

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 04/01/2017

Hosted at Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI

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

Attendance: Dezaray C, Mike D, Sam S, Angel G, Joe F, Zach H, Rob Y, Alex S, Pete R, Mike D (Coach), Theresa L, Steve J, Jerry K

Introductions

Moment of Silence

Service Prayer: All

12 Traditions: Pete R

Roll Call:

Groups:

EC Friday night: Joe F -- here

EC Wednesday night: ??? – absent,

Chippewa Tues & Sun: Angel G – here/Shaua K – absent

Black & Blue Basic Text/Alive @ Five, Chippewa Thurs, Sat: Justin H.- absent /Steve J - here

BRF Mon & Fri Night: Pete R. - here,

EC Monday Night: Travis H – absent /Zach H - here,

EC Tues night: Jimmie L - absent

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

Oasis of Hope, Thurs EC, WI: Nichole M - absent

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

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday; Dave R – absent

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, Thurs, Sun: ??? - absent

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

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

Off the Record, Wednesday, Menomonie: ??? - 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 – here, Activities-Alternate: VACANT

Literature: April B - absent, 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 March minutes by: Joe F Seconded by: Angel G

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Vice-Chairperson Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Good morning all,

We put our surplus of money to good use this month through being self-supporting and sending money on to region, as well as providing literature to several facilities across the Chippewa Valley Area. As you will see from the break-down in my other report, we spent a grand total of over 1200 dollars on carrying the message which seems a large sum of money but at the end of the day if it helped a single addict in my eyes it is money well spent, though I believe the impact is more significant than that. We also returned the activities budget so that we could put on the event following region, which was in my opinion a stunning success. Through putting out the word for H&I support, we also received a few new individuals this past month willing to help carry the message. Thank you everyone for your hard work and dedication to carrying the message to the still suffering addict.

ILS,

Question/Comment:

Accepted

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

I won't be joining you today so here is my report from the Regional Conference held March 18th and 19th in Eau Claire.

Treasurer- Carl

Paid out \$1800 in conference participation reimbursement for last cycle. Balance at the beginning of this conference was \$6083.

WSNAC- Jennifer

WSNAC purchased a trailer to haul stuff in.

Activities- Jon

Fun in the Sun will be July 14-16 Kohler-Andre State Park. \$15 registration fee covers your camping fee for the weekend.

Get you flags decorated and picture submitted to Jon prior to the Fun in the Sun weekend. There is still no decision on prize for decoration or Capture the Flag Contest.

H&I- Dezz

Dezz's term is up in September and there are no Alt or replacement candidates yet.

Policy- Vicky

All policy changes to a four times a year conference schedule have been made.

PR- Matt

RRAGS phone line has been eliminated. They are now with the Chicago Region.

Regional meeting lists will be distributed at Fun in the Sun in July. RCMs update meeting changes on excel spreadsheet and submit to Webservants as they take place. Don't wait until the last minute before Fun in the Sun as the Webservant may be overwhelmed and changes might not get done. Anything to communicate to PR chair email to pr@wisconsinna.org.

Helicopter- Kelsey

Helicopter work finished and ad hoc committee disbanded. Kudos to this committee for spearheading complicated changes from conference 6 times a year to 4 times.

After Lunch Forum- Maintaining accurate meeting lists. These are suggestions from other areas on how they do it.

Let each group print mtg lists from area website.

Added meeting must be active for 3 months.

New meeting must request to get on list.

Limit number of lists with each printing.

Put month printed in each title.

Have meeting information coordinator.

Change color with each printing.

Investigate if group dose mot come to area for 2 months.

Have Outreach Chair.

There was an allegation made by a member of Big Rivers Area that Regional Delegate Harold L. had written 2 unauthorized checks from Big Rivers treasury totaling \$420. Also took advance of \$514 to attend Multi-Zonal Forum and did not attend. Advance has not been returned.

Topic Board Topics;

Misappropriation of funds by RD. Vote to remove from office failed. Vote by RCMs must pass by 2/3 of quorum. His term will be up as of September Regional Conference.

Flags. Contest rules will be determined in July at Fun in the Sun and Flag contest will begin.

Secretary- Proposal made and passed to include most recent version of policy with each cycle's minutes. Also proposal made and passed for Secretary to produce one page flier of Key Points with each cycle's minutes.

Proposal made and passed to explore the possibilities of purchasing regional projector and portable screen.

Issuing funds between cycles- Treasurer will bring policy language suggestions to next region in September.

Please note that this will be my last report as I am resigning as your RCM as of the April CVA area meeting. This position has been a tremendous growth and learning opportunity. And a genuine privilege. I am willing to work with whoever takes up this position in the future (provided I am around and not far

away). And I do hope that someone does take up this position as it is an important link between region and area.

