

7:30 p.m. **Frank P.** opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read. Seventeen (17) voting Group Service Representatives (GSRs) and alt GSRs were in attendance (the number of voting GSRs and alts later grew to 19).

- **Open Forum:**
  - Anissa M.** said she recently attended the We Do Recover Group and it has switched from being a step meeting to being a Just for Today book meeting.
  - Bob C.** announced that a new group, Living Clean Today, which will be using the Living Clean book will conduct its first meeting on Sept. 10, 2013 at Saint Ann's Episcopal Church, 82 Shore Road (Route 156), Old Lyme, CT, from 7 to 8 p.m. A flier announcing establishment of the new group was submitted for review. Call Bob C. 860-402-0215 or Al D. 860-305-9147 for more information.
  - Adam H.**, the Connecticut Region's delegate to the World Service conference, attended the meeting so we could all meet him.
  - Don** said the Outer Limits group, which meets on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at Grace Methodist Church, 10 Park Ave., Westerly, R.I. was circulating a flier to promote the meeting and gather support.
  - Flavia A.** announced the formation of two new groups: The Saturday Night Fever Group, which meets Saturdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 192 Montauk Ave., New London, and will be a speaker meeting; the other meeting will be Wednesday nights, 7 to 8 p.m., at 109 Blinman St., New London; it will use an alternating format.
  - Armando R.** announced that the New Beginnings Group, which meets on Saturday mornings, has moved to 192 Montauk Ave., New London from its former location at 1000 Bank St., New London.
- **Secretary's report Dale F.** read July minutes, and announced that the minutes would be amended to show that **Penny M.**, was formerly the Twilight Zone Group's alt. GSR, not GSR. Minutes were accepted and passed.
- **Vice Chair report:** No vice chair, therefore no report.
- **Treasurer's report: Gail S.** report accepted and reflects the Area Service Committee's request that it return to a format that displays both group fund flow amounts and group literature spending. Report passed.
- **Literature report: Penny M.** delivered a verbal report and said she hoped to be in touch with the Regional Literature subcommittee before putting together an area literature committee; she also said that she had stepped down from serving as Twilight Zone Group's alt. GSR. **Frank P.** said that the literature order that he placed with World in June was never processed.
- **H & I report Sheila B.** read report. Report accepted and passed.
- **Public Relations Kathleen** read report in **Mike R.'s** absence. The subcommittee needs support. Report accepted and passed.

- **Activities report: Anissa M.** read report. As requested by the Area Service Committee in July 2013, the subcommittee has amended its policies regarding safeguarding of funds. Whenever possible two addicts will be present to collect or safeguard funds during events. Also, an event expense report will be generated and provided to the ASC following all events. Additionally, the subcommittee's financial records are available for review at its regularly scheduled meetings. Groups that have not signed up to participate in the Thanksgiving Marathon may do so by talking with Anissa. Report accepted.
- **Ad Hoc Committee Vicki M.** gave verbal report and efforts to develop an orientation for new group service representatives (GSRs) and announced that her term as Area Policy Facilitator has ended.
- Connecticut Convention of N.A. Board of Directors representative **Dwight T.** gave a verbal report, convention will be in Stamford again.

**RCM report Howard O.** read report: GSRs and alternates should verify that their group's information is accurate on the regional schedule, including the initials used to describe meeting format; the Connecticut Regional Delegate team will host a workshop/service jam, Sept. 15, at Roger's Lake Clubhouse, 75 Roger's Lake Trail, Old Lyme, CT 06371, from 12 to 5 p.m. The event will include a Third Tradition workshop, a workshop on service collaboration, and a service system review and question and answer period

New GSRs and alt. GSRs:

**Daryl M.**, alt GSR, Twilight Zone Group  
**Jared R.**, GSR, Live the Steps or Die

Welcome!

Elections:

**Area Service Committee Vice-chair:**  
**Vicki M.** was nominated and elected.

**Alternate Regional Service Committee representative (alt RCM):**

No nominations or volunteers. Position remains out to the fellowship.

**Area Service Committee alternate Treasurer:**

No nominations or volunteers. Position remains out to the fellowship.

**New Business:**

The Area Service Committee Policy Facilitator position is vacant and out to the fellowship.

The Area Service Committee Chairman position is vacant and out to the fellowship (Frank's first term is up)

**Motions:**

**Motion 1:** To change policy to have the Area Service Committee take over the Activities Subcommittee checking account and keep a separate reserve up to \$2,000 for the subcommittee. **Intent:** Transparent financial accountability. **Maker:** Sound of Serenity Group. **Second:** More Will Be Revealed Group.

The motion was ultimately ruled, by Area Service Chairman Frank P., to be out of order because of a lack of clarity. Prior to Frank's ruling a discussion ensued. **Don C.** said the motion was an attempt to "micro manage" the subcommittee. Responding to a question, **Anissa M.**, activities committee chairwoman, said the committee benefits from having access to funds because the upfront cost of some events are difficult to estimate. She also said that the subcommittee had no prior knowledge of the motion and said subcommittee members sometimes contribute their own money toward the cost of events. **Gail S.**, area treasurer, said her understanding of the motion was that the subcommittee would have access to \$2,000 but all other funds it collects, over that amount, would follow the normal fund flow process.

**Motion 2:** To provide a copy of USANA Policy to all GSRs. **Intent:** That very group receives a copy of policy, which will remain with each group and that each GSR has the opportunity to become familiar with the policies. **Maker:** Vicki M., policy facilitator. **Second:** Jason L. **Motion approved 16-0-2.**

**Motion 3:** To explore the possibility of renting a meeting place – long term – for the ASC and its subcommittees to meet. **Intent:** To provide a stable and consistent meeting place and to save money. **Maker:** Sheila B., Hospital & Institutions Subcommittee chairwomen. **Second:** Don C. **Motion approved unanimously.** Sheila B. was appointed to serve as chairwoman of an ad-hoc committee charged with studying the motion and its implications.

The next Area Service Committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 8 (one week later than normal because of the Labor Day holiday) at 7:30 p.m. at Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich.

In loving service,

Dale F.