

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 10/03/2015

Hosted at Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI

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

Attendance: John M, Rob Y, Mark F, Josh J, April B, Kim W, Greg A, Dan S, Mike D, Jerry K, Nichole M, Theresa L

Introductions
Moment of Silence
Service Prayer: All
12 Traditions: Josh J

Roll Call:

GSR's:

EC Friday night: Gene A- absent,
EC Wednesday night: ??? - absent ,
Chippewa Tues & Sun: Shelly O. – absent/Kim W -- here
EC Tues. & Thurs.: Kevin E. - absent,
Black & Blue Basic Text, Chippewa: Tom A.- absent Mike D - here
BRF Monday and Friday Night: John M. - here,
EC Monday Night: Josh J.- here,
EC Saturday afternoon: Jia P - absent/Dani P.- absent,
EC Tues night: Lisa H - absent / Jimmy L - absent
BRF, WI Wednesday NA group: Tena Q. - absent,
Menomonie Wed, Thur, Fri & Sun night: Zack H.- absent /April B - here
Oasis of Hope, Thurs EC, WI: Josh J -- here
Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday: Jerry K.- here/Mark F - here
Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday; Shannon S – absent,
Dopeless Hope Fiends, Rice Lake, Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri: Luke L - absent/ Shibaka M - absent
Outright Mental Defectives, Rice Lake, Saturday: Terry – absent,
KISS, Ladysmith, Thursday: Dan S -- here

Administrative Trusted Servants:

Chairperson: Rob Y - here
Vice-Chairperson – VACANT
Regional Committee Member: VACANT
Regional Committee Member-Alternate: John M - here
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: Lisa H – absent, Activities-Alternate: Shelly O – absent,
Literature Chair: April B - here, Literature-Alternate: VACANT,
Public Relations: Mark F - here, Public Relations-Alternate: Greg S - absent,
Hospitals & Institutions: VACANT, Hospitals & Institutions-Alternate: VACANT
Policy & Procedure: VACANT, Policy & Procedure-Alternate: VACANT,
Outreach: - VACANT, Outreach-Alternate: – Jia P - absent

Motion made to accept September minutes by: Mike D Seconded by: John M

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: ***spoken aloud***

Nothing to report

Question/Comment:

accepted

Vice-Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Regional Committee Member Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

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

Nothing to report

Question/Comment:

accepted

Treasurer Report: spoken aloud/emailed

I did not send the check to Region yet since I was not sure where to send it and no one has responded to the email I sent requesting the information.

9/5/2015	Beginning Balance:	842.12	
	Income:		
	7th Tradition	\$15.00	
	GSR Contributions	\$15.00	
	Literature Income	<u>\$266.07</u>	CVA Inv# 730419 & 730420 subtracted from NAWS order cost
	TOTAL INCOME:	\$296.07	
	Expenses:		
	CK# 1279	\$125.00	Web hosting Inv# 2015-801
	CK# 1280	\$10.00	Central Lutheran Church Facility use
	CK# 1281	\$353.54	NAWS Invoice# 0806503-IN
	CK# 1282	\$90.50	Activities committee more Tshirts
	CK# 1283	<u>\$150.00</u>	donation to WRSC
	TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$729.04	
	Increase to Bank Balance:	-\$432.97	

New CVA Balance: \$409.15

Question/Comment:

accepted

Secretary Report: written/spoken aloud

Business is the same as usual. I printed off a few more service prayers and highlighted those. Shelly sent me the flyer for the Halloween event at this church and I sent it off to region, and there are several printed copies over on the table.

Beginning balance was \$67.41. We needed toner which went up about \$.60. I bought that for \$44.30. We were also low on paper, so I bought some at Walmart. It seems to have gone up about \$1.50 or so for a case. The paper cost \$17.33. Total expenses for this past month were \$61.63 which leaves a remaining balance of \$5.78 cash on hand. I was not able to get toner in time for printing all the meeting lists for the PR presentation last month, and I hope 60 lists was enough.

