

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2015

“A” Month

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION:

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met at the Woodbury Firehouse, 25 Quassuck Road

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by

After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer, Donna read the 12 Traditions, Tonia read the 12 Concepts.

ROLL CALL

8 Areas were represented.

1 was not present.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH’S MINUTES

Jason read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the December minutes.

Motion Tonia (MSUA) 2nd Taffy (SFCA) : To approve the October minutes. 7-0-0

PASSED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Mary Read Report

Vice Chair – No Report

Treasurer – Gail

read the report. **(February 2015 report)**

Opening Balance:	\$3644.17
Donations Received:	\$ 3085.90
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$ 44.00
Expenditures Total:	\$ 1274.10
Donation to WSO:	\$1855.60
Closing Balance:	\$3644.17
Schedule Reserve:	\$ 2152.55
Checkbook Total:	\$5796.72

Motion Adam (RD)/2nd Devon (TVA) to approve the December Financial Statement. 6-0-0 **Passed**

Regional Delegate (RD) – Adam H. read RD report.

Discussion:

- Member asked about zonal seating and is there activity with this that we may need to know about?

-RD informed us of the Planning our future work group is gathering material for a work shop on zones and was more info brought to MARLCNA about is as well as at FSS. Hope to get more info soon and do a workshop on this topic, also more info relating to this in RDA report. Attended the SEZF and got information there and ideas about how we may want to do our NEZF.

-Member asks about FSS participation and if anything expressed there was on behalf of our Region?

RD- Was there as an addict and will most likely share the information that I learned there regardless of being funded by our region, as I just did in prior question and RDA did in report.

Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA) – ABSENT

Web Servant – Donna H. read the report.

CCA- Is the COI on website?

Web- yes it is

GHA- Are the minutes on the website?

Web/Secretary- Waiting on minutes to be corrected from secretary/ I will have corrected minutes to Donna by next Region

Vice Chair- Who are contacts for emails now with the changes and who checks the emails?

Web- Area emails are still live to allow areas to get their emails, anyone who needs password help let me know. H and I, PR, RD, etc. Should check their emails

ALTERNANTE WEB- OTF

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD – Ron read the report

Convention- Nicole read the report.

Web- Did you bring copies of your report?

Convention- How many do I need to ... 15

Schedule Facilitator – No present at time of reports

Public Relations – Gene Read the report

SFCA- How/ when was the change of meeting told to fellowship? Our area wasn't present, even though we have interest due to lack of communication. Lots of confusion on change of days and to drive from our area is a great distance, we would appreciate more clarification in the future.

PR- The facility changed on us, we didn't cancel intentionally and I texted the area chairs to ask about what days would work. I actually just looked through my messages and I texted SFCA member on 3/5 and 3/8 and we met on 3/17.

WSR – Gerry read the report.

H and I- ABSENT second time

Chair states that we will be reaching out to H and I chair per policy on absence

Policy Ad-Hoc – No report

NEZF Ad-Hoc- Taffy gave report, all is well

WEB AD-HOC- JEREMY Read report

AREA REPORTS

Central Connecticut Area – Allen (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship- vice chair, alt rcm

Activities/Events- Sponsor sponsee dinner

Fund Flow- \$628.43

Area Concerns-

Greater Danbury Area – Mike Q (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship- vice chair, RCM, Alt RCM

Activities/Events

Fund Flow- 0

Area Concerns- none at this time

Greater Hartford Area – Glovine (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship-

Activities/Events

Fund Flow-

Area Concerns- No schedules last month

Greater New Haven Area – Absent

Positions out to Fellowship-

Activities/Events

Fund Flow-

Area Concerns-

Greater Waterbury Area –

Positions out to Fellowship-

Activities/Events

Fund Flow-

Area Concerns-

Mid-State Unity Area- Tonia (Alt RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship- RCM, H and I

Activities/Events

Fund Flow- 0

Area Concerns-

Southern Fairfield Country Area –

Positions out to Fellowship- Alt Treasurer, Alt RCM, Lit, GSR Liaison

Activities/Events Annual egg hunt

Fund Flow- \$857.13

Area Concerns- Area treasurer called Regional Treasurer, left voicemail and not return call.

Tunxis Valley Area –

Positions out to Fellowship- Vice chair

Activities/Events- Genesis 31 anniversary

Fund Flow- \$240.00

Area Concerns- none at this time

United Shoreline Area –

Positions out to Fellowship-

Activities/Events

Fund Flow-

Area Concerns-

BREAK: 3:05-4:00

SHARING SESSION:

1. Tickets for NEZF are available \$10 please contact Jason if you would like some.
2. USA Alt RCM brings up that comments/ remarks when people are sharing from the floor are hurtful and we should ask ourselves how this looks as trusted servants and to new people here at the Regional meeting. Please be mindful of each other when someone is sharing as we are here to help addicts and it's all about the love.
3. USA Alt RCM asks body if we are aware of what illicit literature is/means and to make sure we are all mindful about this in our fellowship.

