

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 05/07/2016

Hosted at Chetek Alano Club, Chetek, WI

Meeting called to order by: Rob Y @ 9:42am

Attendance: Alex , Mike D (Coach), Michelle M, John B, April B, Angel G, Dave R, Rebecca E, Jeff SH, Amanda A, Erin Z, Theresa L, Mike D, Steve R, Dean L, Nichole M, Rob Y, John M, Steve S

Introductions

Moment of Silence

Service Prayer: All

12 Traditions: Mike D (Coach)

Roll Call:

Groups:

EC Friday night: Mike D - here

EC Wednesday night: ??? – absent,

Chippewa Tues & Sun: Shelly O – absent/Angel G - here

EC Tues. & Thurs.: Kevin E. - absent,

Black & Blue Basic Text, Chippewa: Justin H.- here

BRF Mon & Fri Night: John M. - here,

EC Monday Night: Dean L - here,

EC Saturday morning Jia P – absent

EC Tues night: Jimmie L - absent

Menomonie Wed, Thur, Fri & Sun night: John B.- here/April B - here

Oasis of Hope, Thurs EC, WI: Josh J - absent

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

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday; Shannon S – absent / Dave R - here

Dopeless Hope Fiends, Rice Lake, Mon, Wed: ??? - absent

Surrender Group, Rice Lake, Friday, Saturday: Jeff S.H.- here

KISS, Ladysmith, Thursday, Sunday: Dan S – absent

NA Meeting, Arbor Place, Menomonie, Sunday: ??? - absent

Freedom Group, Thursday, Rice Lake, -- Mike D (Coach) – here

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

Administrative Trusted Servants:

Chairperson: Rob Y - here

Vice-Chairperson – VACANT

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: VACANT, Activities-Alternate: VACANT,

Literature Chair: April B - here, Literature-Alternate: VACANT,

Public Relations: Jerry K - absent, Public Relations-Alternate: Zach H - absent,

Hospitals & Institutions: Nichole M - here, Hospitals & Institutions-Alternate: Dave R - here

Policy & Procedure: Jeff S.H - here. Policy & Procedure-Alternate: VACANT,
 Outreach: VACANT, Outreach-Alternate: VACANT

Motion made to accept April minutes by: Dave R Seconded by: Mike D (Coach)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: ***spoken aloud***

Nothing to report

Question/Comment:

accepted

Vice-Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

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

Question/Comment:

accepted

Treasurer Report: emailed/spoken aloud

I am submitting a motion requesting permission to purchase envelopes, stamps & receipt books for the Treasury stock. Total cost less than \$25.00 I hope.

4/2/2016	Beginning Balance:	\$454.84	
	Income:		
	7th Tradition	\$29.00	
	GSR Contributions	\$100.00	
	Literature Income	\$540.41	NAWS - CVA Inv# 455146 & 455145
	TOTAL INCOME:	\$669.41	deposit 4/8/2016
	Expenses:		
	Ck# 1302	\$10.00	Facility
	Ck# 1303	\$661.62	NAWS Inv#0308604-IN
	Ck# 1304	\$80.00	April/Activity Fund
	TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$751.62	
	Increase to Bank		
	Balance:	-\$82.21	
	New CVA Balance:	\$372.63	

Question/Comment:

accepted

Secretary Report: written/spoken aloud

I printed off new fliers. After Nichole told me that there is a new meeting in Chetek I called the GSR for the Tuesday meeting. He said they had started over a month ago and that there was really no GSR, yet, for that meeting. I added the new Chetek meeting and new Rice Lake meeting and deleted the previous Thursday Rice Lake meeting on the meeting list. Not sure if I got the open/closed part correct, and I figured that I could find out today which ones are open and/or closed.

