

7:30 p.m. **Vicki M.**, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read. Fourteen (14) voting Group Service Representatives (GSRs) and alt GSRs were in attendance.

- **Open Forum:**

Armando R., GSR for the Living Clean Group, announced that a Valentine's Day dance is being planned for Feb. 14 at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Huntington Street, New London. The event will include speakers from 3 to 8 p.m., a potluck dinner, and dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Howard O., USANA RCM, reminded the USANA Area Service Committee that subcommittee chair people can vote in elections. He also recommended moving the date of the next USANA Area Service Committee up one week so as not to conflict with the CT convention but his suggestion did not gain support.

John F., GSR for The Great To Be Straight Group, said his group was concerned that efforts to establish an area central office might be moving too quickly and said the endeavor was a big one involving a lot of the fellowship's money as well as legal obligations and should be studied carefully and subject to review by all groups before a commitment is made to any specific landlord.

Anissa M., USANA Activities chairwoman, said that the USANA Activities Subcommittee's upcoming New Year's Eve Dance was not listed on the regional events calendar.

Vicki M., USANA vice chairwoman, said it was unfortunate that the November meeting ended before all business was conducted and asked the committee to inform her if too much time is being spent on a specific topic.

Gail S., USANA treasurer, reminded the committee that subcommittee budget proposals are due in January. Submissions must include the previous year's budget and a report on the actual amount spent in addition to the proposed budget for the new year.

- **Secretary's report: Dale F.** read the November minutes. **Don N., HOW Group GSR**, asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that he said space heaters **could** be used in the room where the USANA Area Service Committee meetings are conducted. Minutes were accepted and passed unanimously as amended.
- **Vice Chair report: Vicki M.** said she had spoken with a representative of Park Congregational Church, where the USANA Area Service meetings are held and was informed that the church might have been forgetting to turn the heat on for

the meetings. Space heaters can be used in the meantime. The representative will also look for the white tables that the USANA Area Service Committee donated to the church with the hope that we could use them during meetings. Report accepted and passed unanimously.

- **Treasurer's report: Gail S.:** The ASC treasury is at \$1,200, the prudent reserve level. Report accepted and passed unanimously.
- **Literature report: Penny M. :** Medallions and key tags will be available for groups to purchase monthly at area service meetings, other items must be ordered under the new system. The cost of most products will increase effective 2014. Most literature went up \$1, while medallions went up 25 cents. The committee is working on the fellowship's traditions book. Report accepted and passed unanimously.
- **Hospitals & Institutions report Sheila B.:** Subcommittee met at Dunkin Donuts and is continuing to look for a new meeting place. Sheila is thinking about revising how the subcommittee works because she does not, under the current system, know who is going in to specific facilities. Report was accepted and approved unanimously.
- **Public Relations Mike R.:** Sub-committee needs support and recently started reading the fellowship's public relations handbook to get more ideas on how to be a productive committee, both to the fellowship and the public. Report accepted and passed.
- **Activities report: Anissa M.:** The subcommittee is looking for a new place to meet. Thanksgiving marathon was a success. New Year's Eve Dance is coming up at Gales Ferry Volunteer Firehouse, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.. The event is free. Report included a synopsis of the committee's work over the year and a tentative calendar of events for 2014. Report accepted and passed unanimously.
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- **RCM report Howard O.** read report: He asked that the area purchase five additional copies of the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) to bring the area's total up to 20. Region has established a new policy for submitting items to the regional website. Subcommittee chairpeople can now submit directly to the regional webservent at: webservant@ctna.org For activities anyone can send information to the web servant. Fliers should be sent in pdf format. USANA will host region in February, March, and April. The following regional positions are vacant: secretary, public relations chair, Writing Steps for Recovery chair, alternate webservent, and Convention Board of Directors at large seat. The next region meeting is Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. at CCAR, 49 Cannon St., Bridgeport. Report accepted and passed.
- **GSR Orientation Ad Hoc Vicki M:** No report.
- **Central Office Ad Hoc Sheila B.:** Sheila is continuing to gather information and will eventually the subcommittee will make a recommendation to the area.

Elections:

Glen A. was nominated and elected, unanimously, as USANA chairman.

Cheryl G. was nominated and elected, 16-0-2 as USANA Activities Subcommittee chairwoman.

Howard O. was nominated and elected, 14-4-1, to serve a second term as RCM.

Donna was nominated and elected, 18-0-0 as USANA coffee maker.

Jared R. was nominated and elected to serve as USANA Area Service Committee set up person.

Old Business:

Motion 2: To change the policy for new groups joining USANA. The RCM should inform the regional web servant to put new groups on the web schedule as soon as possible and the regional print schedule on the next printing and if not on the next printing at least on the web.

Intent: That any addict seeking recovery be able to find us.

Maker: More Will Be Revealed, **Sunny C.**

Second: **Don N.**

The motion had been postponed to give Howard O., RCM, time to research and report back to the ASC.

MOTION WAS APPROVED BY A 10-4-0 vote.

Motion 1:

To move \$200 of the RCM budget from copies to hosting the regional meeting.

Intent: To fund hosting of the regional meeting.

Maker: Howard O., RCM

Second: Alex A., GSR Crystal Clean Group

Motion approved by a vote of: 14-0-2.

The meeting closed at about 8:52 p.m.

The next Area Service Committee meeting is scheduled for Jan. 5, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich.

In loving service,

Dale F.