RD states that there he brought back a pamphlet on this to region from the "NA Way"

USA asks if it says anything about trusted servants posting online about illicit literature.

RD says he isn't sure

4. USA Alt RCM brings up conduct of our trusted servants, states again that there are hurtful things being said here and online and we are trusted servants.

GDA RCM apologizes for making comment and states that he feels that at times members here are asking other trusted servants questions with an accusatory tone.'

USA Alt RCM thanks RCM for his apology and reminds us that we as Regional Trusted servants are accountable to this region and to uphold the responsibilities of our trusted servant position.

SFCA RCM shares that last month she felt that she was yelled at across the table for simply asking a question about the funding of RD/RDA to FSS. The Regional table shouldn't be yelling at one another. When I returned home I also received a message on my personal Facebook page from a trusted servant here full of expletives from this trusted servant. I tried to explain to this trusted servant that I was asking questions that were brought up by my area in a lengthy discussion at the area table regarding the FSS travel money and this trusted servant said it was a personal attack from her. I again explained that that I was representing the conscience of my Area and his comments weren't appreciated, so if anyone has feedback on this I would appreciate it.

GHA member states that his name was also in this message as well as the USA alt RCM and the GHA member feels that this is offensive from a trusted servant of our Region. I was taught in service that if there is an issue to bring it to my home group, area, region, etc. and this email as well as posts by this trusted servant on Facebook disrespecting the Regional table and members of it are something that we hopefully address as this trusted servant is accountable to our Region. It's sad to see this type of behavior by a trusted servant of our Region.

Chair states that we have discussed the FSS topic for hours and please be mindful that we try and practice principles before personalities here at this table.

USA Alt RCM states that he received a phone call from a World Board Member that a trusted servant from our Region approached her and this trusted servant from our Region asked if she knew the USA Alt RCM and she said yes. At that point the trusted servant of the CT Region said to the World Board Member, oh he is an A-hole. I have been in service for a little while and to hear that a member of our Regional Table would say this to a World Board Member of NA is just beyond me and hurtful.

Secretary asks if this trusted servant has a name because I have written trusted servant of CT Region at least twenty times.

USA Alt RCM, SFCA RCM, GHA member all state that the trusted servant they are referring to is our Alternate Regional Delegate.

Convention asks how if a member is going somewhere on their own that this has to do with us?

USA Alt RCM states that they are still our Alternate Delegate whether we paid for trip or not!

Chair ends discussion as the RDA is not present to respond.

5. TVA asks when minutes are due out because we have not received minutes prior to my area meeting since becoming RCM

Chair states that we are supposed to take our own notes and the policy states in a timely manner

RD reminds body of prior Regional meeting that the current secretary asked what is acceptable and the consensus was 2 weeks

6. BOD Executive Director goes over report from this year's convention and states that there is monies available for bill payment and fund flow to NAWS.

RD asks how much money and Executive director refers to report for amount

GDA RCM states that the reason for the extra monies in account above what was taken in this year was monies that were held aside in case of IRS issue from prior years taxes of which we didn't end up having to pay any money so that is what the extra monies are from.

CCA states that there isn't anywhere in policy saying exactly where money gets spent

Chair states that we ask the treasurer each year about any outstanding bills and those get paid and the rest of money gets fund flowed to World

Treasure asks if we can ask for money for upcoming NEZF costs?

Vice Chair refers to policy V1-9 on monies

Executive Director Shares that he is not an accountant and what we do with money is up to Region

RD refers to Policy 5B-10 and shares that if we hold some of money for NEZF it is a bill with hotel, just hasn't been printed yet because NEZF is in April

Vice Chair refers back to Policy 5B-10 where it states existing bills, which the NEZF is a future event not an existing bill

Treasurer states that Alternate Director of BOD had told her in past that we can also allocate money from Convention as a gift to Region

GHA member asks if we have an accountant and does our accountant just do taxes or is accountant knowledgeable on rules of 501-3C and non for profit sharing monies etc.

Convention chair/ Secretary both state that we should ask an accountant what to do with money before we make a decision here

SFCNA RCM asks where in financial accounting of report cost is for an accountant.

Executive Director refers to BOD budget for clarification

More discussion from floor about if bills are paid, NEZF bill just hasn't been printed, concerns about IRS issue of past and consensus of table is that we have BOD talk to an accountant and report back.

7. H & I Budget

RD refers to policy and that the treasurer can submit and that the budget can be same as last year without increase for prudent reserve.