The Policy and Procedure chair has been checking his work with me. I didn't have a problem with either new draft of the elections section of the policies. I did bring the first draft to the subcommittees meeting, where a total of four and a half people attended. There wasn't much feedback on the draft and I told Jeff that. Jeff bounced his second draft off of me via email, and I don't find any problem with it. I think it looks a lot nicer.

I found the GSR Orientation packet on the flash drive archive after it was suggested I make the most current version available at area. This was suggested to me at the subcommittees meeting. So I found the word version of the most recent one, which automatically updates the revision date. The packets over on the table say they were revised in April of this year, but I actually didn't make any revisions at all. I didn't feel it would be appropriate. So now they are available on the table.

I bought a case of printer paper this month for \$15.79. Beginning balance was \$147.18. The ending balance is \$131.39.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Question/Comment:

accepted

Web Servant Report: written/spoken aloud

We had one spam email this month inquiring about whether we had a Facebook page and if we wanted more sales, yada, yada, yada. I deleted it. We didn't have any other emails this month at all.

I put the corrected version of the policies up on the website via the programmer. The new elections draft, of course, is not up there in the policies yet. I updated all meeting lists on our area, region and at world. World sent me back an email wondering if having two separate groups named "NA meeting" was an accident. They also said it was fine if it wasn't, they just wanted to bring that to my attention. I told them, no it wasn't an accident.

The website was viewed 97 times by 88 different people. About 87% of these were new visitors. Our visitors stayed about an average of twenty seconds per session and viewed about one and a half pages.

Your ever faithful web servant.

Question/Comment:

accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report: VACANT

Report submitted by April B

The clean up event in Eau Claire went well. It was a beautiful day, had a great speaker, fellowship & food.

\$20.00 went for renting the facility.

\$46.45 was spent on food and soda pop.

The remaining \$13.55 of the \$80.00 allocated from April area motion #1 plus an income of \$44.00 from donations & soda pop have both been handed over to the treasurer along with the receipts.

Thanks,

Question/Comment:

accepted

Literature Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Morning,

Literature on hand is \$758.67

Cash on hand is \$42.40

Naws invoice # 0412604 was \$168.11

which has been handed over to the treasurer.

Thanks,

Question/Comment:

accepted

Public Relations Report: emailed/spoken aloud by Theresa L

I did update the phone line to remove the Dopeless Hope Fiends Meeting on Thursday. I also added the Freedom Group in Rice Lake on Thursday as well as the new Chetek Meeting on Thursday. I would like to remind anyone who may be distributing printed list anywhere in the Chippewa Valley Area to make sure they are replacing the old ones with the updated ones as they come out. Also please check anywhere you might see our CVA list posted to make sure they are current. I recently visited a meeting that I don't attend very often and found a 2 year old CVA list on the billboard. I also recently discovered that the Alano Club 12 in Eau Claire is again or still giving out their own meeting lists with an "NA around Town" column, at least one meeting on it closed several years ago. I did make repeated attempts several years ago to get them to update their information or at least check it for accuracy before they printed anything with NA information on it, apparently that request was disregarded. If anyone has contact info for any of the current club board members please get me that information so I can try again to get them to either remove NA information from their list or at least update it.

We had 7 different people and 3 robo calls to the Halloo Phone line this month, with three people who left a message. Two of those were addicts with questions about NA and meetings in the Chippewa Valley

Area. I did speak with both of them. With their permission, I did also give their numbers to a couple other addicts who hopefully called them. The 3rd call was from a local AODA counselor at a private clinic. I spoke with her on the phone which led to her requesting that we come to her office for a short presentation about NA. John M. and I did attend that meeting together along with the AODA counselor and the owner of the clinic. We had a great discussion that hopefully helped them better understand NA. I did give the counselor several IP's as well as a Basic Text and a Step Working Guide to help her better understand our fellowship as well.

Sorry I wasn't able to attend today.

