

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2011

VISITOR QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION - None

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met at CCAR, 40 Cannon St., Bridgeport, CT. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Steve J. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read.

ROLL CALL

Chair – Bob F. – was late	PI/PL – Debbie D. – present
Vice-Chair – Steve J. – present	WSR – Gerry P. – present
Secretary – Lisa C. – absent	CCA – Bill S. (RCM) – present
Treasurer – Woodsy – present	GDA – Gay H. (RCM) – present
Alternate Treasurer – Keith T. – present	GHA – Alfred D. (RCM) – present
Regional Delegate – Jimmy C. – present	GNHA – Lou D. (RCM) – present
Regional Delegate Alt. – Adam H. – present	GWA – Robert H. (RCM) – present
Webservant – Rich G. - absent	MSUA – Donna H. (RCM) – present
Board of Directors – Carl H. – present	SFCA – Tommy B. (RCM) – present
Convention – Dyan F. – present	TVA – Stephanie B. (RCM) – present
H&I – Dan E. – absent (Buddy O. representing)	USA – Jill T. (RCM) – present
Literature – <i>Out to the Fellowship</i>	Policy Ad-Hoc – Adam H. – present

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Donna read the Old Business and New Business sections of the August minutes. The following corrections were noted:

- ⊗ WSR and Webservant weren't included in the roll call. Both were present.
- ⊗ SFCA (Tommy) was not absent.
- ⊗ BOD was represented by Troy. Carl mentioned that his absence as Executive Director doesn't matter since he isn't actually elected by the RSC. **There was some discussion about this and while the Executive Director isn't officially elected at the RSC due to legal reasons, he is affirmed by the RSC and is spiritually accountable to be in attendance at the RSC meetings.*

The minutes, as corrected, were then accepted 9-0-0.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Bob F. read the report. He was contacted about the RDA getting reimbursed for traveling to a workshop in NY and also requested insurance certificates. Bob took a moment to thank the RSC for allowing him to serve since his commitment is up next month and he won't be able to be here. There was a question asked about whether he called the GHA campout chair regarding the hurricane and whether they should not have the campout. Bob replied that he did call but called as a concerned member, not as the Chair (based on discussions with Adam). It was mentioned that he did have a responsibility as the Chair to call them because of the insurance being held by the RSC.

Vice Chair – Steve J. read the report. He printed the business calendar for October and circulated a group copy for corrections. He also attended the Literature meeting but no one showed up (well, one person showed but Steve didn't realize she was there for the meeting).

Treasurer's Report – Keith T. read the report.

Opening Balance:	\$ 2,204.08
Donations Received:	\$ 1,259.93
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned:	\$ 0.00
Expenditures Total:	\$ 396.52
Donation to WSO:	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance:	\$ 3,067.49
Prudent Reserve:	\$ 3,978.67
Special Reserve:	
Total Reserves:	\$ 3,978.67

Correction noted: The check numbers were formatted as currency and should be formatted as regular numbers. We did not write out \$2,000+ checks to Jimmy and Adam.

The financial statement was accepted 9-0-0

RD & RDA Report – Adam H. read the report. The Region participated in the World Unity Day telephone hook-up. Adam went to a Service System Project workshop in Queens, NY. There seemed to be new information. The draft of the social media pamphlet was also discussed at the workshop. Adam would have submitted the travel expenses for reimbursement but the event was unplanned by us and Adam spoke to Bob and Steve and after talking to them decided not to pursue reimbursement.

Webservant Report – Rich G. was absent but emailed a report to Bob. The report will be attached to these minutes. Website is well. Another area is making use of their page. A couple of meeting finder issues were resolved and you can now print a PDF of the results of a search.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD – Carl H. read the report. They voted in the new director from USA. Requested changes were made to online registration. There is a link for attendees to register for the hotel room. Reviewed proposals for convention site, recording company and interpreters for the hearing impaired. They also accepted proposals for entertainment. There was a question why they suspended business to vote on the new director and it was explained that doing that accepted the person as a director immediately instead of waiting for the designated election period.

Convention – Dyan F. read the report. Everything is on schedule. Programming negotiated with recording companies and interpreters for the hearing impaired. Also contracts were finalized for entertainment. Registration subcommittee suspended their meetings for two months and a walk through the hotel was postponed.

H&I – Buddy O. read the report. Assistant Volunteer Liaison is OTF. Still trying to setup a presentation with Cheshire staff before they can start going in regularly. 2nd annual Regional H&I Cookout will be held Sat. Oct. 1st from 11-3 at Community Lake Park 147 Ward St., Wallingford, CT.