Thank you for letting me serve

Question/Comment:

accepted

Web Servant Report: written/spoken aloud

I have been keeping up better with all the requirements of this position. Posted all events to the calendar and website on time. We had one email this month from a woman who is concerned about her daughter dating an active addict who wanted to understand addiction better. I pretty much told her that unless you are an addict, your understanding can only be limited. I also mentioned that this is probably a good thing. I gave her the website addresses for both Alanon and Nar Anon, and suggested if she wanted to understand better she could attend an open meeting.

In the past month there have been 33 different visitors to the site who accessed the site 53 times. Over half of our visitors were new people. The average visit time was about two and a half minutes and our visitors viewed about 2 pages per visit.

Your ever faithful web servant.

Question/Comment:

accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report: spoken aloud/emailed

Sorry I won't make it to area I just got done with a 12hr shift & am just exhausted Shelly & I have a few good ideas for Halloween party she will be writing up the report with some of them & are next activities

hope u all have a good weekend & u can make it to the final activities meeting to get the last of the Halloween party planned & by the way can someone please let me or Shelly know who has the Halloween supplies last I new Jia but she wasn't sure thanks,
Lisa

Question/Comment:

accepted

Activities Alternate Report: spoken aloud/emailed

Hi all. Me and Lisa are still planning the Halloween Party for the 31st at CLC in Chippewa. We have a pretty good idea of the menu and some activities. We are looking for someone that can provide some music and an old round wash basin for bobbing of the apples!! LOL. We are getting some NA items and a couple of tshirts as prizes. One thing I wanted to discuss with the area body was to make an event page on FB for this activity. It can be made private and will bring in more people. Could you please discuss and let me know of your decision? Also, there was a slight glitch with the tshirts. Mikes printer went down and he had to get a new one and just heard he has it up and running and will get shirts early this coming week. We have 4 sold already. The rest will be sold at the next activity. The next activities meeting is Tues Oct 13th at COC after the regular meeting. Please come and give us any of your ideas. Sorry I couldnt make it, I have been very sick and decided to just lay low this weekend. Thank you for all your time and support.

Question/Comment: A comment was made that Facebook is NOT private, and that Shelly could only invite her friends.

accepted

Literature Report: spoken aloud/emailed

Morning,

Literature on hand is \$703.76
Cash on hand is \$104.53

An order was placed with the Minnesota NA store (UMSC) for some Step Working Guides; receipt # 066261 for a total of \$71.66.

I Placed the main order with naws; invoice # 0917509 for a total of \$395.48.
\$51.74 of that is for motion #1 made by Deira in Sept. for 4 soft cover Basic Text for Chippewa Jail.
\$123.20 of that is for Motion #4 made by Mark in Sept. for 400 IP's to carry the message.
The remainder \$220.54 will be handed over to the treasurer along with both receipts for the Motions.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Question/Comment:

accepted

Public Relations Report:

I am Mark and I am an addict, I do have quite a bit to report today and will try to be as brief as possible.

Taking Back Our Communities:

- This event was hosted by the Ho-Chunk Nation and it is and was an honor for them to invite us/CVANA to be in attendance. While there were some glitches with organizational things, and participation from the public was low. All in all it was good time, we gave out some IP's, White Books and Area Meeting Lists.
- What meeting lists that were left were divided up, a stack was given to the Jackson County District Attorney and the Black River Falls Chief of Police. They both thanked us for being there and glad to know that NA was involved and to find out meetings where in Black River Falls!
- Thanks to Shelly, Wayne and Jason (BRF) for their assistance in this endeavor!

Arbor Place:

- After a lot of confusion mostly on my part, things have been straightened out and we are once again having H&I meetings on the second and fourth Mondays at Arbor Place.
- Thanks Jerry K. for assisting with this and making it happen in September.

