



Greater Waterbury Area Service Committee
April 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Opened at 7:01 p.m. by Mike Q., vice chair. Chairperson Bette ZH was hoarse from laryngitis. Secretary was absent. Bette took minutes. The 12 Traditions were read by Jess M. Fourth concept was read aloud by all. No discussion on Concept. No newcomers present.

Open Discussion: Cameron T. is moving and so resigned from the Waterbury B.O.D. seat. Michelle asked what is happening with the events committee. Mike responded that there is currently one member, Rita. The Events subcommittee meets at the North End Recreation center on the 1st Monday but could not meet April 2nd so is meeting April 9, 18.

March Minutes Bette read minutes submitted by Jessica T. There was discussion regarding having time for the group reports. Scott G. said the policy committee is working on a meeting format with intent to streamline the meeting process. Bette said her sponsor said that motions should have three yeas and three nays and brought to a vote. Mike said our policy states that anyone who wants to comment on a motion can. Passed 8-0-3.

Vice Chair report-written-read by Mike Q. Accepted 10-0-1.

Chair report-written-read by Bette. Motion to accept by Scott, 2nd by Michelle R. Scott said the names that were taken off of the Literature bank account, Scott G., Johnny M. and Michelle R., need to be taken off of the area account, too. Derek P. inquired about the \$98.55 due to be paid to the secretary that would put her over budget, was it self paid. Yes. In the chair report it was suggested that the two over budget items, PR literature and Secretary ink be spread between other line items that were under budget. The report was accepted.

Treasurer-written-read by Michelle R. Jessica T. motioned to accept. Bette met with Michelle, former treasurer. Michelle prepared an end of year, March 2018 report as well as January and February 2018. Scott asked if the \$98.55 due to the secretary, PR literature and a \$56 payment due to the CT Region for schedules would cause the final report to be adjusted. Yes. There was discussion on how to handle. Accepted 12-0-0.

RCM Regional Committee Member-written-read by Cameron. Cameron is moving and stepping down as RCM. Cameron stated he would work with Roland the alternate RCM who will fill in. Region withheld a \$1,500 donation to NA world. Last month they were over \$1,500 but with the WSC coming up the funds will be needed. Motions from last month need to be voted on except for #12, which was out of order. Cameron thanked all for allowing him to serve. Thank you, Cameron! Bill Y. motioned. Derek P. 2nd. Bob L. said at one time it was a policy to hold fund flow for WSC travel funds. Scott asked about the regional inventory. Cameron said there was not a lot of interest and thinks the subject might die with him

leaving. Accepted 12-0-0. Cameron turned in a three ring bound copy of the CT Regional Policy. Scott said he thought the RCM alternate should have a copy of the policy also.

Hospitals & Institutions-written-read by Tami-Jo L. Bob L. motioned, Donna H. 2nd. 12-0-0.

Public Relations-written-read by Chris S. He needs a \$60 check to pay rent for 2018. He suggested moving budget money from postage and mail outs to literature. Tami-Jo motioned to accept PR report, Jessica 2nd. Accepted 12-0-0.

Literature-written-read by Chuck Z. Bill Y. motioned, Derek P. 2nd. Bob L. asked if World is still taking input for a Mental Health pamphlet. Yes, still taking comments. Accepted 12-0-0.

Policy-verbal-Scott G. The policy chairperson sent a written report to the secretary who is absent. Continuing to review policy. Motions are coming forward. Figuring out how to present them to groups. Want to show how new policy will look, the changes with the motions. Bob asked if the old policy would be on there with the recommended changes. He'd prefer to see it that way. Scott said the concern was cost, using more paper.

Campout-verbal-Tom M. Account balance is \$1,824.45. Four addicts were in attendance. There are many open positions. We might have a food chair. Flyers were brought announcing the Cinco de Mayo picnic/car and bike show, May 5th, Black Rock State Park. Also, campout registrations were there. Early registration is encouraged. Bill asked if this year's design is on the registration. Yes, but the colors will be crisper when shirts are printed. Also, there will be tie dying again. The next meeting is 4/16 from 7-9pm in Harwinton.

