

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 31, 2012

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION – Paul (visitor) and Mike (visitor) introduced themselves and were welcomed to the RSC.

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met at the Christ Lutheran Church, 300 Washington St., Middletown, CT 06457. Steve J. called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read.

ROLL CALL

Alternate Treasurer, Literature Chair, PI/PL Chair and GWA were absent. Secretary and Alt. Webservant are OTF.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Adam read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the February minutes. The minutes were then accepted 8-0-0.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Steve J. read the report. Filled a number of requests for insurance certificates.

Vice Chair – Leonard S. read the report. He attended the H&I, PI/PL and Literature subcommittees this month. PI/PL has poster drives going on across the region. Literature found out they are not registered with World for literature info so they are getting registered. Also, the Area Literature chairs are not attending the meeting. Leonard is also having trouble updating the web calendar. Steve said he would show Leonard how to update it. A hard copy of the business calendar was passed around for corrections. Q: Can we put the convention subcommittee meetings on the business calendar? We put this on the sharing session list.

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

Opening Balance:	\$ 3,637.93
Donations Received:	\$ 706.67
Expenditures Total:	\$ 772.44
Donation to WSO:	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance:	\$ 3,572.16
Schedule Reserve:	\$ 4,087.03
Checkbook Total:	\$ 7,659.19

Correction needed: \$500 missing from the RD/RDA budget – Workshop line item.
The financial statement was then accepted 8-0-0.

RD & RDA Report – Jimmy C. read the report. The last Regional Assembly went well and was well attended (about 50). All groups should use the Tally Sheet for submitting CAR votes. The Conference Approval Track material is available on na.org. The next NEZF is June 15-17, 2012 in Somerset, NJ.

Webservant Report – Rich G. read the report. Talked to ImageWorks about what would need to be done to create the meeting change form. It would cost \$250.00 (Rich made a motion under New Business).

Motion M/S: Gerry P. (WSR Chair)/Gail S. (USA RCM): *To suspend the orders of the day to go into BOD elections. A nomination for one of the BOD seats is here and has to leave. **There were no objections.***

ELECTIONS (PART 1)

SFCA BOD Seat – Ron B. was nominated by the Area. He qualified and his nomination to the BOD was confirmed by the RSC. Congratulations Ron!

CCA BOD Seat – Mike S. was nominated by the Area. He qualified and his nomination to the BOD was confirmed by the RSC. Congratulations Mike!

TVA BOD is out to the Area. 3 yrs. clean time required

Back to the orders of the day

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD – Troy B. read the report. Troy was elected the Executive Director. Phil D. was elected the Alternate Executive Director. The treasurer completed the accounting final report and came to the RSC today to answer questions. The BOD voted to increase the Convention seed money to \$10,500. (Troy made a motion under new business).

Q: If we have such a large surplus then shouldn't we be pricing things better so we don't make as much? A: There was a large surplus from the previous year that was never fund flowed.

There was then a lot of discussion... too much to capture it all. Sheila (the Convention/BOD treasurer) said that there were still outstanding bills from the 26th Convention (Jan. 2011). There was more discussion on this Convention funds during the sharing session. Overall it looks like the 27th CTCNA had a profit of anywhere from about \$11,000 - \$14,000.

Convention – Cynthia S read the report. All subcommittees secured meeting locations and a flier was distributed. Also a flier for a logo contest was distributed.

H&I – Phil D. read the report. Volunteer Liaison is still OTF. Checked with Osborn and McDougal re: the Basic Texts sent to them by the ECCNA. Osborn has them; McDougal is going to get back to us. There is an individual bringing a rogue presentation into Rushford. They've requested a list of people who are with H&I and the two Area's H&I chairs will be in contact. WSR requested someone from H&I to accompany them on a presentation. H&I will also have a presence at a volunteer conference on May 12 at the DOC Center for Training and Staff Development in Cheshire. Last, an ad-hoc was created to create H&I T-Shirts.

