

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2013

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION: Jessica introduced herself and was welcomed to the RSC.

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met at Grace Episcopal Church 124 Maple Hill Avenue Newington, 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

Seven areas were represented.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Secretary – Mary read, Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the June minutes. Minutes for June will be corrected and put in archives. Minutes were then accepted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Steve read report. We filled many requests for insurance certificates for the past two month. I am requesting RCM's to please inform your Areas that all request should be directed to you.

- **Please submit the request in the following via email:**
 - **Name of Event**
 - **Date of Event**
 - **Beginning Time and Ending Time of Event**
 - **Contact Name**
 - **Contact Phone Number**

Please submit this request this request to my email address

- On average it takes 2-3 business days to get the certificate although, I would appreciate it if you gave us at least a week notice so as not to overtax the insurance agent.

The next RSC meeting will be on August 17, 2013, at 2:00pm at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Sandy Hook (Newtown) 5 Washington Ave, Newtown, CT.

Vice Chair – Leonard S. read report. Vice Chair attended the Literature meeting in need of trusted servants, attended the PR meeting and there are several positions OTF. WSR did not meet all position is OTF.

Treasurer – Gail and Jody, read the report. **(July 2013 report)**

Opening Balance:	\$ 3, 408.64
Donations Received:	\$3,654.27
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$1,370.27
Expenditures Total:	\$ 911.63
Donation to WSO:	\$ 3,832.38
Closing Balance:	\$3,689.17
Schedule Reserve:	\$ 3,000.00
Checkbook Total:	\$6,689.17

Treasurer reports pass: 4/3/0

RD & RDA – Adam H. read report. RD and RDA attended the Northeast Zonal Forum (NEZF). RD participated in (WSC) webinar. There were 80 RDs/ADs and World Board was in attendance. The webinar included a presentation on the use of this technology, a Service System Project update, the future of WSC, and the use of the official WSC Participant bulletin board.

Basically, RD found out that the WB will be putting forward in motions in Conference Agenda Report (CAR) to adopt the local services part of the SSP. The names will be modified because the term Group Support "Unit" (GSU) and Local Service

“Unit” (LSU) have not been sitting well with most of our members. At some point it looks like the WB will be putting forward proposals to eliminate RD funding to the WSC (NAWS pays for one delegate from each seated region to attend the WSC) and to eliminate ARD participation at WSC.

There were a lot of the questions surrounded the SSP field testing. Other issues discussed during the Q&A were that the WSC is unsustainable in its current form, raising revenue for NAWS, the addition of the 3rd Tradition IDT, saving money at WSC, ways to streamline discussions at the WSC, and the Tradition Book project.

With regards to regional workshops, RD has been working with Howard USA, and has schedule a workshop/presentation on September 15, 2013 (Sunday) from 12:00 noon – 5:00pm

RD and ARD have received NAWS annual report for the fiscal year ending June 2012. There is a lot of information, and RD is planning to ask the WB some questions relating to the financial statement.

RD and ARD also discussed what to do at our Convention in January 2014.

Reminder

- The 35th World Convention of NA <http://www.na.org/wcna>
- The Western Service Learning Day is coming up October 25-27.

Web Servant – Donna H. read report. All meeting updates, calendar events and flyer links have been completed for the month. Most of the BMLT updates have been completed, such as search default being on Meriden and not Manhattan. Web Servant has been in contact with the Image Works concerning whether or not providing mobile device compatibility would also need to be quoted or if this was within normal maintenance of the site.

To follow up on names and phone numbers popping up within search engines online, we are responsible for redacting the information ourselves before putting anything up on the website.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD – Phil D read report. The BOD met in Middletown CT. Currently out to the areas Positions are seat for CCA and GDA. BOD also has positions OTF which are Site Selection Director and Alt Site Director. BOD reviewed proposals from hotels. BOD brought financial report in as region suggested. Also, BOD is still consulting with a tax attorney.

[BOD next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on September 15, 2013 at the Holy Trinity Church, 381 Main St. Middletown Ct 06457.](#)

Convention – Leigh B read report. Chair is requesting that regional subcommittees who wish to have a workshop / presentation at Convention submitted to chair via e-mail as soon as possible.

The convention Policy and Guidelines Adhoc committee headed by Vice Chair Leigh B, met in July. Their focus is to create a spreadsheet updating separately for each subcommittee’s monthly functions concurrent with their responsibilities and deadlines.