Events committee was not present.

No **Web Servant**.

Open positions are Treasurer, Events Chairperson, Campout Chairperson, Waterbury B.O.D. seat and Web Servant. Also, Regional Committee Member is OTF for 30 days. There was discussion about how the B.O.D. person is elected. It is a three year fixed term which currently ends in 3/2020. Both Cameron and Mike read literature about serving on the B.O.D.

Elections: There were no nominations or volunteers for any open position.

Old Business: *Regional motions* were voted on. #3 passed, 7-0-5. #6 Tami-Jo asked about airfare. It was on last year's budget. Passed 7-0-5. #7 passed, 9-0-3. #11 passed, 8-0-4. The motion for the area literature budget passed 11-0-1.

Agenda/ New Business: Length of meeting. Bob stated Area used to be four hours long and more group focused, not individually. Mike said our policy states everyone can speak once. Scott said the policy committee would assist in streamlining the meeting process if needed.

Regional Motion #2- Cameron summarized that it gives the convention more time to have accounting done more properly. He said he's be glad for the improvement. Tabled by Tami-Jo and Bill. *Regional Motion #3-*Cameron said the motion as printed in the minutes is not the exact wording, that it is an effort to clarify if a temporary person at Region can make

motions. He said it is an attempt to close a loophole. Tami Jo and Jess motioned to table. Bill asked for more clarification before tabling. Clarified and Tabled

Area motion #1 To move \$29.95 from the Literature line in the 2017-2018 PR budget to the Postage/Mailouts line. Intent is to be fiscally responsible. By Chris S., PR Chairperson 2nd Becky P., Recovery In the Woods. There was discussion and it was determined to reverse the action so that the funds are moved from the Postage/Mailouts line to the Literature line to increase the amount on the Literature line. Motion carried 12-0-0

Area motion #2 Moving \$17.93 from Secretary Copies to Secretary Postage & Office Supplies in ASC Executive budget. Intent is to correct overage and be financially responsible. By Tami-Jo, Point of Freedom 2nd Jess M., Ladder to Recovery Carried 11-0-0

Scott reminded us that a \$56.00 check is needed to pay to the CT Region for schedules. Mike asked if there was any information regarding the new storage area. Nothing.

Area motion #3 To place a break into the ASC for 10 minutes after Old Business. The intent is To provide time for the executive committee to perform duties and answer questions; To provide the group a break and reset; Encourage unity amongst the group. By Emma J., Miracles Happen 2nd by Jess M., Ladder To Recovery Bob said he hopes it stays 10 minutes, that historically it stretches to 15-25 minutes. Scott said changing this policy would change other sub-committee policies such as Literature, which states business will be conducted after the area meeting. Michelle stressed the importance of a break for the Treasurer. Emma said it would not inherently change Literature policy. Derek asked if there was ever any discussion about starting the meeting at 6:30. Tami-Jo asked if it is a policy change does it have to go to Policy before a vote. No it does not. Motion carried 9-0-2

See Area Motion #4 after Group Reports

Group Reports: Group Reports were given by Just For Tonight, Recovery In the Woods, Steps To A New Beginning, Carpe Diem, Recovering Women, Miracles Happen, Unity Group, Recovering Hearts, More Good Times Ahead, Ladder To Recovery, Elevator's Broken Use the Steps and Point of Freedom. Meg H. said her group has been trying to determine the start date for Elevator's Broken Use the Steps. Bob knew the specific date due to a life even he remembers from June 1986. Tami-Jo commented that the Group Report Form does not have the choice of A.M. for a time, only P.M. and her group is in the morning. Scott said the Policy committee is creating new forms. Donna announced that Recovering Women is in need of support, that all positions are out to the fellowship.

Area Motion #4 To make the start time of the Area Service Committee meeting 6:30 P.M. By Derek P., Just For Tonight 2nd by Becky P., Recovery In the Woods. There was brief discussion and the motion carried 9-2-1.

Meeting closed at approximately 9:10 P.M in a circle with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes submitted in loving service,

Bette ZH