In Grateful
Service to NA

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Treasurer Report: emailed/spoken aloud

3/4/2017	Beginning Balance:	\$897.44	
	<u>Income</u>		
	7 th Tradition	\$10.00	
	Literature Payment	\$265.35	
	Literature Surrender	\$207.19	
	GSR Contributions	\$85.00	
	Total Income:	\$567.54	
	<u>Expenses:</u>		
	CK# 1333	\$15.00	Facility
	CK# 1332	\$865.35	NAWS Invoice 0214708
	CK# 1334	\$200.00	Activities Budget
	CK# 1335	\$150.00	Regional Contribution
	Total Expenses:	\$1230.35	
	Decrease to Bank Balance	\$662.81	
	New CVA Balance	\$234.63	

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Secretary Report: written/spoken aloud

I checked our PO Box twice this month. There was nothing in the box the first time. The second time I checked it was yesterday. We got some junk mail and the new copies of Reaching Out. I looked through the booklet and was delighted to find that my submission had been published in this edition. Seems like the editor took a few liberties with it, but it is mostly intact!

I will be putting in a motion today to get the funds for our Fun with Flags entry. I need to get fabric markers. I found a set for about \$30 at Michaels, and I could also use a finer tip black one, so I am putting in the motion for \$35.00. It is likely I can get a discount at Michaels, since I am a rewards member there, and I will return any funds over that amount, of course, at the next CVA meeting.

I mostly did the standard stuff this month, printing flyers, updating meetings, etc....

I had no expenses this month. The beginning balance was \$190.39; the ending balance is the same.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Web Servant Report: written/spoken aloud

We received no emails this month. I have not yet inquired about increasing the size of the event box on the front page. I'm not sure it's really feasible, and the size of the box varies with the size of the screen. Maybe we can discuss whether it is user friendly or not today. I don't think the scroll bar is too difficult to find. I have updated all meeting information on our website as well.

The website was viewed 49 times by 34 different people. About 65% of these were new visitors. Our visitors stayed about an average of 1 minute, 15 seconds per session and viewed about two and a half pages.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report: written/spoken aloud

Good morning everybody. For starters I think its fair to say our regional event was a success. We had about 40-50 people in attendance & everybody seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Financially, here is a simple break down. The Activities balance is \$200.00. We spent \$136.76 on all our taco bar supplies & some ice for the cooler. The suggested donations turned over \$173.76 which got our budget back to \$200.00 with \$37.00 extra that I believe will go into the Treasurer's hand today, so overall I'd say it was a success. Next off, we did have some more discussion on our summer campout at our subcommittees meeting, in which we had a group conscience and appointed Joe F to head the Ad-hoc committee, so I will let him fill you in with more details on that. Lastly, the 4th of July Picnic. I have not had a chance to make it to the Parks department to reserve the pavilion yet, but I will get down there this week to do so. Also, I hope to be having more discussions on this at the upcoming subcommittees meetings. One more quick thing, Theresa drew up an awesome picture for our Area's flag & was willing to take on putting it on the flag, so thank you Theresa, & thanks for letting me be of service.

The ad-hoc committee report was spoken aloud by Joe F

Question/Comment:

Someone wanted to know if we would earmark money for the camp-out. A comment was made that special funding might be appropriate. There is plenty of money for the July picnic.... Someone wanted

to know if a local area camp-out is a new event for us. The answer was pretty much, yes. Apparently we have had a camp-out or two in the distant past. Someone wanted to know if we have records from those events in the past.

It was suggested we schedule another ad-hoc meeting. There was some controversy about using the campsite offered by Angel G's father, and it was said that a state park would be more open. The issue with using the campsite offered to us, is because of other people's drinking. A potential place will be discussed at the next ad-hoc committee meeting.

Accepted

Literature Report: emailed

Literature on hand is \$653.95

Cash on hand is \$149.40

Naws invoice #0315711 was \$459.18 which will be handed over to the Treasurer.

There was a couple medallions exchanged and 1 donated.

ILS,

Question/Comment:

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

I updated the phone line to reflect the change in the day and time of the Attitude of Gratitude meeting to Saturday at 6 pm instead of Sunday at 715 pm as well as adding the new meeting at Arbor Place on Thursday at 7 pm. I would ask that a trusted servant of these groups please call and make sure the recording has the correct information for each meeting. The bill for the Halloo system went back down to the normal rate of \$164.95 after the 2 previous months of issues with the RRAGS extension. The entire Region used 474 of the 818 minutes included in the monthly plan. Chippewa Valley Area used 38 of those minutes, 25 minutes for me to update the list 7 minutes for me to check the recordings and 6 minutes for the 2 callers who called in the last 30 days. One of those callers did leave a message asking for meeting information for a loved one who they believed to be secretly struggling with a drug problem. I did suggest they try to get him to a meeting or go to our website and download the IP "Am I an Addict" and give it to him.

I did also do some follow up on the email from the addict who was concerned that NA was not included in an email sent out by UW Stout about local resources for students with addiction issues. I sent a quick note to the AODA counselor at Stout to let him know we are still willing to provide any support we can to the students or staff at the university. He did suggest a meeting sometime in the future to discuss how he and the University can better help and support the students looking to find the right meeting or even convince them to attend their first meeting.

I have been participating in the Regional PR Skype meetings typically they have been on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. If you are interested in joining or even just observing the meeting via, Skype, the Regional PR Chair Matt L. can add you to the link and their email communications list. Because of a recent motion put forth at Region by Chippewa Valley Area to change the cycle of Region to Quarterly instead of bi-monthly a lot of the service work and decision making of Region will be done this way. This new schedule also will save the Region potentially \$1000's of \$\$\$ in motel fees and Regional Committee Member Reimbursements.

