

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. Twenty-one (21) voting Group Service Representatives (GSRs) and alt GSRs were in attendance.

- **Open Forum:**

Anissa M., Activities Subcommittee chairwoman, announced that the subcommittee is looking for donations of N.A. books to be used as prizes during the Thanksgiving Marathon meeting to be held Nov. 27 at 10 p.m. to Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, 10 Huntington St., New London.

Howard O. asked that the Area Service Executive Committee follow policy by contacting groups that have not been represented at the Area Service Committee meeting for at least two months.

Howard O. asked that the checks used by the Area Service Committee be changed so that they no longer say Narcotics Anonymous on them in keeping with the fellowship's commitment to anonymity.

Gail S. asked whether a motion approved during the August meeting, to provide a copy of the United Shoreline Area of N.A. Area Service Committee Policy to GSRs, included a source of funding for providing the copies.
- **Secretary's report Dale F.** read the August minutes, which were accepted and passed unanimously.
- **Vice Chair report: Vicki M.** said she revised and updated the Area schedule but only made five copies for each group pending the receipt of feedback from groups. If there are errors in the schedule contact her at vegevick@yahoo.com or 860-961-2743; report accepted and passed.
- **Treasurer's report: Gail S.** report accepted and passed.
- **Literature report: Penny M.** has developed a new order form; the committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Old Mystic Fire District Hall, 115 Welles Road (prior to the Twilight Zone meeting); there appears to be \$267.55 worth of literature missing. The committee will discuss the missing literature, which may have been stolen, at its meeting. Report accepted and passed.
- **Hospitals & Institutions report Sheila B.: The subcommittee needs support** and also needs a vice chairperson and an orientation chairperson. Report accepted and passed.
- **Public Relations Mike R.:** Committee needs support, no addicts attended the August meeting. Report accepted and passed.
- **Activities report: Anissa M.:** The committee has \$3,478.14 in its treasury, including \$1,600 designated as seed money for the next RockFest; the rest of the money, except for \$532.83 is encumbered for rent and expenses for upcoming events throughout the rest of the year. A lottery to determine group time slots for the Thanksgiving Marathon will be conducted in October. Report accepted and passed.

- **RCM report Howard O.** read report: A new group from USANA asked to be added to the regional schedule but it was determined that regional policy requires requests for meeting listings be handled at the area level; the regional committee also discussed how various areas handle their activities funds; region needs a Writing Steps for Recovery chair, a Public Relations chair, an alternate Web Servant, and a treasurer; Regional H&I needs men with yellow cards to support the Cheshire correctional facility.
- **GSR Orientation Ad Hoc Vicki M:** The committee has almost completed its work for developing an introduction guide for new GSRs.
- **Central Office Ad Hoc Sheila B.:** The committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich (prior to the Area meeting); the committee will need support from members who are familiar with office space needs, measurements, parking requirements, etc.

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New GSRs and alt. GSRs:

Joey L. Miracles Happen

Flavia A. Saturday Night Fever

Katie L. There is Hope

Laurie R. We Do Recover

Jeff M. Keep It Simple

Jill T 3 Steps Forward

Terri K. (alt. GSR) Women Taking Steps

Welcome!

Elections:

Area Service Committee Chair:

Frank P. was nominated and elected for a second term.

Alternate Regional Service Committee representative (alt RCM):

Position remains out to the fellowship.

Area Service Committee alternate Treasurer:

Position remains out to the fellowship.

Area Service Committee Policy Facilitator:

Alex A. volunteered and was elected

New Business:

The Area Service Committee Public Relations Subcommittee Chair position is Out to the Fellowship (Mike R.'s first term is up)

Motions:

Motion 1: The ASC will hold and maintain the Activities Subcommittee checking account. The ASC will continue to hold this as a separate account.

Intent: To keep in conformance with NA financial policy recommendations.

Motion made by Sound of Serenity Group.

MOTION WAS TABLED TO GROUPS by a 11 -10 vote.

Motion 2: The Activities Subcommittee will return or destroy their account debit card.

Intent: To keep in conformance with NA financial policy recommendations.

Motion made by Sound of Serenity Group.

MOTION WAS TABLED TO GROUPS by an 11-8 vote.

Motion 3: A \$3,000 cap will be placed on the Activities Subcommittee checking account. If monies go over this amount, it will be decided at area level on how extra money should be dispersed. The Activities Subcommittee will supply area with a recommendation on how this should be done.

Intent: To keep in conformance with NA financial policy recommendations.

Motion made by Sound of Serenity Group.

Motion failed because there was no second.

The first three motions generated a lengthy discussion. **Cindy E.**, Activities Subcommittee treasure, said the committee is already connected to the ASC because the ASC vice chair is one of the signers for the subcommittee's checking account. The subcommittee maintains bank statements and generates monthly financial reports, Cindy said. After talking to other areas, the subcommittee decided, years ago, to establish its own checking account to make it easier to hold several events each year rather than engage in the cumbersome process of waiting for checks to be cut by the Area treasurer, Cindy said. **Britt E.** said he continued to be concerned with an apparent discrepancy between the number of people who attended the last Rockfest and the reported revenue from ticket sales.

Frank P. read a passage from the NA Guide To Service that said area service committees should be mindful of how much control is exerted over subcommittees.

Joel, a former ASC treasurer, said putting the activities subcommittee checking account under the purview of the area treasurer would lead to a lot of work for the area treasurer and said the proposed move should be considered carefully.

Jill T. said a lot of addicts have been thinking about the matter and asked that the motions be sent to groups.

Elizabeth E. said allowing a subcommittee member to hold a debit card is too risky. **Russell** said the area was inclined to elect trusted servants but not trust them. He also said the subcommittee needs a debit card because there are times when items must be purchased during an event.

Don N. and Alex A. questioned whether Motion 2 should be considered, saying the passage Frank P. had read did not refer to debit cards. **Dale F.** said the passage referred to how much control should be exerted over subcommittees but to say the motion was out of order because the passage did not refer to debit cards was unreasonable and unfair.

Motion 4: To change policy so that the area treasury be brought up to a minimum balance equaling all the area budgets as well as the prudent reserve in current area policy.

Intent: To meet all of the area obligations and be financially responsible and to stop using prudent reserve to constantly meet those obligations.

Maker: Don N. HOW Group, Alt. GSR.

Motion was automatically tabled, per policy, to the treasurer for 30 days to give her time to determine how the proposed new policy would work.

Motion 5: To change the name of the organization on checks from United Shoreline Area of Narcotics Anonymous to USANA after the current batch of checks is used.

Intent: To protect anonymity.

Motion passed.

Meeting closed at about 9:20 p.m.

The next Area Service Committee meeting is scheduled for Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich.

In loving service,

Dale F.