

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 02/04/2017

Hosted at Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI

Meeting called to order by: Rob Y @ 9:40am

Attendance: Justin H, Sam S, Mike D, Joe F, Steve J, Angel G, Shauna K, Zack H, Rob Y, Dave R, Theresa L, Jerry K, April B, Travis H, Mac K

Introductions

Moment of Silence

Service Prayer: All

12 Traditions: Zack H

Roll Call:

Groups:

EC Friday night: Joe F -- here

EC Wednesday night: ??? – absent,

Chippewa Tues & Sun: Angel G – here/Shaula K - here,

Black & Blue Basic Text, Chippewa: Justin H.- here/Steve J - here

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

EC Monday Night: Travis H – here/Zack H - here,

EC Tues night: Jimmie L – absent,

Menomonie Wed Fri & Sun night: Alex S. - here

Oasis of Hope, Thurs EC, WI: ??? - absent

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

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday: Dave R - here

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

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

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

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

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

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

Administrative Trusted Servants:

Chairperson: VACANT

Vice-Chairperson – Rob Y - here

Regional Committee Member: John M - absent

Regional Committee Member-Alternate: VACANT

Treasurer: Rob Y - here

Treasurer-Alternate: VACANT

Secretary: Theresa L - here

Secretary-Alternate: VACANT

Web Servant: Theresa L - here

Web Servant-Alternate – VACANT

Subcommittees:

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

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

Public Relations: VACANT, Public Relations-Alternate: VACANT

Hospitals & Institutions: VACANT, Hospitals & Institutions-Alternate: VACANT

Policy & Procedure: VACANT. Policy & Procedure-Alternate: VACANT,

Outreach: VACANT, Outreach-Alternate: VACANT

Motion made to accept January minutes by: Seconded by:

Sensitive personal information was included in the original minutes and then removed by the committee.

Motion to accept amended January minutes by: Joe F Seconded by: Angel G

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Vice-Chairperson Report:

Question/Comment:

Regional Committee Member Report: emailed/spoken aloud by Theresa L

Good morning everyone. I won't be joining you this morning, but do hope you have a productive session.

I attended the Wisconsin Regional Service Conference January 14 and 15 in Oshkosh, WI. The following took place at the conference;

Facilitator: John H.

Multi Zonal Forum will be held March 4th and 5th in Adrian, MI.

The USSCNA call-in was held 1-7-17 and has voted to dissolve. Discussions will take during the next call-in on 2-11-17 to discuss how to distribute the remaining assets.

Treasurer: Carl K

Treasury going into the March Regional was \$6,311.23

Regional Delegate: Harold L

He will be attending the MZF March 4th in MI. Funding to send the RD team was approved.

Activities: Jon R

He reported on plans for Fun In the Sun that will take place July 13-15 at Koehler Andre State Park in Port Washington. Registration will be \$15 and this includes camping for the weekend.

Jon introduced Fun With Flags. Blank flags were handed out to each area with instructions to bring them to your area for decoration. After they are decorated, we are to take a picture of them and to send the photo to the Activities Committee for judging. There will be a prize (yet to be determined, but \$500 was proposed) for the best area flag. There was a request to use Facebook to communicate with in regard to Fun with Flags. Please discuss at your areas. It was proposed that this would be a secret Facebook page. Please post all activities fliers to the regional website so that some coordination between areas can occur.

H&I: Dezzz G

Please contact Dezzz with an updates on any changes to your H&I meetings. Meeting lists will be printed and allocated based on how many meetings your area has. The formula is less than 5 = 50, 5 -9 = 100, 10 or more = 150.

Literature: Wendy P

WSO has identified producing Mental Illness in Recovery as a priority for the fellowship.

Revisions to the Regional Orientation Guide are underway.

Many suggestions have been incorporated into the Regional IP titled Keeping Integrity in NA Service. The final version will be voted on at the March Region in Eau Claire. Please review at wisconsinna.org under the literature review tab.

Public Relations: Matt L

A skype meeting will be held the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. RCMs, please ask you areas what you would like Regional PR to do for your area and region. The March Region will have a PR focus. The PR chair has requested a half hour after the Taco Feed to do a presentation. Questions and correspondence can be sent to PR@wisconsinna.org.

Helicopter: Kelsey E

The final revisions to the Regional policy have been approved to convert to a four times a year schedule. This is the result of work over the last year. Regional meetings will be January, March, September and November. There will be a regional activity and learning weekend held in July

There was a proposal to restart automatic donations to NAWS and MZF. This would be 5% each of the Regional Treasury after all other expenses. Automatic donations had been suspended in the past due to a funding shortage. The Proposal Passed.

The WSNAC board reported that the 2016 event had netted \$5,481.

The Saturday 1pm Round Table Discussion topic at the March Region will be Maintaining Accurate Meeting Lists.

On a personal note, the March Regional meeting in Eau Claire will be the last one I will be attending as RCM. I do hope that someone will be willing to take on this important position going forward.