Literature – Lisa C. was absent. As Leonard reported earlier, they're working on getting registered with World Services.

PI/PL – Debbie D. was absent but emailed the report to Adam so he read it. Debbie received two phones calls to participate in PI presentations. PI was also invited to participate in NYC First Unity Day. Also, PI is hosting a learning day on Saturday, May 5th at Christ Lutheran Church 300 Washington St. Middletown, CT.

WSR – Gerry P. read the report. Contact with a step guide who now lives in Virginia about starting a subcommittee there. Q: Is it okay for someone in an institution for an H&I presentation to mention WSR? A: Yes, definitely!

Policy Ad-Hoc – Adam H. gave verbal report. Met today and continued working on the review. Nothing major to report.

AREA REPORTS

Central Connecticut Area – Bill S. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt. RCM, PI/PL Chair

Activities: 8th Annual Woman's Retreat. May 11-13, 2012

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00, Area Concerns: None

Greater Danbury Area – Gay H. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice-Chair, Alt. RCM, and Public Relations Chair, H&I Chair

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$ 158.22, Area Concerns: Convention/BOD lack of final report

Greater Hartford Area – Alfred D. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: RCM, Alt RCM, PI/PL Chair

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$ 311.19, Area Concerns: None

Greater New Haven Area – Art K. (Alt. RCM)

Positions Out to Area: RCM, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer

Activities: Annual Spring Breakfast, 4/21/2012, 9:00am

Fund Flow: \$ 511.80, Area Concerns: Regional Service Minutes not being distributed timely

Greater Waterbury Area – absent

Positions Out to Area:

Activities:

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00, Area Concerns:

Mid-State Unity Area – Donna H. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: None

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00, Area Concerns: None

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Matt (Alt. RCM)

Positions Out to Area: PI/PL Chair

Activities: 20 yrs or more Speaker Jam, 210 Elm St., Bridgeport, 4/28/2012

Fund Flow: \$ 363.10, Area Concerns: None

Tunxis Valley Area – Stephanie B. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Secretary, Policy Chair

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00, Area Concerns: Did not vote on motions, did not have quorum

United Shoreline Area – Gail S. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Chair, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, H&I Chair, Set-up

Activities: Tie Dye, Rogers Lake, 4/15 2pm-6pm, Rockfest, 5/13, McCooks Point 11am-6pm

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00, Area Concerns: None

BREAK

SHARING SESSION

- ⊗ **Flyer protocol (Gay H.)** – RCMs need to know there's policy about flyers. the Vice-Chair needs to check them before they're distributed.
- ⊗ **Alternate Treasurer attendance (Cindy C.)** – Just double checking because Cindy remembers there was an email but doesn't remember exactly which months Joey said she'd be absent. She said there was an email last month and Joey said she wouldn't be here two months in a row (last month and this month) and if the RSC had an issue with it that she would step down. No other comments made.
- ⊗ **Minutes from RSC (Art K.)** – The Area came down on Art because he didn't have the RSC minutes in a timely manner. There was various comments about how it's everyone's responsibility to take their own notes just in case the minutes don't get done before your ASC meeting. The policy states the secretary needs to have them out in a "timely manner" and we may need to define what "timely" is.
- ⊗ **Business Calendar (Lou D.)** – Can we put the convention subcommittee meetings on the business calendar. No reason we can't but not sure that they will get any additional notice there than on the Convention website. Leonard will add them to the business calendar.
- ⊗ **Convention Accounting**
- ⊗ **Convention Final Report (Troy)** – The final accounting isn't due until after the end of the fiscal year, which is March 31. But the RSC appears to have an understanding that the report is due right after the convention. Adam read the policy regarding "Funds Held by the Convention Corporation" (pg. 12 - V.B.10.). The RSC Treasurer should be getting a monthly statement from the Convention Treasurer. Troy said he will submit the monthly Treasurer's report (from the convention) with his report.
- ⊗ **Prudent Reserve (Keith)** – Keith just wanted to let us know that we've closed the last 3 months below prudent reserve. Steve asked Keith if he can please list the amount we're below on the report from now on. It was also mentioned that the CRCC, Inc. (BOD) can pay some of our bills next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion #2 (1/28/2012): M/S: Debbie D. PI/PL Chair / Cindy C. Alt. RCM GHA

To change subcommittee name from Public Information/Phonelines to Public Relations.

