

## CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 09/03/2016

Hosted at Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI

Meeting called to order by: Rob Y @ 9:47am

**Attendance:** Rob Y, April B, Nichole M, Dezaray C, Angel G, Jeff SH, Mike D (Coach), John M, Jerry K, Mike D, Theresa L

Introductions

Moment of Silence

Service Prayer: All

12 Traditions: Mike D (Coach)

### **Roll Call:**

#### **Groups:**

EC Friday night: Mike D – here/ Joe F -- absent

EC Wednesday night: ??? – absent,

Chippewa Tues & Sun: Angel G - here

EC Tues. & Thurs.: ??? -- absent,

Black & Blue Basic Text, Chippewa: Justin H.- absent

BRF Mon & Fri Night: John M. - here,

EC Monday Night: Dean L - absent

EC Tues night: Jimmie L - absent

Menomonie Wed, Thur, Fri & Sun night: John B - absent /Joe L. - absent

Oasis of Hope, Thurs EC, WI: Josh J - absent

Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday: Jerry K.- here

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday; Shannon S – absent / Dave R - absent

Dopeless Hope Fiends, Rice Lake, Mon, Wed: ??? - absent

Surrender Group, Rice Lake, Friday, Saturday: Jeff S.H.- here

KISS, Ladysmith, Thursday, Sunday: Dan S - absent

NA Meeting, Arbor Place, Menomonie, Sunday: ??? - absent

Freedom Group, Thursday, Rice Lake, -- Mike D (Coach) – here/Michelle M - absent

New NA Meeting, Chetek, Thursday: ??? - absent

#### **Administrative Trusted Servants:**

Chairperson: VACANT

Vice-Chairperson – Rob Y - here

Regional Committee Member: John M - here

Regional Committee Member-Alternate: VACANT

Treasurer: Nichole M - here

Treasurer-Alternate: Rob Y - here

Secretary: Theresa L - here

Secretary-Alternate: VACANT

Web Servant: Theresa L - here

Web Servant-Alternate – VACANT

#### **Subcommittees:**

Activities: VACANT, Activities-Alternate: Alex S - absent

Literature Chair: April B - here, Literature-Alternate: VACANT,

Public Relations: VACANT, Public Relations-Alternate: VACANT

Hospitals & Institutions: Nichole M - here, Hospitals & Institutions-Alternate: VACANT

Policy & Procedure: Jeff S.H - here. Policy & Procedure-Alternate: VACANT,

Outreach: VACANT, Outreach-Alternate: VACANT

Motion made to accept August minutes by: Nichole M Seconded by: Mike D (Coach)

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Chairperson Report:** VACANT

Question/Comment:

**Vice-Chairperson Report:** \*\*\*spoken aloud\*\*\*

Question/Comment:

accepted

**Regional Committee Member Report:** \*\*\*spoken aloud\*\*\*

Question/Comment: Someone wanted to know if the RCM got the minutes from last region. The answer was no. The RCM added that the last secretary for the WRSC moved to Florida.

accepted

**Treasurer Report:** emailed/spoken aloud

8/6/2016	Beginning Balance:	\$1,043.10	
	Income:		
	7th Tradition	\$15.00	
	GSR Contributions		
	Literature Income	\$164.64	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$179.64</b>	<b>deposit 8/9/2016</b>

Expenses:			
Ck# 1313	\$15.00	Facility	
Ck# 1314	\$731.01	NAWS Inv# 0718617-IN	
Ck# 1315	\$25.32	University Printing	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE:</b>	<b>\$771.33</b>	

Increase to Bank	
Balance:	-\$591.69
New CVA Balance:	\$451.41

Question/Comment:

accepted

**Treasurer Alternate Report:** \*\*\*spoken aloud\*\*\*

Question/Comment: Someone wanted to know if we had an adequate amount of signers for the bank account at this time. The treasurer answered and said that it was only her and the treasurer alternate who are signers now. Then the question was asked whether we have need for other signers for the account. There was some discussion about this. It was decided that too many signers may be a bad idea because of accountability.

accepted

**Secretary Report:** Written/spoken aloud

I went ahead and bought a new printer for area. The total cost of the printer was \$89.66 including tax. I discussed this with the vice chair and the treasurer before deciding to go ahead and purchase it. It just seems to me that a new printer with wireless and scanning capability is more cost effective than just replacing the drum in our old one. The new printer has both, and it seems like a nicer printer to me. It does not however print out 25-30 sheets at a time without hesitating after five sheets or so.