In Grateful Service to NA

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Treasurer Report:

emailed/spoken aloud

1/7/2017	Beginning Balance:	\$736.73	
	<u>Income</u>		
	7 th Tradition	\$11.00	
	Literature Payment	\$290.04	
	Literature Surrender	\$68.22	
	GSR Contributions	\$95.00	
	Total Income:	\$464.26	
	<u>Expenses:</u>		
	CK# 1326	\$15.00	Facility
	CK# 1327	\$70.00	US Postal Service
	CK#1328	\$290.04	NAWS Invoice #1219608
	CK#1329	\$143.51	Secretary Budget Refresh
	Total Expenses:	\$518.55	

Increase to Bank Balance	-\$54.29
New CVA Balance	\$682.44

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Secretary Report: written/spoken aloud

I checked our PO Box twice this month. The second time I checked the PO Box, I found the PO box receipt in there. I am turning this over to the treasurer today.

I was forwarded an email from Mike. The email reads: "My name is Samantha L. I work for a nonprofit organization and am looking to make some 12-step recovery resources available for those who utilize our services. A Basic Text/White Book and/or any brochures would be helpful. I have been asked if we have any recovery literature available. I have some from the AA program, which I'm more familiar with, but am looking for more NA literature to make available to those interested. My contact information is: [715-579-3245](tel:715-579-3245). Texting/e-mail is fine as well. Thank you! Samantha

I bought three toner cartridges online yesterday. They are being shipped. The total cost of the three cartridges was \$44.61. Rob Y came by my apartment in mid-February and replenished the budget. The beginning balance was \$235.00 and the ending balance was \$190.39.

I got a complaint from Jerry about his physical address being posted in an invoice in the treasurer's report. I did think about it before putting it in, but wasn't sure what I should do. I am not supposed to alter people's reports, but probably should've talked to the treasurer before putting it in the minutes. I did suggest we take out the whole invoice, because I do not believe it needs to be in the report.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Question/Comment: Someone asked about which non-profit organization Samantha works for. The answer was that nobody knows.

Accepted

Web Servant Report: written/spoken aloud

We received two emails this month. One was from a lady inquiring about starting a new meeting in River Falls. She wanted to know if she needs permission and where to get literature for the new meeting. I told her River Falls is kind of out of our area, but we might possibly be able to help her with a starter kit. I also said I was not sure which area that is, but would find out for her. I told her she needs nobody's permission to start a meeting.

The other email was from a coordinator from the Eau Claire County jail. Nathan wanted a contact to acquire literature for the jail. I also believe he was looking for people to help with a meeting in the jail. This email I forwarded to the rest of our mailing list, hoping someone would respond to him. I

did reply as well.

The website was viewed 58 times by 48 different people. About 77.5% of these were new visitors. Our visitors stayed about an average of 2 minutes per session and viewed about two and half pages.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report: emailed/spoken aloud by Theresa L

Hi Theresa & fellow addicts, I will not be in attendance this Saturday because I have to work. I don't have anything new to report, but I look forward to hopefully seeing you guys at some of the up coming events we have, thanks for letting me be of service,

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Literature Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Morning,

Naws invoice# 0117718 was \$516.37

We received a \$30.29 discount, along with 8% shipping instead of 12%.

After handing \$516.37 for Naws and \$50.00 surrender to Treasurer the balance is:

Literature on hand \$908.01

Cash on hand \$1.74

I will be surrendering again next area.

The New IP is available:

NA and Persons Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment

\$0.30

The New Book is available:

Guiding Principles

\$11.00

New Medallion Key Chain Holder

(3 colors)

\$8.00

2017 Just For Today Calendar

\$11.75

ILS

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Public Relations Report: VACANT emailed/spoken aloud by Jerry K

I did update the entire phone system this month to give callers the option of listening to meeting information , by the day, as well as , by the city. I did add the new Chippewa Falls meeting on Saturday, Alive @ five to the list as well as the new Wednesday 12 pm meeting in Menomonie to the list. Everything seems to be working OK but PLEASE call and check at least your meeting information!! The number is [1-888-543-0924](tel:1-888-543-0924). We did receive 6 calls in the last 30 days, those 6 calls used 14 minutes. In addition to that i used 57 minutes to update the system and another 25 minutes to call and listen to the update. For a total of 96 minutes used by the CVA extension. We did receive one message from a struggling addict that had never been to NA and wanted some information about meetings.

As i reported last month, while i was doing the update i did check some of the other Area'a to see how they were using the system. I found some very unusual activity on one of the 19 extensions the Region has. The extension was for the RRAGS Area, which is the Rockford Illinois Area. As of last November they decided they were joining with the Chicago Illinois Region. The issue was they were receiving hundreds of calls to their info line. Normally this would be a good thing except out of 327+ calls to their extension last month only 7 of those came from the same Area code as Rockford. The rest were coming from all over the USA. I informed the Matt L. the Regions PR Chairperson as well as Larry D. the Halloo Admin for Region. After doing some more checking it turns out some of the numbers were disconnected or not actually placed from the number listed on the bill. Region has since disconnected the number and removed it from our Website as well as RRAGS Website. The RRAGS Area did set up a new local number for their Area before they left the Wisconsin Region. As a courtesy, Region had left the number connected for any one that may still be calling from old flyers or local meeting list that the number was still listed on. Normally the entire Halloo bill for one month is \$164.95 , The last 2 months should have totaled \$329.90, instead Region paid \$810.59 for a difference of \$480.69 in overage charges.

