

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 12/03/2016

Hosted at Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI

Meeting called to order by: Rob Y @ 9:53am

Attendance: Rob Y, Alex S, Paul V, Justin H, Joe F, April B, John M, Rick N, Dave R, Jeff SH, Theresa L, Nichole M, Jerry K, Mike D

Introductions
Moment of Silence
Service Prayer: All
12 Traditions: Joe F

Roll Call:

Groups:

EC Friday night: Joe F -- here
EC Wednesday night: ??? – absent,
Chippewa Tues & Sun: Angel G - absent,
Black & Blue Basic Text, Chippewa: Justin H.- here/Mike D - here
BRF Mon & Fri Night: John M. - here,
EC Monday Night: Dean L - absent,
EC Tues night: Jimmie L – absent,
Menomonie Wed, Thur, Fri & Sun night: Alex S. - here
Oasis of Hope, Thurs EC, WI: ??? - absent
Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday: Jerry K.- here
Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday; Shannon S – absent,
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) – absent /Michelle M - absent
New NA Meeting, Chetek, Thursday: ??? - absent

Administrative Trusted Servants:

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

Subcommittees:

Activities: Alex S – here, Activities-Alternate: VACANT
Literature Chair: April B - here, Literature-Alternate: VACANT,
Public Relations: VACANT, Public Relations-Alternate: VACANT
Hospitals & Institutions: VACANT, Hospitals & Institutions-Alternate: VACANT
Policy & Procedure: Jeff S.H - here. Policy & Procedure-Alternate: VACANT,
Outreach: VACANT, Outreach-Alternate: VACANT

Motion made to accept November minutes by: Joe F Seconded by: John M

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

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

Question/Comment: Rob was thanked for going to the last Regional meeting

Regional Committee Member Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Attended the Regional Conference in Milwaukee on the 17 and 18 of November, accompanied by Rob Y. The next WRSC will be January 14 and 15, 2017 in Oshkosh, WI. Room rate is \$99/night. The focus at this conference will be on H&I. I plan on being there.

WRSO-There was a representative from WRSO at the conference. She reported that there are two paid positions at the regional office. The office manager, Shaw, receives \$500/mo., and the assistant manager, Jerry, is paid 4250/mo.

WSNAC- It was reported by the WSNAC rep that that the convention held in October had made approximately \$5000, but final numbers are still being tabulated. The WRSC in January will be at the host site.

Treasurer-Carl reports that the treasury balance at the start of the meeting was \$5,617.46. There were two outstanding checks that had been written to NAWs in the amounts of \$200 and \$100.

Activities- The fun in the Sun Learning Day/Subcommittee Meetings will be held in Kohler-Andre State Park in Sheboygan July 14-16. Camping will be available and there will be other activities. This mid-summer learning day will be in place of a summer regional conference per the new four times a year conference schedule, an opportunity to stay connected and network over the summer.

H&I- Dezz reported that there are currently 150 meetings taking place in the Wisconsin region and the she will be able to continue as the regional chair for the coming year.

Literature- Wendy asked the suggestions for the regional IP, Keeping Integrity in NA Service be forwarded to her by the January region. She is also in the process of reviewing and revising the WRSC Orientation Guide the is given to new RCMs and alternates,

Outreach-Vacant

PR-Vacant, but there is a volunteer that will stand for election at the January conference.

Topic Board stuff- There was discussion on sending the RD team to the next MZF (multi zonal forum) in Michigan next year and also whether we should resume WRSC automatic contributions to the MZF. It was requested that these issues be taken back to the areas for their input.

CVANA will be hosting the March 18th and 19th Wisconsin Regional Conference. I have made preliminary arrangements with Americas Best Value Inn on Clairemont in Eau Claire for a meeting room and guest rooms which will be \$66/night including tax. Our activities subcommittee should start planning for a Saturday evening function ASAP. We will be allowed to bring in food for a Saturday after meeting meal if our Activities subcommittee so chooses. A flier needs to be developed and posted on the regional website when the details are known.

In Grateful Service to Narcotics Anonymous

Question/Comment:

There was discussion about sending people to the Midwest Zonal forum. People want to know what the Midwest Zonal forum will do for our area, and there is no concrete answer. Questions were asked about why there is a need for it. Also, if we support the forum, what then will happen to region? Will region still hold quarterly meetings? Some answers were given: the forum has online resources we can and do use. The forum is an extra way to stay united. It was not part of our service structure originally. For example Iran holds approximately 17,500 meetings and only holds one vote at world. Wisconsin holds 400 meetings, or so, and also has 1 vote. The USA has over ½ the votes at World at the present time. Multi zonal forums address this disparity.

