



Southern Fairfield County Area of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes of Meeting Held on May 15, 2019

- Meeting called to order by Chairperson at 6:33 pm. Opened with the Serenity Prayer.
- 5th Concept read by Tali R.
- **Welcome New GSRs:**
Carolyn S.-----Stepping into the Traditions
- **Welcome new visitors:**
none

Roll Call: 9 GSRs present at 7:44 pm.

Open Forum

Discussion: Does this Body have the responsibility of making sure new groups are following NA Policy and Procedures, while still being autonomous.

Administrative Committee Reports

Secretary (Reading of prior month's ASC meeting minutes) - Submitted and read by, Gerry T.

Motioned to accept: by, Angel L., **2nd by,** Alex S. **9/0/0**

Chair Report-Submitted and read by, RJS.

There is no major news to report in the last month. I checked in with the members of administrative committee. The Vice chair reached out and coordinated an audit of the 1st quarter of the books to take place before our next area meeting. On behalf of the secretary, we ask that the Executive committee, subcommittee, and resource positions that submit physical reports, please submit them to the secretary electronically wherever possible to ensure the notes have the most up to date information and to ensure a clear message is communicated.

Also- there is a ton of boxes that has been passed down since prior secretaries that I no longer have space for to store in my house. We used to have a filing cabinet at our old location, but now these boxes of old reports and minutes have to go somewhere, or we need an AD HOC committee willing to help scan the materials in. I will add this to the agenda tonight so we can see the best course of action and take it.

Motioned to accept: by,Tali R., **2nd by,** Len H. **9/0/0**

Vice-Chair Report-Submitted and read by, Doug B

I spoke with the all sub-committee chairs at some point over the last month. Most sub-committees seem to be operating smoothly with exception of PR. I was informed by our PR sub-committee chairperson that he will be stepping down. I attended the PR sub-committee meeting last Thursday and will be attending the policy



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sub-committee meeting today as well. I was in touch with the other executive committee members throughout the month and we set a date for Monday June 3rd to perform the quarterly audit of the area treasury account as our area policy requires. Also, I will be filling in for our literature chair while she is on vacation next month.

Motioned to accept: by, Tali R., **2nd by,** Bill B.

Treasurer's Report - submitted and read by, Kevin C

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,526.76
Group Donations & Lit. Sales	+ \$ 1,362.73
Money Out	- \$ 967.95
Regional Fund Flow	- \$ 421.54
Ending Balance	\$ 1,500.00

Motioned to accept: by, Cisco, **2nd by,** Bill B. **9/0/0**

RCM Report – Submitted and read by, Claire B.

- United Shoreline Area has confirmed Sunday, May 5, 2019 exact time TBD to hold an IDT workshop DRT/MAT.
- Lost than Found Group has confirmed June 1, 2019 4:30-5:30 will host a workshop (Attracting Members to Service).
- Pigs in Space this Saturday May 18th, 2019 at Quassy Amusement Park at 10:00am. \$25.00 dollar at the gate and \$7.00 for parking.
- Greater Waterbury Campout is June 21, 22 & 23 Camp Cedarcrest, 886 Mapledale Rd. Orange, CT 06477
- Unity in the Community Speaker Jam Saturday July 20th. 12-5pm at Veteran Memorial Park Middletown.
- Our fund flow to World was \$2035.93

Convention Chair -

- They are looking for a secretary for the Convention Committee
- Convention Chair presented a check for \$3,425.91

Web Servant -

- Please make sure that your group is correct on the website.
Ctna.org/ find-a-meeting
- Meeting change from online requires an email address in order to submit the form. The required email address is needed for verification & questions about the information that is submitted which makes the verification process much easier.



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- Learning Day September 7th, 2019
- There was a lot of conversation regarding the donated money to the CT Region. One of our members died and her parents asked all donations to be sent to CT Region. Troy is sending a letter explaining about our traditions.
- We requested COI for Activities Committee and Courage to Change

Motioned to accept: by, Jerome R., **2nd by,** Cisco **9/0/0**

Subcommittee Reports

1. **Policy:** Submitted and read by, Jerome R.

The committee met on 4/17/19, 2 addicts were present. The committee reviewed the current policy manual and developed several motions for clarification and better understanding of Policy to be presented at the ASC.

