

CT Region Service Committee

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

Revised 2/14/09 January 31, 2009

The meeting opened at 2:20 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Visitors: Mike K., George C, and Dara R., were welcomed. Group members read the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.

Roll call - RCMs from 8 areas were present. All subcommittees and committees present. Secretary: Absent.

Minutes from January were reviewed; voted on and accepted, 8-0-0.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair - Jim H. gave a written report. Attended both the Zonal Forum and the Convention. Thanks to RD and Convention Committee for all their hard work. Proposed Executive Committee budget is \$1216.00 less than previous year because of the decrease in insurance costs.

Vice Chair - OTF

Treasurer - Dwight presented a report for January. Opening balance: \$2,258.54. Area donations: \$1,964.82. Misc. Donations/Funds Returned: \$180.00. Expenditures: \$2,358.42. WSO Fund Flow: \$0. RSC Closing Balance: \$2044.94. Schedule Closing Balance: \$908.14. Checkbook Balance: \$2,953.08. Report accepted, 8-0-0.

Alt. Treasurer - OTF.

Note: 1 RCM arrived (9 out of 9 present)

Regional Delegate -Gerry P. gave a written report. \$131.81 is still owed the Marriott for unforeseen expenses Several addicts from this Region came to Zonal Forum. Thanks to Melinda and Gerry for pulling this off! The webservant is downloading the minutes to our website. For clarification, it was explained that the NEZF consists of 13 regions (12 were present) which meet and discuss issues of mutual concerns. Next Zonal Forum: June 26-28, 09, Queens, NY. There is a significant increase in the proposed RD budget due to the upcoming World Service Conference.

Alt Regional Delegate - Ron gave a written report. He was pleased to report on the region's support at NEZF, with many addicts showing up to give rides to participants. Ron submitted an invoice in the amount of \$221.76 for reimbursement of shared hotel room expenses. **Asked RCMs to take a questionnaire back to their areas for input into the June Zonal Forum.**

Web Servant - Julie S. prepared a written report. She continues to work on coordinating the NAWS database with the CT website. There were 5,286 visits to the website in December. The Website Committee is seeking clarification on meetings which have folded. Note: Only the newer forms should be used on meeting schedule updates. **All schedule changes must go first to the Schedule Committee**, then to the Webservant. The website gets schedule changes from the schedule committee. The form that should be used for all schedule changes is the Regional Schedule Committee Meeting Information Form. This information will be coordinated with the website & NAWS. We're having some problems coordinating because everyone is not aware that the schedule committee will coordinate with the website! Website Policy Guidelines were submitted to the CTRSC.

Alt Web Servant ,- No report.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

BOD - Marc gave a written report. There was no Dec. meeting due to inclement weather. Attendance was up 67% from last year. Member donations were double that of the previous year, allowing for 481 indigent packages to be given away.

Convention: Nicole gave a verbal report. Wrap-up mtg was postponed due to inclement weather. Vice Chair for 2009 convention will look to be voted in as 2010 Chair.

H & I - Buddy O gave a written report. There was no meeting in January (weather!) Workshop at CTRCNA was well attended. The New Britain YMCA will be the regular meeting place. Currently serving 81 meetings/presentations. Budget to be submitted "shows an increase of \$1620 mainly due to increased use and cost of schedules".

Literature - Joe gave a written report. Plans on attending a multi-regional literature review workshop in Poughkeepsie NY on 4/25. Attended MSUA meeting and plans on attending other areas. Looking for central location for meeting.

PI/PL - Justin gave a written report. All areas requested to check the meeting times on the website to make sure they are accurate. Old motion from November regarding the current PI/PL budget needs to be voted on today since 60 days have lapsed. (Note: Secretary apologizes for not including this in the agenda!)

Schedules - Gary M. gave a written report. Schedule committee is considering other styles for the schedule. Gary

distributed alternate schedule options for review and feedback. Thanked RCMs for using the new schedule revision form. Note to RCMs: All schedule changes must go first to Schedule Committee, then to the Webservant. Next deadline for all meeting changes is 4/1/09.

WSR - Gerry gave a written report. There is still no WSR Chair. Submitting a budget with \$120 increase for an expected literature order and to offset any decrease in donations. OTF: Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Out of State Correspondent.

Schedule Ad Hoc: Julie provided a written report. 8 addicts in attendance. Had a teleconference with NAWS at the mtg. "NAWS suggested that we create a separate database that can be coordinated with the NAWS database...." TVA & GDA are up to date in the database. MSUA and SFCA are working on updates. GNHA reports it is up to date. GWA, CCA and USA are not updated. GWA, CCA, USA and GNHA are in need of ad-hoc support. The website and ad-hoc committee are looking for volunteers with knowledge of PHP programming language. No computer experience is needed to serve on the committee! Note: Not all of the work is done on the computer.

AREA REPORTS:

CCA - Cathy W. gave report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Activities.Treasurer, Alt. Secretary. No Fund Flow.

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

GHA - Bob F. gave report. Positions OTF: Policy Chair and Alt RCM, Alt. Webservant. No Fund Flow

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

GWANA - Joe F gave a report. Postions OTF: Chair, Vice Chair, Campout, Policy, Alt. RCM. No Fund Flow.

