

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 03/04/2017

Hosted at Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI

Meeting called to order by: Rob Y @ 9:46am

Attendance: Rob Y, April B, Angel G, Steve J, Mike D (Coach), Justin H, Joe F, Jerry K, Paul V, John M, Pete R, Alex S, Theresa L, Jeff SH, 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 – here/Shaua K - absent

Black & Blue Basic Text/Alive @ Five, Chippewa Thurs, Sat: Justin H.- here/Steve J - here

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

EC Monday Night: Travis H – absent /Zach H - here,

EC Tues night: Jimmie L - absent

Menomonie Wed Fri & Sun night: Alex S. - here

Oasis of Hope, Thurs EC, WI: Nichole M - absent

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

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday; Dave R – 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, Thurs, Sun: ??? - absent

Freedom Group, Thursday, Rice Lake, -- Mike D (Coach) – here/Michelle M - absent

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

Off the Record, Wednesday, Menomonie: ??? - absent

Administrative Trusted Servants:

Chairperson: VACANT

Vice-Chairperson – Rob Y - here

Regional Committee Member: John M - here

Regional Committee Member-Alternate: VACANT

Treasurer: Rob Y - here

Treasurer-Alternate: VACANT

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: VACANT. Policy & Procedure-Alternate: VACANT,

Outreach: VACANT, Outreach-Alternate: VACANT

Motion made to accept February minutes by: Joe F Seconded by: Alex S

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

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

Question/Comment:

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

Question/Comment:

Treasurer Report: emailed/spoken aloud

2/4/2017	Beginning Balance:	\$682.44	
	<u>Income</u>		
	7 th Tradition	\$21.00	
	Literature Payment	\$516.37	
	Literature Surrender	\$50.00	
	GSR Contributions	\$159.00	
	Total Income:	\$746.37	
	<u>Expenses:</u>		
	CK# 1330	\$15.00	Facility
	CK# 1331	\$516.37	NAWS Invoice 0117718
	Total Expenses:	\$531.37	
	Increase to Bank Balance	\$215.00	
	New CVA Balance	\$897.44	

Question/Comment:

Secretary Report: written/spoken aloud

I checked our PO Box twice this month. There was nothing in the box either time.

I mostly did the standard stuff this month, printing flyers, updating meetings, etc....

I had no expenses this month. The beginning balance was \$190.39; the ending balance is the same.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Web Servant Report: written/spoken aloud

We received three emails this month. The first was from Keith, an online student at UW Stout who lives in Pennsylvania. He received a Dunn County Resource Guide for students that had no NA information in it. He was concerned about that and wanted to let us know. I responded to let him know I would bring it up at the ASC. The second email was from a lady who wanted to attend “free NA classes.” Her question confused me, so I replied letting her know that NA is not a class, but it is free. She then wanted a schedule of local meetings which I sent to her.

The other email was from a lady letting us know that Barron county DHHS is offering free Hepatitis testing on March 9th for past needle users. I forwarded that out to everyone on the email list. I was informed this is an outside issue, but I decided that this may save lives so I thought I’d let everyone know about that. She sent me the flier in our final exchange, and I have that if anyone needs it.

The website was viewed 54 times by 31 different people. About 48% of these were new visitors. Our visitors stayed about an average of 1 minute, 15 seconds per session and viewed about one and three quarter pages.

Question/Comment: The web servant was asked if she’d looked into what was asked at subcommittee’s meeting about making the text box bigger on the event’s section of the web page. The answer was not yet.

Accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report: written/spoken aloud

Hello everybody. I do have a few things to report or remind you of this month. Regional is in 2 weeks. Bring your favorite board game, or be ready for some Bean Bag Toss. We get to hear April speak! Tacos! It’s going to be a good time. On another note, I plan to call this coming week to get the pavilion reserved at Mount Simon for our Fourth of July picnic. It will have a flyer soon to follow. There has been talk of wanting to do a campout later on this summer. That sounds sweet; however I do not plan on personally taking on that event because I plan on moving out west mid summer, which means I will be stepping down as chair at some point around then. I am still willing to help with some planning of that event, just don’t want to head it, seeing as I won’t be there. Thanks for letting me serve; have a good weekend.

Question/Comment: What kind of food will be available at the taco bar? All the fixings for tacos will be available, plus it will be a potluck. There will be drinks for sale.

Accepted

Literature Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Morning,

Naws invoice 0214708 was \$865.35.

We received a \$50.58 discount & also charged 8% shipping instead of 12%.

After motion #1 made in February Area for \$600.00... the remaining \$265.35 has been handed over to the treasurer.

With both the discount & reduced shipping... the total between Literature on hand of \$798.61 & cash of \$208.58 is \$1007.19.

I have surrendered \$207.19 to the treasurer as well to bring the literature balance back down to \$800.00.

ILS

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Public Relations Report:

VACANT report by Jerry K emailed/spoken aloud

As far as i am aware the Halloo system is still up to date. We did receive 5 calls in the last 30 days. One person did leave a message. She did not answer the return call and didn't respond to a text message from Nichole M. We used a total of 12 minutes for the Chippewa Valley Area extension.

I contacted the lady that had emailed Mike D. last month about getting some literature for the non-profit organization she worked for. She did not want to disclose the name of the organization but i did meet with her and gave her 5 full PR IP packets, a Basic Text, a It Works How & Why, a Just For Today Meditation Book, a Step Working Guide and some Regional Meeting lists.

I also did try to reach the person in River Falls who had emailed the website about information on starting a new meeting. I left 2 separate voice mails as well as sent her an email saying we would be happy to help, i did not receive a response to either.