The Committee continues its review of the current ASC Policy Manual and are updating the Policy Manual according to the prior revision and are addressing those areas as needed. ASC has granted permission for the Committee to make motions to change Policy for submission and adoption at ASC by GSR's.

We continue to request GSR's inform their Groups the Policy Resource Committee is seeking Addicts to participate on the Committee. Next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2019 at 5pm.

2. **Hospitals & Institutions:** Verbal report by, Gerry A.
3. **Public Relations:** Verbal report by, Eric A.
4. **GSR Liaison:** Verbal report by, Len H.
5. **Web Servant:** Submitted and read by: Bill B.

I was notified that there was a meeting (Saturday morning in Norwalk) still listed that no longer exists. The meeting was listed in the NA Meeting Search app. not in the printed CT Regional Schedules or our regional web site. As I reported last month that since the migration to the new web site and moving the BMLT meeting database to the new server ... the first updates from the BMLT was sent to NAWS. Obviously, not all changes made it ...

There is an issue of what info gets extracted from the our BMLT meeting database in the export process and how NAWS imports that data. The regional web team is working with NAWS to correct this issue and hopefully corrections to the NA Meeting app. will appear soon.

And lastly ...

Last month's Area minutes and meeting flyers have been posted to the SFCA website.



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Literature: Submitted and read by, Claire B.

IP'S	\$113.40	Lit Order	\$817.91
Booklets	\$ 75.00	Lit Sold	\$489.50
Medallions	\$132.00	Lit Bought	\$ 26.00
Schedules	\$ 22.50	Lost Than Found	\$240.00
Books	\$153.00	Shipping	\$ 88.41
Key Tags	\$129.40		
Starter Kits	\$ 96.90		
Total	\$712.80		

*** I WILL BE ON VACATION, DURING THE NEXT ASC IN JUNE. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR ORDER IS SENT TO ME BY FRIDAY JUNE 14th, 2019. I WILL PREPARE THE ORDERS AND THE VICE CHAIR WILL HANDLE MY COMMITMENT AT THE JUNE ASC MEETING.

6. **Activities:** Submitted and read by, J.D.

There were 2 people in attendance. Carolyn S., and Fanny A.
Minutes from last month was read by Fanny A. and accepted by Carolyn S.

Old Business

The Bessemer Center can and will be used for an event on a Friday night, but we are also looking into other facilities/centers for events. On May 22nd we will meet with the Church on 210 Elm Street in Bridgeport for our next event. If anyone has a connection for a facility in the Southern Fairfield County, please speak to Chair/Vice Chair.

In regard to last month's minutes, would we need to approval for a storage facility where we can maintain our event supplies?

New Business

Per Policy, there is a \$600 seed amount for the annual "Serenity on the sound" event. For Clarification is that separate from our budget or is that included in what we have available to the Activities Committee?

The Activities Committee would like to request \$410 to cover for "Celebrating Sisters in Recovery" Spiritual Brunch event. \$387 is to cover the venue from Bagel King on Main St. The rest will cover, bottled water, light decor and anything else that maybe needed. We will sell water and we will collect a 7th Tradition.

We would also like to inform SFCA after the last Area meeting CCAR informed us that we may use the facility from 11-3pm. Fanny A. reached out to Claire and obtained the insurance certificate for the correct number of hours. Which was after the flyer was sent out. Carlos our contact at CCAR also requested, moving forward could we make all payments by cash or for checks to be made out to him.

Activities would like to request a starter kit. We need all 5 readings to open our events.

"Celebrating Sisters in Recovery" Spiritual Brunch will be our first official event, held on May 25th, 2019 from 11-3pm. Please come out and support!

Activities will meet again on May 23rd, 2019 at 35 Courtland Street in Bridgeport, CT. (CCAR ENTERANCE) ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Motioned to accept: by, Alex S., **2nd by,** Christina G. **9/0/0**



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Question/Comments for Subcommittees

BOD Report - Submitted and read by, Ron B

The Board and Convention Committee meetings were postponed to this coming Sunday because of the Mother's Day holiday, so I don't have much to report. The United Shoreline Area (USA), Greater Waterbury Area (GWA), and Central Connecticut Area (CCA) Board seats are all out to the fellowship. We also have the Technical Director, Alternate Technical Director, and Alternate Treasurer seats open.

