

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 05/02/2015

Hosted at Church of Christ, Eau Claire, WI

Meeting called to order by: Deidra @ 9:44am

Attendance: Shelly O, Deidra S, Luke S, Josh J, Shannon S, Luke L, Shannon H, Greg S, Shibaka M, Mark F, Rob Y, April B, Jerry K, Nichole M, Theresa L, Jia P, Tom A, Lisa H, John M

Introductions
Moment of Silence
Service Prayer: All
12 Traditions: Luke S

Roll Call:

GSR's:

EC Friday night: Gene A- absent/Deidra S. here,
EC Wednesday night: Theresa L here ,
Chippewa Tues, Sat & Sun: Shelly O. here,
EC Tues. & Thurs.: Kevin E - absent,
Black & Blue Basic Text, Chippewa: Tom A.- here
BRF Monday and Friday Night: John M. here,
EC Monday Night: Luke S – here/ Dean L. - absent,
EC Saturday afternoon: Jia P - here/Dani P. - absent,
EC Tues night: Lisa H - here,
BRF, WI Wednesday NA group: Tena Q.- absent,
Menomonie Wed, Thur, Fri & Sun night: Rob Y.- here/April B - here
Oasis of Hope, Thurs EC, WI: ?? - absent
Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday: Jerry K.- here,
The Solution, Menomonie, Saturday: ? absent
Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday; Shannon S – here

Administrative Trusted Servants:

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

Subcommittees:

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

Motion made to accept amended March minutes by: Jia P Seconded by: Shelly O
 Motion made to accept April minutes by: Shelly O Seconded by: Luke S

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

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

Question/Comment:

accepted

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

Question/Comment:

accepted

Treasurer Report: spoken aloud/emailed

4/4/2015 Beginning Balance: \$305.90

Income:

7th Tradition \$22.00

GSR Contributions \$205.00

Cash/Chk: Literature

Purchase \$253.33 65.51+187.82 checks from groups

TOTAL INCOME: \$480.33

Liquidate Secretary Budget \$9.13 Adjustment from April 2015 Motion

ADJUSTED INCOME \$489.46

Expenses:

Ck# 1265 \$10.00 CLC-Facility

Ck# 1266 \$156.24 PR Literature March2015 Motion#1

Ck# 1267 \$126.87 Secretary Budget Liquidated (2015 remaining)

Ck# 1268 \$253.33 Deidra S for Group Literature purchased by check

Ck# 1269 \$35.00 Dale S - Outreach reimbursement

The website was visited 34 times by 29 different users. They viewed an average of almost two pages per visit. The average session duration was less than a minute. Over three quarters of our visitors were new ones.

Question/Comment:

accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report: spoken aloud/emailed

4/25/2015	Spring CleanUp	
	Event Beginning Balance	\$111.57
	Rcpts/Expenses:	
	Mega	\$14.80
	McDonald's	\$1.29
	Kwik Trip	\$4.00
	Facility Use	\$20.00
	Total Expenses:	\$40.09
	Remaining Reserve Funds	\$71.48
	Donations Received:	\$17.62
5/1/2015	Total Cash on Hand	\$89.10

Question/Comment:

accepted

Activities Alternate Report: ***spoken aloud***

Question/Comment:

accepted

Literature Report: ***spoken aloud***

Question/Comment:

accepted

Literature Alternate Report: ***spoken aloud***

Nothing to report

Question/Comment:

accepted

Public Relations Report: spoken aloud/emailed

I would like to say thank you to Shelly, Tena, John and Mark for helping with the Jackson County presentation. It went very well. I did send them a follow up email thanking them for the opportunity and to keep us in mind for when they are done with the reorganizing of their program, as we could do another presentation to the participants as well. There were 27 professionals present from the various drug court teams as well as members of the Ho Chunk Nation. In preparing for the presentation i discovered that 50 of the Membership Surveys that we recently purchased were not current so i returned them to Deidra. Also because of poor planning on my part, I only had 24 For The Parents and Guardians of Addicts. Because we were presenting to professionals who are involved with families, i thought it was important that the IP packets that we were handing out should have those included. So i did get 21 more of those that Deidra had on hand. If i did the math correctly, 50 Membership Surveys with shipping, cost \$16.80, and 21 For the Parents and Guardians of Addicts with shipping, cost \$7.29, for a difference of \$9.51 worth of literature owed to PR from the Literature Committee. I did also give out 21 extra full packets of literature to 2 people who asked for them to distribute to their clients. Because the World Service Office donated most of the literature that we gave away in Jackson County, we still have a fairly adequate supply of literature in case we hear from Chippewa or Dunn County before next Area. We may need to order some of a couple different IP's that we don't have enough of, but at this time we don't have anything scheduled so i will hold off on that because it will depend on whether we are focusing on the participants or the professionals as to which IP's we include in the packets. On a side note, as of writing this report i still have not received the 75 White Booklets from Region that they were going to donate to us. Apparently there was a problem with the address on them and that was supposedly corrected but i still haven't received them.

