

**CT Region Service Committee**

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

**April 25, 2009**

The meeting opened at 2:00 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer

Visitors: Stephanie, Scott GHA/Alt RCM and Rich USA/Alt RCM were welcomed. Group members read the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.

Roll call – RCMs from 7 areas were present. RD, Alt RD, Web Servant (& Adhoc Chair), BOD and Literature Chair were absent.

Minutes from March were reviewed; voted on and accepted, 7-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

**Chair** – Jim H. presented a written report. He sent signed renewal form for our insurance policy to Philadelphia Insurance. Our current Policy expires on 6/02/09

**Vice Chair** – Adam gave a verbal report. A calendar of the Subcommittee meetings was provided.

**Treasurer** – Dwight presented a written report for April. Opening balance: \$701.86. Area donations: \$4,348.77. Expenditures: \$1,018.56. WSO Fund Flow: \$2,302.07. RSC Closing Balance: \$1,750.00. Schedule Closing Balance: \$4,247.57. Checkbook Balance: \$5,997.57. Totals for the 08-09 budget were added to the bottom of the Summary page as follows. 2008-09 Budget: 21,000; Spent: \$16,584.15; Amount under budget: \$4,415.85. Report accepted, 7-0-0.

**Alt. Treasurer-** OTF

**Regional Delegate** – Absent: at workshop in Poughkeepsie, NY

**Alt. Regional Delegate** – Absent: at workshop in Poughkeepsie, NY

**Web Servant** –Julie S. presented a written report in abstentia. It was read by the Vice Chair. Due to health and family circumstances, Julie is stepping down as both the Web Servant and Ad Hoc Chair. Julie thanked Nicole for maintaining the Website, as well as Carlos, Gary and the Regional body for their dedication and support. The Web Servant position is OTF. Thanks for your dedicated service, Julie!

**Alt. Web Servant** – OTF

**SUBCOMMITTEES:**

**BOD** – Absent

**Convention** – Keith presented a written report. All subcommittees are ahead of schedule. Currently discussing ways to get artwork to the Arts and Graphics Subcommittee in a more timely fashion.

**H & I** – Buddy presented a written report. All Areas reported in. Currently serving 84 meetings/presentations. Secretary position is OTF. Will have a table at “Pigs in Space” from 10-3.

**Literature** – Absent: at workshop in Poughkeepsie, NY. A verbal report was relayed to the Vice Chair. Only 2 addicts were in attendance at the meeting. RCMs were urged to ask their Area Lit Chairs to attend the Literature Subcommittee meeting. Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 7:30 @ 47 Oak St., Middletown.

**PI/PL** – Justin presented a written report. 9 out of 9 Areas reported. New phone system test is ongoing. May be purchasing double audio storage capacity but this would still come in at over \$250 in savings. (Double audio storage will cost: \$99.00/month vs. the current \$350/month.) When the new service goes into effect, Areas will be required to purchase either a cell phone or a new alpha numeric pager. Justin

**asked RCMs to share the information from his report in March with their Areas. That way Areas could provide input prior to the phone company switch. Areas will not be voting on the phone switch.** It is the responsibility of PI/PL to determine the best course. We will be keeping the 1-800 number and will forward the 203-269-3133 number for a year. More testing time is needed and a motion will be submitted today to extend that time.

**Schedules** – Gary M. presented a written report. All addicts are encouraged to attend the Schedule Committee Meeting if they would like to be in on the planning process. Next meeting: May 15, at 50 Court St, Middletown

**WSR** – Pat presented a written report. Currently 4 out of 7 positions OTF. Addict support is needed. Will be at Pigs in Space from 10-4 with orientations occurring at Noon and 2:00. Kim attended a meeting of “Reaching Out”. Looks favorable for WSR to be included in the magazine. Due to a trusted servant not being at the March business meeting, there was an extra purchase of the “Forever” stamps and Pat submitted a receipt for reimbursement.

