

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 12/06/2014

Hosted at Church of Christ

Meeting called to order by: John M @ 10:03am

Attendance: Theresa L, John M, Dean L, Luke S, Mike D, Jerry K, Mark F, Amanda P, Shelly O, Lisa H, Nichole M, Jia P, April B,

Introductions
Moment of Silence
Service Prayer: All
12 Traditions: Lisa H

Roll Call:

GSR's:

EC Friday night: Gene A/Deidra S. absent,
EC Wednesday night: Theresa L. here ,
Chippewa Tues, Sat & Sun: Shelly O. here,
EC Tues. & Thurs.: ?
Black & Blue, Cadott: Mike D/Bob R. here,
BRF Monday and Friday Night: John M. here,
EC Monday Night: Juke S/Dean L. here,
EC Saturday afternoon: Jia P/Dani F. absent,
EC Tues night: Lisa H here,
BRF, WI Wednesday NA group: Tena Q. absent,
Menomonie Wed, Thur, Fri & Sun night: Rob Y/April B. absent
Oasis of Hope, Thurs EC, WI: ?
Defective Characters, Rice Lake, WI: ?
Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday: Jerry K. here,

Administrative Trusted Servants:

Chairperson: VACANT
Vice-Chairperson – Deidra S - absent
Regional Committee Member: John M - here
Regional Committee Member-Alternate: VACANT
Treasurer: Nichole M - here
Treasurer-Alternate: VACANT
Secretary: April B - absent
Secretary-Alternate: Nichole M. – here
Web Servant: Theresa L - here
Web Servant-Alternate – VACANT

Subcommittees:

Activities: Nichole M – here, Activities-Alternate: Jia P – absent,
Literature Chair: Deidra S - absent, Literature-Alternate: April B - absent,
Public Relations: Jerry K - here, Public Relations-Alternate: VACANT,
Hospitals & Institutions: VACANT, Hospitals & Institutions-Alternate: Rob Y - absent,
Policy & Procedure: VACANT, Policy & Procedure-Alternate: VACANT,
Outreach: - Mark F – resigned/VACANT, Outreach-Alternate: – VACANT

Motion made to accept CORRECTED November 2014 minutes by: Shelly O. Seconded by: Theresa L
November Treasury Report is inaccurate

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Vice-Chairperson Report: absent/emailed

Greetings!

This has been a great month in watching many addicts work together in various ways to further our primary purpose. Here is a recap from the various committees-

Activities- The Thanksgiving meal was a small event with about 19 addicts attending, but the feeling was one of recovery and cooperation. Jia did an excellent job of spearheading the event. The amount collected was \$28.24 - many that attended brought food donations.

As a combination - Region in May 2015 will be hosted by Chippewa Valley Area. John, Mark, and I are working on getting a location locked down for the hotel. There is an appointment at 1 pm for Dec 16th at the Best Western. The Activity Committee will be working in conjunction to organize an event for the Sat night during Region.

The PR chair has distributing literature all over the CVA. I will let his report detail what has been done.

Outreach - I attended the meeting in Rice Lake. No one with a key attended so we went to a nearby restaurant and had a meeting. I will continue to attend that meeting and report back with what I learn. I let the addicts that were there know that CVA is there to serve the groups and if there is any way that we can help, to let us know. Another question is - if there are groups in which there is rumbling that the meetings are not happening on a regular basis, what is the process for keeping them on the meeting lists?

Thank you to the Web Servant. This last month saw an increase of emails to the site that required various people to get involved, and she did a great job of forwarding the information to the relevant people in an efficient manner.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Love you all!

Deidra S.

Question/Comment: read by Nichole M

Accepted

Regional Committee Member Report: spoken aloud/emailed

RCM Report to CVA Area Service Committee

Good morning everyone.

I attended the regional conference November 15 and 16 in Milwaukee.

There was an item of special business discussed. It was in regard to the arrangements that had been made with the hotel site. It seems that that RCM that had made the arrangements with the hotel had signed a

contract guaranteeing that the conference participants would book twenty rooms for the weekend and only nine had been booked. The hotel management was threatening to hold the RCM responsible for payment of the other rooms as he had signed the contract. At the time of the conference this issue had not been resolved. Much discussion ensued. It was pointed out that Regional Policy states that the host area should not sign contracts.

Activities Chair asked for Area's dates for their Area's functions. Also, the activities chair offered to host an activity in our area this summer. Funding would come from the regional activities committee which would work with our activities committee. Contact Rodney W. for further discussion.

