



## Southern Fairfield County Area of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes of Meeting Held on January 15, 2020

- Meeting called to order by Chairperson Alex W. at 6:30pm. Opened with the Serenity Prayer.
- No concept read, no copy at time of open.  
Discussion: None
- Welcome New GSRS & visitors:
  - Sarah M – GSR, West Side Story II, Rick R - GSR, By the Text, Arthur N - GSR, Success Downtown, Tina B, - GSR Free Spirit, Len B – GSR, Primary Purpose, Paul D - Visitor
- **Roll Call: 12 GSRS present at 6:40**
- **Quorum (10) was met.**

### Open Forum

Mike wanted to know when tally sheet for CAR report is due. Per our RD Claire they are due at March ASC meeting

### Administrative Committee Reports

1. **Secretary Report** (Reading of prior months ASC meeting minutes) – Submitted by Gerry T and read by John K.  
**Motioned to accept by Tali R. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wess H.**  
**Passed 15/0/0**  
**Questions/Comments: n/a**
2. **Chair report** – Submitted and read by Alex W.  
**Motioned to accept by Len B., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tali R**  
**Passed 13/0/1**  
**Questions/Comments: n/a**
3. **Vice-Chair Report**- none (Eric A.)  
**Questions/Comments: n/a**
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Submitted and read by Kevin C. (outgoing treasurer)

	Area Books	Literature Books
Beginning Balance	\$ 1500	\$ 0.00
Group Donations / Literature Sales	\$ 553.06	\$ 174.35
Money Out/ Literature Ordered	\$ 383.39	\$ 273.88
Regional Fund Flow	\$ 70.14	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1599.33</b>	<b>\$ 99.33</b>

**Motioned to accept by Wess H., 2nd by Lisa T.**

**Passed 15/0/0**

**Questions/Comment – Wes asked about account literature categories on treasurer report, answered by Kevin and Claire**



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5. **RCM Report** – Submitted and read by Claire B.

**Motioned to accept by** Tali R., **2<sup>nd</sup> by** Wess H.

**Passed 15/0/0**

**Questions/Comments:** Claire reminded everybody of the CAR report and workshops for the CAR report. Regional positions OTF are Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Claire is willing to attend group business meetings to discuss CAR report and other regional matters.

### Subcommittee Reports

1. **Policy:** Submitted and read by Andrew S.

**Questions/Comments:** None

2. **Hospitals & Institutions:** Submitted by Bob M. and read by Alex W.

**Questions/Comments:**

3. **Public Relations:** Submitted and read by Ray F.

**Questions/Comments:** None

4. **GSR Liaison:** OTF

**Questions/Comments:**

5. **Web Servant:** Submitted and read by Bob M. and read by Gerry T

**Questions/Comments:** None

6. **Literature:** Submitted and read by, Claire B. (outgoing)

**Questions/Comments:** Kevin provided his phone # for literature orders.

7. **Activities:** OTF

**Questions/Comments:**

**Motioned to accept Subcommittee reports by 2nd by**

**Passed 16/0/0**

**BOD Report** – Submitted and read by Ron B.

**Questions/Comments:**

- o n/a

**Straw Poll to skip break - All Agreed.**

### Group Reports -

**Announcements or Concerns:**

I must apologize, I either forgot to collect the group reports or misplaced them. Reports were made by GSR's for Principals Before Personalities, Free As An Eagle, Never Alone Never Again (no GSR report only), Just For Monday (no GSR report only), Victor=y in The Valley, By The Text, View To Recovery, Lost Then Found, Free Spirit, IOt Works How and Why, Recovery on Park, Road To Recovery, Serenity at Noon (no GSR report only), Success Downtown, Survivors, East Side Story, Feeling Free, Same Meeting New Day, New Hope, Primary Purpose and Stepping into the Traditions. We had 18 GSR.s and three groups with report only. Very encouraging!



