

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 05/06/2017

Amended 06/03/2017

Elections section amended to reflect that Dezaray C volunteered for Activities, not Alternate.

Hosted at Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI

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

Attendance: Jon E, Rob Y, Pete R, Theresa L, Steve J, Dillan S, Joe F, Angel G, John M, Mike D, Dezaray C, April B, Mike S, Heather T

Introductions

Moment of Silence

Service Prayer: All

12 Traditions: Angel G

Roll Call:

Groups:

EC Friday night: Joe F – here/Sarah J -- absent

EC Wednesday night: ??? – absent,

Chippewa Tues & Sun: Angel G – here/Shaina K - absent

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

BRF Mon & Fri Night: Pete R. - here,

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

EC Tues night: ??? -- absent

Menomonie Wed Fri & Sat night: Alex S. - absent

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

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.- absent

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

NA Meeting, Arbor Place, Menomonie, Thurs, Sun: ??? - absent

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

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 - absent, Activities-Alternate: VACANT

Literature: April B - here, Literature-Alternate: Angel G - here,

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 April minutes by: Joe F Seconded by: Angel G

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

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

Question/Comment:

Regional Committee Member Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Treasurer Report: emailed/spoken aloud

4/1/2017	Beginning Balance:	\$234.63	
	<u>Income</u>		
	7 th Tradition	\$19.00	
	Literature Payment	\$459.18	
	Activities Surrender	\$37.00	
	GSR Contributions	\$421.00	
	Total Income:	\$936.18	
	<u>Expenses:</u>		
	CK# 1336	\$459.18	NAWS Invoice 0315711
	CK# 1337	\$35.00	Flag Purchase
	CK# 1338	\$15.00	Facility
	Total Expenses:	\$509.18	
	Increase to Bank Balance	\$427.00	
	New CVA Balance	\$661.63	

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Secretary Report: written/spoken aloud

I checked our PO Box twice this month. There was nothing in the box the first time. The second time I checked it, it had some junk mail in there.

I checked on my service books inventory to find the H&I handbook, which I had forgotten to

retrieve from Dave R when he stepped down. When I got ahold of him, he said that a few people told him to just keep the handbook. The secretary was kind-of nominated to hold on to the service book inventory, and although I should have retrieved it right away, I did not. But, just so everyone knows, the secretary is keeping the handbooks for several service positions and I do need them back when someone steps down for whatever reason.

I got the fabric markers from Michael's, at a significant discount. I ordered a multicolor set and two black fine tip markers online from them. As soon as they arrived, I started on the flag. I discovered that I needed to get a grey and a white one still. By that time, I had my car back and drove to the store and picked them up, also at a discount. The markers I ordered by mail cost \$26.09, and the markers I picked up cost \$6.73. The total for the markers was \$32.82 which left \$2.18 that I am surrendering to the treasurer.

I have brought the finished flag with me today and am not sure who to give it to. I do have a decent couple of pictures that can be submitted by email to the appropriate person at Region.

I also brought the books and stuff from the Oasis of Hope meeting with me today.

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

Thank you for letting me serve.

Question/Comment: A comment was made that we should let the Activities chair at Region know where our flag is.

Accepted

Web Servant Report: written/spoken aloud

We received one email this month. That was from a woman who attempted to attend the Tuesday night meeting in Eau Claire, and found the doors locked. She asked me if the Friday night would have someone to unlock the doors. I told her that, yes the Friday night meeting is one of the biggest in the area, and definitely would be open. I told her also, that the Tuesday night meeting has been struggling for some time and that we would check on it. I am not sure what we should do about that meeting. I suspect it has not been operating for some time now.

I have updated the meeting list for Region using the BMLT system they are now using. I entered all of our meetings into their new system and checked them twice on two different days. I think they are all accurate with the new slicker system.

The website was viewed 54 times by 43 different people. About 75% of these were new visitors. Our visitors stayed about an average of one and a half minutes per session and viewed a little over two pages.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report: written/read aloud by Rob Y

Hey everybody. Not much to report this month, but here's what I got. The pavilion is reserved at Mount Simon park for July 1 from 11am to 4pm. It costs us \$75.00 which was taken out of the Activities fund. I plan to work with Rob in getting the event planned out. If there are any new ideas please contact me. We will have a flyer out ASAP. FYI, I will not be moving this year but still plan to step down from Activities when my term is up. Just not for me, wanted to let you guys know. Thanks for letting me be of service in the meantime.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Literature Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Morning,

Literature on hand is \$831.37

Cash on hand is \$400.01

Naws invoice 0410709 was \$427.86.

Once there is a literature purchase today I will hand over the \$427.86 to the treasurer.

ILS

Question/Comment:

Accepted

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

Nothing to report at this time.

