

CT Region Service Committee

December 27, 2008

St. Rose Church, 33 Church Street, East Hartford, CT

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

Visitors: Jimmy C, Mike, Ron D, Laurie, Muriel, Al, and Dara R., were welcomed.

Group members read the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.

Roll call - RCMs from 5 areas were present. All subcommittees and committees present
Vicki reviewed the minutes from November. Minutes were voted on and accepted, 4-0-0.

Note: 2 RCMs arrived after roll call.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair - Jim H. gave a written report. Newtown Insurance mailed a new refund check. It cleared. New Insurance: Jim is the contact person for all new insurance requests; however since it is a blanket policy, Certificates of insurance should not be necessary.

Vice Chair - OTF

Treasurer - Dwight presented a report for December. Opening balance: \$2,767.08. Area donations: \$4,202.37. Misc. Donations/Funds Returned: \$893.08. Expenditures: \$1,811.41. WSO Fund Flow: \$3,792.58. RSC Closing Balance: \$2,258.54. Schedule Closing Balance: \$1,643.19. Checkbook Balance: \$3,901.73. Report accepted, 5-0-0.

Alt. Treasurer - OTF.

Regional Delegate -OTF- Jim read Melinda's written report. A final payment to the Marriott is needed. The figure has been emailed to several members of the executive committee. Melinda is still looking for rides to local meetings for the Zonal Forum attendees. Please call: 860-582-9580 to volunteer.

Alt Regional Delegate OTF

Web Servant - Julie S. prepared a written report. She continues to work on coordinating the NAWS database with the CT website. There were 5,063 visits to the website in November. RCMs are asked to ask areas if they would consider changing regional policy to include a date or a revised date on all flyers presented to region. The current policy reads: "III.B.1. All flyers at the regional table pertaining to NA display at least one (1) of the four (4) approved NA symbols." Julie was contacted about setting up a Literature Workshop at the Zonal Forum. If interested, please contact Julie. Both the Web Servant and Alt Web Servant positions are OTF.

Alt Web Servant , - Absent.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

BOD - Marc called the secretary to report that he would be absent but that all is moving forward.

Convention: Kaye gave a written report. Convention Committee is on schedule. They are looking into how to get attendees to the Excell center. The need for more indigent packages was also discussed, especially with the price increase. 182 full packets were sold. They decided to cap it at 225 so that there wouldn't be left over meals. Schedule committee will donate schedules to the convention. Convention Kick-off committee will meet at the New Britain YMCA on 2/15 @ 1:00.

H & I - Buddy gave a written report. There will be an H&I info table with literature and volunteer applications at the 24th CTRCNA. The subcommittee voted to suspend and then delete policy "VI.B.6.g.iv" which states "(DOC Volunteer liaison assistant) May not hold two positions at Regional H&I" and elected Tim S. to that position. This was possible as stated in Section VI on the cover page of CTRNA Service Committee Policy. Beginning in February, the H&I Subcommittee will move to the YMCA, 50 High St., New Britain.

Literature - OTF.

PI/PL - Justin gave a written report. GNHA: New budget approved. SFCA: Having mail out to professionals 12/28. Ongoing poster drive.. GWANA: Presenting to counselors at Naugatuck High. TVA: mail out in Jan. USA: Poster drive planned for Feb. MSUA: getting basic texts out to area libraries. Poster drive in Jan.

Schedules - Gary M. gave a written report. Requested that RCMs give meeting changes to Schedules BEFORE giving them to the Webservant. New schedule printing this week.

WSR - Gerry gave a written report. There is a severe lack of male step-guides. Strongly urged all addicts to attend the convention workshop (10:30 to 12 pm). There is still no WSR Chair.

Schedule Ad Hoc: Julie provided a written report. Committee is seeking feedback on what information to include alongside the meetings on the website. The following Areas do not have meeting scouts or Ad-Hoc committee members: GNHA and USA. No computer experience required to serve on the committee! It was noted that all Ad-Hoc committees

end automatically at 90 days.

AREA REPORTS:

CCA - Cathy W. gave report. Positions OTF: RCM, Alt. RCM, Alt. Treasurer, Alt. Secretary. Literature Chair. No Fund Flow since operating below prudent reserve. Meeting location changes were submitted

GDA - Bill B. gave a report. Positions OTF: NONE. No fund flow.

GHA - Bob F. gave report. Positions OTF: PI/PL Chair, Policy Chair and Alt RCM. Fund Flow: \$928.16

GNHA -Katy B. gave report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Alt. Secretary. Fund Flow suspended until Prudent Reserve is filled.

GWANA - Absent

MSUA -Megan O/Robin S gave report. Positions OTF: H & I Chair. H & I volunteers are needed, esp. females.

SFCANA - Absent

TVA - Ray G. gave report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, , Lit Chair. Fund Flow: \$1603.39 mailed to treasurer.

USA -Myron T gave report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM. Fund Flow: \$131.31.

Break - 10 minutes.

