

CT Region Service Committee

(rev. 4-2) March 28, 2009

St. John's Episcopal Church, 5 Washington Ave, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

The meeting opened at 2:01 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer

Visitors: were welcomed. Group members read the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.

Roll call – 7 acting RCMs were present. All subcommittees and committees present.

Minutes from February were reviewed. There were issues with the inappropriate revision to Old Motion #5. The secretary accepted responsibility for this error and apologized to the body. It was also noted that this Motion was incorrectly placed in Old Business and should have been written as a new Motion under New Business. The minutes from February were voted on and accepted 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair – Jim H. presented a written report. He received a renewal from Philadelphia Insurance. Policy expires 6/02/09. The Executive Committee will review it for any possible changes.

Note: one more RCM arrived at this time. There were 8 acting RCMs present.

Vice Chair – Adam presented a verbal report. He provided a monthly Service Committee Meeting Calendar for April.

Treasurer – Dwight presented a written report for March. Opening balance: \$400.87. Area donations: \$879.47. Expenditures: \$1,248.65. WSO Fund Flow: None. RSC Closing Balance: \$701.86. Schedule Closing Balance: \$2,920.14. Checkbook Balance: \$3,622.00. Currently, we are still in a fiscal emergency, which is less than 40% below Prudent Reserve. Report accepted, 8-0-0.

Alt. Treasurer- OTF

Regional Delegate – Gerry P. presented a written report. He attended the CTRSC Literature Sub-Committee meeting. RCMs were reminded about the literature review and input process. Please announce that input is needed at your Areas and encourage addicts to consider holding workshops which either Gerry or the Alt. RD will facilitate.

Alt. Regional Delegate – Ron presented a written report. The copies of two service pamphlets: “Disruptive & Violent Behavior” and “Group Trusted Servants: Roles and Responsibilities” were attached to his report.

Web Servant – Julie S. presented a written report in abstentia. It was read by the Vice Chair.

Alt. Web Servant – OTF

SUBCOMMITTEES:

BOD – Marc presented a written report. A deposit was sent to the Hilton Stamford for 2010 Convention. RCMs were asked to announce that BOD seats from Central Connecticut, Southern Fairfield and Tunxis Valley were up for re-election. There were questions regarding the added BOD positions. Vince stated that the new positions were deemed prudent to help with fluidity. The 2 positions in question are Associate Directors

and have no voting privileges. It was discussed that the problem is that only the BOD votes these two in. NOTE: There was a printing error with the "Consent to Action" pages provided the RCMs. The last page should be the 2nd page. This is Marc's last Region as Executive Director of BOD. Thanks, Marc! Vince has been chosen as the new Executive Director. Thanks, Vince!

Convention – Keith W. presented a written report. A list of all subcommittee meeting locations will be going out to the fellowship this month. Convention Committee will meet at the YMCA in New Britain. Last month's Motion #2 under New Business has not yet been discussed and will need to be readdressed.

H & I – Buddy O. presented a written report. Currently serving 83 meetings/presentations. Secretary position OTF. 2,000 schedules were distributed.

Literature – Joe presented a written report. Workshop on 3 pamphlets "In Times of Illness", "Keeping it and Giving it Away" and "Living Clean: The Journey Continues" will be held May 2, 1-5 pm at Holy Trinity, 381 Main St, Middletown. Deadline for comments is May 30th. Addicts may also submit comments on the following websites. [ftp://WSC2010:WSC2010@66.6.216.61/Self-Support/Giving It Away R%26I Draft.pdf](ftp://WSC2010:WSC2010@66.6.216.61/Self-Support/Giving%20It%20Away%20Draft.pdf) This is for the New I.P.- "Giving It Away"

[ftp://WSC2010:WSC2010@66.6.216.61/Self-Support/Keeping It R%26I Draft.pdf](ftp://WSC2010:WSC2010@66.6.216.61/Self-Support/Keeping%20It%20Draft.pdf) This is For the New I.P. "Keeping It"

[ftp://WSC2010:WSC2010@66.6.216.61/In%20Times%20of%20Illness/ITOI R%26I Draft.pdf](ftp://WSC2010:WSC2010@66.6.216.61/In%20Times%20of%20Illness/ITOI%20Draft.pdf) This is for the revised "In Times Of Illness"

PI/PL – Justin presented a written report. Several PIPL volunteers have been looking into switching to a new phone system by Halloo. We are looking at the Virtual Office M-1000 system for \$49.95 per month. The system can easily handle our current needs. After all penalties and new costs we will still save \$1,825.68 in our first year. We will then save \$3,616.68 every year after that. There are many other options available with Halloo that Phonetel does not offer that come with the M-1000 system. The treasurer has applied for a Visa Check Card which PI/PL could use for the new phone company.