Literature – Chair is still OTF. Steve J. read the report. Only one person attended the bi-monthly meeting. 30,000 new schedules were printed which will save us about \$900.00. The decision to print that many was based on the current need. Next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2011 with the location to be determined.

PI/PL – Debbie D. had the leave early. Bob read the report. They are currently reviewing the Public Relations Handbook to get a better understanding of how to make NA more available in the community. There was also discussion about Drug Replacement Therapy and whether it's appropriate for the question to be asked to potential subcommittee members.

WSR – Gerry P. read the report. They had a presence at the Rock Fest and plan on being at the H&I Cookout. They would also like a time slot for a workshop at the convention. The subcommittee is in dire need of support from the Fellowship. Almost all of the trusted servant positions in the subcommittee are OTF.

Policy Ad-Hoc – Adam H. gave a verbal report. The ad-hoc meets at 1:00pm before the RSC meeting each month. This month they started reviewing old minutes to make sure there was nothing missing from the Policy document. Unfortunately at least 7 items were discovered. They will be updating the Policy document and handing out the updated pages. It was recommended that each member of the RSC make sure they have the most current document before the new pages are handed out. If you're not sure if yours is current, please visit our ctna.org website and print yourself a new copy. Also, Adam asked the subcommittees to please review their own internal guidelines (section VI of the Policy). It will make the process quicker if the subcommittees do their own before the ad-hoc gets that far.

AREA REPORTS

Central Connecticut Area – Bill S. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice Chair, Alt. Sec., Alt. RCM, Policy Chair, Web Liaison

Activities: Corn Maze Walk

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00

Area Concern: None

Greater Danbury Area – Gay H. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice-Chair, Public Relations Chair, Literature Chair, Secretary, Alt. RCM.

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00

Area Concerns: None

Greater Hartford Area – Alfred D. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice Chair, Alt. Treasurer, Activities Chair, Policy Reference

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00

Area Concerns: None

Greater New Haven Area – Lou D. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt. RCM, RCM, Literature Chair

Activities: Walk the Walk 10/1/11, Speaker Jam, 10/15/11, 12-6pm, First Baptist Church 308 Center St. West Haven, CT (sponsored by the Other Thursday Night group)

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00

Area Concerns: Flyers on Web (there was some communication issues and their flyers weren't getting uploaded to the website. Lou passed on Rich's email/phone number so the web person could deal with him directly)

Greater Waterbury Area – Robert H. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Pl/PL Chair, Alt RCM, Webservant

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00

Area Concerns: None

Mid-State Unity Area – Donna H. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Pl/PL Chair

Activities: MSUA Learning Day Oct. 22, 2011 Flyer will follow

Fund Flow: \$ 348.00

Area Concerns: None

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Tommy B. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: BOD, Policy Chair, Alt. RCM

Activities: Free as an Eagle group's 25th anniversary, October 6, 7-9pm, Fairfield, CT

Fund Flow: \$ 51.42

Area Concerns: None

Tunxis Valley Area – Stephanie B. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice Chair

Activities: Halloween Dance, October 29, 7-12 midnight, West Main St., New Britain

Fund Flow: \$ 1,230.00

Area Concerns: None

United Shoreline Area – Jill T. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt. Treasurer

Activities: Halloween Party, October 29, 7-12 midnight, 2nd Congregational Church, 45 Broad St., New London

Fund Flow: \$ 705.18

Area Concerns: None

BREAK

SHARING SESSION

- ⊙ **Rotating RSC Meetings (Adam H.)** – Should we continue to rotate the RSC to different areas or move to a centralized location? We rotate in the hopes that local members will come check out RSC but it really has never happened much. There was lots of discussion on this. Some people like the rotation because it gives them a chance to see other parts of the state. A lot of people shared that they would like a centralized location and it would be easier to plan travel. One idea was to have 2 voting RCMs per area. It's also about leadership and do we provide a welcoming atmosphere for new folks and visitors? Maybe we should all try bringing people with us to Region. Maybe we could extend the time in each area like 6 months or even 1 year. If centralized, we could still have a "host" area (someone who purchases snacks, etc.). Or maybe we just have a budget at Region for snacks. RCMs should announce at local meetings when their area hosts to try to get more visitors and guests.
- ⊙ **Distribute Reports Before RSC? (Adam H.)** – Would it be possible to distribute our trusted servants reports before the RSC meetings? This would give people a chance to read it and formulate questions they might have and not have to digest all of the information on the spot. Not everyone has access to email, etc. We would have to make sure the documents are all a consistent format so we could all open them. Some of the trusted servants don't do their reports until the night before or morning of Region.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion # 1 (08/31/2011) "Make line item for money for Unity Day in regional budget"

Intent: Fiscal responsibility

M/S: Alfred D. RCM GHA / Lou D. RCM GNHA

Voted 3/3/1 , re-voted to be tabled for 60 days (until October)

Due back for vote at the October RSC Meeting

Question was asked whether this is to add the monies spent on the Unity Day to our current budget or just to make a note to add it to next year's budget? This is just to make a note to add it to next year's budget.