Intent: To better represent to the community regarding who we are.

7/0/1 Passed

Motion #3 (1/28/2012): M/S: Keith T. Treasurer / Leonard S. Vice-Chair

To approve the Executive Committee budget for 2012-2013. (see attached)

Intent: We submit our budget for financial accountability for approval please

7/0/1 Passed

Motion #4 (1/28/2012): M/S: Gerry P. WSR Chair / Gay H. GDA RCM

To accept the Writing Steps for Recovery budget as proposed for fiscal year April 2012 through March 2013. (see attached)

Intent: To provide the funding necessary for the subcommittee to function for the next fiscal year.

7/0/1 Passed

Motion #5 (1/28/2012): M/S: Phil D. H&I Chair / Robert H. GWA RCM

To submit the 2012 Regional H&I budget of \$4,360.00. (see attached)

Intent: To function as a subcommittee of the region and to further carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

7/0/1 Passed

Motion #6 (1/28/2012): M/S: Lisa C. Literature Chair / Cindy C. GHA RCM

To accept the 2012 Literature Budget. (see attached)

Intent: To be financially responsible to the Connecticut Region.

7/0/1 Passed

Motion #7 (1/28/2012): M/S: Jimmy C. RD / Donna H. MSUA RCM

To approve the RD/RDA budget for the fiscal year 2012-2013. (see attached)

Intent: To follow CTRSC policy and financially responsible.

6/1/1 Passed

Motion # 1 (2/25/2012): M/S: Debbie D. (PI Chair) / Gay H. (RCM GDA)

To accept the proposed 2012-2013 Public Information/PL Budget (see attached)

Intent: To follow regional policy in providing information about Narcotics Anonymous

Motion is postponed for 60 days to allow for Area consideration. Due back at April RSC.

Motion # 2 (2/25/2012): M/S: Rich G. (Webservant) / Alfred D. (RCM GHA)

Webservant Budget (see attached)

Intent: To be fiscally responsible for webpage expenses

Motion is postponed for 60 days to allow for Area consideration. Due back at April RSC.

ELECTIONS

RSC Secretary – Mary H. was nominated, qualified and was elected. Congratulations Mary!

RSC Webservant – OTF as of this month. 4 yrs. clean time required.

RSC Alternate Webservant – OTF. 4 yrs. clean time required.

BOD Seat for TVA is out to their Area. 3 yrs. clean time required

NEW BUSINESS

Motion # 1 (3/31/2012): M/S: Rich G. (Webservant) / Alfred D. (RCM GHA)

To allocate \$250.00 for the designing & adding of a page to the website that will allow for schedule changes to be inputted through the webpage.

Intent: To facilitate & expedite changes made to our schedule

*Motion M/ Gay H. (RCM GDA): To postpone for 30 days. - **WITHDRAWN***

7/1/0 Motion Passed

Motion # 2 (3/31/2012): M/S: Troy B. (BOD) / Gay H. (RCM GDA)

Increase convention seed money from \$5,000 to \$10,500.

Intent: To adequately cover expenses

Motion M/S Gay H. (RCM GDA)/Matt B. (Alt. RCM SFCA): To postpone for 60 days to allow for area consideration.

A lot of discussion was held regarding this because the convention has been using a \$7,500 seed money figure for at least 10 years. The RSC Policy (pg. 10 - V.A.3.c.) still states that the Convention Seed is \$5,000 (which is why the motion has that amount) but the Convention Committee passed Internal Guidelines (Jan. 2010?) stating the seed money is \$7,500. There was discussion regarding whether or not if a subcommittee brings an new or amended internal guideline to the RSC and no one objects to it, does that mean the RSC has accepted that change de facto? Some say no... a subcommittee can't create internal guidelines that conflict with RSC Policy. In order to change RSC Policy a motion must be made and passed at the RSC meeting. Eventually...