Three themes and logo’s were submitted and voted on. The theme for 2014 is “We Are A Vision Of Hope”

[Convention Committee meeting will be held August 18, 2013 at the Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St. Middletown Ct. 06457](#)

H&I – Sean O. read report. Six out of nine areas attended. Area report- all is going well in CT, CCA has learning Day planned, September 14, 2013. Discussion about support from upper portion of USA in service, help is needed at Nachaug, but there doesn’t seem to be any service support from that area of the state. Vice Chair will be purchasing literature for Regional Panel Coordinated DOC facilities. The basic texts are on their way from East Coast Convention. H&I will be turning over DOC Addiction Services, and then distributed throughout the state DOC facilities.

Chair stresses concern for the Regional service schedule, and hoping that this moves forward and not forgotten.

Jimmy C brought information as to Unity Day Call. This is the ability to connect to the closing meeting of the World Convention via phone line. It is available to all, not just facilities.

We are planning a Regional H & I Learning Day for sometime in September, either the 8th or 15th, depending on which date works best with other events throughout the state. The proposed location is in Middletown. An adhoc committee was formed to work out the particulars, more will be revealed.

[Next Meeting August 7, 2013 at New Britain YMCA, 50 High St. New Britain, CT 7:30pm](#)

Literature – Mary R. read report. The Literature committee met last month and there were 3 addicts in attendance. The new Tradition book was discussed, as was the possibility of having a workshop. A new order for schedules was placed thus the starting inventory for this month's region is 18,000

There were no outside sales since last regional meeting.

Sold 5,300 schedules sold within the fellowship for \$742.00

Transferred 2,000 to RSC Subcommittee \$280.00

Total: 7,300 schedules sold for \$1022.00

The next meeting will be at the Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller Meriden Ct, Tuesday September 17, 2013, 7:00pm

Public Relations – Absent (OTF) Positions OTF are Chair, Vice Chair. Spanish Phone Line Coordinator

Public Relation next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Church, Meriden CT.

WSR – OTF. WSR meets at new location Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St, Middletown Ct, 06457 at 7:00pm. WSR remains hopeful that addict support will show up to fill some of the vacant positions WSR -OTF, clean time requirement 2 years and 1 year served on the WSR committee, VC, Men's Coordinating secretary, and recording secretary.

Policy Ad-Hoc – Adam gave verbal report, noting to report at this time.

AREA REPORTS;

Central Connecticut Area – Libby R (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt RCM

Activities: CCA

- Coming Alive Campout August 9-11, 2013, 42 Pierce Rd. Strawberry Park, Preston, Ct,

Fund Flow: \$102.00

Area Concerns: the area has a motion for region

Greater Danbury Area – Mike Q (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice-Chair, Activities Chair, and PI Chair

Activities: none

Fund Flow: \$0.00,

Area Concerns: has formed an adhoc committee to begin planning a learning day for the area. Any feedback and /suggestions would be appreciated.

Greater Hartford Area – Tracey D. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: PI PL Chair, and Secretary

Activities:

- Recovery East Celebrate 25 years
- Paintball, Matt's Outback, 677 Riley Mountain Rd, Coventry, Ct, September 21, 1:00pm

Fund Flow: \$ 000

Area Concerns: No help

Greater New Haven Area – Roberta

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

Activities:

- Fun at the Lake, August 4, 2013, 10:00am- until, Camp Cedar Crest, Orange Ct
- Comedy Show Ziti Dinner September, 14 2013, 7:00pm, Annex Club Woodward Ave, New Haven Ct

Fund Flow: \$54.39

Area Concerns: None

Greater Waterbury Area – Absent (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Treasurer and Alt RCM

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$0.00

Area Concerns: None

Mid-State Unity Area – Al W. (RCM)

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

Activities:

- Stepping Free 7th Anniversary, August 19, 2013 6:30-9:15pm, St James Church Parish Hall, 501 Killingworth Rd. Higganum Ct.

