

March 5, 2009 Chippewa Valley Area Service Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Shelli (Chair) called the meeting to order at 8:45 pm

II. **Roll Call:** Shelli Chair, Fahn RCM, Tom GSR alternate, Jamie GSR, Matt treasurer for baby steppers, Karl, Josh, Barb, Christine Activities Chair, Lisa PI, John Treasurer, Teri GSR, Mike GSR, Andy, Ted H&I, Chris, Steve RCM Alt and Area Chair Mentor.

III. Reading of the service prayer.

IV. Open Discussion:

Steve suggested we need to keep the primary purpose in mind. Ie. Carrying the Message.

Shelli reminded us to maintain principle before personalities.

Teri suggested that if we have a problem with someone in a service we should pitch in and help that person.

Shelli gave Ted kudos for all the hard work has put in H&I.

Lisa wanted to know the definition of "the message"

John defined the message as ...(from the basic text)

The definition is defined that an addict, any addict, stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live. Our message is hope and the promise of freedom.

V. Approval of minutes for Jan has been passed

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VII. Reports:

Treasurer's report :

Today's balance: \$522.13

RCM Report: Fahn reported from the Region committee meeting. There was a round table where suggestions were given to help keep the area strong: Suggestions were as follows:

- GSRs should hold group meeting before Area meeting.
- Have a learning day. Suggested for all service positions.
- H&I should start working with one facility.

- Have stronger homegroups.
- Facilitator writes out agenda.
- Have on specific place for area meetings.
- Have a speaker meeting and dance to follow area meeting.
- Have GSRs prioritize during break.
- Have GSR workshop or GSR orientation before meeting.
- Have more business meetings.
- Have qualified chairpersons and others for groups.
- Foster growth for newer members. (aka learning mentors)
- Define sponsorship roles.
- Room layout should remain in a circle. (unity)
- Have a surprise speaker at meetings. Have it be a learning day on service.
- Serve food at meetings.
- Invite people to meetings. (personal invitation)
- Keep meetings at neutral place ie.. Perkins, meeting halls, churches etc....
- Topics for groups: World service, Reading OUR FREEDOM, OUR RESPONSIBILITIES
- Have step/tradition/step/tradition/step/tradition meetings
- Always ask for volunteers and delegate
- Contact Gene to come to NA functions to distribute NA products.
- Order Literature from Region.
- Suggested workshops: Leadership, sponsorship, Freedom & Responsibility, Communication, & service.

Big Rivers area donated paid registrations for two camp outs. Gave to Kristine to use for auction items.

H&I Report: Ted does not have a budget. Please fill out applications for volunteer work. Jeremy and Ted did a H&I presentation at Dove. Jeremy resigned as H&I Vice Chair. Feb.8 a presentation was done at Arbor. Questions the H&I guidelines referring to the Sunday night Menomonie meeting at Arbor. Asking for input.

PI Report An updated meeting list is on hold until the “boundaries” of Chippewa Valley are clear. There is a new meeting in River Falls Alano Club “Just for Today” NA 7 pm. Please contact Lisa with any new meetings in the area. Lisa made some phone calls and sent emails about public service announcements. Lisa would like volunteers to help with in any way with public information. Lisa is still holding off on talking with the diversion courts and getting info out to them. Fahn gave Lisa the Regional meeting list to make changes to make sure LE Phillips plots on the map. She can contact Bill O with the corrections.

Literature Report Dennis was not present

Literature Alt. Teri would like a list from all the groups that need literature.

Activities Chair: Kristine would like the area to get together for policies and procedures (bi-laws), pot luck and game night. Motioned passed. This will be held at Bethesda Church April 4th. 11am-?. June 1st&3rd Gene and Bill would like to come and speak about sponsorship. Lisa suggested we do this at the Area Campout. 4th of July picnic at Mt Simon motion passed.

GSR Menomonie Teri gave the report. The meetings in Menomonie area are doing really well, this past month we have had some growth with a couple of meetings with 30 plus in attendance! The NA meeting scheduled for Feb 26th was cancelled due to inclement weather, as she thought for the safety of the NA community and the janitor, was cancelled. Teri would like to thank everyone who sent out text messages and phone calls. Many new things to talk about or issues to resolve at our business meetings.

New Business

Motion for Chippewa Falls , Baby Steppers, and Cadott to join Chippewa Valley Motion passed unanimously.

GSR Cadott Mike says meeting has been slow

GSR Baby Steppers Jamie says meeting had an average of 2-8 people in attendance.

GSR Chippewa Tommy says is going well. 5-10 attendance. LE needs outside support.(Sunday at 6pm) Tommy has information and volunteer applications for the Chippewa Co Jail, he will give to Ted to distribute. Reminded the group that meetings at jails are a lot of work. CV Correctional facility really would like NA involved. Suggested GSRs for areas that have H&I needs to help H&I chair.

Fahn stepped down as RCM, nominating Chris. Motion passed unanimously. Chris is now Area RCM.

Meeting lists need to be updated all new GSRs need to get with Lisa to get on the meeting list. Lisa will get it together and get it to Steve. She will be ordering 200 meeting lists.

Lisa wants to do a public service announcement. She will be researching this

Tommy will get price quotes for new meeting lists.

Next Area Service meeting will be in Eau Claire at Church of Christ. 1st Friday in April.

Shelley closed the meeting at 10:05pm

Submitted by:

Fahn L.