The USSC was brought up – this organization folded. Region was funding the USSC and is not now.

accepted

Treasurer Report: ***spoken aloud***

Question/Comment:

Treasurer Alternate Report: emailed/spoken aloud

11/5/2016	Beginning Balance:	\$462.73	
	<u>Income</u>		
	7th Tradition	\$7.00	
	GSR Contributions	\$366.00	
	Total Income:	\$373.00	
	<u>Expenses:</u>		
	CK# 1319	\$125.00	Website Hosting
	CK# 1322	\$50.00	Reimbursement for Activity
	CK#1323	\$15.00	Facility
	Total Expenses:	\$190.00	
	Increase to Bank Balance	\$183.00	
	New CVA Balance	645.73	

Morning all, this is my first crack at this treasurer business... hope it meets your standards. Anywho, there is an outstanding check from the previous month that has yet to go through due to not having the check book at the previous area, it will change hands today and should be resolved shortly. Other than that, website hosting has been paid for the year as you can see and a reimbursement went out for the bowling event which was done in Menomonie recently. I also promised a financial break down of the bowling activity this area, which will be on page 2 of my report. That's all I've got for you.

ILS,

Bowling Event

<u>Expenses:</u>		
Alex S.	\$120.00	(Loss of \$20.00)
Rob Y.	\$103.90	(Loss of \$53.90)
Contributions:	\$40.00	
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Total Expenses	\$263.90	
<u>Income:</u>		
Total Contributions	\$140.00	\$40 Used to Cover Expenses
Contributions (Minus Expense)	\$100.00	Split to Reimburse Alex and Rob
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<u>Ending Balance</u>	(\$163.90)	
CK#1322 (Reimbursement to Alex)	\$50.00	

The event was a resounding success in my mind, regardless the overall loss of funds. We had a significant number of addicts in attendance, and from my perspective it seemed to be enjoyed thoroughly.

Question/Comment:

Some members are not comfortable with not reimbursing individuals who spend their own money to facilitate activities.

accepted

Secretary Report: written/spoken aloud

I have updated the Thursday Menomonie meeting on NAWS website. It was one that I forgot to do before. Jerry let me know that it was not updated, so I finished updating our meeting information on their website

I checked our PO Box about a week ago. We got some advertising for new literature from World. I also got a note from a girl in Black River Falls jail who would like a Basic Text. I brought the letter and address with me in case we decide to indulge her request. I also got a flyer not available at Region, so with the copier feature on our new printer, I have copied it off.

I did try to acquire fliers for the New Year's Eve event, but got no response from our Activities chair.

I didn't have to buy any supplies this month. There was a beginning balance of \$91.49 and the ending balance is the same.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Question/Comment:

John M took the letter & gave it too Jerry. Jerry K says he will take care of the requests for literature in the letters he received.

accepted

Web Servant Report: written/spoken aloud

We got one email this month from a girl who wants to go to meetings, but DOES NOT want to run into people that are still using at the meetings. I told her there are no real guarantees of that, but it is a rare occurrence. After a few exchanges of email where she requested general information about NA, she thanked me and seemed encouraged to attend meetings. She was clean for a month and a half without ever having gone...

I did not receive a receipt for the website payment

The website was viewed 36 times by 28 different people. About 72% of these were new visitors. Our visitors stayed about an average of 2 minutes per session and viewed a little over 3 pages per session.

Question/Comment:

accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report: written/spoken aloud

We do have some upcoming events that we will be organizing, such as a Memorial Day event, the Regional Service Conference. Also, the Attitude of Gratitude group will be celebrating their fourth birthday in which we'd like to show support in any way we can. We also talked on having a New Year's event, but after talking with some fellow addicts, we decided to call that off. The main reason being we got a late start. Support and ideas are appreciated, especially on these upcoming events

Thanks for letting me be of service

Question/Comment:

accepted

Literature Report: **emailed/spoken aloud**

Morning,

Literature on hand is \$781.49.

Cash on hand is \$23.02.

I have handed over \$360.96 to the treasurer for Naws invoice #1114618.

There was one discrepancy on my report last month: I had added the sales for 10 key tags Into Cash which was correct, but I missed subtracting total from literature. So the starting balance last month for literature was \$533.72 not \$539.66 as it was in last month's minutes. All is correct and accounted for now.

ILS,

Question/Comment:

accepted

Public Relations Report: **VACANT report submitted by Jerry K**

As far as i am aware the phone system is up to date and current. We did receive 7 calls in the last 30 days that averaged about 3 minutes per call for a total of 28 minutes, that time includes 7 minutes for me to correct a mistake i made last time i updated the information. The system does require me to listen to the changes after i make before i can save them, I do also call the system back and listen to the updated information and check to make sure it was recorded under the right key press, every time i update it. I discovered this mistake when i called to check on a typo that i made in my written report last month that Theresa pointed out. What she pointed out was just a typo in my written report but i did discover that i had not recorded what day one of the Menomonie meetings was held on. **PLEASE CALL AND CHECK YOUR MEETING INFORMATION!!** Please check the name of the group, the day, the time, the address, and the name of the facility, as well as the correct listing for open or closed. It could be coincident that the average call length appears to have went up slightly since we decided to change to by the city instead of by the day. Before the change most calls were one to two minutes. Either it is taking people longer to find the info they want or possibly they are just listening to more information. This is important in that the Region pays for our phone line as well as 14 other Areas and we have a limited number of free minutes to share with the entire Region.