Treasurer will submit budget

8. PR brings up concern for Spanish speaking meeting info on schedule

Discussion on floor as to clarity of just making change in meeting list for Spanish speakin meetings

Chair calls for straw poll 9-0

PR will work with Schedule Facilitator on this

9. Work shop topic for next RSC

Discussion from floor about having more choices for these workshops and after ideas from Admin, the workshop for B Month will be: "Better communication at the Regional Table to fulfill our primary purpose" by the Vice Chair

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION #1 (11/15/14)

TO CREATE A STANDING POLICY POSITION

INTENT: TO ENSURE THAT ANY REFERENCES TO POLICY OR QUESTIONS ARE READILY ADDRESSED.

MAKER: PATRICIA

SECONDED BY: MIKE Q

PASSES 7-0-1

Motion #1 (12/20/2014) M/S Mike (GDA)/Patricia (GNHA)

To create the following policy - 10.3 Policy Facilitator

IV.D.3. Policy Facilitator

IV.D.3.a. Requirements

IV.D.3.a.i. 3 years clean time

IV.D.3.a.ii. Active for at least one year in the NA service structure

IV.D.3.a.iii. Six months active involvement at CTRSC during previous two years

IV.D.3.a.iv. Willingness and desire to serve

IV.D.3.a.v. Ability to organize

IV.D.3.a.vi. Ability to communicate

IV.D.3.a.vii. A good working knowledge of 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of NA

IV.D.3.a.viii. Leadership ability

IV.D.3.a.ix. Length of term is one year

IV.D.3.a.x. It is recommended that the policy facilitator serve no more than 2 consecutive terms

IV.D.3.a.xi. Can hold any other regional position other than Admin positions

IV.D.3.b. Responsibilities

IV.D.3.b.i. Convenes a meeting of interested RSC members whenever required by a motion being committed to them.

IV.D.3.b.ii. Shall be responsible for updating the current RSC policy with any changes and shall make them available at the following RSC.

IV.D.3.b.iii. Shall be responsible for providing any RCM member with a current copy of policy upon request.

IV.D.3.b.iv. Shall attend all RSC meetings.

IV.D.3.b.v. Will have no vote associated with the position at the RSC, but retain their voting privileges due to any other position held.

IV.D.3.b.vi. May make motions only related to motions referred to them.

IV.D.3.b.vii. Will be available to the RSC Chair on questions of policy, thereby helping to maintain an

atmosphere of recovery by ensuring that our guidelines and procedures are followed. These include, in this order, RSC policy, A Guide to Local Service, and Robert's Rules of Order

IV.D.3.b.viii. Will be available as a resource for workshops involving policy

IV.D.3.b.vix. Shall conduct an orientation for new RSC members one hour before each regularly scheduled RSC meeting

Intent: To educate ourselves and have consistency

Tabled to Areas Mike (GDA) 2nd by Devon (TVA) for 60 days. February.

PASSES 8-0-0

MOTION #9 (1/17/15)

To not fund the RD and RDA travel expenses to Florida Symposium

Intent: We are not being financially responsible with NA funds as we are already sending the team to MARLCNA

Maker: Elizabeth (USA)

Seconded: Glovine (GHA)

PASSES 5-2-1

BUDGETS:

Motion # 2 (1/17/15) RD/RDA PASSES 7-0-1

Motion # 3 (1/17/15) Schedule PASSES 8-0-0

Motion # 4 (1/17/15) WSR PASSES 8-0-0

Motion # 5 (1/17/15) ADMIN PASSES 8-0-0

Motion # 6 (1/17/15) P.R. PASSES 8-0-0

Motion # 7 (1/17/15) WEB PASSES 8-0-0

Elections:

WSR-OTF 2 years clean time and 1 year service on WSR

Alt Treasurer- 4 year clean time and completion of 1 NA treasurer commitment and suggested 1 year active in RSC.

Alternate Web- 2 years clean and 6 month prior involvement with RSC

Policy Facilitator- 3 Years clean, active for at least 6 months in past 2 years at RSC

TVA BOD- 18 years of age and resident of CT

CCA BOD-18 years of age and resident of CT

SFCNA BOD- Ron was nominated, qualified and was elected!! Congrats Ron

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #1 (3/21/15)

TO accept H&I budget as submitted for fiscal year 2015-2016

Intent: To be financially responsible

Maker: Gail S (Treasurer)

Seconded: Mike Q (GDA)

Discussion:

Concerns about not having enough money allocated for workshops around country such as Western Service Symposium, etc.

Is there need for that travel, bring up at Regional H&I to see if there is need.