ELECTIONS

Literature Chair – Lou D. nominated but declined. OTF. 3 yrs clean time required.

GDA BOD seat – John T. is the Area's recommendation. Approved by the RSC. Congratulations!

SFCA BOD seat – Out to the Area only

RSC Chair – OTF. 5 yrs clean time and completion of one commitment at RSC required.

RSC Vice-Chair – OTF. 4 yrs clean time and completion of one commitment at RSC required.

RSC Secretary – OTF. 3 yrs. clean time required

RSC Treasurer – OTF. 5 yrs clean time & completion of one NA Treasurer commitment required.

RSC Alternate Treasurer – OTF. 4 yrs clean time required

NEW BUSINESS

None

The Meeting closed at 4:00pm. The next RSC meeting will be on October 29, 2011, 2:00 pm at CCAR, 49 Cannon St., Bridgeport, CT

In Service,
Donna H. & Adam H.

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

OTF – *Out to the Fellowship*

ASC – *Area Service Committee*

CCA – *Central Connecticut Area*

GDA – *Greater Danbury Area*

GHA – *Greater Hartford Area*

GNHA – *Greater New Haven Area*

GWA – *Greater Waterbury Area*

MSUA – *Mid-State Unity Area*

SFCA – *Southern Fairfield County Area*

TVA – *Tunxis Valley Area*

USA – *United Shoreline Area*

RCM – *Regional Committee Member*

RSC – *Regional Service Committee*

CTRSCNA – *Connecticut Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous*

CTRCNA – *Connecticut Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous*

RD – *Regional Delegate*

RDA – *Regional Delegate Alternate*

BOD – *Board of Directors (for the CRCC, Inc. – Connecticut Regional Convention Corporation)*

H&I – *Hospitals & Institutions*

PI/PL – *Public Information & Phone Line*

WSR – *Writing Steps for Recovery*

WSO – *World Service Office*

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activity Calendar

Event / Activity	Date	Time	Place	Hosted By	Contact Number
Steppin' Thru It All 21 st Anniversary (Feast Before the Feast)	11/23/2011	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Bethany Lutheran Church 50 Court St. Cromwell, CT	All About Change & Steppin' Thru It All groups	Gene F. 860-770-7667 Santos 860-402-8615
Halloween Dance	10/29/2011	7:00 pm – Midnight	St. Marks Church West Main St. New Britain, CT	Tunxis Valley Area Activities Subcommittee	Sharon B. 860-225-2087 Joe P. 860-777-6897
Walk the Walk West Haven Beack	10/01/2011 (raindate 10/02/2011)	12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Captains Galley West Haven Beach West Haven, CT	Greater New Haven Area Activities Committee	Mike D. 203-535-8820 Mary W. 203-988-2424
Speaker Jam	10/15/2011	12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	First Baptist Church 308 Center St. West Haven, CT	Other Thursday Night group	
Free As An Eagle 25 th Anniversary	10/26/2011	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Fairfield – Warde High School 755 Melville Ave. Fairfield, CT	Free as an Eagle group	
Halloween Costume Party	10/19/2011	7:00 pm – Midnight	2 nd Congregational Church 45 Broad St. New London, CT	NA in the Day & United Shoreline Area Activities	Anissa M. 860-514-1467 Cindy E. 860-208-3415

Webservant Report 9/24/11

Sorry I'm not able to be here today but the webpage is doing fine. All updates were done in a timely manner and another area has availed itself to their area web page. The area pages are evolving to fulfill each area's needs as they see fit.

The meeting finder is working well. I did get an e-mail this month explaining how someone had had some problems figuring out how to use the meeting finder. Adam and I had discussed this in the past and figured that maybe we should create a short tutorial that people can view to teach them the ins and outs of the finder. Also the meeting finder was updated this past month to allow the downloading of a printable file of the search criteria that you input into the advanced search option. The only thing that still needs to be ironed out is the updating of the meeting information. I have not received any updates in the past month and a half. We need to figure out a way to facilitate the transfer of this information in order to insure an accurate data base.

Hope to see you all next month and as always I am more then available for any questions or ideas about the webpage either at the webservant e-mail or my cell number.

In Service,
Rich G.