Chippewa Treatment Prison:

- Wow! After a year of communication and frustration this project is becoming a reality!
- On Tuesday October 20, 2015 at either 4:30pm or 5:30 there will be a 2 hour orientation for those who sent in their applications.
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Other News:

- I have sent emails to:
 - 1) Jake Bloom in regards to UW- Stout Symposium
 - 2) Rose Baier in regards to professional presentation Chippewa Drug Court Professionals.
- I have been playing phone tag with Barron County Drug Court
- I am looking for some mechanically and artistic individuals to assist in updating the CVANA display board. Let me know if you are interested so we could discuss ideas.

Closing:

I do have many more things I would like to share but do not feel this is the appropriate forum to do so. So I am going to make a suggestion, on the third weekend we have been having a combined H&I, Outreach and PR Sub-Committee meeting. I would like to propose a meeting on Sunday October 18th at 2pm 29 Pines or another location for discussion on ideas of ways to enhance current projects, communication etc. In Humble and Grateful Service,
Mark F.

Question/Comment:

accepted

Public Relations Alternate Report: ***absent/no report***

Question/Comment:

Hospitals and Institution Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Policy and Procedure Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Outreach Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Outreach Alternate Report: ***absent/no report***

Question/Comment:

GSR REPORTS

United Survive Eau Claire Wednesday Submitted by

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

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

Donation \$ 30.00 Avg Grp Size: 3-5 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
We lost our treasurer due to relapse, so I am GSR, treasurer and secretary for Monday, and GSR and treasurer for Friday.

Together We Grow Eau Claire Monday Night Submitted by Josh J

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 25 Newcomers: Yes They Return: Sometimes
Greeting newcomers, giving them meeting lists. They are encouraged to take literature. We tell them about business meetings and area functions. Hugs are encouraged.

Miracles Are Us Eau Claire Friday Submitted by Gene A.

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

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./Kim W.

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

Black and Blue Basic Text Chippewa Falls submitted by Tom A/Mike D

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 10-15 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes
L.E. has been in attendance and we have a number of new home group members. I believe we have six people that consider our group their home group. Nice to see our group growing. We discussed adding the new book very soon to sell.

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

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

It Works Eau Claire submitted by Lisa H/Jimmy L

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

Black River Falls Wednesday NA group submitted by

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

Attitude of Gratitude Menomonie submitted by Zack H/April B.

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 7-15 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Oasis of Hope, Eau Claire, WI Thursday submitted by Josh J

Donation \$9.72 Avg Grp Size: 3-4 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Would like to change the time on the meeting list to 6:45. Greeting newcomers; hugs are encouraged

Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday submitted by Jerry K/Mark F

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 2 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Because of my work schedule and H&I meetings at Arbor Place I haven't been able to attend this meeting very often over the last couple of months. This meeting desperately needs support from addicts in this Area, because the only other home group member besides myself, is moving away from the Chippewa Valley ,thank you Mark F. for your service to this meeting ,this Area, and NA as a whole. You will be missed. Although we are slowing down , I still have 6 weeks left of my work season before I am able to commit to being there to open the doors, i will make every effort to be there but i dont have the option of sending my whole crew home early so i can go open this meeting. So some help would be great. If nobody steps up there is a good possibility that the doors will not be open if someone shows up for a meeting.

We continue to read from the Basic Text

Thank you, Jerry K

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday submitted by Shannon S

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

Dopeless Hope Fiends, Rice Lake, Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri submitted by: Luke L/Shibaka M

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

Outright Mental Defectives, Rice Lake, Saturday submitted by: Terry

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

KISS, Ladysmith, Thursday, Saturday submitted by: Dan S

Donation \$ 20.00 Avg Grp Size: 6 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Carrying the message.

Break for Serenity

15 Min. Open Forum: (began: 10:52am ended: 11:19am)

There was much discussion about a CVANA Facebook page, and Facebook event pages. Comments were made to the effect that Facebook pages break anonymity. If someone invites their friend, then it ruins their anonymity. It was pointed out that, since events are open, non-addict attendees could leave the event and blow any addict's anonymity that way. Someone said we already have a good distribution system in place. There are pros, but also a lot of cons. It was suggested that it is too controversial, and we should not do it. Research needs to be done on how to make such a page private. An advantage of posting events to Facebook would let the host know how many people are going to show up to the event, which is nice to know. It was suggested we take this to groups.

