

G.W.A.N.A., Area Committee Meeting

Monday, September 12th, 2016

Thomaston Savings Bank, 565 Main Street, Watertown, CT

Chairperson Bette called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10pm.

Meeting opening with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer.

Lou L. read The 12 Traditions. The 9th concept was read. Lou L. Volunteered to take minutes.

Went around the room and all addicts present introduced themselves.

In attendance: Bette Z, Chairperson; Michelle R., Treasurer; Woodsy, Policy Chair; Mike Q., Immediate Past Campout Chair; Roland, PR Vice-Chair; Jeffrey, Literature Chair; Cameron, RCM

Absent: Chris S, PR Chair; Events Chair; Web Servant; Jody, H&I Chair

Open Discussion

Nothing to discuss

11 voting GSRs in attendance by show of hands.

Chair Report

Oral report given by Bette Z., No written report submitted. Bette thanked Woodsy and other addicts for helping while she was away last month. Bette said a vice-chair and secretary are needed at Area. Bette let the post office know that she will be submitting change of address forms that have been filled out by groups. Bette wondered if we need to bring the change of address forms to groups that don't regularly attend Area. Bette stated she will not be present for the October and November Area meetings and need trusted servants to fill in for her. Bette noted a change that needs to be made to last month's treasurer's report. Part of the expense that was recorded under "copies" should be moved to "P.O. Box Rental."

Treasurer's Report

Michelle R. submitted a written report. She noted that a budget is needed from Literature. Fund Flow was \$313.15. Area account balance is \$671.82. Literature account balance is \$811.91. She noted that she will correct an error made on the fund flow tracking by group that will be corrected. "Recovery in the East" should read "recovery in the Woods." Michelle mentioned two checks.

Motion made and seconded to accept report.

Mike Q. asked about the two checks Michelle mentioned and she explained that one was to reimburse someone who paid out-of-pocket for a literature order and explained the other.

Report accepted 11-0-0.

RCM Report

Cameron submitted and read a written report. Please disregard the text after his name, it was added by mistake.

Motion made and seconded to accept report.
Report accepted 10-0-1.

H&I Report

H&I Chair, Jody, was absent. No report given.

PR Report

Vice-Chair Roland read written report submitted by Chair Chris S.
Motion made and seconded to accept report.
Art asked about the CCAR walk. Emma explained the details.
Report accepted 10-0-1.

Another GSR, Derwin, from Monday night meeting at the Waterbury Rec Center arrived.

Literature Report

No written report submitted. Jeffery reported 5 people attended the Literature meeting. Meeting ran 6-6:20pm, then orders were filled. Jeffery said Literature subcommittee needs a vice-chair and secretary. Jeffery said he put in another literature order, but will need another one after he fills the order H&I just gave him and was concerned he could not have it for the next Literature meeting. Woodsy offered help to fill order before next Literature meeting.
Motion was made and seconded to accept Literature order.
Donna asked about literature case or tote that the Literature committee was considering purchasing. Sean asked the clean time requirement for Literature vice-chair. Michelle asked Jeffrey to submit a budget. Michelle, Woodsy and Jeffrey will discuss budget after the meeting.

Dave and Derek, both voting GSRs, arrived. Derek represents the Just for Tonight group, Friday night in Oakville.

Policy Report

Woodsy submitted and read a Policy report that included a motion on the back. There was brief discussion of the motion. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Derek asked about cleantime requirements for Area executive committee positions. Woodsy stated the cleantime requirements are "Strongly suggested" and not actually required.
Report accepted 12-0-1.

Campout Report

Mike Q. submitted and read a written report. The upcoming October Campout Fundraiser picnic was mentioned in the report.
A motion was made and seconded to accept the report.
Woodsy stated that a budget is required to spend money on the October campout fundraiser, either include it in last year's budget, which would make last year's accounting not yet final or in this year's budget. In that case this year's budget must

be submitted and approved before the fundraiser. Mike stated that it has never done in the past. Woodsy said it is against policy for a subcommittee with a working fund to spend committee money without a budget or a motion to waive the policy. There was discussion. Mike said there will be no budget submitted.