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**Break:** @ 7:47pm

**Roll Call:** @ 7:48pm, 12 GSRs Present

**Old Business:**

**Elections:**

Alternate Treasurer – Gerry T had to step down for personal reasons. OTF – No nominations or volunteers  
Alternate RCM – Andy L volunteered. Voted in 16-0-1  
Activities Chair – OTF - No nominations or volunteers

**New Business**

**Agenda:**

Tali R. – Motion to open a separate account for literature. No second, tabled for future date.  
Alex W. – Suggested purchasing a recording device for minutes in the event of no treasurer. No motion as of yet  
Alex W. – Asked if all sub-committee's had a copy of Guide to Local Service and Guide to World Services.  
Suggested they download and print or purchase if not in possession of one.  
Alex W – he has spoken to a former activities member who said they had some receipts from Serenity on the Sound Event that did not turn in receipts or and funds. They will bring some receiptd to nest SFCASC  
Checkbook signers need to arrange to visit a local Peoples Bank to change account signers.

Discussion as to whether ASC vice-chair should cover vacant activities chair position. Two points – 1) Activities chair requires 2 years clean, vice-chair of ASC is only 1 year clean time. 2) there is currently no active activities committee.

Gerry voted in as H&I Chair 17/0/0

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:25pm**

The next ASC meeting will be on Wednesday Feb 19th, 2020  
@ Saugatuck Congregational Church, 245 Post E, Westport, CT 06880  
6:30pm to 9:00pm

Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
John K



## SFCANA Chair Report for January 2020

As this is my first month as the chair, I don't have much to report. I do however have some things I would like to address. First, let me say thanks to all of you who are serving at this body. Proper service is doing the right thing for the right reason. (JFT Feb - 2). Chances are if it's not simple it's not spiritual.

Some things have come to light as I read the latest copy of the SFCANA Policy. There was a vote taken on 8-21-19 that subcommittee chairs may also serve as GSR's. This motion needs to be addressed ASAP as it goes against the service structure of NA. Subcommittee chairs are not allowed to be GSR's for the simple fact that they could now vote on budgets they submitted as the chair of their subcommittee. This removes the checks and balance that were placed there to have groups be the ultimate authority. When policy is to be changed the motion must come from a group, an ad-hoc committee formed for that purpose or a subcommittee chair which deals only with their subcommittee. Resource positions are not committees by definition.

Please remember that your commitment requires you to be present for the entire ASC meeting. When GSR's or other trusted servants leave halfway through this makes it hard to conduct new business as often the quorum is lost. In addition, people who leave may have valuable input into the discussion that is taking place. I understand that everyone has a life and situations come up where people have to leave early. But if people are leaving early each month that is something else entirely. In that case it is neglect of your commitment.

I know that the meeting often runs long for one reason or another. In order to address this issue, we will begin following the meeting format as described in policy. If you want to speak, please raise your hand and wait to be recognized. Once you are recognized please keep your comments to the topic being discussed. Make comments relevant to the here and now. Please think before you speak and form your point as you may not get another chance to make it. All comments should be directed to the chair. If you need to speak to another trusted servant to clarify or add additional information some leeway will be given.

The reports given at the ASC are important. They are the way every group can determine what is happening in the fellowship at large. It is also a way for groups to keep track of the finances of SFCANA. Without accurate reports groups can no longer make informed decisions. In light of this fact, I offer this point of information. Any report that is not accurate, cannot be voted on and placed in the permanent record. Reports that contain errors or omissions must be tabled and amended before the next ASC meeting. They can then be voted on.

I know that change is sometimes difficult and may feel unpleasant. I do know that these proposed changes work and that once implemented they can make this meeting considerably shorter. My sponsor told me a long time ago that I should always leave my commitment a little better than when I took it. Whether that is organizing the notebook you were given or putting plastic protectors on the pages you use, we can all leave out trusted servant positions a little better. Once again that you for your service.

In Loving Service,

Alex W