The first Draft of the Traditions Book Project is out for review and input. If you are interested in becoming involved, let me know and I will forward the document to you. Input needs to be submitted to Carl J by January 1st. Questions, contact Carl at 414-416-6253, cjkna@outlook.com.

The H&I chairperson would like information on what our current commitments are. The current chairperson in Dezzz G and her contact information is 414-416-6253, basicdez@hotmail.com.

The PR chairperson, Jennifer M, would like information on when our area meets. Her contact information is 608-617-8068, jensnitemare@hotmail.com.

The Chippewa Area is scheduled to host the WRSC May 16 and 17 of 2015. We need to identify a suitable hotel and meeting space in which to have the Regional Conference. Then conduct preliminary negotiations with the hotel. The WRSC will provide funding for the meeting space for the conference and a Saturday evening speaker meeting and activity. At this time, Deidra and Mark have expressed interest in working this with me as the point of contact with the WRSC. It may be helpful to form an ad-hoc I subcommittee for this purpose. I will need to bring a proposal to the January Conference in the Dells. The guidelines for hosting Regional Conferences are in the Regional Policy document: Article Twelve (12.01-12.08). I am including the guidelines in this report as an attachment.

Question 1 for the area: Should the web group be a stand-alone subcommittee and remain as "Website Subcommittee. Intent: to ensure and maintain direct communication with the areas and other subcommittees of the WRSC. The Web group is currently within the PR Subcommittee.

Question 2 for the Area: Should the Wisconsin Region resume participation in the Multi Zonal Forum. The Region stopped participating in the past due to lack of transparency. Per the RD-A, Harold L., that is no longer an issue.

In Service - John M.

Footnote: John M submitted rcpt#466010 to Treasury for donation to WRSC

Question/Comment: Discussion of Regions check policy. Nichole M mentioned her knowledge that other Area's have policies not listing the Treasurer as the signer as the bank. Simply the Treasurer holds and balances the checkbook, as well as reporting the financial activity. This policy prevents the Treasurer or anyone else from running off with the bank balance. Many other discussions and questions occurred.

Accepted

2nd Footnote: Rodney W 715-360-2048 or roadtripinna@gmail.com

Treasurer Report:

Good morning family, I did speak with RCU about the \$21.89 check written to WRSO in July 2013. The check would be considered “stale dated” and most financial institutions would not honor the check past the 90 day industry standard time frame. The cost to stop payment is more than the check amount(\$35?). Hopefully, we can resolve the balance discrepancy issue soon and the WRSO can return the check to us so we can stop reconciling that one thing that hasn’t cleared the books.

Future check orders should include “Void after 90 days” stipulation, per RCU’s customer service representative. Speaking of check orders; I just began writing checks from the second to last book in our inventory. The book I just finished lasted almost a year, 12-5-2013 thru 11-1-2014, so we can wait until next fall to consider ordering more, unless we start writing checks more often of course. I will keep this committee posted if I continue as Treasurer after today’s elections.

Reminder the PO Box bill is due by 1/31/2015. In the past we did pay \$62.00 for one year, but last year the prices went up without warning.

Finally, last month’s bottom line was reported inaccurately \$759.60, should have been \$752.67 (a difference of 6.07) this was a simple math error from my getting confused about the Secretary Budget adjustment.

11/1/2014	Beginning Balance:	\$752.67	
	Income:		
	7th Tradition	\$9.00	
	GSR Contributions	\$70.00	
	Literature Income	_____	none this month
	TOTAL INCOME:	\$79.00	November Deposit
	Expenses:		
	Ck# 1250	\$168.20	Activities
	Ck# 1251	\$150.00	WRSC
	Ck# 1252	\$10.00	First Congregational Church of Christ
	TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$328.20	
	Decrease to Bank Balance:	-\$249.20	
	New CVA Balance:	\$503.47	

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Secretary Report: absent/emailed resignation

At this time I am resigning from secretary. I do thank you all for your service and support.

Question/Comment:

Secretary-Alternate Report:

This month I bought a case of paper (5 reams @ 15.79) and a toner refill \$43.67, those purchase leave a balance in the Secretary Budget of \$52.80 I submitted the receipts to Nichole already. She will write a check later today to reimburse me.

Next month would be a good time to discuss renewing the Secretary Budget.

