

Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area minutes for April 8, 2019

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Open: 7:09pm the meeting opened with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and the Service Prayer.

Welcome to all new GSRs, Alternate GSRs and visitors! **Mike (Over the Wall)**, **Jen (Working the Steps)**, **Richard (Stepping into the Weekend)**, and **Jeremy (Stepping Up)**. Welcome!

Mail: No mail

Roll Call: 13 out of 21 groups were present. 11 of which have voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 was met. No Joke on Main and Stepping Up do not have voting privileges this month.

Service Orientation: **Emilee (ASC Vice-Chair)** read MSUA Policy pg. 2 Rules of Order, Part A, General 1-9

Announcements: Stepping Free Treasurer OTF

Secretary minutes – March minutes passed 10-0-0

Treasurer report – March report passed 10-0-1

RCM – Tommy (RCM) gave a verbal/ written report.

Chair report included information regarding requests for Certificate of Insurance for NA events. Discussion included implied consent covering events with purchase of ticket. Regional H&I is continuing to have discussion about DRT (Drug Replacement Therapy) and MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) as far as policy is concerned. Regional H&I is attempting to maintain consistency of policies within the areas. Proposed budget for WSR has been sent back to groups for a vote. WSC has released the first draft of Mental Health/Mental Illness IP which should be reviewed by groups.

Activities – Sita (Chair) Verbal/Written report.

Game night was a success. Financial report provided. Discussion opened after report was read. Chair concerned about how to distribute tickets to addicts to sell for upcoming events. There seems to be an issue recouping tickets or money from tickets sold. **Billy (Lit Chair)** offered suggestion to record name and number tickets to maintain accountability for ticket sales. **Brianna (Till the Wheels Fall Off)**, offered assistance, as she is also the Vice Chair of Activities. (Future events are listed on pg. 4).

Activities meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Bethany Lutheran church located at 50 Court Street in Cromwell directly following the All About Change meeting.

H&I –Andy (Chair) Verbal/ Written report.

H&I met on March 20th with one new Orientee. Ad hoc has been formed to address the policy and specific wording with regards to DRT/MAT. Eight areas present at ad hoc. Discussed wording and policy for new orientees. Colors were chosen for this years H&I t-shirts and sweatshirts. Women's meeting at CVH has had some recent issues. Re-structuring is required to better serve the still sick and suffering addict. **Vice Chair OTF.**

H&I meet the third Wednesday of every month at Holy Trinity Church, 381 Main St. Middletown. New member orientation begins at 6:30 followed by the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting at 7:00.

Literature – Billy L. Written/ Verbal Report

Literature can also be ordered by emailing Lit. Chair at Msualit@gmail.com.

MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.

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Public Relations – Mark R. written/verbal report

PR met on 3/24/19 with 4 members in attendance. Rushford IOP presentation has been going well. However, due to extenuating circumstances the presentation was not held Tuesday. Phone line New Meeting search is live! NAWS is offering a 10% discount on PR materials between now and May 31st. Learning/Fun Day on June 8th from 12p-4p at Ron McCutcheon Park in Middletown (100 Livingston Rd.). PR discussed having other subcommittees attend, however, Learning Day is already scheduled for this particular date. This event also coincides with World PR week. **Secretary and Vice Chair OTF.**

Public Relations meets on the 4th Sunday of every month at Holy Trinity, 381 Main St. at 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM. New member orientation is at 6:00 PM following the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting.

Retreat – Absent.

Retreat meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30pm (before Area) at the Portland Senior Center.

Group Reports : 12/21 groups present

GROUP	CONCERNS	POSITIONS OTF
A NEW AWAKENING	ABSENT	
AFTER THE WEEKEND: BRIAN	AIW	SECRETARY OTF
ALL ABOUT CHANGE	ABSENT	
BASICALLY LIT	ABSENT	
CAME TO BELIEVE	ABSENT	
LIVING CLEAN: GENE(ALT)	AIW	
MIRACLES AT TRINITY	ABSENT	
NEW FREEDOM: KARLENE	AIW	
NEW PERSPECTIVES	ABSENT	
NO JOKE ON MAIN: DENISE(ALT)	AIW	
OVER THE WALL: DENISE	AIW	
SATURDAY NIGHT SANITY: JESSE	AIW	
SERENITY CHECK: STACY (ALT)	AIW	
STEPPING FREE	AIW	
STEPPING INTO THE WEEKEND: RICHARD	AIW	
STEPPING UP: JEREMY (ALT)	AIW	GSR/TREASURER OTF
STEPPING THRU IT ALL: SOL	AIW	
STRAIGHT LACE	ABSENT	
TILL THE WHEELS FALL OFF: BRI	AIW	
WHERE WE ARE GOING	ABSENT	
WORKING THE STEPS: JEN (ALT)	AIW	

Break: 8:19 to 8:29pm

Announcement: Roll call was not accurate for first half of the ASC meeting. There are only 12 groups present and only 10 of the 12 have voting privileges. Clarification, **we did not meet quorum**. Policy was visited. Quorum includes groups with voting privileges. * All prior business which required a vote will be recalled next month for a vote. Regional level business can be voted on.