Mention was made of making a CVANA Facebook page as opposed to event pages. Such a page could have restricted access, and that it could be used to post meeting lists, etc. General consensus was that more discussion is needed. It was decided that this would be discussed at the subcommittee meeting, and then could be brought back to groups. Some discussion took place about what recovery consists of vs. specific 12 step groups.

It was brought up that one of the IP's discusses the issue of the internet and anonymity.

It was suggested we take fliers to the Whitehall area. A lot of people in that area have no idea where to go.

Old Business: (began approximately: 11:20am ended: 11:43am)

There was much discussion about the MN region presentation. It was said that "Kit can *talk*." It was decided that we would give them one hour, and one hour only to do the presentation. It was said that the addicts in Chetek were interested. The question was asked why Wisconsin keeps doing things this way. The Wisconsin way doesn't solve anything. Perhaps we should send fliers to Minnesota, as well. We seem to get more support from Minnesota than Wisconsin. Mark F said he would send out information on what was discussed.

It was also said that if we were only part of Minnesota, it would be hurtful to individual addicts in this area.

Minnesota does "projects" that individual areas usually cannot afford. It would be a good idea if Minnesota comes to visit and explains. The question was asked, why do we meet every other month as a region? Festering resentments have no chance to cool down when we meet that often. The question was asked about whether we should have a presentation about the Minnesota area or not? It was said that we could just send in reports to the Wisconsin region (every other regional meeting).

Most likely the presentation will take place on the same day as the area meeting on December 5, 2015.

Nominations to take place for December elections next ASC meeting on November 7th. Positions up for reelection are: Treasurer, Treasurer-Alternate, Secretary, Secretary-Alternate, Web Servant, Web Servant-Alternate, Policy & Procedure, Policy & Procedure-Alternate, Outreach, Outreach-Alternate.

Elections:

John M volunteered for Regional Committee Member
Jimmy L volunteered for Hospitals and Institutions in September
Kim W volunteered for Outreach this month

New Business:

Motion #1: Maker: Jerry K. 2nd: Kim W
Motion: Purchase handbooks for subcommittee chairs and co-chairs
Intent: To help the committees to be better informed
Financial impact: \$84.56
VOTE: 6 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

Group Concerns/Announcements:

Key points to share with Groups

- 1) *CVA needs people who want to speak and or attend meetings at Jackson County Jail and the Chippewa Prison*

- 2) *At the next PR/H&I/Outreach subcommittee meetings, the possibility of setting up a Facebook page for CVA will be discussed.*
- 3) **Next Activities meeting will be held at about 7:30pm after the regular Tuesday meeting at Church of Christ, Goff Ave, Eau Claire on October 13, 2015**
- 4) **Next PR/H&I/Outreach meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17 at 2:00 pm at 29 Pines Restaurant, Eau Claire.**

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at November's ASC meeting

Nominations will be taken for December elections. Positions up for reelection in December are: Treasurer, Treasurer-Alternate, Secretary, Secretary-Alternate, Web Servant, Web Servant-Alternate, Policy & Procedure, Policy & Procedure-Alternate, Outreach, Outreach-Alternate.

Current Vacant Positions: Vice Chairperson, Treasurer-Alternate, Secretary-Alternate, Web Servant - Alternate, Literature - Alternate, Public Relations – Alternate, Hospitals & Institutions, Hospitals & Institutions-Alternate, Policy & Procedure, Policy & Procedure-Alternate, Outreach

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

December 2015 Area Service:

January 2016 Area Service:

February 2016 Area Service:

March 2016 Area Service:

April 2016 Area Service

Motion made to close meeting: Jerry K Seconded by: April B

Time: 12:52pm