreat, Sponsored by

From the Hip Group, Incarnation Retreat Center, Ivoryton CT Price til

Price after 4/1: \$165

The next RSC meeting will be on October 25, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

The CTRSC Directions for October:

Grace and St. Peter’s Church 2927 Dixwell Ave, Hamden, CT. 06518 (corner of Dixwell & Whitney)

From New London – Take I-95 toward New Haven, merge on to I -91 north via exit 48 toward Hartford, merge on to CT-40 via exit 10 (Hamden /Cheshire), then take exit 1, turn left at the bottom of the ramp (Devine St.), at the next traffic light take another left, at the next traffic light take a right onto Dixwell Ave., just after your 4th traffic light (Dixwell & Whitney) the church is on immediately the left hand side.

From Hartford – Take 91 south toward New Haven, merge onto CT-15 South (Wilbur Cross

Parkway) via exit 17, take exit 62 and at the bottom of the exit take a right, go to the second traffic light (Dixwell & Whitney) and take a left and the church is immediately on the left hand side.

From Fairfield – Take I-95 toward New Haven, take exit 38 toward CT-15 (Merritt & Wilbur Cross Parkway) merge onto Milford Parkway, then merge onto CT-15 (Wilbur Cross Parkway) toward New Haven/Hartford, get off exit 61 (Whitney Ave) at the bottom of the exit take a right, then go to the second traffic light (Dixwell & Whitney) and take a left and the church is immediately on the left hand side.

From Danbury – Take I-84 toward Waterbury, take exit 11 toward CT-34 (Derby/New Haven) turn right onto Mile Hill Rd., turn right onto Roosevelt Dr. (CT-34E) continue to follow for 10.3 miles and merge onto CT-15 N. (Wilbur Cross Parkway) toward New Haven, continue for approx. 9 miles and get off exit 61 (Whitney Ave) at the bottom of the exit take a right, go to the second traffic light (Dixwell & Whitney) and take a left and the church is immediately on the left hand side.

From Waterbury – Take I-84 E. toward Hartford, get off exit 26 (CT-70) toward Cheshire, turn right onto CT-70 (Waterbury Rd) continue for approx. 3.8 miles and turn right onto Main St. (CT-68/CT-70), in .03 miles turn right onto Highland Ave. (CT-10), continue on for 8.3 miles and turn right on Dixwell Ave (just pass the fire station), the church is immediately on the left hand side.

From New Britain – Take CT-9 south toward Middletown, merge onto I-91 South via exit 20S toward New Haven, Merge onto CT-15 South (Wilbur Cross Parkway) via exit 17, take exit 62 and at the bottom of the exit take a right, go to the second traffic light (Dixwell & Whitney) and take a left and the church is immediately on the left hand side.