I also responded to the Addict who was concerned that NA was not included in a "Local Resources" email about Alcohol and other drug abuse issued by UW Stout. The list he was referring did not look to be all inclusive of every option available as it had only 4 resources listed one of which was the Alano Club with a reference to 12 Step information being available there. I let him know that we did a PR presentation to the Chancellors Coalition about 3 years ago and that we have made literature available to the University a couple time since then.

We did receive the H&I literature order this past week. I toke 8 Basic Text, 5 Just For Today's, 2 Step Working Guides, and 2 It Works How & Why to the Stanley Prison. The meeting is going well there and just celebrated its 6 month anniversary last week . John M. will be taking 6 more Basic Text for the Jackson County Jail today, i did take 2 Basic Text with when we went in on the 12th, for a total of 8 for that facility. I left a voice mail for the contact at the Eau Claire Jail but did not get a response yet. I will try again next week. I spoke with Dave R. about the Barron County Jail and the jail recently purchased more books for the H&I meeting there so we don't need to donate any there. I will distribute the remaining books sometime this next week. As we did order a few extra, If anyone has suggestions on somewhere that has a more pressing need for books besides the prisons or jails please talk to me after the meeting.

Last but not least, I will be returning to work in the next few weeks and will not be available for the Stanley Prison H&I meeting. I brought a few department of corrections applications with me today if anyone would like to fill one out. I will be submitting 2 peoples application for background checks hopefully on Monday. We will be scheduling the required orientation hopefully in the next couple weeks. The orientation does take about 3 hours so they don't do them very often. I would like to get as many people as possible together for this one. One application/background check and one orientation will get

you qualified to volunteer for any prison in the state of Wisconsin. We could really use your help at both of the prisons we are doing H&I at right now. So please see me after the meeting for an application.

Thank you,

Question/Comment: Jerry was asked if he had any idea which organization the lady who contacted us through Mike D was? Jerry said no, and that there was no point in pushing it. There are some extra books available for PR if someone has suggestions for where they should go.

Accepted

Hospitals and Institution Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Policy and Procedure Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Outreach Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

GSR REPORTS

Miracles Are Us, Eau Claire Friday submitted by Joe F

Donation \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 35 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

United Survive, Eau Claire Wednesday submitted by

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

Bridges to Recovery Chippewa Falls submitted by Angel G

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 22 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Black and Blue Basic Text/Alive @ Five, Chippewa Falls submitted by Justin H

Donation \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 30&15 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Focus on newcomers. Encourage attendance at group conscience meetings. Encourage addicts to take literature. Saturday Alive @ Five has taken off well. Currently reading It Works, How and Why and will vote on the next NA book when we are done. We also have a phone list we pass around at each meeting.

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

Donation \$25.00 Avg Grp Size: 6 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Together We Grow, Eau Claire Monday Night 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 Alex S

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 15 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes
I see us pushing to turn a new leaf. I think there is a handful of addicts who want the spark to come back to our meetings & there has been progress. Arbor Place has been allowing their clients back @ our meetings which is awesome. We had almost 40 people at last night's meeting. Hopeful the switch to Saturday will help too. There is hope!

Oasis of Hope, Eau Claire Thursday submitted by

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

Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday submitted by

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

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday submitted by

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

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: Sometimes
We do everything we can to carry the message to newcomers & other recovering addicts who still suffer. Including #s, meeting lists, function announcements & we usually give away literature for free. There are those who participate in group level service, but as of now no one is interested in Area level service. Topic range from the Just for Today reading to literature studies and the steps. Discussions are certainly relevant to NA recovery.

KISS, Ladysmith, Thursday, Sunday submitted by

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

Arbor Place, Menomonie, Thursday, Sunday submitted by

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

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

Donation \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 12-20 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Having had a year in program are coming back. They are finding out they don't graduate (drug court)

New NA Meeting, Chetek, Thursday submitted by

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

Off the Record, Menomonie, Wednesday submitted by

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return:
There was some discussion about the traditions and how they might be violating them by affiliating themselves with NA on their publications.

Break for Serenity

15 Min. Open Forum: (began: 11:03am ended: 11:05am)

The chair for this meeting brought up that the Activities chair needs his budget and asked if there were any objections to cutting a check for the Activities chair. There weren't any.

Old Business: (began approximately: 11:05am ended: 11:05am)

No old business to discuss

Elections:

Angel G volunteered for Literature-Alternate
Joe F volunteered for Hospitals & Institutions - Alternate

New Business:

A suggestion was made that the campout could take place instead of the July picnic. Some liked the idea, a couple people objected.

Motion 1: John M 2nd: Jeff SH

Motion: To contribute \$150.00 to Region to be hosted by CVA March 18,19

Intent: To be self-supporting for the services we receive from Wisconsin Region

Financial impact: Yes – \$150.00

VOTE: 8 aye 0 nay 1 abstain PASSED

Motion 2: Joe F 2nd: Justin H

Motion: To form an ad-hoc committee to organize a summer campout event.

Intent: Since this is our first campout attempt in quite a while & a great deal of planning will be required, a group of people will be needed to participate in the set-up. The intent is not meant to supersede the Activities Committee, but to help and support it.

VOTE: 8 aye 0 nay 1 abstain PASSED

Group Concerns/Announcements:

Key points to share with Groups

- 1) **The regional conference for Wisconsin is the weekend of March 18th at America's Best Value Inn. Please come and show your support. Local member, April B, will be speaking and we will have a taco feed. Tacos -- mmmmmmm.**
- 2) *An all subcommittees meeting will be meeting on Sunday, March 12th at 2:00pm at 29 Pines Restaurant.*

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at April 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

April 2017 Area Service: 9:30 am, April 1, 2017, Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls

May 2017 Area Service:

Motion made to close meeting: Angel G Seconded by: Alex S Time: 11:40am