The main reason I did this is because I tried to print out a bunch of new meeting lists and they really looked awful....

I will be putting in a motion today to reimburse the secretary budget for the expense of the printer. Receipts have been submitted to both the Treasurer and Treasurer alternate. Until Cartridge World starts carrying the cartridge for this brand new model of printer, the cartridges will probably run about \$65 each. I imagine that Cartridge World will probably start carrying them in a year or so.

I am unsure what to do with the old printer. Cartridge World offered to recycle it for free. I asked Nichole what she thought. She suggested I look into whether Brother would buy it back, but reminded me it is up to Chippewa Valley Area to decide what we will do with it. I inquired via chat over the internet if Brother would be interested in buying it back. They were not, but also offered to recycle it for free. So, I will bring this question to the table; what shall we do with the old printer.

Jeff sent me an email and wanted to know if I received the minutes from region, or if John M did. I replied back that John gets those. The reason he wanted to know was because the new regional meeting list is not up on the website yet, and he was wondering if something happened at region to delay its publication.

Beginning balance was \$131.39. Ending balance, minus the cost of the printer, is \$41.73.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Question/Comment:

accepted

**Web Servant Report:** written/spoken aloud

We had one email this month from a Jen Harder who works at NW Wisconsin Comprehensive Treatment Center. I know Jen, and responded that she could attend our area meeting to discuss this more directly with everyone here. I am not sure how else we would go about setting up a meeting at this Eau

Claire Treatment Center, and I thought she would have more success if she presented the issue instead of just me.

I still haven't gotten a "preview copy" of the printed regional meeting list.

The website was viewed 63 times by 45 different people. About 70% of these were new visitors. Our visitors stayed about an average of 22 seconds per session and viewed a little over 2 page per session.

Your ever faithful web servant.

Question/Comment:

accepted

### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**Activities Report:** VACANT

Question/Comment:

**Activities Alternate Report:** \*\*\*absent/no report\*\*\*

Question/Comment:

**Literature Report:** emailed/spoken aloud

Morning,

There was no order placed this last month.

Literature on hand is \$606.78.

Cash on hand is \$193.80.

ILS,

Question/Comment:

accepted

**Public Relations Report:** VACANT – report submitted by Jerry K

We had 5 calls to the phone line this past month, one person who was being supportive of an addict in her life did leave a message asking about what to expect at a meeting. I did remove the Saturday Silver Lining Meeting from the list. As far as i know the rest of the system is up to date. Unless any more GSR's polled their groups about changing the format from listing by each day as opposed to each city, on the info line i will leave it as it is.

I was contacted by Tena Q, who is the coordinator for a community awareness event on drugs and addiction, in Black River. She would like NA to set up a booth at this event to answer any questions the people attending this event might have about Narcotics Anonymous. The event will be on September 29th between 4pm and 8pm. With the groups permission, I and one of my home group members would like to attend this event as representatives of NA. I would also encourage any one else that may be available to

attend. I would like to have some Literature available for this event so i am submitting a motion for the purchase of literature.

Also, it seems there was some confusion as to the purpose of an event that we were invited to attend being held at the Stanley Correctional Facility that you discussed last month. I did speak with the program director at the prison. He had my contact info from a past contact with someone at the prison about PR The event is a job fair of sorts but also a community resources opportunity for the inmates that are soon to be released. Narcotics Anonymous is most definitely a community Resource that should be made available to inmates who are soon to be released. There will be approximately 200 inmates who will be encouraged to attend this event. Although most of the inmates being released will not be released into the Chippewa Valley Area, we need to remember, NA is a world wide fellowship and i believe if possible, we should be there to talk with the inmates who might be trying to find a meeting when they are released. There is a required background check for entrance to this facility but with the groups permission, i would like to attend if i am able to. I did try to contact the regional H&I chair person but i don't know if i have the right email for her. i did see that Big Rivers Area was also invited to attend so i tried to contact them as well, but have not received any response from either one.