Question/Comment:

Public Relations Report: VACANT/emailed by Jerry K, read by Theresa L

Good morning ,

I just checked the Halloo system for my Area Report, We may have a problem. On May 2nd, the Chippewa Valley Area number received 87 calls from all over the United States. The calls rang from 4 minutes to 10 minutes each totaling over 600 minutes. This is very much like the issue we had with the RRAGS number that cost the Region hundreds of dollars. The billing cycle starts on the first of the month. As of today we have already used 755 minutes of the 800 minutes included in the plan. leaving 45 minutes for the entire Region for the next 22 days. I did speak with Larry D. about it. Our suspicion is that the "BOT" is maybe probing the system and using the "KEY PRESS #0" option to probe. Even tho our recorded message does not have a key press 0 option offered, the system still has to be told what to do if they press it anyway. I did have the system set to "LOOP" to "LEAVE A MESSAGE" in case someone pressed it by accident. However none of the calls actually left a message or notified anyone, Rob ,Nichole ,And myself should all receive an email if someone does leave a message or if they try to leave one. I did just change it to "HANG UP" if it is pressed now. Again this is only a theory of what is happening. Even

if the system does hang up when/if they press 0, they could still use a substantial amount of minutes just by the sheer number of calls. Larry and i will both be monitoring the system closely for any other issues and for now the calls were all in one 24 hour period with only the normal calls that we usually get. It has been 6 days since and there were no calls to our number. I did include the Regional PR Chair in this email Matt L. At this point all we can do is monitor the system and wait and see if it happens again. If it continues the only option Halloo had was to disconnect this number and get a new number. Obviously that would cause CVA some issues but we may not have any choice. As this issue has potential to have a huge financial impact for the Wisconsin Region, i am asking the Chippewa Valley Area for permission to do what ever Larry and Matt decide needs to be done to protect the Region from any any further negative financial impact.

This month we did have 4 calls from our Area code. 2 people did leave a message, The first was the Phone line Admin from the Madison Area asking about meeting info for a traveling addict who mistakenly called him. The second was from a desperate parent who wanted to know if we had any meetings to help her.

Thanks

Question/Comment:

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 \$0 Avg Grp Size: 30 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Still looking for speakers July & August. Elected a GSRA and Secretary

United Survive, Eau Claire Wednesday submitted by

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

Bridges to Recovery Chippewa Falls submitted by Angel G

Donation \$250.00 Avg Grp Size: 20 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Everything (on the list)

Black and Blue Basic Text/Alive @ Five, Chippewa Falls submitted by Steve J

Donation \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 15-30/4-15 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Black River Falls, Monday & Friday NA Group submitted by Pete R

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 5-6 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Welcome newcomers with a meeting list and phone numbers

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

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

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

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

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

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:

Beyond the End of the Road, Eau Claire, Tues & Thurs submitted by Dillan S

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 5 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Break for Serenity

15 Min. Open Forum: (began: 10:38am ended: 10:51am) The contents of the PR report and the Halloo phone line were discussed. People wanted to know all the places where our number is printed at. Our number is printed on cards, meeting lists, and on Region's website and meeting list. It might be a hassle to change our number, and changing our number should be a last resort. A group conscience was taken

on whether Jerry K should be allowed to make the final decision concerning the phone line and number, and the conscience was unanimously “yes.”

The Tuesday night meeting in Eau Claire was also discussed. Mike S wants to “take over” the meeting. He was asked how long he could make sure the doors are open? He was willing to commit to a month, but the group suggested that someone be willing to keep the doors open three to six months, minimum. It was decided to leave the meeting on the list for now, and discuss further in June.

Old Business: (began approximately: 10:51am ended: 10:54am)

The Grassroots Wellness Center’s meeting issues were resolved last month concerning Facebook postings.

Elections:

Joe F re-volunteered for the H&I Alternate chair in April -- postponed till June elections
Sam S volunteered for Outreach in April – absent
Dezaray C volunteered for Activities
April B nominated for Literature
John M volunteered for Outreach
Angel G nominated for Literature – Alternate
Pete R nominated for Outreach – Alternate
Rob Y volunteered for Vice-Chairperson

New Business:

Motion 1: Joe F 2nd: Steve J

Motion: Request funding to reserve sites for an Area camping event in the amount of \$389.00.

This money will be used to reserve seven sites at Otter Lake Campground. Each site can hold two tents. This money will be returned back to the Area after the event. Aug 4-6?

Intent: To build fellowship with an area event that will provide fun, sun and recovery

Financial impact: Yes – \$ 394.00 7 sites 3 days

VOTE: 5 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

For New Business, a minimum security Black River Falls correctional facility was discussed. It was stated this is run a little like a boot camp. They are looking for drivers and/or an onsite meeting. Someone wanted to know how many people from Black River Falls could give rides to such a meeting at this correctional facility. The answer was two, and both volunteers were present. An H&I type of meeting onsite was suggested. It was decided the most meetings we could do there is one a month. Somebody asked about DOC applications for Black River Falls, and the Vice-chairperson said he would print them out.

Group Concerns/Announcements:

Key points to share with Groups

- 1) **The 12:15pm meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Alano Club in Eau Claire is being revived and is going under a new name. If you need a meeting please feel free to attend and support this meeting**

- 2) **The campout for CVA will be from August 4th - 6th at Otter Lake Campground in Stanley. Flyer coming soon. (Date changed since key points were sent out. Campout now planned for August 11th-13th)**
- 3) *A new all subcommittees meeting will be meeting at 29 Pines Restaurant in Eau Claire at 3:00pm on Sunday, May 21st. The upcoming campout will be discussed*

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at June ASC meeting

Up for re-election in 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

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

June 2017 Area Service: 9:30 am, June 3, 2017, Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI
July 2017 Area Service:

Motion made to close meeting: Jon E Seconded by: Dillan S

Time: 11:36am