

USANA Minutes

March 8, 2015

Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich

Mike R., Area chair opened at 7:30 p.m. with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts.

16 voting GSRs and alt-GSRs were counted at start of meeting

Open Forum:

Steve K., secretary for We Do Recover group, asked whether anyone at the area body was announcing, by text, that meetings had been cancelled due to snow.

Don U., Outer Limits group GSR, announced the group's 2nd anniversary was scheduled for March 11.

Cheryl G., activities subcommittee chairwoman, said plans for a luau/learning day have been finalized. All of the area's subcommittees have committed to participating. Regional subcommittees will also participate. The activities subcommittee would like a representative of the USANA Executive Committee to participate. Don N. suggested that the area's policy facilitator represent the executive committee. Event is planned for June 20 from 12 to 4 p.m. at Washington Park in Groton.

Executive Committee Reports

Secretary minutes:

Dale F., USANA Area Service Committee secretary, read minutes. Passed 14-0-0

Vice Chair Report

No report. Position is vacant.

Treasurer Report

Joel T. read report. We have a balance of \$738.19, which is \$461.81 below prudent reserve. We are below prudent reserve because the area service committee did not meet in February and as a result there was no fund flow. We are likely to be back to prudent reserve once the fund flow from the March meeting is calculated. Passed 15-0-0.

Subcommittee Reports

RCM

Al D., alt-RCM read **Elizabeth E.'s (RCM) report**. During the Feb. 21 workshop meeting there was a discussion concerning how to make the newcomer feel welcome when they are on drug replacement therapy (DRT) or other kinds of medication. Also, a group of concerned addicts meets monthly to discuss challenges, communication and how to better serve the fellowship. They meet at 123 Broad St., Middletown and are asking addicts to join them. Elizabeth can provide additional information. The following positions are out to the fellowship (OTF): Writing Steps for recovery chair, and alt-treasurer. Don N. asked why the regional subcommittee discussed drug replacement therapy and other drugs, both of which he said are outside issues. Report passed 19-0-0.

Activities

Cheryl G., subcommittee chairwoman, said the Clean & Serene Group had purchased new chairs to replace the ones that were damaged at St. James Church. The committee donated \$100 toward the cost of the new chairs. The committee's event that had been planned as a fundraiser for the chairs was cancelled due to snow. Three free events are planned for the year: Luau/Learning Day, Thanksgiving marathon and New Year's Eve dance. Passed 17-0-0.

Literature

Amanda H., subcommittee chairwoman, gave report. Passed 14-0-0.

Hospitals & Institutions

Sheila B., committee chairwoman gave report. 18-0-0.

Public Relations

Katie L., subcommittee chairwoman gave report. Subcommittee is planning a mail out for April 26 from 12 to 2 p.m. at Bean & Leaf coffee shop, New London. A poster drive is also planned. The subcommittee now meets at 86 Golden St., New London (El'n'Gee). Passed 18-0-0.

New GSRs and alt-GSRs:

Ron T., GSR Sound of Serenity; Mike M., alt GSR Sound of Serenity, Heather C., We Do Recover GSR, Bekah P., GSR Saturday Night Fever, Don N. GSR HOW Group. **Welcome.**

Old Business:

Motion:

To create a regional policy facilitator position. Passed 9 in favor, 1 opposed, 6 abstentions.

Regional budgets:

Public Relations passed 14-0-3.

Regional Delegate and alt RD passed 14-1-3

Literature passed 18-0-1

Writing Steps for Recovery (WSR) 14-0-2

Regional Administrative passed 17-0-2

Web Servant passed 17-0-2

H&I passed 17-0-2

Area Budgets:

All passed.

Note: Executive Committee budget was amended to add \$300 to purchase conference agenda reports and an additional \$18 to reflect an increase in the cost of the Area post office box. The committee budget will be revised to reflect the amendments and ensure a smooth budget process next year.

New Business:

Motion 1: To not fund RD and RDA travel expenses to Florida symposium.

Intent: We are not being financially responsible with NA funds as we are already sending the RD team to MARLCNA. Passed 9 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

Elections:

- **Steve K.** nominated and elected to be H&I chair.
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The USANA needs trusted servants for the following position:

Area vice chair.

Area treasurer.

Three fliers were approved: 2 for Public Relations and one for the Keep It Simple group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next Area Service meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Park Congregational Church, Broadway, Norwich.

In loving service,
Dale F.