Southern Fairfield County Area of Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes of Meeting Held March 7, 2015

- Meeting called to order by Chair, Alex A, at 9:10 am on. Opened with the Serenity Prayer.
- 3rd Concept read by Jorge and discussed.
- **Roll Call:**
  - 5 GSRs present at 9:15 am.
  - There were three new GSRs in attendance.
    - Jorge from *Recovery on Park*
    - Earl from *East Side Story*
    - Art from *Principles Before Personalities*
- Average voting members for prior six months (Oct to March) is 13. 2/3rd of which is 9.

**Executive Committee Reports**

1. **Secretary Report** read and submitted by Ray F. Motion to accept made by Buddy, seconded by Bill. Passed 5/0/1.
2. **Chair's report** was read and submitted by Alex. Motion to accept made by Bill, second by Art, passed 5/0/1.
3. **The Vice-Chair's report** read and submitted by Dawn. Motion to accept made by Ben, second by George, passed 7/0/1.
4. **Treasurer Report** read and submitted by Jay L.

- **Beginning Balance** $1500.00
- **Group Donations** +$ 457.90
- **Expenses** -$ 100.77
- **Ending Balance** $1857.13
- **FUND FLOW to Region** -$857.13
- **Final Balance** $1000.00

  Motion to accept made by Bill, seconded by Earl, passed 5/0/0

5. **RCM Report** read and submitted by Taffy C.
  
  Motion to accept the RCM report made by Shaheed, seconded by Janis. Passed 14/0/1.

- **Roll Call:**
  - 13 GSRs present at 9:50 am.
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Subcommittee Reports

1. Policy: Report submitted and read by Mark F.
2. Hospitals & Institutions: Report submitted and read by Andrew S.
3. Public Relations: OTF. As was mentioned in the Vice Chair’s report the Public Relations committee met last month and a solid committee is now in place.
4. GSR Liaison: OTF no report
5. Web Servant: Report submitted and read by Bill B.
6. Literature: OTF no report. Sorry but there was a mix up with the key to the cabinet so literature will not be available after Area. There was some discussion about the need for two key holders that Area not be limited to a single human. Oh if only there was a Literature person ...
7. Activities: Report submitted and read by Buddy O.

A motion to accept subcommittee reports was made by Mari and seconded by Ben. All subcommittee reports accepted on a vote of 13/1/0

8. BOD report was submitted and read by Ron. Ron’s term as the BOD rep from the Southern Fairfield County Area is now up. Thanks for your service.

Group Reports

Reports were submitted by GSRs representing 19 groups. This time I was paying attention but there was no vote on the Group reports. I suppose someone can move to accept last month's group reports. In any case, after group reports there was a ...

Break: we took a 10 minute break at 10:30 am

Agenda Items:

1. The only item on the Agenda is the selection of our Board of Director’s representative from SFCANA. That will be taken up with the selection of other trusted servants.

Open Discussion

1. The Step up to Recovery group which meets Tuesday evenings in Fairfield is in need of support.

2. Starting on March 19th there will be a new meeting in Westport at 245 Post Road East (Saugatuck Congregational Church), Room 206 at 7:30 pm. All trusted servant positions are open and the name of the meeting has not yet been determined.
3. The Serenity on Saturday group which meets in Norwalk at 244 East Avenue (East Avenue United Methodist Church) at noon, is NOT in the schedule but is on the ctna.org web site. A CT Regional Schedule Meeting Information Form can be found on the ctna.org web site on the Connecticut Regional Service Committee page in the section headed RSC Forms. GSRs can fill out the form on-line and submit it on the web site. Or the Secretary can provide you with a paper form and the RCM can bring it to the next CT Regional meeting.

- Roll Call: 14 GSRs present at 10:48 am.

Old Business:

There were 8 motions on the table and several trusted servant positions open to the fellowship. The first motion is to increase the SFCANA Prudent Reserve. The subsequent motions are to approve or not the proposed Regional Executive and Subcommittee budgets. The details of those proposed budgets are described briefly in the SFCANA minutes from the February meeting, and in greater detail in the RCM reports from February and March. All votes tallies are #For/#Against/#Abstain

1. Prudent reserve increase to $1500 Pass 13/1/0
2. Regional delegate & alt-RD Abstain 3/4/6
3. Literature subcommittee Pass 9/0/1
4. Writing Steps to Recovery Pass 9/0/1
5. Administration Pass 10/0/0
6. Public Relations Pass 8/1/1
7. Web Servant Pass 10/0/0
8. Hospitals & Institutions Pass 11/0/0

Elections

1. Alt-Treasurer OTF
2. Alt-RCM OTF
3. GSR Liaison OTF
4. Literature OTF
5. BOD rep Ron (FOUR MORE YEARS) B.
6. Public Relations Berto B.
New Business

1. Learning Day -- an ad hoc committee will begin planning for the SFCANA Learning Day activities. The committee so far consists of Alex A (chair), Jay L and Dawn S. Other help and input from addicts willing to give back in this manner is welcomed.
2. Regional motion to create a Regional trusted servant position of Policy Facilitator. Passed 7/0/2
3. Regional motion to define the requirements and responsibilities (clean time requirement, length of term, etc.) of the Regional Policy Facilitator. Passed 5/0/3
4. Regional motion to specifically neither finance or reimburse travel expenses of the RD and/or alt-RD to the Florida symposium. Passed 7/0/2
5. Regional motion about how region determines what a 2/3rd vote consists of. Due to lack of time this motion was not considered at the March ASC meeting, but will be taken up during Old Business at the April ASC meeting. I e-mailed the text and a background summary of this motion to GSRs in early March. Here it is again:
   To add the following sentence to (Regional) Policy section III.C.2.d: "For all motions requiring a 2/3rds vote majority to pass, 2/3rds of all voting members present must vote in favor of this motion in order for this motion to pass."

At 12:08 Dawn S made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Mari. All were in favor so the meeting was closed in the usual manner with thanks to all who served Narcotics Anonymous.

Grateful to serve,

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