There is an upcoming Conference called the "National Rural Institute on Alcohol & Drug Abuse" that is being held in Menomonie at UW Stout on June 11th thru June 15th. Because of the fee's involved Matt will only be attending 2 of the 5 days. To save on expenses, Matt is hoping that someone here in the CVA would let him stay with them for the time he is here. Also, He may possibly need someone who preferably is familiar with the do's and don'ts of Public Relations to attend the Conference with him. He is waiting for an itinerary for the conference before deciding if it would be more prudent to attend a specific 2 of the 5 days they have approved funding for. They did receive a discounted rate but it is still \$50 for both Sun and Thur. And \$100 each day for Mon, Tue, Wed. Hence the reason for only attending 2 days out of the 5. Last but not least, Region will be coming out with a new printed Regional list. To avoid the inaccuracies that have been prevalent on that list for the last few years it is important that the Group Service Members all double check the Regional website AND the downloadable version on that site for their meeting information. They are working on being able to use one computer program for both options which should solve most of the issues, but currently they are using two different data bases for each options. So check them both. You don't have to actually print the printable list just look for the "Print A PDF" version and click on it to check the information. Just a reminder the PDF version has not been updated since August 6th, 2016 so if your meeting info has changed since then it will be different than what is on the website "view-able" version.

ILS,

Question/Comment:

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 \$151.00 Avg Grp Size: 20 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Black and Blue Basic Text/Alive @ Five, Chippewa Falls submitted by Steve J

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 23/15 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Black River Falls, Monday & Friday NA Group submitted by Pete R

Donation \$30.00 Avg Grp Size: 6 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
The group stays positive and welcomes newcomers, despite the attendance. The meetings are small. Try to provide newcomers with a meeting list and phone numbers.

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

Donation \$200.00 Avg Grp Size: 20-25 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

It Works, Eau Claire submitted by

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

Attitude of Gratitude, Menomonie submitted by Alex S

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 15 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Sunday is officially switched to Saturday as of today @ 6:00

Oasis of Hope, Eau Claire Thursday submitted by

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

Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday submitted by Jerry K

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 5 Newcomers: Yes They return: No

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday submitted by

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

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, Thursday, Sunday submitted by

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

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

Donation \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 12 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes
Signing papers and court telling to come. 6th tradition reads?

New NA Meeting, Chetek, Thursday submitted by

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

Off the Record, Menomonie, Wednesday submitted by

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

Break for Serenity

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

A new subcommittees meeting was set up during open forum, and it was decided to have the ad-hoc meeting at the same time.

Old Business: (began approximately: 11:15am ended: 11:20am)

It was decided not to have the picnic and camp-out at the same time.

There was some discussion about the Grassroots Wellness Center meeting. Something was posted on Facebook, and this was, we agreed, inappropriate. Also, it is not appropriate for the center to be recruiting volunteers to revamp the center at meetings.

There was also some discussion about non-NA announcements during NA meetings and it was said that they have no place in an NA meeting. If someone wants to have an NA event, they should talk to the Activities committee. We have methods to handle these kinds of controversies.

Elections:

In March, Angel G volunteered for Literature Alternate – **ELECTED**

Joe F volunteered for H&I Alternate – withdrew

Joe F re-volunteered for the H&I Alternate chair

Dezaray C volunteered for Activities Alternate

Mike D (Coach) was nominated for Chairperson – declined

Sam S volunteered for Outreach

Steve J was nominated for Policy & Procedure – declined

New Business:

Motion 1: Theresa L 2nd: Angel G

Motion: To request funds to purchase fabric markers to color the flag for the Regional “Fun w/ Flags” event, and to use Theresa’s design for the flag.

Intent: To carry the message & encourage participation in Regional events.

Financial impact: Yes – \$35.00

VOTE: 7 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

Group Concerns/Announcements:

The Oasis of Hope meeting was briefly discussed. Since nobody has been there to chair for three weeks, it was decided to remove it from the list.

Key points to share with Groups

- 1) *An all subcommittees meeting will be held at 29 Pines Restaurant, Eau Claire, on April 9th at 1:00 pm. This will be followed by the ad-hoc summer camp-out meeting at the same place.*
- 2) The Oasis of Hope meeting at the Alano Club in Eau Claire at 6:30pm on Thursdays has been cancelled.

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at May ASC meeting

Current Vacant Positions: Chairperson, Regional Committee Member, Regional Committee Member – Alternate, Treasurer - Alternate Secretary-Alternate, Web Servant - Alternate, Activities – Alternate,

Public Relations, Public Relations – Alternate, Policy & Procedure, Policy & Procedure-Alternate, Hospitals and Institutions , Hospitals and Institutions – Alternate, Outreach, Outreach – Alternate

May 2017 Area Service: 9:30 am, May 6, 2017, Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls

June 2017 Area Service:

Motion made to close meeting: Angel G Seconded by: Pete R Time: 12:07pm