



## GWSCNA ASC Minutes 11/13/17

Meeting called to order by Mike Q at 7:15pm followed by the serenity prayer. Traditions read aloud by Scott and 11<sup>th</sup> tradition passed around and read aloud.

No discussion

Newcomers: Shaun representing Unity Group and Matt representing Together We Can.

Introductions of attendees done.

Open Discussion: Cameron stated there is a group from Waterbury that wants to bypass this Area committee. He will put this on the agenda.

Michelle R- H and I commitments are not being filled, will put on the agenda.

Bette- FYI literature is increasing by 7.5% and Basic Text will be increasing 5%.

Voting GSRs: 10

October minutes read by Vanessa. Motion to accept made by Tami Jo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck.

Vote: 10-0-0

Reports: Chair-no report

Vice Chair: No written report, will write up a report going forward. Attended H & I, Policy, and Events subcommittee meetings. Events is interested in trying to put together Marathon Christmas meeting. They meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6 pm at the North End Rec in Waterbury.

Treasurer: This is the last month of her commitment. Out to the fellowship for 30 days. Written report read by Michelle. Motion to accept by Chuck. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emma. Vote 10-0-0.

RCM : Cameron-no written report. 2 motions from Region.

9/16/17- To determine if the change to PR policy allows for anyone to vote at Regional PR SC after attending 2 consecutive meetings is valid. Made by SFCA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by USA RCM.

10/21/17- To change wording of section VI on cover of Regional Service Committee Policy which currently reads "changes to subcommittee guidelines need to be reported to the RSC within 90 days of their adoption" to read "changes to subcommittee guidelines need to be reported to RSC at the next RSC meeting."

There are RSC commitments OTF, Regional chair, vice chair, H & I chair, BOD 1 at large seat, Secretary, Policy Facilitator, Webservant and Alt Webservant. Outgoing H&I chair made a motion to purchase paper key tag cards for Dept of Corrections meetings.

H & I Vice Chair- Michelle R read her report. Subcommittee needs addict support. Secretary and Chair positions OTF.

Motion to accept made by Tami Jo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy. Vote: 10-0-0.

Public Relations: Report read by Chris. Vice chair, regional vice-chair, and regional mobile meeting vice-chair OTF. Motion to accept made by Tami Jo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy. Vote 10-0-0.

Literature: Millissa read her report. Motion to accept by Chuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Vote-9-0-0.

Policy: Chair absent. Vice chair gave verbal report.

Campout: Tom M read his report. Many commitments OTF. Meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Thomaston Savings Bank in Harwinton on Rt 118. Motion to accept made by Chuck. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey. Vote: 9-0-1.

Events: absent    Webservant: OTF

Elections: RCM, Events Chair, Campout Chair, H&I chair, Webservant all available positions and Treasurer is OTF for 30 days.

Cameron volunteered for 2<sup>nd</sup> term as RCM and qualified. Elected to position. Congrats and Thank You Cameron.

Events back OTF, H&I chair Michelle nominated by Bette but declined, Back OTF. Campout Chair Tom M nominated by Chuck but declined, back OTF. Webservant- Scott nominated by Bette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tami Jo but declined, back OTF.

Elections concluded.

No Old Business.

Agenda: Literature: Items not selling include soft cover books, posters, and outdated literature. What can we do with it? Tim suggested lowering prices to get items to move quicker, Donna suggested finding auction within the fellowship, Bette suggested to make a list of that inventory, Chris suggested that maybe PR can but literature to spread to public libraries, Tami Jo suggested to ask the group if soft cover is ok when they place a lit order, Emma suggested donating or selling at a lowered price to treatment facilities, Scott state that since our inventory is down, reach out to other area literature committees that would like to purchase from our literature sc, Jeremy stated that once we have a good inventory list, to try to sell it at full price so we don't lose money, Scott stated that if inventory is going to be down- Inventory needs to be done before a budget can be put in.

Agenda Continued: Unity- brought to table by Cameron. The Saturday 12 noon group Hope by the Green from Waterbury doesn't want to fund flow to this Area. What is the reason? Do they believe there is misappropriation of funds? Is the Area table unattractive to our area groups? Groups do not have to fund flow to Area but are

missing out on Area commitments. Jeremy would like to know the reasons, try to reach out for clarity. Bette stated she got a call from a member starting the group that wanted to know how to get the group on the schedule. She suggested that the group come to the area table to get more information. Tom M stated that this isn't the first time a group has left the Waterbury Area. It's ultimately autonomy vs. unity. Find out the groups concerns, it may just be some misconceptions. Chris stated that we need to know the reasons before we jump to conclusions. An Area inventory needs to be done, we need to reach out to attract more members, groups don't seem to want to attend ASC meetings and we need to find out why. Tami Jo stated that a group rep has to be at every ASC meeting and if they don't attend for 2 consecutive meetings then the group needs to be contacted. Donna stated that we need to attract addicts to have a more unified Area. All meetings are suffering because attendance is poor. Scott stated there are 27 groups in our Area and quorum is now 8. Shaun stated that he is a member of Hope by The Green but doesn't know the reasons behind the group not wanting to fund flow. Bette stated that Area hasn't been fundflowing to Region because of lack of prudent reserve.

Regional motions as stated in RCM report were read by Cameron. The 9/16/17 motion had been tabled to areas for 60 days. Area chairs are not allowed to vote.

9pm motion to extend 15 minutes made by Scott. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck. Tami Jo wants to send motion back to Region to clarify. Emma wants to use group conscience to vote tonight, Chris stated there was no need to vote on wording. Yes vote means that yes the change is valid, a no vote means it is not valid and revert back to original wording. Vote was 1-1-8 and tabled to groups for 30 days.

Regional Motion made 10/21/17 read by Cameron. Cameron read section VI. Motion made to vote, Chris stated that we need to cover sheet to understand the wording, coversheet copied and passed out. Motion to table to groups made by Emma 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy. Vote 8-1-1 to table to groups x 30 days.

H & I- there is a concern for the lack of support. Tami Jo stated the H & I sc has always had issues with panel members showing up for commitments.

Donna made a motion at 917pm to extend meeting 10 minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy. Discussion resumed. Scott stated there is one certain coordinator that doesn't show up for any discussion. Chris asked if going to outpatient facilities every week was fiscally responsible. Donna asked how can we get more participation and why are we opening new presentations to facilities if we don't have the resources? Michelle stated that currently we have presentations at 10 facilities.

Group reports were passed to the Secretary.

Meeting closed at 930 pm As always, In Loving Service Vanessa T.