

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October, 27, 2012

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION –DYAN F. AND JULIE

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met at the Plainville Congregational Church, 130 West Main Street, Plainville, Ct. Meeting was called 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 September minutes. The minutes were then accepted, and **8/0/0**.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Steve 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.

Schedule Recap; 9/29/12, 7848- Ending Inventory- \$906.00

Chair reported that Vice Chair did secure key for PO Box and we are fulfilling outside orders again. Updates based on the meeting changes have been submitted to the printer. Chair is holding off on ordering schedules until the end of Region's meeting (due to schedule process still unresolved).

Next RSC meeting will be November 17, 12. (Nov. – Jan.) Meetings will be hosted in GWA, at Clayton Memorial Church, 274 Long Hill Road, Waterbury Ct

Vice Chair – Leonard S. read report, he attended, Regional PR and WSR. Vice Chair still have not been able to coordinate with web servant on keeping up with activities calendar. WSR is in need of addict support, all positions are OTF. Vice Chair is turning over keys to Regional and Literature PO Box.

Treasurer's Report – Joey. read the report.

Opening Balance:	\$ 3,689.17
Donations Received:	\$3,734.09
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$966.00
Expenditures Total:	\$ 1,845.64
Donation to WSO:	\$ 2,854.45
Closing Balance:	\$3,689.17
Schedule Reserve:	\$3,000.00
Checkbook Total:	\$6,689.17

The financial statement was not accepted, 0/6/2, Joey will amend report.

RD & RDA Report – Adam H read the report. Adam attended the Western Service Learning Day in Denver, CO the weekend of October 12-14. It was more of a training conference, of sorts. There was a NAWs presentation to various Professionals (DOC, Judges, Treatment Workers, ect) followed by presentations from them (the Professionals) to us. Adam attended a workshop on NA Resources and, the focus of this was on how much information is in the "locally developed resources" section of the World website.

Adam also attended s workshop on Consensus based Decision Making. He does have the PowerPoint presentation they used which has a nice side by side comparison of Robert Rules and CBDM and he will be happy to make copies of it or email it around. He added that some other regions/areas use colored cards that participants can hold up to signify different things, to make it easier for Chair to facilitate the meeting.

Adam would like to remind the RSC that one of the Resolutions (#6) in the Service System Proposal was that service bodies make decisions by consensus and our region voted in favor of 2/3 majority. He realizes it was just an agreement in principle but we may want to look at that and discuss if we want to try moving towards CBDM.

There were workshops on Group conscience and Delegation and Service Systems Project update. NAWs has solicited some service bodies to field test exactly in the SSP and test is going to take place from November, 1, 2012- July 31, 2013.

NOTE: Adam does have all PowerPoint files used during the WSLD as well as all of the session recordings if anyone wants copies of anything.

There will be four workshops at our Convention. The four workshops are; Fellowship Development around the Globe, Developing Group Conscience, Service System Project Update, and Developing New Literature: The New Traditions Book.

NEZF: Next forum will be in January 25-27, 2013 at the Holiday inn Liverpool, NY, and the Regional Assembly down in New Jersey Region is November 4, 2012

Jimmy C. read the East Coast of Narcotics Anonymous 16(ECCNA 16). The Convention was hosted by the Tri-State Region. In addition to carrying the message of recovery, ECCNA was able to generate enough funds to buy 123 cases (28 books per case) of the Basic Texts a total of 46 cases will be distributed to the jails and prisons in the host Region. **For more information about ECCNA, visit www.eccna.org**

Webservant Report – Absent, Alt. Donna H. read report. All changes, posts, requests, and updates have been made to date. Schedule changes have been made and forwarded. We are getting more changes from the online form. Continue to check your CTNA e-mail addresses. Contact Web servant if having trouble accessing e-mails. Web servant has created a list of instructions, and Alt. Webservant has been learning the position and giving feedback. When they are finish, they will have resources that can be used by any alternate or new Web Servant. Or in case of the position going suddenly vacant the resource can be used by the Chair or Vice Chair to update the site.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD –Troy B. read the report. The October BOD meeting was spent reviewing and voting on the vendor bids submitted by Registration, Merchandise, Art & Graphics and Entertainment sub committees. With respect to the contest for (2) free hotel rooms, the deadline is November 18, 2012 and Region meets on November 17, 2012. Can the Region designate a member that can be contacted to select the winners so the winners can be notified before the next Region meeting? On line registration and mail in registrations has began to come in (total as of October 20, 2012-\$3,170). Troy will e-mail the monthly financial report after Treasurer has an opportunity to update the report to include this revenue.

Convention – Cynthia S. read the report. Convention goal were read and / or pending completion reviewed and discussed. Vice Treasurer is OTF. Please be sure to mention to fellowship the **Pre-Registration Contest**. Next meeting will be held November 18, 12 at 1:00, Hilton, One Stamford Place, Stamford, CT.

H&I – Absent, Shaw R. read the report. The Cheshire Correctional Facility's Addiction Service Coordinator has started postponed. H&I have sold more tee-shirts (\$350.00). Will try and get money orders to Region today, if not will mail in.

Next meeting will be November 3, 2012, 7:30pm at the New Britain YMCA, 50 High St. New Britain, CT

Literature – OTF

Public Relation – Debbie D. read the report. 2 out of 9 areas present. Public Relation has notified convention Chair of there interest in having a PR workshop at convention. PR discussed different ways they could get more attention and attraction from the Fellowship to support PR. Having a GSR come to their meeting to see what they can do? For example this month the GNHA was invited to attend Health fair at Southern Connecticut University. This was a great opportunity and exposed the public to NA. It would be great to have more young people involved in these presentations as an attraction to our Fellowship. Unity Day Workshop Income and Expenses report turn in to Region. Public Relation meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Meriden Public Library, Catlin St. Meriden CT. Open positions; Spanish Phone line Coordinator OTF.

