

USANA Minutes for February 11th 2018

Park Congregational Church 283 Broadway Norwich, CT

Dale F., Area Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30pm with a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of NA were read. There were 16 voting GSRs/Alternate GSRs present at the time quorum was established.

Dale F., Area Chair, There are 3 remaining CAR Reports left over from last area. Any group who does not have one yet may help themselves.

Dale F., Area Chair, The CAR Workshop will be held before the next area on March 4th at 4pm and will end at 7:30pm before area. It would be a good idea if someone could draft a motion tonight to start area at 7:45pm on March 4th to allow some time between the workshop and area. Also, since we will be more than doubling the time we are using the church on March 4th, would it be a good idea to pay the church double rent for that night only? I spoke to the church and they are on board with us having the workshop.

Dale F., Area Chair, It is this area's policy that all budgets are due in January. Could all committees that have to submit a budget please have them available as soon as possible.

Open Forum (20 minutes)

Tad V., RCM – There are new schedules available for everyone to take to their groups. The Chelsea Group location changes are on the new schedule.

Sheila B., H&I Secretary – A point has been discussed about having more handicap accessible meetings available in the area. I just wanted to share that with the area as something to consider and be aware of.

Gail S., GSR – Is the area responsible for refreshments for the CAR Workshop or will Region be taking care of them?

Dale F., Area Chair – The area is responsible for the refreshments. The RCM (Tad) will be taking care of that for the workshop.

Elizabeth E., ECCNA will be in Georgia this year. June 22nd -24th. Registration is \$195 for the weekend.

Bekah P., Policy Facilitator – There will be a new GSR/Alternate GSR orientation at 7:00pm before area in April.

Steve B., Area Treasurer – To all GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Please remember to put the name of the group you represent on all checks/money orders.

Stephan A., PR Chair – There is a new meeting in Old Saybrook on Friday nights 7:30pm-8:30pm. It is called Steps to Freedom. The meeting is a non-smoking meeting and is handicap accessible. It is at the First Church of Christ on Main Street.

Reports

Anthony M., Area Secretary – Read minutes from area on January 7th, 2018. No discussion. The minutes were voted on and passed.

Aldo P., Area Vice Chair – Read report. No discussion. Report was voted on and passed.

Steve B., Area Treasurer – Read report. Donations totaled \$1058.50. Expenses totaled \$1058.50 which includes a fund flow of \$159.52. USANA is at prudent reserve.

Gail S., GSR – Has the account been reconciled since last area when there was a surplus of money?

Steve B., Area Treasurer – I am working on it. It is possible I will have to go back many months to find the extra money. It will take some time but I will find it.

The treasurer's report was voted on and passed.

Nick S., Area Literature Chair – Read report. No discussion. Report was voted on and passed.

Katie L., Activities Chair – Read report. No discussion. Report was voted on and passed.

Tad V., RCM – Read report.

Elizabeth E., voiced concern about world not being transparent in regards to finances related to the FIPT – Fellowship Intelligence Property Trust. The South Florida Region has spent some time looking into this and I feel our area should be aware of this. I encourage everyone to ask questions and gather information on this topic before the CAR Workshop in our area. I also ask my RCM to bring this to Region as a point of concern.

The RCM report was voted on and passed.

Kris M., H&I Chair – Read report. No discussion. Report was voted on and passed.

Stephan A., PR Chair – Read report. No discussion. Report was voted on and passed.

Ad Hoc Reports

Bekah P., Policy Facilitator – Gave verbal report. The Policy Revision Ad-Hoc hasn't met the last two months but has made significant progress. Next month the area body will be provided with a copy of the current policy with all the changes discussed highlighted. There should be motions coming and the copy with highlighted changes will help everyone follow which changes are proposed and where they are in the policy.

Aldo p., Learning Day Ad-hoc Chair – No report.

New GSRs and Alternate GSRs

Allyse – Alternate GSR for New Beginnings Group

Hiram H. – GSR for Finding the Way Group

Tim H. – GSR for Crystal Clean Group

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Old Business Elections

Dale F., Area Chair – Read the qualifications for the following:

Alternate Treasurer – Positions is OTF as there weren't any volunteers or nominations.

Old Business Motions

Regional Motion #1 (12-16-17) To add to CTRSC Policy IV.B.3 Vice Chair section IV.V.3.e "CTRSC will fill the role of CTRSC Secretary if the position is not filled." INTENT – To make sure regional minutes are taken and distributed to CTRSC in a timely manner. MAKER – MSUA RCM SECOND – GWA RCM

There was no discussion. The motion passed 16-0-1

Regional Motion #2 (12-16-17) Any regional committee member that wants to spend NA funds in excess of \$250 submit a written request to the RSC at least 60 days in advance. Request must include an itemized breakdown of funds requested. This request must be voted on before funds are disbursed. INTENT – To make sure all RSC members are held responsible with spending NA funds MAKER – MSUA RCM SECOND – GNHA RCM

Hiram H., GSR – Does this include an itemized breakdown separate from what is allowed in the budget?

Gail S., GSR – Yes. The intent of the motion is that the requests be more specific with the breakdown of what is being spent.

The motions passed 15-1-2

New Business Motions

Area Motion #1 (2-11-18) To start area at 7:45pm on March 4th, 2018 instead of 7:30pm. INTENT – To allow time after CAR Workshop for a break. MAKER – Three Steps Forward SECOND – Outer Limits

Motion was voted on and passed 17-0-0

A new Flyer for a new event held on by the Activities Committee was passed around for approval during USANA. The flyer is for the 1st annual Get Baked at the Spring Fling Dance/Bake Off. Saturday April 14th, 2018. Located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 56 Great Hammock Road Old Saybrook, CT. 6:00pm – 10:00pm. Donation of \$5 is encouraged. Prizes for best cake, a raffle and live music will be at the event.

The Flyer was voted on and passed 17-0-0

Area Motion #2 (2-11-18) To accept the H&I budget. INTENT – To keep in line with the 7th tradition to be fully self supporting. MAKER – H&I Chair SECOND – Outer Limits. Budget passed 17-0-0

Area Motion #3 (2-11-18) To double the rent from \$20 to \$40 for the time the church is used for the CAR Workshop. INTENT – To align with the 7th tradition to be fully self supporting. MAKER – New Beginnings SECOND – Chelsea Group. The motion passed 17-0-0

Agenda

There weren't any agenda items.

Motion to close at 8:45pm.

The next area will be held on Sunday, March 4th, 2018 at 7:45pm.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

In Loving Service,

Anthony M.