

## CCANA AREA MINUTES

May 4, 2020

7:05 p.m. Dave A., Chair, opened in the usual manner and read the 12 Traditions.

### OPEN FORUM

New GSR's – T.J. from Saturday Night's All Right

New Alt. GSR's – None

Visitors: None

### Group Concerns:

#### Attracting Newcomers to Zoom Meetings

Libby asked if anything was being done to reach newcomers and bring them into the Zoom meetings as she stated that there were very few newcomers at the meetings she has been attending. She also stated that there are some newcomers who don't have access to computers.

- Dave A. stated that he would get in touch with the Public Relations (PR) Subcommittee and see if there was anything that they were doing to reach out to Addiction Services facilities.
- John S. mentioned that he heard at Region that signs were being placed at several locations where brick and mortar meetings had taken place in the New Haven Area.
- Libby asked if signs were being put on meetings in the Central CT Area and Dave A. stated that not that he's aware of but he would try to find out.
- Rob K. offered to call some of the treatment centers in the area to let them know about the zoom meetings.
- Pam F. contacted Toni at Merritt Hall and asked if they were willing to let their residents attend zoom meetings and was told that at this time, the higher ups at Merritt Hall were unwilling to do so but that they were educating the residents on how to get on zoom and use the meetings.
- Steve B. informed us that a zoom meeting he attended in New Zealand had rehab facility residents attending the zoom meetings.
- T.J. suggested setting up face-to-face meetings in Quinnipiac Park, but although groups are autonomous, Dave A. thought this would be against Tradition and State mandate.
- Jake informed us of a face-to-face meeting that was being held in a park in New Britain that a lot of newcomers were attending.

#### Collecting Donations for Fundflow at Zoom Meetings

Doug H. asked if there were any guidelines for accepting donations at the zoom meetings.

- Dave A. suggested that we talk to Eric, Treasurer, who was unable to attend the Area meeting, and find out how we could go about this.
- Dave A. also stated that the groups are autonomous and can do whatever they want as far as collecting donations. In order to fundflow, a money order should be filled out with "Fund Flow" written on it and sent to: CCASCNA, P. O. Box 456, Meriden, CT 06450-0456.

ROLL CALL 8 out of 24 groups were present.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES Pam F. read the minutes of last month's meeting and they were accepted with one change. It was voted to fundflow \$251.07 to Region as opposed to not fundflowing as the minutes stated.

CHAIR REPORT Dave A. did not have anything to report.

VICE CHAIR REPORT Vice Chair position is OTF.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Eric, Treasurer, not present.

**RCM REPORT** John S reported that a Motion to remove schedule link passed so that face-to-face meetings would not be included on the website. He also reported that \$994.30 was fundflowed to Region. A Motion to remove any pop-up meetings from the list of virtual meetings passed 8-0-1. John informed us that the CT Development Committee was accepted as a subcommittee.

**WEBSERVANT REPORT** Position is OTF.

**H&I REPORT** H&I absent.

**LITERATURE REPORT** Billy W. stated that, same as last month, he is fully stocked with literature and has the orders for the following groups: Keep on Stepping, The Midday Message, the Courage to Change, New Way, Straight from the Hip and Recovery on Track. If any group needs their order, he will make arrangements to get it to them. Otherwise, he will hold on to the orders until after the crisis is over.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT** – Absent.

**ACTIVITIES REPORT** Chris F. stated that there was no report.

**ACTIVITIES TREASURER:** No report.

**SPIRITUAL WEEKEND SUBCOMMITTEE** –Tony S. reported that they had a zoom meeting with 6 in attendance and that Steve B. was their nomination for Chair. Steve B. was voted in unanimously at the Area table. All mailouts are delayed for now until there is more information on whether the retreat will be held in late August. Next meeting is May 26, 2020.

**POLICY REPORT** – Jake was present. No report.

#### **ELECTIONS**

Vice Chair – OTF

RCM -- OTF

Alt RCM – OTF

Alt Secretary - OTF

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**8:03 pm** Motion to close. Meeting ended.

Next CCANA Area business meeting will be held on 6/1/20 either by zoom or in person.

In loving service,  
Pam F.