

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2012

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION – Justin A. (visitor) introduced himself and was 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

All areas represented, and Alt. Webservant is OTF.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Mary H. read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the March minutes. The minutes were then accepted **8/0/0**.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Steve J. read the report. Last month he was asked to obtain a number of insurance certificates for events happening in the region. SFCA, inquired about insurance certificates concerning a cruise, Chair reported after researching, RSC can't be involved in liability; the cruise line is suppose to be responsible for providing insurance certificate. All other requests were fulfilled.

Vice Chair – Leonard S. gave verbal report. He attended the Public Relations (PI/PL) and WSR subcommittee this month. He reported that Public Relation learning day was canceled and they're doing well. He also indicated WSR needs support and several commitments are OTF. The business calendar has been updated and he is asking for guidance on how to input onto the Webpage.

Q. who do we submit a change to?

A. Vice chair will make changes.

Treasurer's Report – Joey C. read the report.

Opening Balance:	\$ 3,637.93
Donations Received:	\$1,344.31
Expenditures Total:	\$1,645.00
Donation to WSO:	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance:	\$3,336.97
Schedule Reserve:	\$ 4,707.03
Checkbook Total:	\$8,044.00

Q. when does the fiscal year end?

A. fiscal year ended 4-20-12.

Q. prudent reserve under \$641.70 about 18%, what is the deficit of the prudent reserve for next month report?

A. will be on next month report

Q .can Convention Committee pay for RSC bills?

A. to be discussed at sharing session

The financial statement was then accepted 9-0-0.

RD & RDA Report – Jimmy C. read the report. World Service Conference (WSC) is approaching the end of the two-year cycle. Jimmy C. and Adam H. will be attending WSC in California April 27- May 6, 2012. They have received the necessary material to perform duties as Connecticut Regional Delegates.

CAR is available online www.na.org/conference and can be downloaded. The CRDs will be collecting votes from RCMs at RSC April meeting. CAT is also available online at www.na.org/conference. This document includes World Service Strategic Plan, Project Plans tied to the unified budget, and Regional Proposals issues in CAR. The next NEZF is June 15-17, 2012 in Somerset, NJ. "Main topic discussion will be a followed- up discussion of the WSC".

Webservant Report – Rich G. read the report. Updates and area pages are continuing to grow. Notified Image Works about the schedule change page, and the page should go live within the next week or so. FYI; all areas should check there area e-mail as discussed over the past few months, this is where these changes will be sent to. After they are retrieved and

information confirmed, forward to Regional Literature Chair it will be forward to Public Relation and Webservant. Changes will be made to the web page schedule and phone line as needed. A discussion was made about making a tutorial to help those having a hard time navigating meeting finder on the web page.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD – Troy B. read the report. TVA BOD seat is OTA, and Alt. Tech Director OTF. BOD reviewed Convention’s financials and the reporting requirements. Troy met with Convention Committee Treasurer and ALT Treasurer to design reporting requirements outline in Region Policy. The Amended final Accounting Report for 2012 Convention, profit \$5,506.40. Also, a Financial Accounting Report Form was attached and will be used to provide Region with monthly report. Troy will e-mail the monthly report within the next 2 weeks. All forms were attached to report.

Q. was anybody able to find information about seed money?

A. No, will ask secretary to look through Convention Committee’s archives

Convention – Cynthia S. read the report. All guidelines were read and discussed for each subcommittee. Convention Committee meetings will continue at same location, Mount Sinai Rehab Hospital (lower level) 500 Blue Hills Ave, Hartford, Ct.

H&I – Phil D. read the report. H&I are currently serving 78 meeting and presentations in our region. There were 1700 schedules distributed, and 300 are owed. Volunteer Liaison is OTF. The rogue meeting will be addressed with Rushford’s contact. Corrigan and Brooklyn service will be in place 4/9/12, Radgowski will also be in place. Annex to restart NA meeting. Cheshire is looking for meeting at Webster Annex, 7:00-8:00pm, to start 4/14/12 and at Cheshire CI facility Tuesdays 7:00-8:15 must have yellow card. Ad-hoc had discussion on designing a flyer, and design requirements. Tami-Jo, with support of Regional H&I is attending presentation at DOC conference on May 12th. Discussion about GHA ad-hoc: teleconference of closing meeting of World Convention into DOC facilities. Will GHA come to Regional table and work in unity to bring this wonderful project together.

Literature – Lisa C. gave verbal report. The Literature Committee did not meet this month. Did meet in March and discussed adding (Introductory Guide) to the key and went over e-mails received. Have about 18,000 schedules left. Note: minute were e-mailed, thanks.

Public Relation – Debbie D. read report. Debbie and other members will be attending the Spring into Unity Learning Day in Lower Manhattan 4/28/12 12:00-2:00pm at Our Lady of Sorrow. New Haven Public schools suggested a presentation to show students, possibility of a DVD. Only the backs of addicts would be taped to maintain anonymity. Public Relation would like to know if Phone line coordinator is stepping down. Also, PI/PL name is changed to “Public Relation”.

WSR – Gerry P. read the report. York presentation went well, representation from PR and H&I. Staff seemed unaware of NA benefits. At Cheshire H&I, WSR was mentioned and might be requesting presentation. Mail facilitator received a total of 29 letters and 5 were from out of state. WSR will be represented at Pig Roast. WSR policy was reviewed and suggestions were made for corrections. Open positions, Vice Chair, Assistant Coordinating Secretary, and Recording Secretary. Gay has resigned from recording secretary’s position.

