

## Minutes

Western New York Regional Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

June 16, 2012

750 Wherle Drive, Cheektowaga, New York

**In attendance:** Susan M. RCM-NEWNY, Ed B. Treasurer-WNYRSCNA, Mike D.- temporary recording secretary, Ivan C.- Regional Convention Chair, Amelia C.- Vice Chair WNYRSCNA, Lamont T. Regional Convention Compt., Dave M.-RCM-CAMNA, James H.-RCM-NIO, Stephen D.-RDA, Michael B.- Web Servant, Jim L.-RD, Mark H.-NIO Alternate, Dave S.- RCMBflo, Dave M.- Policy, Bob B.- Lit. Chair, Earlin H.- RCM, Greg P.- Alt. RCM

Meeting called to order by Amelia C. 12:00pm, with a moment of silence followed by *Serenity Prayer*.

Ed B. read prayer from Basic Text p.XVI

Susan M. read *12 Traditions*

Ivan C. read *12 Concepts*

Acting Chair called for establishment of quorum for official business, two-thirds members present quorum was established.

Jim L. reported on mail/correspondence, giving info and mail to acting chairperson, particular items brought to committee's attention

- Donation of \$155.22 from Chautauqua
- Donation of \$250.00 from Bflo Area
- Check donation received from Chautauqua area of \$500.00 to Regional Convention Committee
- Proprietary nature discussion of above-mentioned \$500 check ensued, chair tabled further discussion until later in the meeting in **New Business**
- Letter read aloud concerning IRS Federal tax exempt status

NIO area question for clarification as to need for tax exempt status and presumed potential cost, there is no cost.

Copies of official minutes from May meeting were distributed to those in attendance. Jim L. brought past policy to the attention of meeting, that usual committee practice of minutes being read aloud.

Temporary recording secretary Mike D. read May minutes aloud.

Dave M. moved to accept May 2012 minutes as read, Jim L. seconded, minutes accepted

**Treasurer's report-** Ed B. reported an **opening balance** of \$2,131.00

**Next meeting date-** Buffalo Area in cooperation and unity with NorthEast Western New York Area made available again and are dually hosting at **750 Wherle Drive**

**Saturday, July 21, 2012**

**12:00 pm**

**Nominations of Officers:**

Amelia – Acting Chairperson called for nominations from the floor for the following Regional Committee positions-

Hospital and Institutions

Public Information

Activities

Regional Chairperson

No nominations were received or accepted

**Bi-monthly reports-**

**Chairperson-** Amelia C. presented her report (see attached) and as vice-chair acting as chair trying to allow for the proper facilitation of all regional processes.

**Regional Delegate-** Jim L. presented two written reports, they were

- Most comprehensive 155 page report on his attendance at WS Conference, April 27-May 7, 20012
- Specific information and full report of aforementioned may be had on regional website because of length and completeness.
- Reservation for Northern New Jersey attendance has been made and projected cost \$975.00
- As per information on WS Conference report as listed above all *straw polls/resolutions* barely passed
- *Regional proposals* did not pass
- *Living Clean-The Journey Continues* hardback copy in October?

**Regional Delegate Alternate-** Stephen D. presented oral report is still working on written one, did however highlight the following-

- Thanks and gratitude to Region for allowing him the opportunity of attendance with Jim L. at WS Conference
- Daily review of his attendance throughout WS

- Because of inexperience with report writing will have hard copy of report by next Regional mtg and will email Amelia C. said report before July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Secretary-** no rept given as secretary not in attendance

**Area Reprts-**

**CAMNA-**

- All meetings doing well
- All committees filled but H&I, PI
- Treasurer's report in April 2012 ending balance of \$387.57
- \$100.00 donation to Region
- Seeing a good support through the groups
- Upcoming events Unity Day, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at Rock City Park, H&I workshop 1-29pm, speaker at 3pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual gathering July 6-8, 2012, Sizerville State Park
- May 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of Basic Text be used for H&I?
- How does an Area start process to get little whit book to be stitched not stabled?

