



Southern Fairfield County Area of Narcotics Anonymous 1

Minutes of Meeting Held November 7, 2015

- Meeting called to order by Chair Alex A, at 9:08 am on November 7th 2015. Opened with the Serenity Prayer.
- 11th Concept: *NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.* Read by Mike L and discussed. The discussion was not light, as it revolves around finances.
- **Roll Call:** **8 GSRs present at 9:24 am.**
- New GSR Bill B representing Tuesday night *Never Alone, Never Again* meeting in Norwalk.
- Average number of voting members for prior six months is 12. 2/3rd of which is 8.

Open Forum

1. Mike L acknowledged leaving prior to the 2nd half and apologized for not being available to answer questions about the Literature budget.
2. Buddy mentioned flyers about upcoming activities -- Marathons
3. The *More Will Be Revealed* group will be celebrating its 32nd anniversary on December 14th, 6:30 to 9 pm at 109 Seaside Ave (United Presbyterian Church) Milford CT

Executive Committee Reports

1. Secretary Report read and submitted by Andrew (thanks Andrew). Motion to accept made by Mari, seconded by Bill B. Passed 8/0/2
2. Chair report -- read and submitted by Alex. Motion to accept made by Mari, seconded by Ben. Passed 10/0/0
3. Vice-Chair -- OTF
4. Treasurer's Report read and submitted by Jay.

Beginning Balance	\$ 834.75
Group Donations	+\$ 611.95
Expenses	<u>-\$ 210.75</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 1235.95

As we are below Prudent Reserve (\$1500) by \$264.05 there was no fund flow to Region this month. Motion to accept made by Bill, second by Ben. Passed 10/0/0

5. RCM Report read and submitted by Taffy C. Motion to accept the RCM report made by Bill, seconded by Mari. Passed 10/0/0

- **Roll Call:** **10 GSRs present at 10:00 am.**



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Subcommittee Reports

1. Policy: Report read and submitted by Mark
2. Hospitals & Institutions: Report read and submitted by Andrew.
3. Public Relations: Absent
4. GSR Liaison: Absent
5. Web Servant: Report submitted and read by Bill.
6. Literature: Report submitted and read by Mike L.
7. Activities: Report submitted and read by Buddy.

A motion to accept subcommittee reports was made by Mari and seconded by Tyler. All subcommittee reports accepted on a vote of 9/0/1

BOD report was read by Ron.

Group Reports

Reports were submitted by GSRs representing 16 groups. Highlights are as follows:

- The *By the Text* group (Wednesday & Saturday in Norwalk) is thriving and will be having an anniversary in January.
- The *Feeling Free* group (Sat in Ansonia) needs addict support
- The *Free as an Eagle* group (Wednesday in Fairfield) had a great 29th anniversary celebration in October.
- The *New Hope* group (Wednesday evenings in Bridgeport) needs support and addicts in recovery to take commitments.
- The *No Name* group (Saturday 7 pm, 5151 Park Ave (SHU), in Fairfield) needs support in the form of attendance and trusted servants.
- The *Open Arms* group (Sunday 6 pm Bridgeport) is in need of support.
- The *Same Meeting, New Day* group (Wednesday at 877 Park Ave Bridgeport) is in need of support.
- The *Serenity at Noon* group (Thursday & Monday at noon in Stamford) meets regularly, but is in need of addicts in recovery willing to serve as trusted servants. The Thursday meeting is listed in the schedule as providing childcare. This is an error as the meeting does not provide childcare.
- The *Success Downtown* group (Saturday evenings in Bridgeport) also needs support and trusted servants.
- The GSR from the *Victory in the Valley* group which (Friday evenings in Shelton) has stepped down after admittedly taking narcotics. Tyler P will serve as alt-GSR.
- The *West Side Story* group (Monday evenings at the corner of Laurel & Grove streets) is in need of support.



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Break: There was an 18 minute break at 10:30 am.

Elections:

Vice-chair, alt-RCM, alt-Treasurer remain out to the fellowship.

Old Business: All proposed budgets passed. Votes as follows.

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| 1. Exec committee | 6/0/0 |
| 2. Policy subcommittee | 8/1/0 |
| 3. Hospitals & Institutions | 9/0/0 |
| 4. Public relations | no budget presented |
| 5. Literature | 9/0/0 |
| 6. Activities | 9/0/0 |

New Business

1. A proposed 2016 calendar was approved 6/0/0
2. Information on Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year's Marathon meetings was presented. They will be held in Shelton, Norwalk, and Bridgeport. See flyer for details.
3. There was a motion by the Policy chair (Mark F), seconded by the GSR from the *Lost then Found* group (Mari F), making the reference to the maximum amount of cash that can be accepted by Area to be \$25 in all sections of a policy where the maximum amount of cash is referred to. This motion passed 9/0/0
4. The RCM presented an amended Regional motion about the distribution of: (1) Regional minutes, (2) Regional reports, (3) reports from Regional resource positions, and (4) Regional subcommittee reports to Regional Committee Members via the Regional web site www.ctna.org. This Regional motion was presented to SFCANA as an agenda item.
5. The Treasurer (Jay L) made a motion, seconded by the GSR from the *Lost then Found* group (Mari F), that all ASC (Exec, Lit, Activities) bank accounts be set up for on-line statements only. This motion passed 9/0/0

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was closed in the usual manner.

Next meeting will be December 5th 2015.

Grateful to serve,

Ray F.