Tabled to area for 60 Days due back at May RSC

Maker- Mike (GDA)

Seconded- Beverly (GWA)

HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET

	14-15 Budget	Spent to Date 12/20/14	Proposed 15-16 Budget
Rent	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
Copies	\$ 100.00	\$ 84.71	\$ 100.00
Literature	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Workshops	\$ 350.00	\$ 251.55	\$ 350.00
Schedules	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 3,360.00
Misc	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Merchandise	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,132.41	\$ 1,200.00
Income	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ (1,164.00)	\$ (1,200.00)
DOC Literature	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
H&I	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 2,544.67	\$ 4,860.00

Motion #2 (3/21/15)

To accept the Board of Directors 2015 budget for 2015

Intent: To set a working budget for the BOD for the fiscal year 2015

Maker- Ron (BOD)

Seconded- Allen (CCA)

Tabled to areas for 60 Days due back at May RSC

Maker- Mike (GDA)

Seconded- Tonia (MSUA)

CRCC Inc. - Board Of Directors

line item	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Proposed
Accountant Fees	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Banking Fees	\$36.00	\$176.92	\$180.00
Gratuities (Bell Cap, Banquet, Housekeeping)	\$470.00	\$670.00	\$670.00
Credit Card Account Fees	\$130.00	\$35.73	\$50.00
Legal Fees	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Liability Insurance	\$550.00	\$654.32	\$660.00
Other: Treasurer Laptops (2 computers)	\$950.00	\$1033.93	\$0.00
Other: On-Site Netbooks (7 computers 7 mice)	\$1975.00	\$1,449.60	\$0.00
Other 4TB Hard Drive	\$170.00	\$170.15	\$0.00
Other: Accounting Software	\$0.00	\$63.79	\$300.00
Other: Hand Stamps	\$0.00	\$32.95	\$0.00
Other: Surge Protectors (2)	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other: Binders	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
P.O.Box	\$225.00	\$252.00	\$260.00
Rent	\$125.00	\$127.50	\$130.00

Sec Of State Filing Fee	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Storage Space	\$1080.00	\$1080.00	\$1,100.00
Van Rental	\$400.00	\$105.00	\$400.00
Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Copies	\$45.00	\$37.43	\$45.00
Walkie Talkie Rentals	\$475.00	\$613.20	\$500.00
Web Site	\$96.00	\$181.16	\$160.00
Totals	\$7,687.00	\$7,253.68	\$5,300.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEZF Saturday April 25th
300 Washington Street
Middletown,CT

Also, as you should be aware, we are having an NA Family Feud Challenge as part of the evening's festivities to finish up the NEZF Mini Service Symposium. As with any Family Feud, we need to survey members so we have our answers for the questions. Below is a link to our survey, please send the link along to members in your area. We're not sticking to the "100 members surveyed." We don't care how many complete the survey, we're going to use the percentages of how many members answer whichever way. Just ask that members only complete the survey once ("one addict, one vote" method). Oh, and feel free to complete the survey yourselves as well. We hope this will be fun for everyone.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1euBh2pvfkonnhdPd0ama6HVIMouSMmdA8bR0GE5jrJI/viewform>

NEXT MEETING APRIL 18th @ 25 QUASSUK ROAD, WOODBURY 2 PM !!

The meeting closed at: 5:30p.m.
In Loving Service
Jason

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar



EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	PLACE	HOSTED BY	CONTACT NUMBER
Genesis 31 st Anniversary	4/10	11am-2pm	South Church New Britain	Genesis	
Speaker Brunch	4/11	10am-2pm	Emmanuel Lutheran Church 164 Hanover Meriden	Coming Alive Campout	Allen C 2036767945 Leigh 2036310500
North East Zonal Forum WORKSHOPS	4/25	8AM-4 PM	300 Washington Street Middletown CT	CT REGION	Adam H 8607049899
NEZF DINNER NA FAMILY FEUD!	4/25	5:30-11PM	300 Washington Street Middletown CT	Basically Lit Group	Jason L 8605382641
GWANA Campout Spiritual Breakfast	4/25	10 am-1 pm	St Michaels Church Parish House 25 South street Litchfield,CT	GWANA Campout	Eliza L 8603872377 Mike Q 2035013865
Sponsor Sponsee Dinner/Dance	5/2	5:30-12am	First Congregational Church 62 Colony Meriden	CCANA	Ted 2032134192 Pam 2039152759
Rock Fest	5/10	12pm-6pm	Mc Cooks Park Niantic	USANA	Cheryl G 8603676638

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
FSS – Florida Service Symposium (service conference)
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
NAWS – Narcotics Anonymous World Services
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
WSLD – Western Service Learning Days (service conference)
WSO – World Service Office
WSR – Writing Steps for Recovery