In Service,

Question/Comment:

accepted

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

Question/Comment:

Hospitals and Institution Report: emailed/spoken aloud

We were contacted via the phone line last month with an inquiry from Eau Claire County Jail to begin having meetings at the facility. I am in communication with Nathan C from Lutheran Social Services regarding this opportunity. More will be revealed.

Any members willing to support this H&I meeting please contact me or Dave R (kaptainrada62@gmail.com) ASAP. The jail captain will probably want a presentation before we can get started with the application process, but we may finally be getting our foot in the door.

The panel leader for Arbor has resigned his position. The support for that facility has evaporated so I am leading that meeting myself with Alex S as my regular chair. We are using a slightly different approach that seems to improve the clients' interest in the meeting.

Additionally, any members interested in helping sponsor people in prison can let me know as well.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Question/Comment:

The question was asked about why Lutheran Social Services is serving as an intermediary for the jail. The answer was that LSS works as a jail liaison. The jail is contracting with LSS. Questions were also asked about the format changes for the H&I meeting at Arbor Place. The answers were that the meeting has changed from speaker format to open sharing meeting. The question was also asked if those meetings are focused on recovery. The answer was yes.

Someone wanted to know what happened at the Eau Claire county jail. The answer was that it dissolved with our H&I structure. When the jail remodeled, the focus changed.

accepted

Hospitals and Institutions Alternate Report: ***spoken aloud***

Question/Comment

A question was asked about how many H&I meetings CVA has going right now. The answer was that we have H&I meetings at Black River jail, Chippewa Treatment Prison, and Arbor Place.

accepted

Policy and Procedure Report: emailed/spoken aloud

The latest revised Policy document, dated April 2016, is now available on the CVA website. There are three more composition and structural changes to the document that I'll propose today and then I think it'll be done. I redid the entire section on Elections and for the motion, to be more convenient for everyone, it simply states how the section will read. The details are on the back of the motion. The section was kind of disorganized and some of the statements disjointed. Hopefully, most of you had a chance to look over the excruciating word for word line item details of the revision and I brought several copies for everyone to see. Shaded means added and shaded with a strike line means cut. There are no substantive changes but I do believe that the election, nomination and volunteer process will be more succinct and written *{more welly}*. The other two motions are more or less self-explanatory.

Thanks for letting me serve:

(motions included with his report are detailed below in New Business)

Question/Comment:

accepted

Outreach Report: VACANT

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 \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 3-4 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Meetings have been sporadic and lightly attended. Could use some support.

Together We Grow Eau Claire Monday Night submitted by Dean L

Donation \$100.00 Avg Grp Size: 15 Newcomers: Yes They Return: Yes
Donate literature to in-house clients in attendance.

Miracles Are Us Eau Claire Friday submitted by Mike D

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size:25 Newcomers: Yes They Return: Yes
Group is going well. We had to address with the pastor at the church about the state of our meetings. There were not happy with the way we were leaving the facility. It has since been addressed.

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

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

Bridges to Recovery Chippewa Falls submitted by Angel G

Donation \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 15 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Topic – typically on JFT

Black and Blue Basic Text Chippewa Falls submitted by Justin H

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 10 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Meeting is going well. We have all funds saved for our annual picnic. We've been established in our new location for over a year and the meeting has established a new identity and has grown. We are grateful.

Silver Lining Eau Claire submitted by

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

It Works Eau Claire submitted by

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

Attitude of Gratitude Menomonie submitted by John B

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 8-10 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Oasis of Hope, Eau Claire Thursday submitted by

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

Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday submitted by Jerry K

Donation \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 5 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
We are making a \$20.00 donation to CVA and will be buying one Basic Text and 25 white keytags if they are available. We decided to have white tags to welcome newcomers. And are now reading the page from the Basic Text that corresponds with the Just For Today meditation reading.

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday submitted by Dave R

Donation \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 20 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes
Good turnout, active participation group level and area level. There is outreach and unity.