Running Total	\$112.26	
Dec-14	15.79	
	43.67	
	59.46	\$52.80

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Web Servant Report: Monthly report for December 6, 2014

I have successfully been able to get into world's website and make changes to our meetings. It was requested of me that I do the necessary footwork to change our meetings with both region and world. I have tried to contact region a couple of times, and so has John. I am still unsuccessful in getting even a response, much less make changes to the meeting list at region . John contacted them and cc'd me a copy of the email he sent. They do not seem to be willing to work with us or our area. I was able to do the work with region's excel spreadsheets, but as I said no response. I did send off the corrected spreadsheet to region, but nada.....

I really enjoyed helping out on Thanksgiving. I think the event went well, in spite of being a low-key smaller event. I got to take home the turkey I dressed and put in the oven, because it didn't have a good home to go to. So thanks everyone. I enjoyed the turkey!!!!

I got about five separate emails this past month. The first was from a man deployed in Iran, and the script and language were ones I didn't recognize, but the great Google oracle translated it for me. He wanted to know where to get literature, and I told him to try world's site. Another email was from a lady requesting NA books for NA classes. I forwarded that one to Deidra to do with as she saw fit.... One was from a woman seeking rides. Another was from someone requesting information on the Thanksgiving event, and the last email was from someone wanting to stay clean who wanted to know if he could attend the LE Phillips meeting.

There were 29 unique visitors to the site over the past month. A little less than half of those were new visitors to the website. The site was viewed 51 times. Visitors viewed an average of a little more than 2 pages per visit and each visit lasted about 2 minutes.

Your ever faithful webservant,
Theresa L.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report:

I was not at the Gratitude & Unity Dinner. Jia will be reporting on the details of that event. I was invited to my Mother’s house for Thanksgiving. After 7 years of being disowned. A miracle for sure! My financial breakdown for November’s activity goes like this:

11/27/2014	Gratitude & Unity Event		
	Event Beginning Balance	\$250.00	
	facility use	\$20.00	
	Gordy's	\$7.72	
	Mega Coop	\$31.54	
	Family Dollar	\$17.94	
	Mega Coop	\$96.14	
	Event Total Expense	\$173.34	
	Reserve Balance	\$76.66	
12/6/2014	Pizza Party		
	Event Beginning Balance	\$76.66	
	Aldi's	\$28.95	5 16" Take N Bake Pizzas
	Reserve Balance	\$47.71	

The next Activities Subcommittee meeting will be Tue, Dec 16, 2014 after It Works

At the last committee meeting we discussed the Unity Event that many of you attended last week, as well as today’s Pizza Party details then we decided to wait until February for the next event. Valentine’s Day we will be having a Spaghetti Feed. Details of that event will be discussed at the next Subcommittee meeting. Please join us if you are even slightly interested in Activities. There is fun in recovery. I can’t. We can!

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Activities-Alternate Report: spoken aloud

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Literature Report: absent/emailed

Hello!

The H&I/PR literature has been passed on to the PR chair to be distributed to various facilities, and the PR literature order from the motion in October has been received and passed on to the PR chair as well.

The November order has been received (invoice 1105405). There is some issues with NAWS and the issuing of the invoice to the Treasure and visibility of the invoice on the portal that is being addressed.

The invoice amount is \$523.87 less \$209.55 from Motion #1 at October Area for PR. Leaving a balance of \$314.32 for the Literature committee.

Thanks,
Deidra S

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Public Relations Report: Good morning,

Well I am finally laid off for the winter so I will be able to put more effort into letting the people in the Chippewa Valley Area know the NA is here and that we are a viable source of recovery from addiction !!! I did contact the Menomonie High School and Middle School and they did both accept a Basic Text for the school libraries. Because of my busy summer I still have 5 of the hard cover Basic Text left for distribution so i did some follow up on the books that we donated to the public libraries. The information i got was confusing, but my understanding is that out of the 54 libraries in the "More Library System" there are at least 14 different libraries that have books categorized as Narcotics Anonymous Literature my informant wasn't able to determine which books they were however, 7 of those books are the Basic Text's CVANA donated this year. out of those seven, two of them have been checked out a total of 4 times since we donated them. The Eau Claire library did have one a few years ago that had been checked out 17 times before it was checked out and not returned. The total amount of times these 14 books have been checked out over the last ten years is approximately 47 times.