Report accepted 12-0-1.

Events Report

Event chair was absent. No report given. Jeffrey stated that the event chair will no longer be fulfilling the commitment. Donna added that the event chair was a no-show for the fish fry event. Woodsy stated that the Policy committee is also concerned the Event chair has not attended Area in 3 months and is a funded commitment.

Web Servant Report

Web Servant was absent and no report was given.

Elections

Bette asked is anyone is interested in the Area Vice-Chair position or secretary position. Art asked that requirements be read for vice-chair, and they were. Art volunteered for the vice-chair position. Bette explained that only one position can be held at the Area table per person and Art cannot be vice-chair and a GSR. Art retracted his interest in the vice-chair position because he is a GSR.

Old Business

Bette read a motion to remove the break form the Area meeting.

Motion passed 8-2-3.

Chuck volunteered to pick up the mail and the key for the next meeting, which will be on Columbus Day, October 10th. Therefore the key will need to be picked up from the bank on Friday or Saturday.

New Business

Bring Up Literature Purchase: Made by Donna

Discuss buying a tote or case for literature so it's easier to transport literature.

Jeffery states he needs a case that fit in his car and he was notified it would go under his "supplies" line of a budget. Jeffrey said he should research an item and bring the info to Area for approval. Bette suggested he bring 3 options for Area to consider.

Woodsy said that if Literature has a budget, he could buy supplies and not need approval form Area.

Update signers on Area accounts: Made by Woodsy

Woodsy stated that there will be policy changes to regularly update signers on our bank account to include the Area executive committee upon election. Also mentioned that policy currently requires two signers from executive committee. If more people from the executive committee, in addition to chair, vice-chair, and treasurer could sign it would be easier to write checks if committee members are absent. Mike Q. stated that 2 signatures on checks are not an effective security

measure at banks and only make it hard for Area to do business. It is only an Area thing, not a bank thing. Cave agreed with Mike, and suggested a policy change that only requires one signature in certain cases. Jeffrey suggested the signers sign blank checks if there are going to be absent. Bette disagreed with Jeffrey. Bette asked if there were any motions. Having none, she moved on. Art went to write one.

Derek, GSR, left meeting.

Campout Committee Fundraiser: Unknown maker

Woodsy and Mike discussed the issue of spending money on the campout fundraiser without a budget. Mike explained that that how it's been done and it's a rolling budget that won't be submitted until next month, which will be too late for the fundraiser to take place. Woodsy clearly stated that a budget is required for a subcommittee with a fund to spend any money. Otherwise, it is against policy. Woodsy also said that it would be unclear what fiscal year the campout fundraiser would fall under. Mike said the fiscal year runs from the end of the campout to the end of the next year's campout. Mike stated that he would not submit a budget. He is no longer the active chair of campout committee and was simply delivering a report. Bette entertained a motion from the GSR's. No motions were made.

Written Motion from Policy Committee to change voting rights of GWANA Area executive committee members. Motion was explained.

Todd made a motion to table to groups. Seconded by Sean.

Table accepted 12-0-0.

Written Motion Concerning number of Signers on Area Account: Made by Art

Clarification was requested by Lou about what account he was referring to. Or was it both accounts? Art amended the motion to include both accounts to only require one signature.

A motion was made by Roland to table to groups. Seconded by Sean.

Emma asked how tabling to groups will help us next month when we need to write checks and only have one signer? Art explained that if the motion passes next month we can write checks with one signature.

Table accepted 11-0-1.

GSR Reports

GSR reports were given by all GSRs present. Nothing notable reported.

Bette said the next Area meeting will be September 10th, Columbus Day. She asked if anyone could fill in for her and offered dinner to anyone who would. A dog barked in the distance. Woodsy reluctantly volunteered.

Mike made a motion to close, which was accepted by all.

Meeting closed at 9:02pm, followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity prayer.

In Loving Service,

Lou L.