Dopeless Hope Fiends, Rice Lake, Mon, Wed submitted by:

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

Surrender Group, Rice Lake, Friday, Saturday submitted by: Jeff S.H.

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 8 Newcomers: Yes They return: No
Meetings are going good. We had a one year anniversary recognition with a cake last night. We have current meeting lists on hand. The GSR has resigned. We are an open meeting.

KISS, Ladysmith, Thursday, Sunday submitted by:

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

Arbor Place, Menomonie, Sunday submitted by:

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

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

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 12 Newcomers: Yes They return: No
July 9th 2016 Sat: Food and fireworks. Starts at 6:30pm. We don't read the morning meditation.
Working the steps (reading) the It Works book. Starting on the step tradition of topic Blue book work.

New NA Meeting, Chetek, Thursday submitted by:

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

Break for Serenity

15 Min. Open Forum: (began: 11:00am ended: 11:03am)

The idea of quarterly meetings for Wisconsin Region was brought up again. Group conscience said that Group Conscience already decided it was a good idea after considerable discussion at previous area service meetings.

Old Business: (began approximately:11:03am ended: 11:21am)

Elections:

Rob Y nominated for Chairperson – declined
Rob Y volunteered for Vice Chairperson
Dave R volunteered for Regional Committee Member – Alternate
Rob Y volunteered for Treasurer - Alternate
Rebecca E nominated for Treasurer – Alternate – declined
April B nominated for Activities
April B nominated for Literature
Mike D nominated for Literature – Alternate – declined
Nichole M volunteered for Hospitals and Institutions
Dave R nominated for Hospitals and Institutions – Alternate
Alex nominated for Secretary – Alternate
Theresa L volunteered for Outreach
Dean L volunteered for Outreach - Alternate

New Business:

Motion 1: Jeff S.H 2nd: Theresa L
Motion: Restructure section (IX Elections) to read:

IX. ELECTIONS

A. Administrative and Subcommittee Trusted Servants of the Chippewa Valley Area Service Committee are to be elected by the Area Service Committee. Elections for Trusted Servants are to be announced one month in advance and held at the Area Service meeting in June and December during old business.

B. Elections to fill vacant Trusted Servant positions will be held monthly at the Area Service meeting during old business. The Groups will be informed of any vacant positions prior to elections.

C. Election Schedule:

Terms are to be from June to June and from December to December respectively.

1. **June:** *Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Regional Committee Member, Regional Committee Member-Alternate, Activities, Activities-Alternate, Literature, Literature-Alternate, Public Relations, Public Relations-Alternate, Hospitals and Institution, Hospitals and Institution-Alternate.*

2. **December:** *Treasurer, Treasurer-Alternate, Secretary, Secretary-Alternate, Web Servant, Web Servant-Alternate, Policy & Procedure, Policy & Procedure-Alternate, Outreach, Outreach-Alternate.*

D. The position of those elected takes effect at the close of the Area Service meeting.

E. Must be present and willing to volunteer or accept a nomination one month prior to elections.

F. Election procedure:

1. Elections:

a) The Area *Chairperson* will ask each nominee/volunteer from the previous Area meeting to verbally answer Service resume questions and then open the floor for questions and concerns.

b) The vote for each position will be taken by secret ballot, the vote count will not be revealed and in keeping with our traditions, voter anonymity will be maintained.

c) The Area *Chairperson* and *Vice-Chairperson* will count the votes. If the position is for the *Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson*, then the *Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson* and the *Regional Committee Member or the Regional Committee Member-Alternate* will count the votes.

d) The person with the majority of the votes will be elected. If the vote is a tie, a second vote will be taken to break the tie if possible.

e) The *Chairperson* will then thank nominees/volunteers for their willingness to serve and congratulate the person who was elected.

