



Greater Waterbury Area Service Committee

February 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:03pm by Bette. 12 traditions read by John. 2nd read aloud and passed around. Discussion: Ryan: Issue at Region regarding Tunxis Area asking for a "regional inventory" to be done because groups aren't getting the final say at the regional level.

Newcomers introduced: Glenn S., John from Progressive Recovery.

Open discussion: Donna stated that Recovering Women group that meets on Wed night at North End Rec in Waterbury has almost no addict support. If support doesn't happen soon, the meeting may fold. Cameron: RCMs at regional table are "steering" the committee towards governance. Cameron stated he will not vote on such motions. He promises to follow this area's conscience. Also stated that too many motions brought to the regional table are ambiguous. Ryan asked for clarification of what a "group or subcommittee inventory" means. Mike Q stated it is to make sure that all members are doing their jobs for the groups or subcommittees per policy. Ryan also stated that Region isn't making service to newcomers attractive and people are turning away and avoiding region altogether. Cameron stated "Region isn't easy. It's always a challenging situation." Roland stated that from personal experience it isn't easy because others are talking over everyone else. Others at the table can be very confrontational and intimidating. An inventory will only work if people are willing to listen. Scott stated that motions are voted on at the group level, then area level, and finally regional level. Our area can only speak for our area alone. Self will go against NA policy. Chris stated that when personalities and behaviors show in what is supposed to be a caring and loving environment, traditions go by the wayside.

8 voting GSRs. Quorum met. Minutes from January read by Vanessa. Motion to accept by Emma, 2nd by Chris. Vote 8-0-0. Minutes accepted. Chair report read by Mike. Vice chair verbal report from Mike, he was only able to attend the Policy subcommittee meeting this month. Treasurer's report January for December read by Michelle R. Motion to accept by TamiJo, 2nd by Mike. Donna stated that we need to find a cheaper storage unit. Ryan is still working on getting prices for Thomaston storage. Vote 8-0-0 accepted. RCM report, Cameron wasn't able to attend region due to illness. Starting 2/17/18 Regional meeting will be at Middlesex Hospital. There are 2 motions on the table that need to be brought back to groups. 2 budgets have been tabled (H & I, administrative), Regional secretary OTF as well as webservant and policy facilitator. Motions will be abstained and emailed to GWANA Secretary then emailed to GSRs.

H & I report read by Michelle, motion to accept by Corey 2nd by Bill, vote: 8-0-0 accepted

Public Relations: Report read by Chris Motion to accept by TamiJo, 2nd by Bill vote 8-0-0

Literature: Report read by Chuck motion to accept by Jess, 2nd by Roland vote 8-0-0

Policy: verbal report by Scott, they need a \$90.00 check to cover their rent.

Campout: Tom read his report and the treasury summary for previous year. Motion to accept by Jess, 2nd by Donna. Vote 8-0-0.

Events not in attendance but minutes of their meeting read by Mike. They need addict support. Next meeting 3/5/18 6pm at North End Rec in Waterbury.

Commitments OTF: Treasurer, H & I chair, Literature, Policy, Campout chairs, Webservant

No volunteers/nominees for treasurer, events chair, campout chair, and webservant. TamiJo nominated for H & I chair by H & I subcommittee. TamiJo qualified, no questions posed to her. Elected. Congratulations TamiJo. Ryan nominated Chuck for Literature chair. Chuck accepted and qualified. Elected. Congratulations Chuck. Ryan volunteered and qualified for policy chair. Elected. Congratulations Ryan.

PR budget increased by \$25.00 due to increased cost of literature. Vote 7-0-1 passed. Budget \$1120.00

H & I budget increased by \$110.00 due to increased cost of literature and learning days. 6-0-2 passed. Budget \$1490.00.

Agenda: Policy SC needs a check for rent. Literatuer needs money to resupply, Recovering Women needs addict support. Scott: literature needs budget and prudent reserve increase of \$45.00.

New Business: RCM motion #1, 12/16/17, Any regional SC member that wants to spend NA funds in excess of \$250.00 must submit a written request to the RSC at least 60 days in advance. The request must include an iteized breakdown of funds requested. This request must be voted on before any funds are disbursed. Intent: To make sure all regional members are held responsible with NA fund spending. Made by MSUA AI W, 2nd by GNHA Antonio H. Discussion: TamiJo is prepared to vote, Bill asked if there was an issue at region that prompted this motion. Vote at ASC table: 0-6-2

RCM motion #2, 12/16/17, To add to CTRSC policy IV.B.3 vice chair section IV.B.3c, CTRSC vice chair 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. Made by MSUA RCM AI W, 2nd by GWA RCM Cameron T. GWA ASC vote: 3-0-5. 2 budgets are table at region due to no seconds.

Policy SC budget motion to approve following budget out to froups for 30 days. Executive committee budget of \$3245.00 out to groups for 30 days.

Motion to move group reports to the beginning of the meeting tabled until March meeting.

Group reports read. TamiJo is concerned that Young People's meeting on Thursdays in Torrington is nor represented at area. Bill Y Steps to a New Beginning Mondays 7:30 in Torrington Anniversary Party March 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 853 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Submitted ILS,

Vanessa T.