I did contact UW Stout a couple weeks ago about the Drug Symposium they were planning and was informed that it has been postponed for a future date that has not yet been determined. I was told that they would keep us updated if and when it does get re-scheduled.

As a reminder, it was about this time last year that we began placing Basic Text's in the libraries in our Area. In order for most of those books to stay in those libraries they need to be checked out at least occasionally, or they will remove them from their inventory. It has been a few months since i checked but only a few of them had been checked out as of a couple months ago. So you could help to make sure they stay on the shelves for the addict that may not have found NA yet, by going to your local library and checking one out. If your Library does not have one let me know and we will get them one.

As most of you are aware, my term as PR Chair is almost over. I would like to say thank you for allowing me to be a part of some really cool things that we have accomplished over the last year. I believe we have formed the base for some very important relationships with some of the professionals in the CVA. There is and always will be much more that we can do to carry the message for our groups and Narcotics Anonymous as a whole. My hope is that this committee continues what we have begun. I will always be willing to help when ever i can but if my job schedule from last summer was any indication, this summer I will not have the time to commit what i feel this position requires. Although i want to stay involved with PR as much as my job and family schedule permits, I have learned the hard way that my serenity hinges very much on being able to find balance in recovery. Therefore, I wont be volunteering or accepting nominations for the PR Chair position when my term ends. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve and grow in my recovery.

Jerry K.

Question/Comment:

accepted

Public Relations Alternate Report: spoken aloud/emailed

Greetings, I am Mark and I am an addict. Wow, what an exciting time it has been! As Jerry said the presentation in Black river Falls went well. Everyone did a great job, thanks! Jerry reported at our last

Area meeting that we had developed an email thread with other NA members throughout the Mid-West and West. We have also had a video conference with members from Montana, and our planning another one this month. It is truly awesome to be part of this process and meeting others to share our combined ESH!!! Thank you Jerry for taking the lead in the projects we have been involved in, and more to come you leave some big shoes to fill!

I have sent our power point to the members on the email thread, we can also send this NAWS and have them add to the local resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you all!

Mark F.

Question/Comment:

accepted

Hospitals and Institution Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Policy and Procedure Report: VACANT

Ad hoc committee meeting to review and update policies to take place at 29 Pines on May 31st at 1:00 pm

Question/Comment:

Outreach Report: emailed

I have received some info from Rice Lake this month about 5 meetings. I have not had the chance to confirm any of this other than through a couple other members. I will get in touch with Jia P. (Outreach alt.) & share what info I do have.

I do not have anything other than that to report at this time concerning Outreach.

On a personal level. I have been experiencing a considerable amount of physical issues/limitations lately. I have been to Dr. here in EC though they still have no answers, so the next step looks like a trip to Mayo in Rochester. As soon as I have some answers myself I will share them with you all. I would like to thank any & all for your friendship and support, I love you all & thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Dale S.

Question/Comment:

Not accepted because Dale wasn't present and report came in after Area was over.

GSR REPORTS

United Survive Eau Claire Wednesday Submitted by Theresa L

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 9 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Wednesday night still needs some support. Hopefully the Unity banner will end up at this meeting soon.

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

Donation \$ 30.00 Avg Grp Size: 4/5 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Together We Grow Eau Claire Monday Night Submitted by Luke S/Dean L

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 25 Newcomers: Yes They Return: Sometimes
Message of recovery is passed on to newcomers and old timers. Still donating a Just for Today or Basic Text to anyone in the "Fahrn" that wants to give this new way of life an honest try. We have the Unity Banner!

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

Donation \$52.00 Avg Grp Size: 29-42 Newcomers: Yes They Return: Yes
Meetings are going well! Topics are recovery based. Many people from treatment centers attend every week.

All Day Long Eau Claire Tues. and Thurs. submitted by Kevin E

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

Bridges to Recovery Chippewa Falls submitted by Shelly O.

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 15-30 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Group going good. Nothing to report at this time.

Black and Blue Basic Text Chippewa Falls submitted by Tom A

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 8 Newcomers: No They return: No
Things are going well. Group is steady. Moving through the Basic Text. Recovery focused. Need 18yr and 19 yr.

Silver Lining Eau Claire submitted by Jia P/Dani P.

Donation \$10.00 Avg Grp Size: 7 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Meeting continues to be laid-back and welcoming. Group conscience has voted on rotation of meeting topics – JFT, Living Clean, Ask it basket. Ask-it basket is a favorite.
Thanks for saving my life.

It Works Eau Claire submitted by Lisa H

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 4-6 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Black River Falls Wednesday NA group submitted by Tena Q

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

Attitude of Gratitude Menomonie submitted by Rob Y/April B.