**Schedule Ad Hoc** – Absent. No Report. Julie, the Ad-hoc Chair has stepped down. Position OTF.

### **AREA REPORTS :**

CCA – Cathy W. gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Alt. Sec. Fund Flow: None. Area is operating at financial emergency status.

GDA – Gay H. gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Secretary, Treasurer. Fund Flow: None

GHA – Bob F./Scott C. gave a report. Positions OTF: Policy Chair. Fund Flow: Mailed.

GNHA – Katy B./Rich V. gave a report. Positions OTF: None. Fund Flow: \$412.00

GWANA – Absent

MSUA –Megan gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Retreat Chair. Fund Flow: \$210.91. Area concerns will be addressed in Sharing session.

SFCANA – Absent.

TVA – Ray G. gave a report. Positions OTF: Vice Chair, Alt. RCM. Fund Flow: \$704.87 mailed. Area concerns will be addressed in Sharing session.

USA – Myron T/Rich G. gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt. Treasurer. Fund Flow: \$484.18

Break – 10 minutes

### **SHARING SESSION:**

~ **Ray:** Clarification of minutes: Area didn't understand the 5<sup>th</sup> Motion in the minutes so they didn't vote on it. Minutes were not clear. Duly noted.

~ **Megan:** Clarification of excess monies: What happens to the excess Convention monies? It was stated that this information needs to come from the BOD. Bob: This was in the BOD report last month. Chair agreed to look into it.

~ **Adam:** Provided handouts of all Area P.O. Boxes.

~ **Pat:** Pig Roasts tickets are available here.

~ **Kate:** How much does the Website costs Kate? Does the Ad-Hoc cost anything? Buddy: Yes, the rent for meeting space at least. Now that the Ad-Hoc Chair has stepped down, we need a person to be held accountable at Region. Adam: We should readdress this after the Motions. Kate: Why are there only two people who can access this? Jim: The Ad-Hoc is maintaining our Regional information on the World Web site. We don't want just anyone to be able to enter changes. That's why we sign a liability form. Megan: Why isn't Midstate being updated? Justin: The information was not given to the website committee, Region or to World. The Area Web Contact position is the Area's liaison for this. Rich: If every area had this contact, could we use this site for schedule changes? Gary: Eventually. Buddy: The

purpose of the Ad-Hoc was to create one contact for the Website, Schedules, and Phone line. It is not clear if this has been completed. We need a final report. Chair will get one. Motion #1 of the Minutes of August 2008 was read to confirm that there was no stated time-limit for the Ad-hoc Sub Committee. It was to end when its work had been completed.

~ **Adam:** Summarized a letter of invite from the New England Regional Service Committee Multi-Regional Learning Event in ME. Buddy: Our RD and Alt. RD will probably attend. Perhaps that is what is meant by “supporting” this event. Adam will inquire.

~ **Justin:** What does the “Past Policy” signify in the PIPL Policy? Adam: I believe that means prior to 2003. Jim: It means that it is no longer policy.

~ **Justin:** Region should set aside extra money for sudden expenses. Perhaps we should suspend Fund-Flow to World because it seems like our Prudent Reserve is often at risk. Cathy: What about a Special Reserve? Adam: Policy dictates that that could be done.

~ **Adam:** Currently no Web Servant. I would be willing, as Vice Chair, to assume this task. Passwords will have to be changed. This would be temporary until a new Web Servant is elected. Megan & Myron: Others could help, but there needs to be someone accountable here at Region.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Motion #2 (from February minutes):** 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kate B/GNHA RCM

**Motion was tabled to subcommittee for 30 days in February, and was requested a further extension in March by the Convention Chair.**

**Motion: Failed 0-6-1.**

**Motion #3 (from February minutes):** To have CTNA Webservant and Web operations come under the responsibilities of the PI/PL Subcommittee.

Intent: To improved coordination of related NA Services and to serve addicts seeking recovery by making information about our fellowship available across multiple communication methods.