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

SFCANA - Dave gave report. Positions OTF: None. Fund Flow: \$38.14

TVA - Ray G. gave report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM. Fund Flow: None. Ray wants to know if reports are proof read.

USA -Myron T gave report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Activities Chair. Fund Flow: None.

Break - 10 minutes.

SHARING SESSION:

~ Dwight: AT&T phone charges bill has increased \$87.20/mo. This contract was verbally approved. Bob F: Who has the authority to question/approve contracts? Buddy: Contracts are automatically rolled over at expiration. Each Subcommittee Chair needs to pass on the replacement info. Justin: Not changing PI/PL budget to reflect increase in monthly bill. He will try to renegotiate contract. Discussion ensued about who uses white pages. Julie: Info Line (211) will give out NA number. Bob F: could PI/PL Chair look into renegotiating contract? Justin attempting to get more info on where calls come from.

~ George: Got CAR report last minute. Region should look into setting up workshops now. Ron: workshops start in Nov. 2009 to prepare for CAR report. CAR Report came out late last year and this led to last minute workshops. Gerry: last year vote stated that CAR be available 180 days before votes are due. Worldwide workshop being held 11/21-11/22 in Peabody, MA.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion #2: 11/29/08 To have \$1,017.08 added to the Phonetel maintenance item of the PI/PL 2008 budget. \$508.54 of this request is for an unpaid bill from the previous year's budget. The other \$508.54 was a misinformed budgeting issue. The 2008 budget was \$508.54 short, not \$1,017.08.

Intent: Financial responsibility

Maker: Justin/PI PL Chair; 2nd by: Bob F/GHA RCM

Motion passed. 5-0-4

ELECTIONS:

Vice Chair. Remains OTF.

Alt. Treasurer: Nicole was nominated and declined. Remains OTF.

WSR Chair: No nominations or volunteers. Remains OTF.

Alt.Webservant: Nicole was nominated and declined. Mike was nominated by Gary - declined. Remains OTF.

Webservant: Julie was nominated and accepted. Qualified and voted in. 9-0-0 All noted what a great job she's been doing. THANKS JULIE!

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1: 1/31/09; To approve the proposed CTRNA H&I budget in the amount of \$4,360.00 submitted for 09-10.

Intent: Financial accountability

Maker: Buddy O/H&I Chair 2nd by Bill B/GDARCM

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

Motion #2: 1/31/09; To accept the proposed RD and Alt. RD 2009-10 budget in the amount of \$4,770.00.

Intent: To be financially responsible

Maker: Ron D/Alt RD; 2nd By: Bob F/GHA RCM

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

Motion #3: 1/31/09; To accept the proposed Executive Committee budget in the amount of \$2028.00 for 09-10.

Intent: Financial accountability

Maker: Cathy W/CCA RCM 2nd By: Joe F/UGWA RCM

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

Motion #4: 1/31/09; To obtain a P.O. Box for the Literature Subcommittee.

Intent: To have access to mail, to receive questionnaires being sent out via literature

Maker: Joe/Lit Chair 2nd By: Ray G/TVA RCM

Motion was withdrawn until next month.

Motion #5: 1/31/09; To add policy "V.A.9.a The website will function as a committee when there is support in the fellowship to do so."

Intent: To make it clear in policy that if there is support there is a committee in addition to the resource positions - Webservant and Alt. Webservant. To operate the website with a group conscience when possible.

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

Motion was tabled for 30 days pending revision of motion.

Motion #6: 1/31/09; To approve the proposed Regional PI/PL 09-10 Budget in the amount of \$11,424.70.

Intent: To maintain financial responsibility

Maker: Justin A/PI PL Chair 2nd By: Bob T/CHA RCM

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

Motion #7: 1/31/09; To increase the **current** Schedule Budget by \$125.00 from \$351.00 to \$476.00.

Intent: To better serve the Primary Purpose.

Maker: Gary M/Schedule Chair 2nd By: Dwight T/CTRSC Treasurer

Motion passed. 8-0-0

Motion #8: 1/31/09; To have previous Convention Chair and/or Vice Chair to chair the kick-off meeting in February.

Intent: To keep an appropriate and manageable timeline for our 2010 Convention.

Maker: Dan S/SFCA RCM; 2nd by Bill B/GDA RCM

Motion passed. 8-0-1

Motion #9: 1/31/09; To change Regional Policy III.b.I to read "All flyers at the Regional table pertaining to NA display at least 1 of the 4 approved NA symbols and a date or a revised date."

Intent: Clear communication to the groups on both new and old flyers.

Maker: Bob F/GHA RCM; 2nd By: Gerry P/RD

Motion was tabled back to the Areas for 60 days by Dan/SFCA RCM and 2nd by Bill/GDA RCM

Motion #10: 1/31/09; To approve the proposed WSR Budget for 2009-2010 as reported in the WSR minutes in the amount of \$1,070.00.

Intent: To allow committee to function.

Maker: Gerry P/RD; 2nd By: Dwight T/CTRSC Treasurer

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

The meeting closed in the usual manner 6:19 p.m. **Special thanks to Cathy W for taking and delivering this month's minutes!**

Pleasure to serve,
Vick

The next RSC meeting will be on February 28th at 2:00 p.m, St. John's Episcopal Church, 5 Washington Ave., Sandy Hook, CT 06482