

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August, 25, 2012

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION – None

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met at the Plainville Congregational Church, 130 West Main Street, Plainville, Ct. 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

Eight areas were represented.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Secretary - Mary H. read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the July minutes. The minutes were then accepted 7/1/0.

NOTE; Correction on motion 5/26/12 failed because it needed 2/3 (voted 3/3/2 failed)

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. All requests were fulfilled. Chair was in contact with our insurance representative regarding pricing on sporting events, our insurance carrier do not carry this type insurance. After talking to treasurer, chair contacted Hitchcock Printing on Sunday August 19, 2012 and asked Melissa to please email us a copy of the bill, so we can pay immediately. Invoice was sent and the check will be written and mailed today. There was a small problem with the Regional Post Office Box, it has been corrected. Vice Chair will continue to check mailbox weekly. Chair will be looking into FedEx PO Box. Chair brought back a draft on notice of limited liability.

Vice Chair – Leonard S. read report, he attended, Regional PR and WSR. There was discussion on the upcoming Learning Day. Vice chair is reaching out to webservant to guide him on coordinating the online calendar. WSR is in need of addict support.

Treasurer's Report – Joey. read the report.

Opening Balance:	\$ 3,689.17
Donations Received:	\$1,550.42
Expenditures Total:	\$ 829.73
Donation to WSO:	\$ 720.69
Closing Balance:	\$3,689.17
Schedule Reserve:	\$8,366.13
Checkbook Total:	\$12,055.30

The financial statement was then accepted 7-0-1.

RD & RDA Report – Adam H. read the report. World Service Conference (WSC) can be downloaded from WSO website. The new NAWS News was released about a week ago and can also be downloaded on WSO website.

NEZF: Jimmy and Adam attending the NEZF regional assembly August 18, 2012 in Queens, NY. There were more workshops and less presentation than expected. There were Skype calls with RD's from South Africa and Regional del Coqui which were exciting and informative.

Adam is making arrangements to attend the Western State Learning Day, this focuses on NA service in PI/PR, Phone lines, Web Pages, Outreach, And H&I.

Regional Subcommittees: There will be a Regional cookout/workshop on September 22, 2012 at 10:00-5:00pm in Wallingford. PR, H&I, and WSR will be presenting 45 minute sessions on the hour beginning at 1:00pm. RD will be attending this event to answer any question.

Webservant Report – Justin A. read report. All changes, posts, requests, and updates have been made to date. Webservant made changes to schedule change form for the month, scanned them into a file and forward them to PR and Schedule/Lit

Chair. The Convention website and e-mail were dead links on the Regional site. They have been changed to connect with current Convention site.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD –Troy B. read the report. BOD did not meet, due to no business to transact. Following the July RSC meeting, BOD crunched some numbers and unanimously voted to sell banquet tickets- pre registration \$38 and on-site \$43. In late July the Convention website went down, it is up and running and online registration will be live by 9:00 pm Tuesday, August 28th, 12.

Convention –Cynthia S. read the report. Convention September goal were read and / or pending completion reviewed and discussed. Convention Treasurer has resigned Vice Treasurer is fulfilling the commitment at this time. A new convention Information Chair was elected, congratulation Michal L. Registration was given the go ahead to fill printing orders and will be delivered next week. Convention Chair is asking any RSC member to let her know if you would like a time slot at Convention.

Next meeting will be held 9/16/12 at 1:00, Mount Sinai Rehab hospital (lower level) 500 Blue Hills Ave, Hartford CT.

H&I – Phil D read the report. H&I did not meet, due to holiday. H&I have a winner for T-Shirt contest. The Cheshire Correctional Facility postponed the Wednesday night presentation until the end of August. H&I are ready and able to facilitate this meeting. The Saturday night Webster annex meeting is going well. Omar has been nominated and accepted Assistant Volunteer Liaison, to assist Tami Jo. Next meeting will be September 5, at the New Britain YMCA at 7:30.

Literature – Vice Chair gave verbal report. Report was sent to secretary. Literature Chair has step down.
Ending Balance; 20422

Public Relation – Debbie D. read the report. 5 out of 9 areas present. Public Relation had discussed our participation in the Regional Unity Day. The phone lines are being answered and checked daily. **PUBLIC RELATION IS IN NEED OF SUPPORT!** Public Relation meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Meriden Public Library, Catlin St. Meriden CT. Open positions; Vice Chair, Phone line Coordinator, and Spanish Phone line Coordinator OTF.

Ad-hoc, met on 8/16/12, “Upcoming Regional Unity Day “we have several people to help with setting up and cleaning up. **The Regional Unity Day September 22, 2012 at 12:00-4:00pm in Pragemann Park, 31 Oak Street Wallingford Ct. PR, H&I, and WSR will be presenting 45 minute sessions.**

WSR – Gerry read the report. WSR met on 8/16/12. WSR are participating in **The Regional Unity Day**. Gerry shared that any addict in need can request any NA literature from NAWS and receives at no charge. There was discussion on whether or not it would be appropriate for a Step-Guide to correct the usage of the term “sober” in their writing. No outcome was reached on this issue. The WSR commitments OTF are Chair, Vice Chair, Assistant Coordinator Secretary, and Recording Secretary.

Policy Ad-Hoc – Verbal report by Adam H. met this month and is continuing to make progress.

AREA REPORTS

Central Connecticut Area – Bill S. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt Treasurer, Alt.RCM, and Policy Chair

Activities: Annual Sponsor/ Sponcee, Dinner/Dance, Nov. 17, 12. 5:00pm

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00, Area Concerns: None

Greater Danbury Area –Robert M

Positions Out to Area: Vice-Chair, Chair, and Treasurer

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

Greater Hartford Area – Cindy C. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice Chair

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$383, 15 Area Concerns: None

Greater New Haven Area – Roberta T. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: none

Activities: New Generation 32nd Anniversary, Comedy Night Ziti Dinner 9/29/12, YMA Club 554 Woodward Ave, New Haven Ct.