Schedules – Gary M. presented a verbal report. Deadline for meeting changes for the next printing is April 1st. New printing should be out by mid-April. Alternate styles were discussed. Committee recommends the NY style booklet that was passed around at last RSC, but the price difference is substantial. **All meeting updates should be submitted on the new forms and given FIRST to the Schedules Subcommittee then to Webservant.**

WSR – Pat presented a written report. He has submitted a request to buy 26 books of Forever stamps before the rates change. There are currently 4 positions OTF. Male Step Writing Guides are needed. Step Guides are required to attend one orientation meeting a year. Information about WSR will be brought to NAWS for the "Reaching Out" magazine.

Schedule Ad Hoc – Absent. Report was included with the Webservant report.

AREA REPORTS :

CCA – Cathy W. gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt. Sec, Alt. RCM. Fund Flow: None. Area Concerns: CCA is operating in a state of Fiscal Emergency.

GDA – Bill B. gave a report. Positions OTF: RCM (Thanks, Bill!) Fund Flow: \$377.19.

GHA – Bob F. gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Alt. Webservant, Policy Chair, Secretary. Fund Flow: \$1,973.39.

GNHA – Katy B. gave a report. Positions OTF: None. Fund Flow: \$23.73.

GWANA – Denease S. gave a report on behalf of Joe. Positions OTF: unknown. Fund Flow: None.

MSUA –Megan O. gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM. Fund Flow: \$250.72.

SFCANA – Dave gave a report. Positions OTF: Chair, Alt. RCM, perhaps V Chair. Fund Flow: \$18.00. Area concerns: Website postings.

TVA – Ray G. gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM & Sec. Fund Flow: None.

USA – Absent

Break – 10 minutes

SHARING SESSION:

~ George C.: Motion #5 is Out of Order because it was rewritten without going through the proper channels. There needs to be a special session in order to rewrite motions.

Bob: Robert's Rules of Order should be followed. This motion is out of order. Meagan:

Who determines a Motion Out of Order? Adam: It is already too late. Bob: My Area has submitted only two votes. Does it really matter if we reconsider it? Adam: Are RCMs

okay with the revised motion regardless of whether it was revised inappropriately or not.

Adam read both motions. The original Motion states:

To form a website committee, as a separate standing committee that will meet with PI/PL upon completion of the Ad-hoc committee. (We expect to be able to meet the first time in April.) The committees will join together to decide a possible meeting day change, so that the website will be able to effectively coordinate with schedule committee. The PI/PL meeting location has a divider that will allow us to conduct part of the meeting together and part separately.

Intent: To form a website committee that can effectively coordinate and communicate with the other regional service committees as needed, at minimal cost to the fellowship.

The revised Motion, under Old Business in the Feb. minutes, reads as follows:

Motion #5: 1/31/09. To form a website committee, as a separate standing committee that will coordinate with PI/PL (NOTE: Julie would now like to add "and Schedules" to this).

Intent: To form a website committee that can effectively coordinate and communicate with the other regional service committees as needed, at minimal cost to the fellowship. If possible, committees could attempt to meet in a common meeting place at a common time in order to better facilitate the communication process.

RCMs voted to accept the revised wording as appears in Feb. minutes: 7-0-0.

There was also discussion on whether it was prudent to have two opposing motions presented at the same time with views on both sides of the issue.

~ Justin: Who made the decision to change the back of the schedules? Gary: All decisions are made at the Schedule Committee meeting unless it concerns finances.

~ Justin: Executive Committee and RCMs are not aware of Robert's Rule of Order. All are encouraged to read this. Bob: We should look at bringing back the Policy Committee. Dan: Maybe what we need is a Parliamentarian rather than a committee.

Adam: World Service uses a Parliamentarian.

~ Adam: Did we resolve the Visa Check Card issue? Yes.
~ Vicki: I will be emailing an updated RSC contact list. Please review it and let me know if revisions are necessary.

Note: 1 RCM had left

OLD 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 passed. 7-0-0

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 passed. 7-0-0.

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 passed. 7-0-0.

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 passed. 7-0-0

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 passed. 6-0-1.

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 passed. 6-0-1.

Motion #2: To change the length of term of the Convention Committee to begin 15 months prior to the convention.

Intent: To allow convention committee trusted servants to maximize responsiveness and accountability to the groups they serve with regard to the site selection and other issues that require additional lead time and planning.

Maker: Dan S/SFCA RCM; 2nd by Kate B/GNHA RCM

Motion was tabled to subcommittee for another 30 days per the request of the Convention Chair.

ELECTIONS:

Alt. Treasurer: Bill nominated by Jerry/RD, 2nd by Bill/Alt. RD. Declined. Remains OTF.

