

USANA Minutes

July 12, 2015

Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich

Mike R., Area chair opened meeting at 7:35 p.m. with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts.

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

Open Forum:

Elizabeth E., RCM, announced Basically Lit Seven Year Anniversary Celebration, Sat July 25, 3:00 PM – 12:00 AM, Faith Lutheran Church, Middletown. Food, speaker, music, family feud!

Bob C., policy facilitator, announced that on further review of last month's vote to change the starting time of area, this did indeed constitute a change to policy and, as such, the motion failed.

Bob C., policy facilitator, made a suggestion that area GSRs consider the clean time requirement in coordination with the "active in service" requirement and consider if we might want to change clean time requirements to 2 years to be more realistic re: the logical timeline of progression into service.

Cheryl G., activities chair, informed the area of the Activities policy which requires 2 years clean and 6 months active voting subcommittee member in order to hold a position.

Executive Committee Reports

Secretary minutes:

Jill T., Area Secretary, read minutes.

Passed 17-0-0

Vice Chair Report

Dale F., Area Vice Chair, read report.

Dale attended and gave a presentation at the Area Learning Day and also carried out duties as stand in Area Lit chair filling orders. Made drafts of Area Schedule available for review by GSRs and prepared the July area calendar.

Passed 17-0-0

Treasurer Report

Glen A. Area Treasurer, read report.

The Area is NOT \$404.87 below prudent reserve as the report indicates. The bank was unable to deposit unendorsed checks/money orders and was not willing to return them to Glen because he is not yet a signor on the acct. There is a plan in place for Dale F, Mike R and Glen A to go to the bank to get the signor card up to date.

The annual fee for the Groton PO Box went unpaid and Glen will add this to the Treasurer's Cheat Sheet to help future treasurers.

Still working on the Group Donations portion of the Treas. Rpt

Suggestion by Bob C re: the use of a "Resignation Letter" as used by BOD to remove old signors.

Dwight T, former Area Treasure, is still receiving emails from bank.

Passed 17-0-0

RCM Report

Elizabeth E., Area RCM, read report. Report included Regional Motion #1 (see New Business)
OTF at Regional Table: Alt Web Servant, Alt Treasurer, WSR Chair. Passed 17-0-0.

Subcommittee Reports

Hospitals & Institutions

Steve K., subcommittee chair, read report. Better attendance was reported with eight addicts attending last subcommittee meeting. Brooklyn: Addicts are ready to go in to serve but still need a Panel Coordinator. York Men's: There are communications concerns with Addictions Services and concerns about our ability to continue serving this commitment - Will discuss at Regional H&I. Sub Committee is in need of Secretary, Orientation Chair, Brooklyn PC, Stonington PC. Passed 17-0-0

Public Relations

Report was read by Don O. Two addicts attended the July 2nd subcommittee meeting. Literature racks were ordered for local libraries. Subcommittee is in need of support. OTF: Vice Chair, Secretary, and Phone Line Coordinator. Passed 17-0-0.

Literature

Report was included in the Vice Chairs report.

Activities

Cheryl G., subcommittee chair, read report. Subcommittee is doing well with 10 addicts attending last meeting. Accounting for Luau Learning Day was presented to the Area. Subcommittee holding a Kickball Cookout on July 19, and Volleyball Cookout on Aug 9, and is planning a talent show for Set. 26. Thanksgiving Marathon will be held Nov 25. OTF Treasurer 5yr clean time requirement Passed 17-0-0.

New GSRs and alt-GSRs:

Bill B. GSR for Outer Limits. **Welcome Back!**

Old Business:

None

Elections:

- **Danny G.** nominated and elected as USANA Alt Treasurer
- **Aile H.** nominated and elected as USANA Lit Chair
- **Chris R.** nominated and elected as Area Coffee Maker

All USANA trusted servants positions are filled!

New Business:

Agenda

Carl H asked that Regional Minutes and Regional Treas Rpt be provided to GSRs with the intent that we are all kept up to date with regional business and financial condition. These will be emailed to Area Secretary and included with the area minutes as attachments.

New Business

Regional Motion 1 (6-20-15) – the CTRSC (defined as Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Delegate, Alternate Delegate, any and all subcommittees and subcommittee chairs included Public Relations, H&I, WSR, any and all ad-hoc committees, Executive Director of CRCC, Inc., Policy Facilitator, and any (WSC Nominees) not use Facebook in providing NA services (services defined as all duties and responsibilities for trusted servants and subcommittees as set forth in CTRSC Policy)

Intent – The intent is that we be in spiritual conscience with the principle of anonymity expressed in the 11th Tradition and consistent with the 2nd Concept which states the final responsibility and authority for NA Services rest with the groups.

Maker – Taffy C (SFCA), 2nd Elizabeth E (USA)

Outcome – Tabled to Groups for 60 days

MUCH discussion ensued as to the meaning and purpose of this motion and what follows are points made by addicts.

Please remember this pertains only to the RSC members as detailed above.

This does not pertain to their personal use of Facebook but only to address not using facebook to conduct Regional NA business.

One member suggested this motion would help prevent the use of social media to sway opinion.

All agreed that anonymity must be maintained as our 11th Tradition states.

A suggestion was made for us all to become familiar with the new Social Media IP.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The next Area Service meeting is scheduled for Aug 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Park Congregational Church, Broadway, Norwich.

In loving service, Jill T.