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Roll Call II: 12 out of 21 groups present, 10 of which currently had voting privileges.

Sharing Session:

Andy (H&I Chair) - "Whole Lava Love" is back!! After speaking with the church, it seems as though they still have a box of the group's lava lamps. Kick off meeting will be on May 2nd 2019. Whole Lava Love meets on Thursday from 7:30p-9:00p at 408 Quarry Hill Rd, East Hampton CT, 06424.

Old Business:

Motion 1: from 3/11/19 to approve the 2019-2020 Regional WSR Budget: **7-0-2 Motion passed.**

Motion 2: from 3/11/19 to approve the 2019-2020 Regional H&I Budget: **8-0-1 Motion passed.**

Elections:

Alt RCM OTF- No nominations/volunteers. No voting can take place, will bring back next month.

BOD Member OTF- No nominations/volunteers. No voting can take place, will bring back next month.

New business:

Motion 1:

Richard (Stepping into the Weekend) - That the MSUA host an Issue Discussion Topic (IDT) Workshop.

Intent: That there be an IDT workshop in a central location.

2nd by: **Gene (Living Clean)**

Discussion opened. The purpose of the IDT is to bring forth relevant topics that effect NA today. MSUA will be the facilitator. Region will pay the rent as well as half the costs for refreshments/food. CT Region will take care of flyers. Ad hoc will be formed to organize event. Tentative date July 14th 2019.

Motion 2:

Sita (Activities Chair) - To hold "Tubing down the Farmington River" event on June 22nd with a rain date of June 23rd.

Intent: To relax in recovery.

2nd by : **Bri (Activities Vice Chair)**

Motion 3: Amendment

Sita (Activities Chair) - Budget request amendment for "Movie Night" to be held on 5/4/19 from \$85 to \$180. Reason it costs \$95 for licensing for movies.

Intent: To be able to play movies on "movie Night."

2nd by: **Bri (Activities Vice Chair)**

Being that, the event will take place prior to the next ASC meeting, costs will be covered, and the subcommittee will be reimbursed.

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Upcoming Events / Changes

“Recovery on Track” is celebrating Spring with the annual Spring Fling. It will be on April 26th at St. Paul’s Church in Wallingford from 6-7:30 food, fun, and fellowship followed by the regularly scheduled meeting. Bring a dish if you wish!

Tunxis Valley Area will be hosting a Spring fling dance. It will be held at St. Mark’s Church on April 27th from 8p till midnight. The address is 147 West Main St., New Britain.

The “New Freedom” group will be hosting their 28th Annual Pancake Breakfast on April 28th. Food, fun, and fellowship prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Will be held at St. Vincent DePaul soup kitchen on Main St.

Activities presents, “Movie Night” on May 4th form 6-10p at the Brownstone Church located at 345 Main St. Tickets are \$5 which includes popcorn, candy, and soda. Children’s movie will kick off the evening followed by a movie for adults.

Save the Date: June 8th 2019 Public Relations will be holding a Learning/Fun day at McCutcheon Park, 100 Livingston Rd. in Middletown from 12-4. Bring a blanket and lawn chair. Great way to celebrate Public Relations Week!

The “New Freedom” group presents their 2nd annual “Unity in the Community Speaker Jam Saturday July 20th at Veteran Memorial Park in Middletown Ct. Rain date will be July 21st. Come join us and have fun in recovery!!

Group level changes:

The most efficient way to convey meeting changes to region is to visit regional website “ctna.org”, then proceed to “service subcommittees” (on left side of the page), click on the “CTRSC” link. Go to “RSC Forms” then click on the “Ct. Regional Schedule Meeting Information Form”. Please fill out form and at the bottom of the page it will say; “Choose Area to send”. Once the MSUA has been chosen the information will be sent directly to our RCM.

Emergency or Temporary Group Cancellation or Relocation: *In the event that your group has to cancel or relocate on an emergency or temporary basis, as a GSR or other trusted servant you should make the effort to inform the fellowship. GSRs should use the Area c.c. E-Mail list to send a group E-mail with the cancellation or relocation information to all other GSRs who should then inform members of their various groups. GSRs or other trusted servants may also contact the MSUA secretary at (860) 890-6689 with the information, and the secretary will then use the MSUA Email and telephone lists to disseminate the details as soon as possible*