Alt. Webservant. No nominations or volunteers. Remains OTF.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1: 3/28/09: To begin testing in April for a new phone system with Halloo and complete testing within 30 days.

Intent: To upgrade our regional phone system and lower the cost.

Maker: Justin A/PPL Chair; 2nd by Bob T, GHA/RCM

Motion to table the motion for 30 days: Failed. 2-5-0

Motion then passed. 6-0-1

The meeting closed in the usual manner at 5:40 p.m.

Pleasure to serve,
Vick

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

Note: May's meeting will be held in the Southern Fairfield Region. Dan, please provide directions at the April RSC.

Upcoming Activities

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

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| April 3-5 | Became Willing Retreat, MidState Unity Area 12-Step Retreats; Ivoryton, CT; \$150 |
| April 7 | Thru the Steps, 20 th Anniversary Celebration, 6-7pm: FF & F. Meeting: 7-8:15. St. John's Church, Corner of Arch & Grand, New Britain |
| April 18 | CCA 70's & 80's Dance, 9pm to?? Prizes for best period costumes and dance-offs. Tix \$5 in advance; \$7.50 at door. First Congregational Church, 62 Colony St., Meriden |

- April 18 MSU A Social Service Learning Day, 12-4 pm, First Church of Christ, 190 Court St., Middletown, 06457. Free
- April 19 12th Anniversary Celebration Touch of Life Group, 7-8:30. United Church of Christ, 106 Cherry St. Wallingford.
- April 25 Surrender to Win, 19th Anniversary, 190 Court St., Middletown, CT 9 am – 11:30am. Food donations appreciated.
- April 25 A Multi-Regional Literature Review Workshop, 1-5pm, 22 Raymond Ave, corner of Haight Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
- April 26 No Bull in Durham, 2 year Anniversary. 5:30-7:00. Church of the Epiphany, 196 Main St. (Rte 17), Durham, CT
- April 26 MSU New Freedom Group Pancake Breakfast, St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen, Main St, Middletown, 06457, 9 am-10:30 breakfast; 10:30-12 meeting.
- May 2 Literature Workshop on the 3 pamphlets from World Service. 1-5pm. Holy Trinity, 381 Main St., Middletown.
- May 2 GWA Basketball Shootout Dance. \$7.00. Hopkins St. Center.
- May 2 & May 3 GWA 20th Annual BasketBall Shootout; North End Recreation Center, corner of North Main and Kingsbury St., Waterbury, Begins 9 am Sat. and 10 am Sun. Adults: \$3.00. 12 and under: free. Team pre-registration required of participants.
- May 8-10 CCA 5th Annual Woman's Sponsorship Weekend Retreat, Sponsored by the Straight From the Hip Group, Incarnation Retreat Center, 243 Bushy Hill Road, Ivoryton, CT. Price until 3/31: \$155. Price after 4/1: \$165.00
- May 10 USANA 2009 Recovery Rock Fest, 10 am-7 pm. McCook's Point Park, Niantic, CT 06357. Food served 1-3pm. Bring your mother! Tickets: \$6.00 in advance; \$7.00 at the Door. Kids under 12 free. No pets allowed.
- May 16 Asado de Cerdo Annual #26, 10 am – 7 pm. \$12 por adelantado, Si llueve 5/17 \$20 en la entrada, niños menos de 45" entran gratis, Quassy Amusement Park, información: 1-800-FOR-PARK.
- May 16 26th Annual Pigs in Space, 10 am-7pm; \$12 in advance, \$20 at the

- Raindate 5/17 door. Kids under 45” free. Quassy Amusement Park. Information: 1-800-FOR-PARK
- May 23 GNHA Walk the Walk at the Beach, meet at Captain’s Galley @
 Raindate 5/24 Noon and walk to Point for the Speaker. West Haven Town Beach.
- June 27 NA Zone-Wide Workshop, NEZF St. Margaret School, 66-10 80th
 St, Middle Village, NY 11379, Queens County. 9am-10pm. Free.
- August 21-23 Miracles Do Happen Campout, Cedarcrest, 886 Mappeddale Rd,
 Orange, CT 06522. \$30 no meals; \$45 with meals and children
 under 12 free; \$15 Cabin fee.
- Oct. 9-11 “Solutions for Sisters, Women’s Retreat; Incarnation Retreat
 Center, 253 Bushy Hill Rd; Ivoryton, CT. Price until 3/31: \$155;
 Price after 4/1: \$165.
- Oct. 9-11 Free to Be Me, Prayer & Meditation Retreat, Camp Wightman,
 Griswold, CT. \$150 includes lodging (double/triple occupancy and
 six meals)