Donation \$ 70.00 Avg Grp Size: 25 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Oasis of Hope, Eau Claire, WI Thursday submitted by

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

Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday submitted by Jerry K

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 4 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

We continue to read from and discuss the Basic Text. We are currently just starting on the stories in the back of the book. For the last couple months we have had four people who attend on a regular basis and others join us occasionally. Our meeting is going well with no major issues. We have been able to keep the rent paid with the 7th tradition money and even had a little left over to buy some literature last month
Thanks

The Solution, Menomonie, Saturday submitted by

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

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday submitted by Shannon S

Donation \$; 20.00 Avg Grp Size: 15-20 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes

Break for Serenity

15 Min. Open Forum: (began: 11:25am ended: 11:43am)

The Rice Lake meetings were discussed. Being added to the meeting list and website were mentioned. The GSR for all Rice Lake meetings except Saturday attended. Four people from Rice Lake were present at Area, and wanted to know how to go about doing activities in Rice Lake. It was suggested they go to the Activities chair.. There is a drug court in Barron and it was requested that a presentation be made. There are no NA meetings in the jail in the area, also.

Someone suggested we do a flyer day – a “flyer posting party” type of thing.

A comment was made that meeting lists expire too fast.

Old Business: (began approximately: 11:43am ended:12:15pm)

Motion #1: Maker: Nichole M 2nd: April B

Motion: Renew Activities Fund partially

Intent: To fund the May 16 event

Financial impact: \$109.85

VOTE: 9 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

Motion #2: Maker: Mark F 2nd: Rob Y

Motion: To purchase one Public Relations Guide and on Hospitals and Institutions Handbook

Intent: To have the guides/handbooks available for the PR and H&I subcommittees.

Financial impact: purchase price of the books

TABLED

Motion #3 Maker: Nichole M 2nd: Shelly O

Motion: Donate \$75.00 to WRSC

Intent: Self support

Financial impact: \$75.00

VOTE: 7 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

Elections:

Chairperson: Rob Y nominated in April: VOTE: ELECTED

Nominations for June elections:

Chairperson: Deidra S nominated -- declined
Rob Y nominated – accepted
Vice Chair: No nominations or volunteers
Regional Committee Member: Deidra S nominated – accepted
John M nominated – accepted
Regional Committee Member Alternate: John M volunteered
Activities: Lisa H nominated – accepted
Activities Alternate: Shelly O nominated – accepted
Literature: April B nominated – declined
Literature Alternate: April B nominated -- accepted
Public Relations: Mark F nominated – accepted\
Public Relations Alternate: Shelly O volunteered
Greg S nominated – accepted
Hospitals and Institutions: John M nominated – declined
Hospitals and Institutions Alternate: Jerry K nominated – declined

Other nominations:

Secretary Alternate: Shannon H nominated – declined
Web Servant Alternate: Luke S nominated -- accepted

New Business:

There was discussion concerning the motion passed at region to reimburse Jeff F for the funds he lost in signing a contract for hotel rooms. The treasurer at Region refused to sign a check for Jeff as did the Treasurer Alternate. Motions were tabled for the removal of Treasurer, Treasurer Alternate and the Facilitator. Much discussion was made about how the Treasurer and Treasurer Alternate are trusted servants. “Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern” was quoted. Someone commented that the Facilitator had no business bringing forth a motion that defies policy. Region tabled the vote on the removal of all three trusted servants. Some thought it was more important to prevent such a situation from happening again. Should consensus change policy?

The PR budget was also sent back to the groups to discuss. Some said that the budget request was ridiculous; there are cheaper alternatives to the Halloo system for the phones. Comments were also made about the gross inaccuracies on the meeting list that is paid to be printed off.

Group Concerns/Announcements:

Key points to share with Groups

- 1) *June is the annual election month for the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Regional Committee Member, Regional Committee Member - Alternate, Activities, Activities - Alternate, Literature, Literature - Alternate, Public Relations, Public Relations - Alternate, Hospitals and Institutions, Hospitals and Institutions - Alternate.*
- 2) *The Unity Banner is at Together We Grow, Monday nights in Eau Claire*
- 3) *Rice Lake has five meetings a week*
- 4) **The PR/H&I/Outreach sub-committee meeting will be held on Sunday, May 24th at 3:00 pm at 29 Pines restaurant.**
- 5) **Policy Review will be held Sunday, May 31st at 1:00 pm at the 29 Pines Restaurant.**

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at June ASC meeting

Chairperson, Regional Committee Member, Regional Committee Member Alternate, Activities, Activities Alternate, Literature Alternate, Public Relations, Public Relations Alternate, Web Servant Alternate.

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

June 2015 Area Service: 9:30 AM, June 6, 2015 Church of Christ, Eau Claire, WI

July 2015 Area Service: 8:00 AM, July 4, 2015 Mt Simon Park, Eau Claire, WI

August 2015 Area Service:

September 2015 Area Service:

October 2015 Area Service:

November 2015 Area Service

Motion made to close meeting: Shelly O Seconded by: Lisa H Time: 1:17pm