If the groups approve attending both of these events i would like to submit a motion for the purchase of \$150 worth of IP's as well as the printing of at least 100 Regional lists, if they have been updated recently. unless we can acquire those from region before the event. This amount would give us the ability to put together approximately 100 packet Chippewa Valley Area list as well as a Regional list.

Thanks,

Question/Comment:

accepted

**Hospitals and Institution Report:** emailed/spoken aloud

The H&I Committee has been steady this month. Theresa & I delivered some literature to Stanley Prison & Rusk County Memorial Hospital, Ladysmith on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. James assisted me with delivering books to the Eau Claire County Jail last week. I also gave two sets of books to Arbor Place for the residents to use while they are in house. The clients had expressed they would like to purchase some literature outright; I suggested meetings as the best place to pick up books for an individual, unless they wanted eBooks of course.

I am tracking how many books and other literature pamphlets are given to which facilities so that we can follow up to see if they need or want more books someday. Each of the facilities are happy with what they have so far. Eau Claire County has expressed that the BT & JFT are both most popular so far.

We still need some commitment from people willing to share or chair the various H&I meetings. Please contact me by email or on my cell with questions.

Yesterday I received an email from Dave R, that there will be an NA meeting starting in two weeks at the Barron County Jail. He states he has enough people & they are aware of "what's expected". I asked Dave to keep us informed so that Area can be of service also.

ILS,

Question/Comment: Someone wanted to know if there was a meeting set up for the Dunn county jail. The answer was not yet.

The H&I chair added that she checked up on her deliveries and discovered that they were happy with donations. She also said that if people wished to start an H&I meeting, it should be brought to the committee.

accepted

**Policy and Procedure Report:** \*\*\*spoken aloud\*\*\*

Nothing to report

Question/Comment:

accepted

**Outreach Report:** VACANT

Question/Comment:

### GSR REPORTS

**United Survive Eau Claire Wednesday submitted by**

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:

**Black River Falls Monday & Friday NA Group submitted by John M.**

Donation \$10.00 Avg Grp Size: 2-4 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

**Together We Grow Eau Claire Monday Night submitted by**

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:

**Miracles Are Us Eau Claire Friday submitted by Mike D**

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 20-40 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Good meeting. Going to be revisiting meeting format. Going to be having a business meeting to discuss funds this month. Wondering who the It Works – Tuesday GSR is.

**All Day Long Eau Claire Tues. and Thurs. submitted by**

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:

**Bridges to Recovery Chippewa Falls submitted by Angel G**

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 20 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Coach – speaker for September 17<sup>th</sup> picnic. Clean date July 11, 1986.

**Black and Blue Basic Text Chippewa Falls submitted by Mike D**

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 7-10 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Picnic was fun. We took quite a loss, but all had fun nonetheless. Had 24 addicts, not including spouses and family members. Our lowest attended picnic since we started it.

**It Works Eau Claire submitted by**

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:

**Attitude of Gratitude Menomonie submitted by**

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:

**Oasis of Hope, Eau Claire Thursday submitted by**

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:

**Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday submitted by Jerry K**

Donation \$ 3.55 Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: No They return:

We are passing on a \$3.55 donation. We are purchasing a set of books to have on hand.

**Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday submitted by Mike D (Coach)**

Donation \$50.00 Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:

Giving the money to area only.

**Dopeless Hope Fiends, Rice Lake, Mon, Wed submitted by:**

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:

**Surrender Group, Rice Lake, Friday, Saturday submitted by: Jeff S.H.**

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 7 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes

We had a really good meeting last night. The actual meeting lasted 1 hour and 45 minutes. We had fellowship after until 11:00pm. Several members bring their kids and its not a problem given the living room type environment. There was a lot of laughter and serious discussion. Many are discovering the power and strong connectivity of the NA group.

**KISS, Ladysmith, Thursday, Sunday submitted by:**

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:

**Arbor Place, Menomonie, Sunday submitted by:**

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:

**Freedom Group, Rice Lake, Thursday submitted by Mike D (Coach):**

Donation \$25.00 Avg Grp Size: 10-12 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes

We're paying rent \$25-\$35 a month. Supplies are being paid for by the group. Book sales are being done by extra donations in basket when they can afford it. Time change ????. Brother and sister we celebrated 30 years.