I also contacted UW Stout in Menomonie again and spoke with Jake Bloom, the Alcohol and Drug Coordinator , Jake is also part of the Chancellors Coalition on Alcohol and Drugs. He did agree that placing a literature rack at the university would be a good idea so I did deliver a rack and enough IP's to fill it along with 3 Basic Text that will be made available to students as well as any staff who may be interested in knowing more about NA. During the conversation I also mentioned that we would still like to do a PR presentation for the Chancellors Coalition. We did set a tentative date for the presentation for Friday February 6 during the coalitions regular meeting time between 830am and 10 am, but this date is subject to change . They are currently in the process of setting up a symposium for several area universities to discuss the issues of prescription drugs and Heroin as it pertains to the universities, I did ask him to keep me informed on that, as we could possibly to a presentation there as well or instead of just to the Chancellors Coalition alone. The length and format of the presentation has not been determined yet as Jake was not sure as to the time that will be available but I will be needing a couple volunteers for this and would like to be able to have a few younger panel members that could possibly relate to the college atmosphere and culture as well as some more experienced members. So please relay this info to your groups so we can have the best demographics available.

After delivering some IP's, meeting lists and White Books to The Community Table in Eau Claire last month Nichole contacted them and was informed that they have a "Community Resources" day every Tuesday during the meal that is served between 5pm and 615pm where they bring in representatives of one or more resources from around the area that may be able to help those who are utilizing The Community Table. I did speak with Rachel, the coordinator and asked if NA could be apart of that event in the future. I did send a follow up email asking for more information and available dates. At this time I don't know if this would turn into an ongoing event or just a one time thing. I believe I have enough IP's on hand right now to do this if she gets back to me with an available date for the near future, otherwise i will distribute that literature somewhere else.

Besides the 5 Basic Text's i mentioned earlier , i also have 40 white Booklets, 97 For The Parents of Addicts, 94 For Young Addicts By Young Addicts, 83 AN Introduction To NA, 83 Welcome To NA, 93 A Recourse in Our Community, 33 Membership Survey, 47 For Those In Treatment, 29 For The Newcomer, 85 Am i An Addict, and 10 Regional Meeting Lists. These IP's seem to be the most relevant to the projects i have planned for the near future so i would like to even out the numbers that i have on hand and also have some available for any presentations that we can schedule. so i am submitting a motion for \$108.87 to purchase 60 White Booklets, 20 Am I An Addict, 20 An Intro To NA, 20 Welcome to NA, 70 Membership Survey, 70 For The Newcomer.

On a side note to John M. our Regional Committee Member, I would ask that it be brought to their attention that the printed Regional meeting list was inaccurate for CVA the day we received it and did not even match the information on wisconsinna.org much less CVANA website. i did speak briefly with the Regional PR Chair about it and apparently the webservant and the PR Chair gathered this information separately for the digital and the printed lists? There must be a better way to get more accurate information to those seeking to find Narcotics Anonymous in our Region.

Thanks,

Jerry K.

Question/Comment: Jia asked about some details and gave some follow up about McKinley Alternative HS, EC.

Accepted

Hospitals and Institution Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Hospitals and Institution-Alternate Report: ***absent***

Policy and Procedure Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Outreach Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Break for Serenity

GSR REPORTS

United Survive Eau Claire Wednesday Submitted by Theresa L

Donation \$ 70 Avg Grp Size: 8-12 Newcomers: yes They return: yes sometimes
We do greet newcomers. Hug each person when they reach a milestone & there are lots of hugs after the meeting. We hand out mtg lists. Once in a while Area is mentioned. Topics tend to be relevant & ??? (Secretary unsure of word) We do have a few long term members who attend regularly & they share lots of ESH. Announcements are made @ the beginning of all meetings. I am adjusting to the GSR position...

Black River Falls Monday & Friday NA Group Submitted by John M

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 2-3 Newcomers: yes They return: sometimes
Attendance has dropped off significantly. Drug court reconfiguring or maybe discontinuing. We used to get drug court clients and now don't.

Together We Grow Eau Claire Monday Night Submitted by Luke S

Donation \$ 75.71 Avg Grp Size: 15-25 Newcomers: yes They Return: sometimes
Newcomers are greeted and given meeting lists along with phone numbers. Message of recovery is always kept, meetings do go as needed to every addict that has a need to share. Hugs are encouraged.

Miracles Are Us Eau Claire Friday Submitted by Gene A/Deidra S

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

absent

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

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

absent

Bridges to Recovery Chippewa Falls submitted by Shelly O

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 5-20 Newcomers: yes They return: sometimes
We are keeping the Saturday meeting. Support is appreciated.

Black and Blue Basic Text submitted by Mike D

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 3 Newcomers: no They return:
Big changes to B+B. We voted to relocate the meeting to Chippewa. We have not had any local support from the local community. Moving closer to where Bob & I live and to hopefully gain some support for our meeting is a need. We have reached out to a few churches and met with a few of them. We have high hopes for gaining momentum for our meeting. We may be holding a function when we finally get things figured out.