Fund Flow: \$0.00 Area Concerns: Operating Under prudent reserve

Greater Waterbury Area – Absent

Positions Out to Area: None

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

Mid-State Unity Area – Al W. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: None

Activities: After the Weekend Summer Extravaganzas 9/8/12, Sears park, east Hampton (more info to come), MSUA 25th Anniversary Picnic 9/23/12, 11:00-5:00, McCutcheon Park Livingston Rd. Middletown Ct.

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Tommy B. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vic Chair and PR Chair

Activities: Basketball Tournament 10/6/12, 12:00 -7:00pm, 90 Fairfield Ave Stamford, Ct

Fund Flow: \$47.27, Area Concerns: None

Tunxis Valley Area – Stephanie B. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice Chair, and Activities

Activities: Halloween Dance 10/27/12, St Marks Church West Main St., New Britain Ct.

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

United Shoreline Area – Gail s. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt Treasurer

Activities: Rockfest 9/9/12, 11:00-6:00 McCooks Point Park, Niantic Ct., Halloween Party 10/20/12, 2nd Congressional Church, Broad St. New London CT.

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns:

BREAK

SHARING SESSION

- ⊙ **Schedule change (Cindy C.)**
Having problem with e-mail, webservant will make sure changes will be made. Chairs asked all RCM to do a test run on e-mails.
- ⊙ **Transferring Money Motion (Phil D.)**
Motion was made and passed.
- ⊙ **Fund Flow/Donations (Phil D.)**
How can NA accept credit cards, moving in to new technology? Ask RSC to think about it.
- ⊙ **Reimburse for RCM of region(Roberta T)**
Can RSC be reimbursed for travel? Pg. 13 in Policy says No.
- ⊙ **Area under funded, what can we do(Roberta T)**
Several suggestions were made; fundraiser, do a inventory sheet to meetings in area, educate groups on the 7th tradition and read pamphlet what is the basket for, consolidate some meeting. Q. are the groups fund flowing, A.?
- ⊙ **Medical Insurance Sporting event(Gail S)**
Much discussion on this topic, and ending result was Troy (BOD) will research and bring back information
- ⊙ **Bank fees for NA(Roberta T)**
After much discussion, suggestion was made to use credit union
- ⊙ **Flyer at Region (Al W.)**
Q. Not being enough flyers at Region, A. all RSM's should make a decent amount and add a sticky note or label with each area on them
- ⊙ **Activity Calendar(Debbie D)**
A. Vice Chair will make changes to calendar

OLD BUSINESS

Motion#1 (5/26/12) M/S: Roberta T. (GNHA)/ Donna H. (MSUA)

To form a Regional Activities sub-committee

Intent: To coordinate activities and ideas between activity committee chairs of entire region

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

3/3/2 failed 7/28/12 (NOTE; Correction on motion 5/26/12 failed because it needed 2/3 (voted 3/3/2 failed)

Motion#1(7/28/12) MS: Howard O. (USA) Donna H. (MSUA)

That the Regional Service meeting meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month starting in November

Intent: To avoid conflict with the North East Zonal Forum

12/1/3 Passed

ELECTION:

Literature Chair; OTF, 4 years required, and must be 18 year old.

TVA BOD seat was filled Denise P. was recommended by her area; she qualified and was nominated 8/0/0, Congratulations!

Come back to check tape

NEW BUSINESS;

Motion#1(8/5/12) MS: Phil D (H&I Chair) Cindy C (GHA)

To move \$25.00 one time only, on H&I budget from the line item "Misc" to the line item merchandise, increasing it to \$725.00.

Intent; To be financially responsible to the vendor "Been Printed LLD" for the T-shirt quote

8/0/0 Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next RSC meeting will be on September 29, 2012, 2:00pm at the Plainville Congregational Church, 130 West Main Street, Plainville, Ct. (**Do not Park in front parking lot of the church**). Church Ave. is on the right; you can park on the street or in the back lot. Entrance to the church is on the side of the church.

The Meeting closed at 5:00pm.

Love to Serve NA,
Mary H.

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities **Calendar**

MSUA- After the Weekend Summer Extravaganzas 9/8/12, Sears park, East Hampton (more info to come)

USA- Rockfest 9/9/12, 11:00-6:00 McCook Point Park, Niantic Ct

CCA- NA 24th Spiritual Weekend, 9/21, 22, 23/2012, Enders Island, Mystic Ct, Pure and Simple Group

Regional Unity Day -9/22/12 at 12:00-4:00pm in Pragemann Park, 31 Oak Street Wallingford Ct. PR, H&I, and WSR will be presenting 45 minute sessions

MSUA- MSUA 25th Anniversary Picnic 9/23/12, 11:00-5:00, McCutcheon Park Livingston Rd. Middletown Ct

GNHA: Comedy Night Ziti Dinner 9/29/12, YMA, Club 554 Woodward Ave, New Haven Ct.

SFCA- Basketball Tournament 10/6/12, 12:00 -7:00pm, 90 Fairfield Ave Stamford, Ct

MSUA- Group Renovation Party 10/7/12 5:30-7:30 196 Main St, Durham Ct. No Bull in Durham

USA- Halloween Party 10/20/12, 2nd Congressional Church, Broad St., New London CT

TVA- Halloween Party 10/27/12 St. Marks Church, West Main St, New Britain Ct

CCA - Annual Sponsor/ Sponcee/ Dinner/Dance, 11/17/12, 5:00-8:00, First Congregational Church, 62 Colony St Median Ct

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