**New NA Meeting, Chetek, Thursday submitted by:**

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:

Break for Serenity

**15 Min. Open Forum:** (began: 11:29am ended: 11:49 am)

The vice chairperson mentioned that he thought we should have a subcommittee meeting. One reason for this is to show support for the Activities Alternate chairperson. It was decided this meeting would be held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the 29 Pines Restaurant. Making a reservation was also decided.

Group conscience was taken on the amount of people signing for the bank account and it was decided two people are enough.

The Halloo phone line will be changed to reflect cities instead of days of the week in accordance with the will of the groups.

The Stanley prison forum was discussed, and since it is not just a job fair, but also community resources, that NA should set up a booth at the event. It takes up to two weeks to pass the background check, and if people wish to participate, they needed to respond the first week of September. There was some discussion about whether or not the regional service committee should be involved because about 98% of the inmates will not be released into this area. It was suggested it would be great if they could help.

Budget concerns, mainly revolving around PR opportunities, were discussed, and a determination was made for about how many IPs would be needed for the Black River Falls event and the Stanley Prison event.

**Old Business:** (began approximately:11:50am ended:11:51 am)

**Elections:** No elections this month.

**New Business:**

Motion 1: John M      2<sup>nd</sup>: Nichole M  
Motion: To contribute \$150 to WRSC  
Intent: To be supporting of the services we receive from Region – phone line, meeting lists, website and other services

Financial impact: Yes – \$150  
VOTE: 5 aye   0 nay   0 abstain      PASSED

Motion 2: Theresa L      2<sup>nd</sup>: Nichole M  
Motion: To replenish the secretary budget  
Intent: To be able to afford future supplies like toner and paper

Financial impact: Yes – \$89.66 cost of printer  
VOTE: 4 aye   0 nay   1 abstain      PASSED

Motion 3: Jerry K      2<sup>nd</sup>: John M  
Motion: To purchase \$175 worth of IPs for PR events  
Intent: For distribute literature to those interested in knowing more about NA

Financial impact: Yes – \$175.00  
VOTE: 5 aye   0 nay   0 abstain      PASSED

**Group Concerns/Announcements:**

There was discussion about the Bridges to Recovery picnic and problems within the group concerning the finances of the group. Apparently there is little money left for the picnic and attempts were made to recover the funds. Also, the location of the picnic was not confirmed. Someone asked if, since the Black & Blue Basic Text picnic had food left over from their picnic, they would donate what was left to the Bridges to Recovery picnic on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. The answer was that it was already done.

There was also some dissent about whether groups should be putting on their own events. It was stated that keeping funds aside for group events is very tempting to trusted servants of the individual groups, and perhaps this is not the best practice. It was also stated that clearly people want to have events, and since that is the case, the events should be done through the activities committee. Someone mentioned



the local Snow Bowl event and stated that they would be sorry to see that go. Someone else said that area once hosted the Snow Bowl event and attendance was not good.

There was no group consensus on whether individual groups should be hosting events or not.

#### **Key points to share with Groups**

- 1) **There will be an all subcommittees meeting on Sunday, September 18th at 2:00pm at 29 Pines Restaurant in Eau Claire. If you are interested in service at all, please feel free to attend.**
- 2) *There will be a community awareness event on drugs and addiction, in Black River Falls on September 29th. Anyone interested in helping out at a booth at this event is encouraged to contact Jerry K by September 7th*
- 3) *A Job Fair and Community Resources event will be held at Stanley Correctional Facility on October 19th. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to contact Jerry K by September 12th. Participation in both events is contingent upon people interested in participation. Jerry K's number is (715) 523-3666*
- 4) *Black River Falls meetings really need support.*

#### **SERVICE SAVES LIVES**

##### **Elections to be held at October ASC meeting**

**Current Vacant Positions:** Chairperson, Regional Committee Member – Alternate, Secretary-Alternate, Web Servant - Alternate, Activities, Literature - Alternate, Public Relations, Public Relations – Alternate, Policy & Procedure-Alternate, Hospitals and Institutions – Alternate, Outreach, Outreach – Alternate

**October 2016 Area Service: 9:30 am, October 1, 2016, Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls**

**November 2016 Area Service:**

Motion made to close meeting: John M Seconded by: Mike D (Coach) Time: 12:40pm