

USANA Minutes

Sept 13, 2015

Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich

Mike R., Area chair opened meeting at 7:30 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:

Don N., GSR, announced that he was withdrawing Area Motion #1 (sub committees hold 2nd Learning Day at and donate budget line item funds to Activities Thanksgiving event).

Cheryl G., Activities Chair, announced that she needs answer from groups re: Thanksgiving Marathon participation.

Ryan M., GSR, presented questions from his group re: our Region's participation at NEZF and possible participation at the USSC's conference, which they feel would be a violation of our traditions.

Elizabeth E., RCM, gave some responses to the expressed concerns as follows. Our Region typically approves of use of allocated funds to pay for RD & ARD's attendance at NEZF. USSC (United States Service Conference) is not NA and if the RD & ARD do attend it is not as trusted servants but as observers, both conferences are being held in Jamaica NY.

Al D., Alt RCM, gave some information indicating there has been some disunity at the RSC lately, but believes our servants are going to the USSC "after hours" and their attendance at the NEZF is valuable as the topics will include how the regions will be serving the fellowship "down the road". Al also informed the ASC that neither he nor RCM would be able to attend RSC this month. Dale F stepped forward and offered to carry our votes.

Executive Committee Reports

Secretary minutes:

Jill T., Area Secretary, read minutes.

Passed 16-0-0

Vice Chair Report

Dale F., Area Vice Chair, read report.

Dale has been attending all sub-committees on a rotating basis. Finalized area schedules will be available next month. Attended Charter Oak Bank with Treasurer in order to get the signor card up to date.

Passed 16-0-0

Treasurer Report

Glen A. Area Treasurer, read report.

USANA fund flowed 965.68 to RSC. USANA is at prudent reserve (1200.00)

Passed 16-0-0

RCM Report

Elizabeth E., Area RCM, read report.

The CAR report will be out soon and we are being asked to consider having a CAR workshop in USA. Votes on the CAR will be collected in April. Convention flyers are out. WSR Chair is OTF.

Passed 16-0-0.

Subcommittee Reports

Hospitals & Institutions

Steve K., H&I Chair, read report.

H&I is now going into Brooklyn Jail and needs a panel, spread the word to the NE CT groups – must have 5 years clean to go into this facility. Passed 16-0-0.

Public Relations

Amanda H. PR Chair, verbal report.

Needs support. VC, Secretary, Phone Line Co-ordinator OTF
Attended Regional PR discussion of how to improve phone line. Passed 16-0-0.

Literature

Aile H. Literature Chair, read report Passed 16-0-0.

Activities

Cheryl G., subcommittee chair, read report.

Bank statement presented to ASC

Thanksgiving Marathon starts on Wed Nov 25 at 10PM and goes to Thurs Nov 26 at 5 PM. Still looking for groups to fill time slots, cooked food donations and literature donations.

Passed 16-0-0.

New GSRs and alt-GSRs:

Joe F. More Will Be Revealed. **Welcome!**

Old Business:

Regional Motion #1 passed 11-4-1

Elections:

None - All USANA trusted servant's positions are filled!

New Business:

Area Motion #1 (9-13-15) – To defund trip to the NEZF

Intent – No new information – trip appears redundant, waste of money.

Maker – Ryan M (Five and Dime) 2nd (Great to be Straight)

Discussion: Glen asked if attendance is a written part of RSC policy.

Elizabeth E responded that it is a suggestion.

Motion Failed 3-7-6

Agenda

ARD informed us that the RCM Policy Facilitator is also a BOD Member and asked for a “straw poll” in the event that the next RSC finds a need to vote on this issue.

GSR's indicated by vote 13-0-3 that he should step down from one of the commitments.

Carl H (Great to be Straight) brought up his concern re: the way the RSC vote to ask ARD to step down was interpreted. The vote was 2-3-4 and the motion failed at RSC. Carl believes it should have carried. Discussion followed as to how abstentions effect a vote and Dale can bring this to RSC for us.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next Area Service meeting is scheduled for Oct 4, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Park Congregational Church, Broadway, Norwich.

In loving service, Jill T.