SHARING SESSION:

- ~ Kaye, Convention registration: \$40 for the day (includes parking) We need more indigent packages. Suggestions received were as follows: * Regional policy states that Convention Committee will give out free packets but wait until the need is there. *Use the honor system for providing free packets; *Ask for extra dollars during registration to cover the costs of the packets; *Pigs & Space offers service opportunities in lieu of payment; *Region should cover the costs of the packets. It's a better use of our funds than the \$3700 Fund Flow to World; *It's not about the money, it's about the newcomer. Let's not turn anyone away. Maybe better planning would include this consideration next year.
- ~ Vicki requested clarification on the H&I vote to change policy. See page 20, Responsibilities of Committee officers. This was amended.
- ~ Justin, Could copies of bills be provided to PI/PL so that we could plan the next budget better? Is there a reason why subcommittee chairs aren't given receipts? For example, what do we pay AT&T for exactly? Maybe we are paying for things we're not using. Jim, the Regional Chair directed the Treasurer to look into this.
- ~ Myron, USA RCM, The Shoreline Area is not represented at Adhoc. Will these meetings therefore be deleted? Webservant stated that she will go by the printed schedule. She suggests that all groups check the website and the World website to update meetings. GHA is asking GSRs in his area to confirm meetings at Area.
- ~ Buddy O, Would like clarification on how the site selection was turned to a fiscal responsibility. Arguments included: *Region needs to be in charge of BOD; *Addicts could join the committee if they'd like it changed; *BOD is in charge of Convention and they are accountable to Region; *Region needs to take a look at how the recommendations are made for these positions as opposed to BOD choosing a person to represent the corporation; *Elections should be done through Region; *Why aren't the elected directors filling these positions?; *Tech Director and Site Selection were members of the BOD; *Subcommittee members don't need to be brought before Region; *Why isn't H&H involved with BOD? It is an H&H responsibility?; *Are they following Convention guidelines? BOD is not represented today. This discussion should be postponed until they are represented.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ELECTIONS:

Vice Chair: Al was nominated by Gerry- declined. Remains OTF.

Alt. Treasurer: Gaye was nominated by Buddy O, - declined. Remains OTF.

RD Gerry was nominated by Buddy O., 2nd by Al- accepted, qualified and voted in 6-0-1. Thanks, Gerry!

Alt RD Buddy nominated Bill - declined. Ron volunteered, qualified and voted in 7-0-0. Thanks, Ron!

Literature Chair: Joe M was nominated by Megan, 2nd by Robin. Accepted, qualified and voted in 7-0-0. Thanks, Joe!

WSR Chair: No nominations or volunteers. Remains OTF.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1: 12/27/08; To accept the proposed website budget in the amount of \$677.00 submitted for 09-10

Maker: Julie S/Webservant; 2nd by Ray G/TVA RCM

Motion was tabled back to the Areas for 60 days by Bob/GHA RCM and 2nd by Ray/TVA RCM

Motion #2: 12/27/08; To accept the proposed budget in the amount of \$124.00 for the Ad-Hoc committee 08-09.
Intent: Financial accountability

Maker: Julie S/Ad-Hoc Chair; 2nd By: Ray G/TVA RCM

Motion was ruled out of order since Ad Hoc Committee is part of the Executive Committee's Budget.

Motion #3: 12/27/08; To adjust the 2008-09 WSR Budget in the following manner: 1) To transfer \$50 from the "Literature" Line item and move to the "Mailing Costs" line item. 2) To transfer \$4.44 from the "Learning Day" Line item to the "Copies/Flyers" Line item.

Intent: To facilitate the WSR Committee's ability to perform its basic functions without interruption due to financial budgetary constraints.

Maker: Dwight/Treasurer 2nd By: Myron T/USA RCM

Motion Passed, 7-0-0

The meeting closed in the usual manner 5:19 p.m.

Pleasure to serve,
Vick

**The next RSC meeting will be on January 31, 2008 at 2:00 p.m, East Hartford
February's RSC will be in Danbury. Bill, please bring Directions to the next Region.**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

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

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| Dec. 31-Jan 1 | New Year's Eve Marathon; 10 pm - 6 pm; Orange & Wall St., New Haven |
| Dec. 31-Jan 1 | Holiday Marathon; Dec. 31, 7 9 p.m. to Jan 1 7:00 p.m.; Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Main Street, Middletown |
| Jan 16 | Recovery on Track Anniversary Party, 1/16, 6:30-9:00; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 65 North Main St. Wallingford |
| Jan. 17 | Never Alone Campout, 2 nd annual Spiritual Breakfast, 1/17, Breakfast 8:00 am to 10, speakers 10-Noon; First Congregation Church, 62 Colony St., Meriden. \$5.00 in advance/\$7.00 at door. |
| Jan. 23 thru Jan 25, 2009 | Northeast Zonal Forum (NEZF), hosted by the CT Region Courtyard by the Marriott, 4 Sebeth Drive, Cromwell, CT. All addicts encouraged to attend. Hotel phone # 860-961-9240 for reservations. FREE Admission. Room rate: \$99 per night - must mention NEZF for group rate. Volunteers are also needed to take attendees to local meetings. |
| Jan 31 | 70's Dance; 5 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury |
| Feb. 1 | Rock & Roll Duckpin Bowling; Feb 1, 1:00 pm, Holiday Lanes, 39 Spencer St. Manchester. \$15.00 adults; \$10 children 7 and under. |
| Feb. 15 | 25 th 2010 Kick-Off for Convention; 1:00 pm. YMCA, 50 High St., New Britain. |
| April 3-5 | Became Willing Retreat;; MidState Unity Area 12-Step Retreats; Ivoryton, CT; \$150. |

- Friday, May 8 thru
Sunday, May 10 5th Annual Woman's Sponsorship Weekend Retreat, Sponsored by the Straight
From the Hip Group, Immaculata Retreat Center, 253 Bushy Hill Rd; Ivoryton CT. Price til 3/31:
\$155; Price after 4/1: \$165
- August 21-23 Miracles Do Happen Campout, Camp Cedarcrest, 886 Mappedale Rd., Orange, CT 06522. \$30 no
meals; \$45 with meals and children under 12 free; \$15 Cabin fee.
- Oct 9 thru Oct. 11 "Solutions for Sisters Women's Retreat; Incarnation Retreat Center, 253 Bushy Hill Rd; Ivoryton CT
Price til 3/31: \$155; Price after 4/1: \$165