Fund Flow: \$466.35

Area Concerns: Wants to hold GSR assembly

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Absent (Alt RCM)

Positions Out to Area: RCM and Literature chair

Activities:

Fund Flow: \$

Area Concerns: None

Tunxis Valley Area – Darlene B (RCM)

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

Activities:

- End of the Summer Dance, August 17, 2013
- Halloween Dance, October 26, 2013
- Learning Day September 28, 2013

Fund Flow: \$0.00,

Area Concerns: Posting to TVA website

United Shoreline Area – Howard O (RCM)

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

Activities:

- Talent Show, September 21, 2013, 9:00 pm-11:00pm, Grow with the Glow Noank Baptist Church, 18 Cathedral Hgts, Noank Ct

Fund Flow: \$1310.79

Area Concerns: None

Break:

Sharing Session:

- **Place for RD and ALT RD presentation/workshop A.** will be announced at next RSC meeting
- **When is the next date for schedule print? A.** when the supply gets low.
- **COI'S, A.** contact Chair for Insurance certificates
- **Question about CAR; A.** will be announced at December RSC meeting(4 ½ months) for February-March event
- **Adding signer to Bank account- A.** Executive Committee will work together on solution.
- **H&I tee shirts, Q H&I tee shirt budget; where should it go on Treasurer Report.** After more discussion, **A.** it is in the correct on in Treasurer Report.

Old Business:

Motion #1(6/15/2013) M/S Adam H (RD)

That the Northeast Zonal forum (NEZF) form standing committees to include a NEZF Public Relation Committee, a NEZF H&I Committee, a NEZF Literature Review Committee, a NEZF Information Technology committee, and a NEZF Convention Coordination Committee The membership of these committees will be the representatives of their corresponding Regional Committees

The purpose of all of the NEZF Standing Committees will be to provide 'Communication Cooperation, Information, and Guidance' and will not focus on the development of zonal projects or events as a primary goal."

Intent:

Failed 1/6/1

Motion #2 (6/15/13) M/S Sean O (H&I) Libby R (CCA-RCM)

To add \$700.00 H&I budget for t-shirts seed money

Intent: To get more shirts to promote H&I awareness and help further carry the message

Passed 8/0/0

Motion #3(6/15/13) M/S Al W (MSUA-RCM) Howard O (USA)

That the issue on the service committee schedule be brought back to groups.

Intent: to better serve the primary purpose and/or service structure

Out of order

Elections:

Congratulations, CCA- BOD Rick H

- ❖ **OTF WSR:** clean time requirement 2 years and 1 year served on the WSR committee
- ❖ **OTF Alt Web Servant:** clean time requirement 2 years, and 6 months prior involvement in RS
- ❖ **OTF PR:** clean time requirement 2 year and 6 months prior involvement in PR

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1(7/20/2013) M/S Mike Q (GDA) Libby R. (CCA)

For the CTRSC via the Lit Subcommittee, to begin printing a tri-fold style service schedule. The RSC V. chair will be responsible for ensuring its accuracy. The printing will be for 5,000 schedules, at total rate of \$ 465.00, to be done concurrently at each new meeting schedule printing. The service schedule will be sold to groups/areas at \$0.10 each

Intent: Effective communication in our service structure to carry the message

Out of Order

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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The Meeting closed at 4:45pm.

Love to Serve NA,
Mary H.

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar



MSUA-No Joke on Oak 5th Anniversary, July 25, 2013 5:30-7:00pm, 47 Oak St, Middletown Ct

MSUA-Basically Lit, July 27, 2013 3:00-6:00 Food, Fun, Fellowship (Outdoor BBQ), 7:00 speaker, Dance 9:00pm-12:00, 300 Washington St, Middletown Ct

CCA-2nd Annual Poker Run, July 27, 2013 8:30am-7:30pm, Dry Dock 68 ½ Quinnipiac Ave, Wallingford Ct

MSUA-Miracles on Oak 29th Anniversary, July 29, 2013 7:00- 8:15pm, 47 Oak St, Middletown Ct

GNHA- Fun at the Lake, August 4, 2013, 10:00am- until, Camp Cedar Crest, Orange Ct

CCA-Coming Alive Campout August 9-11, 2013, 42 Pierce Rd. Strawberry Park, Preston, Ct

TVA- End of the Summer Dance, August 17, 2013

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GHA- Paintball, Matt's Outback, 677 Riley Mountain Rd, Coventry, Ct, September 21, 1:00pm

GNHA- Comedy Show Ziti Dinner September, 14 2013, 7:00pm, Annex Club Woodward Ave, New Haven Ct.

CCA-25th Annual Spiritual Weekend, September 20-22, Enders Island, Mystic Ct

TVA- Learning Day September 28, 2013

TVA- Halloween Dance, October 26, 2013

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATION (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