Motion M/S Donna H. (RCM MSUA)/Stephanie B. (RCM TVA): To lay on the table for 1 month. The intent is so we can research what was discussed when the Convention Committee brought their internal guidelines to the RSC and also a request was made of the BOD to please bring all monthly treasurer's reports from the last year.

8/0/0 Passed (to lay on the table for 1 month)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The RSC meetings for May, June and July are to be hosted by the Central Connecticut Area. Please bring a locations and directions to the next RSC meeting.

The Meeting closed at 5:27pm. The next RSC meeting will be on April 21, 2012, 2:00 pm at the Christ Lutheran Church, 300 Washington St., Middletown, CT 06457

In Service,
Adam H. (filling in)

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS (THE ABC'S OF NA)

ASC – *Area Service Committee*

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

BT – *Basic Text*

CAR – *Conference Agenda Report*

CAT – *Conference Approval Track material*

CBDM – *Consensus Based Decision Making*

CCA – *Central Connecticut Area*

CTRCNA – *Connecticut Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous*

CTRSCNA – *Connecticut Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous*

FIPT – *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust*

GDA – *Greater Danbury Area*

GHA – *Greater Hartford Area*

GLS (GTLS) – *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous*

GNHA – *Greater New Haven Area*

GWA – *Greater Waterbury Area*

GWSNA (GTWS) – *A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous*

H&I – *Hospitals & Institutions*

IW:H&W – *It Works: How & Why (Green & Gold)*

JFT – *Just for Today daily meditation book*

MARLCNA – *Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference*

MRLE – *Multi-Regional Learning Event*

MSUA – *Mid-State Unity Area*

NEZF – *North East Zonal Forum*

OTA – *Out to the Area*

OTF – *Out to the Fellowship*

PI/PL – *Public Information & Phone Line*

PR – *Public Relations*

RCM – *Regional Committee Member*

RD – *Regional Delegate*

RDA – *Regional Delegate Alternate*

RSC – *Regional Service Committee*

SFCA – *Southern Fairfield County Area*

SWG – *Step Working Guides*

TVA – *Tunxis Valley Area*

USA – *United Shoreline Area*

WSO – *World Service Office*

WSR – *Writing Steps for Recovery*

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	PLACE	HOSTED BY	CONTACT NUMBER
Tie Dye Fundraiser	4/15/12	2-6	Rogers Lake Clubhouse Old Lyme, CT	USANA Activities/ Great to be Straight Group	(860) 304-725/225 Kurt T
RockFest	5/13/12	11-6 11-6	McCooks Point Niantic, CT	USANA Activities	(860) 208-3415
20 yr. of Moe's Speaker Jam	4/29/12		210 Elm St Bridgeport, CT 06610 Coast of Lafayette	SFCA NA	203-373-1788 Gloria
5 Yr ANNIV. OF "where are we going Group"	4/1/12	7:15-8 FFF	St. Vincent De Paul Place (soup kitchen) Middletown, CT	where are we going Group	
NEW FREEDOM GROUP - ANNUAL PANCAKE B. FAST	4/22/12	9:30- 10:30 AM FFF	St " "	NEW FREEDOM GROUP	
BECAME WITHING LEADER	4/12/12 4/12/12 4/12/12				
29 Annual Pig Roast	5/29/12	10-7	Quassy Amusement Park	Pigs in Space	Joe M 860 538 5047 Nick M 860-985-0656
Never Alone Camp Out	6/8,9,10 /12			No MAs	Thaddeus L 203443 0574 Leigh B 203 631-0500
Annual Spring breakfast	4/21/12	9:00 AM to NOON	Trinity Lutheran Church Orange and wall st. New Haven Ct.	New Haven Activity Committee	Mik D 203-535-8820 Kevin 203-530-8418