Maker: Dan S./RCM SFCA and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin/RCM MSUA

**Motion was tabled back to Areas for 60 Days.**

**Motion: Failed 1-3-3.**

**Motion #4 (from February minutes):** To accept the proposed 2009-2010 Literature Budget in the amount of \$2,172.00 This is a dollar less than last year.

Intent: Financial Responsibility

Maker: Joe M/Lit Chair; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Myron T/USANA RCM

**Motion was tabled back to Areas for 60 days.**

**Motion: Passed 7-0-0.**

**Motion #5: (as rewritten in February minutes and accepted in March minutes):** To form a website committee, as a separate standing committee that will coordinate with PI/PL.

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.

Maker: Julie S/Webservant; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Megan O/MSU RCM

**Motion was tabled back to Areas for 60 days.**

**Motion: Failed. 3-3-1.**

## **ELECTIONS:**

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

**Alt. Web Servant:** Gary nominated Stephanie. Declined. **Remains OTF.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion #1:** 4/25/09; To approve the proposed 2009-2010 Schedule's Budget in the amount of \$297.00.

Intent: To be financially responsible and to further the primary purpose.

Maker: Gary/Sch Chair; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich V/Alt RCM, GNHA

**Motion was tabled back to the Areas for 60 days by Megan/MSU RCM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy/CCA RCM.**

**Motion #2** 4/25/09; To have all bills generated by the PI & PL Committee be confirmed by the PI/PL Chair or Vice Chair before payment except when to do so would cause late payments.

Intent: Financial responsibility.

Maker: Justin/PIPLChair; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob F/GHA RCM

**Motion: Passed. 4-0-2.**

**Motion #3:** 4/25/09; To continue testing of Halloo phone system for another 30 days.

Intent: To not have the account close before the next Regional meeting.

Maker: Justin/PIPLChair; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob F/GHA RCM

**Motion: Passed. 7-0-0.**

**Motion #4:** 4/25/09; To keep \$1,500.00 in excess of Prudent Reserve.

Intent: To have monies available to pay off AT&T.

Maker: Megan/MSU RCM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy/CCA RCM.

**Motion: Passed. 6-1-0.**

The meeting closed in the usual manner at 4:39 p.m.

Pleasure to serve,

Vick

**The next RSC meeting will be on May 30 at 2:00 p.m. @ CCAR, 49 Cannon St, Bridgeport**

### **Upcoming Activities**

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

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Woman's Sponsorship Weekend Retreat, Sponsored by the Straight From the Hip Group, Incarnation Retreat Center, 243 Bushy Hill Road, Ivoryton, CT. Price: \$165.00
- May 8 "Recovery on Track", Spring Celebration, 6:00-9:00, St. Paul's Church, 65 N. Main St, Wallingford. Free.
- 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 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Pigs in Space, 10 am-7pm; \$12 in advance, \$20 at the door. Kids under 45" free. Quassy Amusement Park. Information: Raindate 5/17 1-800-FOR-PARK
- May 23 GNHA "Walk the Walk" at the Beach, meet at Captain's Galley @ Noon and walk to Point for the Speaker. West Haven Town Beach. Raindate 5/24 Free.
- June 6 Picnic at the Park, Light House Park, North Haven
- June 16 "State of Recovery," 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 7:00-9. Washington Park, Liberty St, Meriden.
- June 27 NA Zone-Wide Workshop, NEZF St. Margaret School, 66-10 80<sup>th</sup> St, Middle Village, NY 11379, Queens County. 9am-10pm. Free.

- July 25  
Raindate: 7/26  
Independence Day Picnic "Surrender to Win", 11 am-6:00.  
Veterans Memorial Park, Old Mill Rd (off of Washington St/Rte  
66) Middletown. \$5.00 in advance; \$7.00 at door.  
Food served 12-2. Food donations welcome.
- August 14-16  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Spiritual Weekend, Enders Island, Mystic, CT. \$180  
for weekend pkg. \$60 to reserve. Deadline: July 24<sup>th</sup>.
- August 21-23  
Miracles Do Happen Campout, Cedarcrest, 886 Mappedale 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)