WSR – Gerry read the report. WSR met on October, 18, 12. Stephanie R. will ask Women's Sponsor Retreat Committee for permission to do a WSR presentation at their next retreat. Committee will discuss preparations for WSR Workshop at 28th Ct Convention at next WSR meeting November 15, 12. WSR are in needs Trusted Servants and more Step Guides. The WSR commitments OTF are Chair, Vice Chair, Men's Coordinator Secretary and Recording Secretary. Next meeting November 15, 12 in New Britain Ct

Policy Ad-Hoc – Adam H gave verbal report, did not meet before at Adam house meeting. Will try again next Saturday November 3, 12 at Adam house, let him know if you will attend? Also, Adam discussed maybe doing Skype. The process is moving slow, but is moving along with discussion on Policy

AREA REPORTS

Central Connecticut Area – Bill S. (RCM)

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

Activities: Annual Sponsor/ Sponcee, Dinner/Dance, Nov. 17, 12. 5:00-9:00pm, Thanksgiving Day Marathon meeting, November 22, 12 9:00am-7:00pm, Masonic Temple, 112 East Main St, 2nd floor Meriden Ct

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00, Area Concerns: None

Greater Danbury Area – Absent

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

Activities: Spiritual Brunch, Nov. 3, 12, 11:00am-4:00pm, 116 Newtown Rd. Danbury Ct

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

Greater Hartford Area – Cindy C. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice Chair

Activities: Clean Choice Spaghetti Dinner, Nov. 11, 12, 3:00-6:00, St. Mary's Episcopal 41 Park St. Manchester, Ct

Fund Flow: \$419.41 Area Concerns: None

Greater New Haven Area – Roberta T. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area:

Activities: Thanksgiving Day Marathon meeting, November 22, 12, 9:00am-6:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Orange St. New Haven Ct

Fund Flow: \$199.00 Area Concerns: Several meeting have closed or changed, concern is that the changes will not be in the next schedule printing.

Greater Waterbury Area – Beverly H

Positions Out to Area: None

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$0.00

Area Concerns: Basketball Shootout has positions OTF

Mid-State Unity Area – Al W. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: None

Activities: Feast Before the Feast, November 21, 12, 6:00-9:00pm, 190 Court St Middletown Ct., Thanksgiving Day Marathon meeting, November 22, 12, 9:00am-6:00pm, 381 Main St. Middletown Ct.

Fund Flow: \$466.93, Area Concerns: what to do with literature from meeting that folds.

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Tommy B. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: PR Chair

Activities: Oldies but Goodie Party, November 10, 12, 9:00-12:30, Golden Hill Church, 210 Elm St Bridgeport Ct.

Thanksgiving Day Marathon meeting, November 22, 12, **(location and time to be announced)**

Fund Flow: \$200.00, Area Concerns: None

Tunxis Valley Area – Tito C. (representing)

Positions Out to Area: RCM, Treasurer

Activities: "How It Works" Learning & Game Day" December 8, 12, 10am – 5pm, FREE!! New Britain YMCA, 50 High Street New Britain CT

Fund Flow: \$.00, Area Concerns: Do not have consistently reliable representation at RSC and area Treasurer passed away. Will try and get in touch with family to retrieve supplies and un-deposited money order from group fund flow.

United Shoreline Area – Gail S. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt Treasurer

Activities: Thanksgiving Evening, Sesame St. Group, Nov. 22, 12, 6:00-9:00 Hazelnut Hill Rd, Groton Ct

Fund Flow: \$432.69, Area Concerns:

BREAK

SHARING SESSION

- ⊙ **ECCNA Report (Jimmy C)** **Q.** If Region was going to have say where books are distributed. **A.** jails and prisons
- ⊙ **Sending trusted servants to Service Symposium (Adam H.)** **A.** If a committee has money in their budget they should attend. Also if committee's do not have money in their budget this year, they can add it to their budget next year. **Q.** what does these conference entail, and what way can it benefit the committees? **A.** how to better serve our fellowship. After much discussion it was mention on getting together with other regions such as New York or other New England Regions to maybe start something similar. Adam will make schedule of meetings and times of workshops so this body can get information out to groups.
- ⊙ **What do we do with literature from folded groups? (Al W.)** **A.** it will be up to the group where they would like to donate their literature
- ⊙ **Who handles schedule changes (Roberta T.)** **A.** the Web Servant
- ⊙ **Secretary minutes-Treasurers report (Cindy C.)** **A.** Secretary will add additional line to break down to report
- ⊙ **Hotel contest-region contact (Troy B.)** **A.** Secretary was selected to assist with contest winners
- ⊙ **Waivers (Mary H.)** **A.** was done in pass Regional meeting; secretary will research minutes for language on waivers.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ELECTIONS: Congratulations to all!

Chair- Steve J

Vice Chair- Leonard S

Secretary- Mary H

Treasurer – Joey C

Alt Treasurer – OTF- Clean time requirement is three (4) years

RD – Adam H.

Alt RD- Dyan F.

Literature Chair-OTF- Clean time requirement is three (3) years.

NEW BUSINESS; None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

The next RSC meeting will be on **November 17, 2012**, at 2:00pm at the Clayton Memorial Church, 274 Long Hill Road, Waterbury Ct.

The Meeting closed at 5:00pm.

Love to Serve NA,
Mary H.

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar



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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