**NIO**

- Meeting change locations have been updated to website
- Closing treasury balance of \$897.92

**NEWNY**

- Continue to meet on a monthly basis
- Closing treasury balance of \$400.00
- \$100.00 donation given to Region
- Donation of today's Regional meeting's refreshments

**Buffalo**

- Active support continues form homegroups
- Active H&I Committee, always looking for female service at Wende
- PI going well, poster contest on-going, quarterly mailings continue, possible book drive
- Phone line, 74 calls last mont, new system being tested that will give callers live operator
- RITW going well, ask that Regional Convention not be within a week of their event in August, Woman's Unity Day in May, Men's Unity Day in June, \$2000.00 sent to camp so far
- Literature Committee has ne chairperson, Lenny M. is cleaning house, no more back orders, all stock on hand, money orders only, no exceptions. New computerized system will have all homegroups, keep inventory, give receipts

- Activities have monthly activities planned. Questions regarding how they spent their money generat
- generated an audit by vice-Chair who reported no improprieties
- Policy continuing to review by-laws, suggest adopting Regional Theft Policy with modification. No checks in member's names, must have written reports
- Mustard See is back at Buffalo State
- RCM directed by Buffalo Area to see receipts from RD on the trips
- Buffalo Area group conscience that convention be weekend of November 17<sup>th</sup> and RCM vote that way at Regional meeting
- May closing treasury balance \$2,425.33, donation to Region will be made in June

**Website-** all information necessary to update wbsite info sent to webmaster and has been updated to webpage.

**Convention-** Ivan C. distributed written report to all those present, hard copy may be secured from acting Chair Amelia C. . Pertinent highlights do include-

- Balance of funds presently at \$2580.00
- Regular monthly meetings held the last Saturday of every mont
- March 31<sup>st</sup> Speaker Jam a success
- Presently still looking at 3 hotels-Niagara Falls Sheraton,Holiday Inn of Grand Island, and Clarion, Hilton Garden Inn, all proposals were presented form hotels in hard copy form.
- All decisions concerning the specific hotel chosen dependent upon dates chosen for Convention and those facilities most conducive to acceptance by Committee as an entirety

Discussion ensued at this point by Regional Committee members ast to dates that have been considered/proposed and the particular facilities(hotels) which would be hosts or chosen as hosts for the Convention. Keith gave specific information to all related to facility date availability and concern was expressed for non-confliction of said dates with Recovery in The Woods

Discussion of hard-copy hotel proposals/costs began and Amelia C. tabled them until **New Business** of present meeting

Amelia C. acting Chair suggested a 10 minute recess of procedures and it was accepted.

**Reopening of meeting** and procedural continuation began at 1:55 as Amelia C. called to order all present. Amelia C. reopened meeting with MOS/SP, note here Niagara Falls now present after reopening of meeting.

### **Old Business**

A discussion of the use of proper forms ensued, in discussion it was clarified that *approved of forms* that already exist are at the discretion of Regional Committee members to Fcilitate process and individual processing of them.

## Budget proposals-

- **H&I-** Ed B. \$50.00 for stamps, correspondence, supplies was accepted
- **Literature-** Bob B. \$300.00 accepted
- **Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate Alternate-** Jim L. presented estimate for attendance at Zonal would be \$6500.00 accepted
- **Treasurer-** Ed B. \$50.00 accepted
- **Regional Service Committee-** general expenditures \$200.00 accepted

General discussion ensued of how budgetary requests are made and then covered.

## New Business

Proprietary nature of check from Chautauqua Area as a donation to Convention Committee. Is there anything in by-laws in regards to a check of this nature and the policy so in. Suggestion was made to look at by-laws **Article VIII**. Monies should go to Region Committee first who then makes decision as to the distribution of said monies. Questions arose to what Committee should do when Areas specifically " earmark " funding and donations.

CAMNA asked if using 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Basic Text blurred message as opposed to using 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Basic Text

Venue for upcoming Convention was discussed as were the various Commercial facilities and costs available. A number of printed copies from all hotels as previously mentioned were distributed by Keith W. and Ivan C. that were specific to financial breakdowns of the various venues.

- Discussion of materials distributed concerning clarification of what exactly is happening in this process
- Keith W. reiterated main concern being dates for Convention being set and the fine tuning contractual adjustments
- Discussion of dates continued, early fall due to weather issues, smaller facility to be used in October
- Discussion of aspects important that determine success of the Convention
- Move to vote on specific venue was suggested with the following two venues used after eliminating others presented  
Hilton Garden Inn, Bflo. International Airport- 1 yes, 5 no
- Holiday Inn, Grand Island- 5 yes, 1 no
- Directed Convention Committee to seek if available dates of November 16, 17, and 18
- Discussion also of making "open gate" or use of credit Crd registration, will be continued at July meeting

Disbursement to Regional Delegate of \$975.00

Discussion of Policy and Ad Hoc Committee to change by-laws or update the same. Dave M. reported need for mor research and Ad Hoc Committee never really finished meeting to discuss the same. Suggestion was made to reinstate Ad Hoc Committee but was decided further discussion was needed so entire matter was tabled until July 2012 meeting.

**Ending balance-** \$1805.65

Jim L. motioned to close

Dave A. seconded

Meeting closed

Respectfully and with humble gratitude submitted

Michael Duncan

NEWNY Acting Chair