2. Nominations/Volunteers:

a) The Area *Chairperson* will state the position to be filled and then open the floor for nominations, recognizing those who wish to make nominations.

b) Those nominated need to accept or decline nomination.

c) After all nominations are made, the Area *Chairperson* will ask for volunteers.

d) The *Secretary* will record nominations and volunteers in the order they were made.

e) The Area *Chairperson* will close nomination and volunteer process. Elections for those nominated/volunteering will be held at the next Area meeting.

Intent: To improve the thematic logic flow and grammar by combine sentences or related policy concepts without changing the meaning, so that the long number of lines on the list will be reduced and partitioned according to topic.

Change to Policy: Yes

VOTE: 8 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

Motion 2: Jeff S.H 2nd: Amanda A.

(Tabled and revised as Motion 6)

Motion 3: Jeff S.H 2nd: Zach H

Motion: Under Article VII (Motions) letter C

Rephrase: ... the motion process ceases and the issue is postponed until the next area meeting ~~when the conscience will be collected~~. To: go back to the **Groups** for a Group Conscience. The motion process ceases and the issue is postponed until the next Area meeting **where the conscience of the Groups will be conveyed**.

Intent: The meaning of the statement “When the conscience is collected is unclear as the intention. That is, the difference between bringing an issue back to the groups and the Group Conscience being brought back to the Service Committee.

Change to Policy: Yes

VOTE: 7 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

Motion 4: Nichole M 2nd: Dean L

Motion: Requesting permission to spend up to \$25.00 for stamps, envelopes and a new receipt book or two.

Intent: To stock treasury supplies

Financial impact: Yes

VOTE: 8 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

Motion 5: John M 2nd: Theresa L

Motion: To support the Regional scheduling change to quarterly – a change of from the current schedule of every two months.

Intent: To save money

Financial impact: Yes – Save conference participation funds.

VOTE: 8 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

Motion 6: Jeff S.H 2nd: Amanda A

Motion: To move article VII to become IX after the financial section (in the policies)

Intent: The motions section will then be placed after the Participation and Voting section because the two are related instead of being split in between the Financial section.

Change to Policy: Yes

VOTE: 8 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

Group Concerns/Announcements:

Key points to share with Groups

- 1) *The Tuesday and Thursday 12:15pm meeting at the Alano Club in Eau Claire needs support*
- 2) *Black River Falls Monday and Friday meetings need support as well*
- 3) ***The July CVA Service Committee meeting will be held the Saturday following the July 2nd Picnic at Mt Simon Park this year. The July 9th CVA meeting’s location is TBA***
- 4) *· Annual elections for June will take place next month. Nominations were taken in May. Annual positions re-upping in June are: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Regional Committee Member, Regional Committee Member-Alternate, Activities, Activities-Alternate, Literature, Literature-Alternate, Public Relations, Public Relations-Alternate, Hospitals and Institution, Hospitals and Institution-Alternate.*
- 5) *· Current vacant positions are: Vice Chairperson, Regional Committee Member – Alternate, Treasurer-Alternate, Secretary-Alternate, Web Servant - Alternate, Activities, Activities – Alternate, Literature - Alternate, Policy & Procedure-Alternate, Outreach, Outreach – Alternate*

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at June ASC meeting

Vice Chairperson, Regional Committee Member Alternate, Treasurer Alternate, Activities,

Literature, Literature Alternate, Hospitals & Institutions, Hospitals & Institutions Alternate, Secretary Alternate, Outreach, Outreach Alternate

Current Vacant Positions: Vice Chairperson, Regional Committee Member – Alternate, Treasurer-Alternate, Secretary-Alternate, Web Servant - Alternate, Activities, Activities – Alternate, Literature - Alternate, Policy & Procedure-Alternate, Outreach, Outreach – Alternate

June 2016 Area Service: 9:30am, June 4, 2016, Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI

July 2016 Area Service:

August 2016 Area Service:

September 2016 Area Service:

October 2016 Area Service:

November 2016 Area Service:

Motion made to close meeting: Dean L Seconded by: Mike D

Time: 11:47am