Policy Ad-Hoc – Adam H. gave verbal report. Ad-hoc continued working on the review. Discussed what needs to go on flyers? They also have starting the motion sections of policy and will e-mail information out.

Q. who approves Convention and BOD and what do they do when making flyers?

A. two contacts and follows Regions policy

Q. Why does one of the flyers only have one contact?

A. Ad-hoc will have a column with what should be on flyers and contacts will be address

AREA REPORTS

Central Connecticut Area – Lou D. (ALT.RCM)

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

Activities: 70’s/80’s Dance, 5/26/12, 8:30pm-11:30pm Masonic Temple, Meriden Ct.

Spiritual Hike, 6/24/12, 1:00pm Hubbard Park on White Trail, Meriden Ct.

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00, Area Concerns: Rogue meeting

Greater Danbury Area – Gay H. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice-Chair, Alt. RCM, Secretary, and RCM

Activities: Father’s Day Picnic, 6/17/12, 10:30-6:00pm, Hop Brook Lake, 4 Straits Turnpike, Middlebury Ct.

Fund Flow: \$ 68, 92 Area Concerns: None

Greater Hartford Area – Cindy C. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt RCM, PI/PL Chair and Vice Chair, and Treasurer
Activities: Sponsor/Sponsee Learning Day Brunch, 6/2/12, 11:00-2:00pm, 10 Wintonbury Ave, Bloomfield Ct.
Fund Flow: \$ 490, 43 Area Concerns: None

Greater New Haven Area – Roberta T. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer
Activities:
Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

Greater Waterbury Area – Robert H. (ALT. RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Policy
Activities: GWANA Basketball Shootout April 28/ 29/ 12, all day, and Sneaker Dance, 4/28/12, 8:00-12:00am, Northend Rec. North Main St., Waterbury Ct.
Fund Flow: \$ 502.73, Area Concerns: None

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 – Tommy B. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: PI/PL Chair, and Vice Chair
Activities: 20 yrs or more Speaker Jam, 4/28/2012 10:00pm, 210 Elm St., Bridgeport Ct, Serenity on the Sound Moonlight Cruise, 7/14/12, 2:00am 42 Seaview Ave, Norwalk, Ct.
Fund Flow: \$ 267.46, Area Concerns: None

Tunxis Valley Area – Stephanie B. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Secretary, Policy, Chair, and RCM
Activities: None
Fund Flow: \$ 0.00, Area Concerns:

United Shoreline Area – Gail S. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Chair, and Alt. Treasurer
Activities: Recovery Rockfest, 5/13/12, 11am-6pm McCook's Point, Niantic Ct.
Fund Flow: \$ 60.76, Area Concerns: None

BREAK

SHARING SESSION

- ⊙ **Flyer (Al W.)** Can all member make sure the Vice-Chair is given a copy of reports at the before meeting.
- ⊙ **RSC expenses (Gerry P.)** Using Convention Profits to pay for RSC expenses. Gerry P. spoke on how the Region Treasurer can request funds from the Convention Committee Treasurer to pay Regions expenses. After much discussion from the body, on whether or not RSC Treasurer could request money without Regions permission. BOD Chair stated RSC Treasurer would have to bring an invoice. After, more discussion the RSC Chair read from Policy concerning this matter (pg.V.B.10). Troy stated after April, all left over money should fund flowed to WSO. Discussion continued and Cindy C. called a Point of Order, and then read from the 1994 Policy. No other comments made.
- ⊙ **Changing PI/PL to Public Relation (Debbie D.)** Debbie is asking for all Committee report, Treasurer report, and Webservent to address PI/PL as Public Relation in future reports.
- ⊙ **Rogue Meeting (Lou D.)** Lou asked for guidance from RSC as to how to address rogue meeting. He has offered the group help. Adam asked if the group not following 6 points of NA, if so it is consider a NA meeting. Jimmy C. read from the Guide to Local Service and answer they can have a meeting.
- ⊙ **Sharing on Methadone (Tommy B.)** Addict sharing in meeting on methadone and members are trying to make her stop. Several RSC members shared that the only require for membership is the desire to stop using. Adam shared that it is an ongoing issue and it's a possibility that this issue will come up at the WSC.
- ⊙ **CCA Meeting Location and Time (Adam H.)** will the time be a factor at the library, because he and Jimmy would like to do presentation when return from conference for about a half an hour. Lou D. replied it will only be for May and June meeting we will have to be out at 5:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS

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
4/21/12 Motion Passed 8/0/1

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.
4/21/12 Motion Passed 8/0/1

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 treasurers' reports from the last year.
8/0/0 Passed (to lay on the table for 1 month)
4/21/12, Passed 9/0/0 (table for 1 month)

ELECTION

RSC WEBSERVANT-Justin A. was nominated, qualified and was elected. Congratulations!
RSC Alt. Webservant- OTF. 4yrs. clean time required
BOD seat TVA OTA. 3yrs clean time required

NEW BUSINESS

Motion# 1 (4/21/12) M/S: Donna H. (MSUA)/ Gail S. (USA)
To begin May and June RSC meeting at 1:00pm at Meriden Public Library, due to hard stop at 5:00pm.
Intent: To be responsible to location
12/6/3 Motion Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The RSC meetings for May, June and July are to be hosted by the Central Connecticut Area
The next RSC meeting will be on May 26, 2012, 1:00pm at the Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller Street, Meriden, Ct. The Meeting closed at 5:15pm.

Love to Serve NA,
Mary H.

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

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