Group Reports

Break: @ 8:11pm

Roll Call @ 8:22 - 9 GSRs present.

Old Business:

Elections:

Alternate Treasurer - OTF

Alternate RCM – OTF

Andrew S. was elected interim PR Chair.

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New Business:

Motions

Motion #1 (05/15/2019): To append ASC Policy:

A quorum shall consist of one (1) more than half of the voting members present for a simple majority vote.

Maker: Jerome R. (Policy Chair) **2nd by:** Bill B. (Never Alone, Never Again)

Intent: to allow Area to continue to conduct business regardless of the number of GSRs present.

Failed 3.5.0

Motion #2 (05/15/2019): To amend SFCA Policy:

All motions that make or change policy shall be sent back to the one month and require two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members at the ASC present to pass

Maker: Jerome R. (Policy Chair) **2nd by:** Bill B. (Never Alone, Never Again)

Intent: To ensure the Area Groups are involved in any change to policy and have the opportunity to have their concerns heard regarding the matter to be voted on.

Passed 8.0.0

Motion #3 (05/15/20): To append ASC Policy:



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Business of the ASC shall be conducted in accordance with the guiding documents:

12 Concepts for NA service, 12 Traditions of NA, A Guide to Local Services in NA, The SFCASC Policy and Roberts Rules of Order.

Maker: Jerome R. (Policy Chair) 2nd **by:** Bill B. (Never Alone, Never Again)

Intent: To Identify the guiding documents which are used to facilitate the ASC meeting.

Passed 8.0.0

Motion #4 (05/15/20): To amend ASC Policy:

No member shall serve as GSR and as Administrative trusted servant (listed in policy 6.a.) concurrently. Subcommittee Chair and Resource coordinators can serve as GSR concurrently.

Maker: Jerome R. (Policy Chair) 2nd **by:** Bill B. (Never Alone, Never Again)

Intent: To provide clarity.

Tabled to Groups for thirty (30) days.

Motion #5 (05/15/20): To amend ASC Policy:

Purpose Statement to read – In accordance with the 9th Tradition of NA, the ASC is directly responsible to those it serves and shall be respectful of the guiding documents in all it's affairs and matters of business, keeping the best interest of NA in mind.

Maker: Jerome R. (Policy Chair) 2nd **by:** Bill B. (Never Alone, Never Again)

Intent: To further define the purpose of the ASC

Tabled to Groups for thirty (30) days.

Motion #6 (05/15/20): To append ASC Policy

ADDENDUM:

ASC Meeting Minutes

- (1) Verbatim (word for word) recording of minutes are not necessary. Minutes should be objective, including concrete points and facts not personal opinion.
- 2) Format for ASC minutes should follow ASC Order of Business (see policy 5.b.i) (03-20-19)
- 3) The monthly ASC meeting Attendance/Contact info be included as an addenda.
- 4) All Trusted Servant reports (Administrative, Subcommittee, Resource, and Ad-hoc committees) be included in the minutes either cut, pasted & fit into the body of the text or as an addenda.
- 5) Motions are listed in the following form.

Motion #1 (9/20/2014):

Intent:

Maker: 2nd **by:**

Passed/Failed 6.2.1 (Passed 6 for ,2 against, 1 abstaining)

Tabled (reason - i.e. – Back to Groups for 30 days)

* "Motion #1 (9/20/2014)" will always be "Motion #1 (9/20/2014)" in future minutes if not disposed of during the session in which it was introduced.

* Designation of whether the motion passed, failed, or tabled and the actual count of votes is required for each motion.

- 6) ASC Minutes are to be made available to the Area fellowship within 7 to 10 days following an ASC meeting.



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Maker: Jerome R. (Policy Chair) 2nd **by:** Bill B. (Never Alone, Never Again)

Intent: For clarification and better understanding of the ASC Secretary's responsibilities policy

Passed 8.0.0

There being no further business and without objection, a Motion to Close was made and seconded @

The next ASC meeting will be on Wednesday June 19, 2019

@ Saugatuck Congregational Church, 245 Post Rd E, Westport, CT 06880

6:30pm ~ 9:00pm

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Gerry T