Thanks,

Question/Comment:

accepted

Hospitals and Institution Report: **VACANT**

Question/Comment:

Policy and Procedure Report: **emailed/spoken aloud**

I've completed documenting all motions that have revised CVA's Policy and Procedure from Jan. 2011 to Dec. 2016. The Archive contains excerpts from the minutes and is available in a single 15 page document on the Google drive, from the Secretary or in printed form. I also put together a CVA Policy Package which contains a copy of the Archive, the latest Policy document, the Service Resume, the Financial Responsibility form, the GSR form and the GSR Orientation Package.

ILS:

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: 5 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Together We Grow Eau Claire Monday Night submitted by

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

Miracles Are Us Eau Claire Friday submitted by Joe F

Donation \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 40 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Started a phone list.

Sign up sheet for responsibility

Handing out little white booklet and meeting lists to newcomers and those back from relapse.

Bridges to Recovery Chippewa Falls submitted by

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

Black and Blue Basic Text Chippewa Falls submitted by Justin H

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 15-20 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes

Group conscience voted in favor of having the Halloo line with both options. Also group voted to start the process of branching Black and Blue to include a Saturday meeting. When details are finalized, more info will be passed along. Also voted to start phone number lists.

It Works Eau Claire submitted by

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

Attitude of Gratitude Menomonie submitted by Alex S

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

Thursday meeting is no more, due to lack of attendance. Talked a couple months back on the phone line discussion & voted to do both.

Oasis of Hope, Eau Claire Thursday submitted by Nichole M

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 2 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
After attending this group randomly and finding no NA people in the building, I have decided to adopt this group for now. I spoke with Club 12's treasurer and no rent has been paid since April. An information regarding this group would be appreciated.

Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday submitted by Jerry K

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 3 Newcomers: No They return:
We are now stocking key tags. Still reading and discussing the Basic Text.

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday submitted by Dave R

Donation \$30.00 Avg Grp Size: 8 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Always need help! Phone line. Jail Meeting. Meeting list local area

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: 12 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes
We are in the process of taking a group inventory in the wake of recent controversy. We have several written responses to reflect our group conscience. This, so that, the GSR isn't the only voice speaking for the group. Oh, and we are a closed meeting. We need that corrected on the meeting list, next time it is updated

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

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

New NA Meeting, Chetek, Thursday submitted by:

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

All Day Long, Eau Claire, Tues & Thurs submitted by: Jerry K

Donation \$23.00 Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:
Final report

Break for Serenity

15 Min. Open Forum: (began: 12:11pm ended: 12:31pm)

There was some discussion about the Midwest Zonal Forum (MZF). It was requested a link to the forum be posted in the key points. Are we in favor of the MZF? Should we send representatives. Maybe we should send people there to get information about the MZF. Region sends people to World, and many people want to know if we should support the MZF. Apparently, we have supported them in the past with money. Some want to know if they are duplicating services that the Regional Service Committee already supplies.

The literature from the old All Day Long meeting was donated to CVANA. Some discussion took place regarding what to do with the literature. It was decided to turn it over to the Literature chair.

CVANA is looking for feedback regarding area attendance, and meeting status (such as if meetings are still operating as they should.) Area attendance is not required for GSRs.... However regular reports in writing to the area service committee are encouraged.

Old Business: (began approximately: 12:31pm ended: 12:50pm)

Elections:

Rob Y nominated for Treasurer in November: ELECTED
Theresa L volunteered for Secretary in November: ELECTED
Theresa L volunteered for Web Servant in November: ELECTED
Dezaray C volunteered for Activities Alternate in November: withdrew

New Business:

Group Concerns/Announcements:

There was discussion about the missing money at the Rice Lake meetings. There was also some discussion about the new Black and Blue Basic Text potential Saturday meeting.

Key points to share with Groups

- 1) **Should region send delegates to the Midwest Zonal Forum to gather information? Should we support the Midwest Zonal forum? Please take to the groups to discuss. Information on the Multi-zonal forum can be found at: <http://mzfna.org/>**
- 2) **Please take to groups to discuss: CVA is wanting group members to voice an opinion on area attendance and meeting status. Area attendance is not required for the Group Service Representatives, but there is concern about whether the meetings on the list are actually being attended.**
- 3) *An all subcommittees meeting is being held at 4:00pm, Sunday, December 18th at 29 Pines Restaurant in Eau Claire. All are welcome to attend.*
- 4) The Thursday noon Attitude of Gratitude meeting in Menomonie is no longer meeting.

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at January ASC meeting

Current Vacant Positions: Chairperson, Regional Committee Member – Alternate, Treasurer - Alternate Secretary-Alternate, Web Servant - Alternate, Activities – Alternate, Literature - Alternate, Public Relations, Public Relations – Alternate, Policy & Procedure, Policy & Procedure-Alternate, Hospitals and Institutions , Hospitals and Institutions – Alternate, Outreach, Outreach – Alternate

January 2017 Area Service: 9:30 am, January 7, 2017, Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa
February 2017 Area Service:

Motion made to close meeting: Alex S Seconded by: Dave R Time: 1:27pm