Silver Lining submitted by Jia P/Dani F

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

It Works submitted by Lisa H

Donation \$ 10 Avg Grp Size: 4-10 Newcomers: yes They return: sometimes
This month has been doing well we've had between 4-10 people. We rotate between steps & traditions every week & they seem to enjoy reading steps & traditions.

Black River Falls Wednesday NA group submitted by Tena Q

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

absent

Attitude of Gratitude (Menomonie) submitted by Rob Y/April B

absent

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

Oasis of Hope, Thurs EC, WI submitted by ?

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

Defective Characters, Rice Lake, WI submitted by ?

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

Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday submitted by Jerry K

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

We continue to read the Basic Text and carry the message

15 Min. Open Forum: (began: 11:35am ended: 11:54am)

Mike D asked for ESH about potential Facility recruiting NA members to the church

Deidra: if there are groups in which there is rumbling that the meetings are not happening on a regular basis, what is the process for keeping them on the meeting lists? Discussion among many; Decision

Old Business: (began approximately: 11:55am ended: approximately 12:25pm)

Elections:

Treasurer: Nichole M. volunteered to continue. VOTE: ELECTED

Secretary: Mark F. nominated April B, accepted. –withdrawn 12/6

Web Servant: Lisa H nominated Theresa L, accepted. VOTE: ELECTED

Outreach: Theresa L. nominated Mark F., accepted – withdrawn 12/6

H&I: Rob Y. nominated Mark F., accepted – withdrawn 12/6

Nominations/Volunteers(VACANT):

Regional Committee Member-Alternate: Treasurer-Alternate: NONE

Secretary: Theresa L volunteered.

Secretary-Alternate: NONE

Web Servant-Alternate: NONE,

Hospitals & Institutions: NONE

Hospitals & Institutions-Alternate: NONE

Policy & Procedure: NONE

Policy & Procedure-Alternate: NONE

Outreach: Mike D nominated Dale S, accepted.

Outreach-Alternate: NONE

New Business:

PO Box bill is due by 1/31/2015. In the past we did pay \$62.00 for one year(January 2015)

RCM: WRSC Webgroup change to stand alone committee; tabled for group conscious. Vote January 2015
CVA meeting.

Motion#1: Maker: Jerry K (PR) 2nd: Mike D

Motion: to purchase literature for Public Relations Activities

Intent: to carry the NA message

Financial Impact: YES \$108.87

VOTE: 6 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

Group Concerns/Announcements:

Jia P announced the 2015 Area Inventory! There are 2 page surveys available for any NA members to ANONYMOUSLY express their opinion or suggestions of how the local NA groups and committees operate. Jia “Explained that a suggestion was made to perform an area inventory, basically take stock of where we are at in the hearts and minds of individual addicts and groups in our area. It was last done in 2011, and the ad hoc committee met...Jia, Deidra, Jerry & Mark Explained that the first step [of the inventory process] was gathering data and we have chosen to use the NA-approved tool, briefly described the 3 main areas on the survey (2pgs attached) and what type of info we r looking for, and that a committee member will visit each group at least once. Also plz return completed surveys to one of us, etc.”

Key points to share with Groups

- 1) *RCM: WRSC Webgroup change to stand alone committee; tabled for group conscious. Vote in January 2015.*
- 2) *Any group wanting to host Area? March, April, May & June 2015 are open for scheduling. Confirm with your facility before announcing to Area please.*
- 3) *Area Inventory survey are being distributed. Return completed surveys to Jia P by Feb 28, 2015*
- 4) *Activities Subcommittee meeting will be Tue, Dec 16, 2014 after It Works*

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at January 2015 ASC meeting

December Nominations:

Secretary: Theresa L volunteered.

Outreach: Mike D nominated Dale S, accepted.

Current Vacant Positions: Chair, Regional Committee Member-Alternate, Treasurer-Alternate, Secretary, Secretary-Alternate, Web Servant-Alternate, Public Relations-Alternate, Hospitals & Institutions, Policy & Procedure, Policy & Procedure-Alternate, Outreach, Outreach-Alternate

January 2015 Area Service: 9:30AM January 3, Café 420, 420 Washington St, Eau Claire

February 2015 Area Service: 9:30AM February 7, Central Lutheran, Chippewa Falls, WI

March 2015 Area Service: Location to be determined

April 2015 Area Service: Location to be determined

May 2015 Area Service: Location to be determined

June 2015 Area Service: Location to be determined

Motion made to close meeting: Jerry K Seconded by: Lisa H

Time: 12:30pm