Thanks,

Question/Comment: Someone asked if the phone system can be done differently. Someone also wanted to know how this could happen – what happened with the RRAGS area. There seems to be consensus that *something* needs to be done. Larry, who is the regional delegate for the Halloo system, seemed unconcerned, and it is up to him to contact Halloo. The consensus seems to be that this is too expensive. At one time the voice mail system was set up so callers could leave a message for a maximum of one minute, but it went back to unlimited voicemail time of 6-8 minutes and nobody is sure how this happened.

Somebody thought it would be better to manage a local line rather than use the regional Halloo system. But, with \$110/year for 18 lines, that would not be more cost effective.

The Chippewa Valley Area's use was third on the list. Jerry K will let John know that something needs to be done.

Accepted

Hospitals and Institution Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Policy and Procedure Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Outreach Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

GSR REPORTS

Miracles Are Us, Eau Claire Friday submitted by Joe F

Donation \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 35 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

United Survive, Eau Claire Wednesday submitted by

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

Bridges to Recovery Chippewa Falls submitted by Angel G

Donation \$100.00 Avg Grp Size: 20 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Black and Blue Basic Text, Chippewa Falls submitted by Justin H/Steve J

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 15/20 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

All the above. Thursday and Saturday is correct on the Halloo Line. Alive @ Five Faith Lutheran Church 5:00 Saturdays. Closed meeting.

Black River Falls, Monday & Friday NA Group submitted by

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

Together We Grow, Eau Claire Monday Night submitted by Zack H

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 20-30 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes

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 \$14.00 Avg Grp Size: 4 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes

The meeting went well this month with above average attendance. We are passing on a donation of \$14.00. We still read from & discuss the Basic Text.

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday submitted by Dave R

Donation \$25.00 Avg Grp Size: 12 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Struggling financially. Struggling getting people involved in service. Other than that, all is well. Barron
County NA meeting doing well.

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

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

Surrender Group, Rice Lake, Friday, Saturday submitted by

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

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

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

New NA Meeting, Chetek, Thursday submitted by:

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

Break for Serenity

15 Min. Open Forum: (began: 10:58am ended: 11:10am)

The question was asked if we should contribute a starter pack to Alicia from River Falls for the meeting she wished to start. It was also asked what area River Falls was in. It was decided to send the starter pack to her, and it was also stated that River Falls isn't really part of any region. Somebody suggested, maybe it is part of the MN region, but who would go to the Minnesota region web page to find a Wisconsin meeting. It was decided that we would give the River Falls meeting the option to come to Chippewa Valley Area and participate. It would be like opening the door for them.

Another question was asked if a person could go to a jail facility by themselves if someone is unwilling to accompany them to the jail meeting. The answer was "not really." It was said that every jail meeting has an approval process and application. The Jackson county jail meeting takes place, for example, on the second Sunday of the month. It was also asked if the literature at jail meetings goes into a jail library. The answer was usually, but not at the Stanley facility. At Stanley's facility, the literature goes directly to individuals – otherwise, yes, the literature goes to a library.

The March Snow Bowl was brought up. It was asked if Bridges to Recovery should donate the funds to the area's H&I committee. There were no objections. Someone else asked if the Snow Bowl needs any extra help from the area committee. The answer was, not really, all funds for the event are covered.

It was mentioned that the regional flyer had a couple typos.

Old Business: (began approximately: 11:11am ended: 11:11am)

Elections:

New Business:

Motion 1: Jerry K 2nd: Mike D

Motion: To purchase \$600.00 in literature to distribute to facilities as needed.

Intent: To carry the NA message to addicts

Financial impact: Yes – \$600.00

VOTE: 5 aye 0 nay 1 abstain PASSED

Group Concerns/Announcements:

The Sunday meeting in Menomonie will be moving to Saturday at the end of March. The time will also be changing. More will be revealed....

Key points to share with Groups

- 1) **A Women's Step Study has begun. This meets at 5:30pm at the Faith Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls on Thursdays -- Same location as the Black & Blue Basic Text meeting**
- 2) **The Wisconsin Regional committee would like to give a presentation on Public Relations after the Taco Feed at the Regional Conference in March. They are looking for discussion and feedback on just such an event. Please take back to groups to discuss.**
- 3) *An all subcommittees meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on February 19, 2017 at 29 Pines Restaurant, 5872 33rd Ave, Eau Claire.*

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at March ASC meeting

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

March 2017 Area Service: 9:30 am, March 4, 2017, Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls

April 2017 Area Service:

Motion made to close meeting: Zack H Seconded by: Angel G

Time: 11:40am