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. Web servant 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.

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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 CTRCNA 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!


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. Pl/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 inputed 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
CTRNCNA – 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 Convenference
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
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