

G.W.A.N.A., Area Committee Meeting
Monday, October 10th, 2016, 7pm
Thomaston Savings Bank, 565 Main Street, Watertown, CT

Acting Chairperson Woodsy called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08pm. Meeting opening with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. Cameron read The 12 Traditions. The 10th concept was read. Lou L. was asked to take minutes and accepted. Lou was lovingly instructed to keep minutes to factual recording and use less adjectives.

Went around the room and all addicts present introduced themselves.

In attendance: Woodsy, Acting Chairperson; Michelle R., Treasurer; Mike Q., Immediate Past Campout Chair; Chris S., PR Chair; Roland, PR Vice-Chair; Jeffrey, Literature Chair; Jody, H&I Chair; JC, RCM; Cameron, Alternate RCM

Absent: Bette Z., Area Chair; Events Chair; Web Servant

Open Discussion

Craig brought up concern from “Miracles Happen” group that the motion made by Woodsy and tabled to the fellowship last month was out of order according to policy. Discussion that a subcommittee Chair cannot make a motion followed. Woodsy withdrew the motion and Craig would resubmit the motion in Old Business.

16 voting GSRs in attendance by show of hands.

Lou L. read the September 12, 2016 meeting minutes.
Motion to accept minutes was made, seconded and passed 15-0-1.

Chair Report

Oral report given by Woodsy based on written report emailed to Woodsy by Bette Z., no written report submitted. Woodsy reported that Bette Z. had made 3 attempts to contact the Events Chair since they have not attending an Area meeting for several months. There has been no response and Bette will continue to try to contact her.

Woodsy reported that Bette said the PO Box is officially changed to PO Box 3333, Waterbury, CT 06705.

Bette spoke with Thomaston Savings Bank and got clarification on number of signatures required for checks. If the checks have one line, the bank requires one signature. If the checks have two lines, the bank notes this and will check for two signatures. There is not extra cost for the bank to check for two signatures. If we add a second line to our checks, the bank will require two signatures at no extra cost.

Treasurer’s Report

Michelle R. submitted a written report. She reviewed the report and noted that she filled in a literature budget since none has been submitted.
A motion to accept was made and seconded. Motion passed 16-0-0.

RCM Report

JC gave an oral report on Region meeting on September 7th at 2pm. 7 Areas were represented. Both old motions, including location of future convention, are out to the BOD. Being October, the entire Executive committee is OTF. Other positions OTF include Alt Treasurer, Schedule Facilitator, Alt Web Servant, GDA, NHA, and MSUA. (not sure what those stand for).

Region drafted a new cease and desist letter to the individual that has the Facebook page with connection implying that his page is sanctioned by NA WSC/WSO. Passed 6-0-2.

H&I Report

Jody submitted a written report. Vice chair is OTF. H&I needs men for the Griggs Street facility on Wednesday nights. Woodsy asked if H&I is working on policy and Jody replied they will be. Donna suggested GSRs tell groups H&I needs support. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion passed 17-0-0.

PR Report

Chris S. submitted and read a written report. Chris S. stated that his commitment is up this month. Policy chair is OTF. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion passed 17-0-0.

Literature Report

No written report submitted. Jeffery reported 9 people attended the Literature meeting. Jeffrey stated he wants to order the new Guiding Principles book. Meeting ran 6-6:30pm, then orders were filled. Sean was elected to Vice Chair. Eric was elected to Secretary. Jeffery asked when his commitment is up, Woodsy answered that the commitment is up. Literature Chair is OTF. Lou L. asked if a new form will be made so groups can order the new books. Woodsy said that would be reviewed when we have a new Literature Chair. Jess D. suggested the new Literature Chair contact Scott, who has a digital copy of the order form that can be edited. There was discussion about exactly what the new book is. It was unclear if it a traditions workbook or a book about the traditions.

Policy Report

Cameron submitted and read a written report. It was stated that there is no policy meeting in October, next meeting is in November. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed 17-0-0.

Campout Report

Mike Q. submitted and read a written report that included a motion to cancel/suspend the Campout which will be discussed in new business. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed 16-0-0.

Events Report

Event chair was absent. No report given.

Web Servant Report

Web Servant was absent and no report was given.

Elections

Positions currently OTF include Vice Chair, Secretary, and Campout Chair. No nominations made for any of the positions. New positions going OTF for 30 days include PR Chair, Literature Chair, and RCM.

Old Business

Woodsy read motion concerning voting rights of non-GSRs at area table.

Motion failed 5-4-5.

Policy was researched about what was required to pass. It was said that a 2/3 majority is required because it was a policy change. The abstentions were not deemed to be excessive.

Woodsy read the motion re-submitted by Craig about number of signatures required on Area level checks.

Motion failed 1-9-6.

New Business

The written motion submitted by the Campout committee to cancel/suspend the campout unless there was more addict support for Chair and Vice Chair was read.

Motion made and seconded to table to the fellowship.

Discussion ensued during which Mike Q. further explained the motion. Dave asked about what happens to the money if the subcommittee disbands. Woodsy stated is a separate issue form the motion and could be discussed pending the outcome of the motion.

Motion was tabled to the fellowship.

GSR Reports

GSR reports were given by all GSRs present.

Motion made and seconded to accept GSR reports. Motion passed 16-0-0.

Chuck volunteered to get mail and key for next Area meeting scheduled for November 14th at 7pm.

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

Meeting closed, followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity prayer.

In Loving Service,

Lou L.