



Southern Fairfield County Area of Narcotics Anonymous 1
Minutes of Meeting Held April 4, 2015

- Meeting called to order by Chair, Alex A, at 9:05 am on. Opened with the Serenity Prayer.
- 4th Concept read by Mark and discussed.
- **Roll Call:** **13 GSRs present at 9:20 am.**
- There was one new GSR in attendance.
 Mike C from *Just for Monday*
- Average voting members for prior six months is 13. 2/3rd of which is 9.

Executive Committee Reports

1. Secretary Report read and submitted by Ray F. Motion to accept made by Andrew , second by Jorge. Passed 14/0/0
2. Chair's report was read and submitted by Alex. Motion to accept made by Bill B, second by Dawn, passed 13/0/0
3. The Vice-Chair's report read and submitted by Dawn. Motion to accept made by Bill, second by Janis, passed 13/0/0
4. Treasurer Report read and submitted by Jay L.

Beginning Balance	\$1000.00
Group Donations	+\$ 403.98
Expenses	<u>-\$ 298.48</u>
Ending Balance	\$1105.50
FUND FLOW to Region	\$0.00
Final Balance	\$1105.50

Motion to accept made by Jorge, second by Art, passed 14/0/0

5. RCM Report read and submitted by Taffy C.
 Motion to accept the RCM report made by Andrew, second by Janis. Passed 13/0/1.

- **Roll Call:** **13 GSRs present at 9:55 am.**

Subcommittee Reports

1. Policy: Report submitted and read by Mark F.
2. Hospitals & Institutions: Report submitted and read by Andrew S.
3. Public Relations: Verbal report from Berto.
4. GSR Liaison: OTF no report
5. Web Servant: Verbal report from Bill B.
6. Literature: OTF no report. Literature will be available today after ASC meeting.
7. Activities: Report submitted and read by Buddy O.

A motion to accept subcommittee reports was made by Jorge and seconded by Bob. All subcommittee reports accepted on a vote of 13/0/0



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BOD report was submitted and read by Ron. The highlight of Ron's report is that the current understanding of the CRCC, Inc.'s Board of Directors, is that although members of the BOD practice a similar set of spiritual principles as Narcotics Anonymous, they are a legally distinct entity and offer the details of their "budget to groups in the interest of transparency." The Board will be seeking professional advice, "an accountant and, if necessary, a lawyer," to clarify the limits on the relationship between the BOD and NA.

Group Reports

Reports were submitted by GSRs representing 18 groups.

- The ***Courage to Change*** group, which meets in Stamford on Sunday is in need of support.
- The ***Free Spirit*** group is/was having a speaker Jam on Friday April 10th between 8 pm and midnight. The group meets at 41 Stillwater Ave in Stamford.
- The ***Principles B4 Personalities*** group is in need of support, has trusted servant positions available, and is in need of literature. The group meets on Tues evening at 210 Elm Street (Golden Hill Methodist church) Bridgeport between 7:30 and 9 pm.
- The ***Road to Recovery*** group is experiencing low attendance. ***Road to Recovery*** meets in Norwalk at the corner of Park & Lewis on Sun, Wed, Fri, & Sat.
- The ***Step Up to Recovery*** group meets on Tuesday evenings 7 pm at 50 Nichols Street (Operation Hope Bldg) in Fairfield.

Break: we took a 10 minute break at 10:36 am

Open discussion was at 10:50

I honestly don't recall if this discussion occurred during group reports (I think so) or after the break but it warrants mention as it leads to what came up in new business. Taffy C rec'd an anonymous cash contribution/donation on behalf of the ***Recuperacion en Areyto*** group which (a) has had no representation at Area for at least a year, (b) no longer meets (c) who's last trusted servants apparently wished to fund flow the balance of their treasury to Area. Treasurer (Jay L) indicated a willingness to accept cash. Policy Chair (Mark F) pointed out that existing policy prohibits accepting cash in amounts greater than \$15. Stay tuned for the New Business section of this report for the resolution of this matter.

Agenda Items: None

- **Roll Call:** **11 GSRs present at 10:55 am.**



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Old Business:

A motion from Region about how votes to abstain are counted at Region was tabled to the Areas. The motion reads as follows:

To add the following sentence to (Regional) Policy Section III.C.2d

For all motions requiring a 2/3rd vote majority to pass, 2/3rd of all voting members present must vote in favor of the motion in order for the motion to pass.

There was discussion which determined that the effect of the motion would be to have votes to abstain counted as votes against. The first vote of GSRs present was 5/5/0 After a second round of discussion (2 pros, 2 cons) a second vote was held. The Regional motion failed on a vote of 4/5/0

Elections

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| 1. Alt-Treasurer | OTF |
| 2. Alt-RCM | OTF |
| 3. GSR Liaison | OTF |
| 4. Literature | Mike L |

New Business

1. A motion was made by Mari F (GSR **Lost Then Found**), seconded by Janis D (GSR **Same Meeting, New Day**) to allow a one-time waiver of policy 69 which prohibits accepting cash in an amount in excess of \$15. The intent being to allow SFCANA Treasurer to accept cash from the closed meeting **Recuperacion en Areyto**. The motion passed 9/0/0

2. A Regional motion was made by Taffy C (RCM), seconded by Mike C (GSR **Just for Monday**) to authorize the Regional H&I and Regional PR committees to each send one representative, to one NA conference/symposium/ learning day. Region has requested that we send this motion to the groups for approval. The text of the motion is as follows:

To fund one "learning NA conference" for both the Regional H&I and the Regional PR committees.

Intent: To better inform the Regional committees.

This motion will be taken up in Old Business at the May 2, 2015 Area meeting.

3. A Regional motion was made by Taffy C(RCM) seconded by Mike C (**Just for Monday**)
The text of the motion is as follows:

BOD 2015 Budget be approved for the 2016 convention.

Intent: To have a working budget for CTCNA 2016

Region requested that we send this motion to the groups for approval.



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In light of Ron B's BOD report and the discussion which accompanied that report, and an e-mail I rec'd from Ron B, I sent an e-mail to the trusted servants of Area describing my reasons for informing the GSRs to **not vote** on the BOD's budget. I informed Alex A (Area Chair) and Taffy C (Area RCM) of my thoughts and intentions (just) prior to sending the e-mail with the BODs budget to the GSRs. I will admit that I have overstepped something in that decision but I could not in good conscience direct the groups in a direction I believed fell somewhere between inappropriate and illegal.

All that being said, unless the maker withdraws the motion it is still on the table and will be taken up taken up in Old Business at the May 2, 2015 Area meeting.

At 11:55 someone made a motion to close which was seconded by several others. There being no objection the meeting was closed in the usual manner with thanks to all who served Narcotics Anonymous.

Next meeting will be May 2nd 2015.

Grateful to serve,

Ray F.