

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 08/12/2017

Hosted at Otter Lake Pavilion, Stanley, WI

Meeting called to order by: Rob Y @ 10:12am

Attendance: Dezaray C, Hayes K, Steve J, Brandon L, April B, Rob Y, Joe F, Dean L, Heather T, Theresa L, Jake S, Pete R, Dillan S, Liz K

Introductions

Moment of Silence

Service Prayer: All

12 Traditions: Dezaray C

Roll Call:

Groups:

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

EC Wednesday night: ??? – absent,

Chippewa Tues & Sun: Steve J – here/Theresa L – here,

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

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

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

Menomonie Wed Fri & Sat night: Alex S. – absent,

Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday: Dezaray C – 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.- 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,

Beyond the End of the Road, Tues & Thurs, Eau Claire: Dillan S – here,

M.I.A. Wed, Chippewa Falls: Jamie S – 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: Dezaray C - here, Activities-Alternate: VACANT

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

Public Relations: VACANT, Public Relations-Alternate: VACANT

Hospitals & Institutions: VACANT, Hospitals & Institutions-Alternate: Joe F - here

Policy & Procedure: VACANT. Policy & Procedure-Alternate: VACANT,

Outreach: John M – absent, Outreach-Alternate: VACANT

Motion made to accept July minutes by: Steve J Seconded by: Dillan S

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

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

Nothing to report

Question/Comment:

Regional Committee Member Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Treasurer Report: emailed/spoken aloud

7/8/2017

Beginning Balance:	\$651.92	
<u>Income</u>		
7 th Tradition	\$4.00	
Literature Payment	\$326.24	
Activities Surrender	\$108.00	
GSR Contributions	\$85.00	
Total Income:	\$523.24	
<u>Expenses:</u>		
CK# 1344	\$15.00	Facility
CK# 1343	\$361.97	NAWS Invoice 0619708
Total Expenses:	\$376.97	
Increase to Bank Balance	\$146.27	
New CVA Balance	\$798.19	

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Secretary Report: written/spoken aloud

I checked our PO Box once this month. We got some copies of Reaching Out, which will be distributed. We also got a hard copy of the flyer that the individual from Big Rivers area wanted us to distribute. I have made copies of that and they are out for distribution. Unfortunately we missed early

registration which ended last day of July, but registration can be done by early September and still be relatively inexpensive.

I spoke with Nichole, who wished that the responsible party for the PO Box to be changed ASAP. I understood, and since I have a key, we decided to take a trip to the Post Office in Chippewa and transferred the box over to me. The vice chair wanted to wait to make a decision, but Nichole and I decided that if someone wants to volunteer to do that or has a problem with me being the responsible person they could voice their objection. I did check the policy and it only states that the treasurer is supposed to check the box. The responsible party for the PO box is a grey area. I personally don't mind, am not planning on relapsing, and I live in Chippewa Falls....

I didn't buy any supplies this past month. The beginning balance was \$174.60, and the ending balance is the same.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Question/Comment: Vice chair responded and said he sent Nathan an email and that it usually takes some time for an exchange. He had not heard back yet.

Accepted

Web Servant Report: written/spoken aloud

We received two emails this month. The first message was from a representative from the Eau Claire jail. He wants to get a sponsor for an inmate before the inmate leaves the jail. I did reply and state that it is relatively difficult to match a sponsor and sponsee sight unseen. Then I forwarded the message to the group. I am curious how that request worked out and how I should reply to future inquiries of that nature.

The second email was from someone who wanted to know if Chetek and Rice Lake meetings are up to date on the list. I told them, as far as I know they are.

The first email was sent out on the 24th of July, and I did not get it until a week and a half after it was sent, because our email from the contact form on the website was all going into the spam folder. I finally brought this up with the programmer, who fixed it. The messages are not going into spam anymore. Apparently gmail had updated its spam filters.

I have posted the Big Rivers event on our calendar, because I finally got Gary's number from that area and asked him if he still wanted it posted there.

The website was viewed 45 times by 40 different people. About 85% of these were new visitors. Our visitors stayed about an average of one minute per session and viewed about two pages.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report: written/spoken aloud

I purchased three sleeves of paper cups – two were 10 oz. for \$1.19 apiece and one 8 oz. for \$.99. I also purchased two 125 count packages of plates for \$14.99 each, and 1 package of 100 count napkins for \$3.49. The total with tax was \$38.87.

On August 3, 2017, I purchased one Basic Text for \$12.94. The Basic Text is for the newcomer at the Halloween dance and clean time countdown. After these two purchases I have \$148.08 left for the Halloween dance. I plan on getting lots of soda. For a main dish, I suggest getting hot dogs and selling them for a dollar. I know the main dish is usually provided in this area, but with trying to break even and even raise money for a future dance, I suggest some main dish to be sold. Again, this is a suggestion. I still need to purchase all the soda and water for the Halloween function.

I'm still wanting additional funds for a DJ on New Year's. Even if you do not want to give the money, or you can't decide, that is ok, but I will move forward with getting a function approved so the flyers can be distributed by next area. I do things way in advance to get the information out to more people so more people will show up.

I also attended my first meeting at Arbor in Menomonie. I am sad to report there were no announcements for events. There were no flyers to see or take. It is a concern of mine that we need to look at the treatment facilities we enter to make sure events for NA, especially our area, are available to take, not just look at.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Literature Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Morning,

Literature on hand is \$683.00

Cash on hand is \$129.42

Totaling \$812.42

There was 2 NAWS orders this last month as one was asked to be rushed and ordered ASAP.

NAWS order #1 invoice #0706702 was for \$91.26

NAWS order #2 invoice #0720704 was for \$399.46

The total of both NAWS orders of \$490.72 minus \$35.73 for the starter kit being replenished is \$454.99 which has been handed over to the treasurer with all three receipts.

Thanks,

Question/Comment:

Accepted

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

Question/Comment:

Public Relations Report: VACANT report submitted by Jerry K/read by Theresa L

Good Morning,

We received 7 calls to the phone line in the last 30 days. They used a total of 15 minutes listening to the information. One person left a message which I did return his call. He was in the hospital ICU because of his addiction and wanted to talk to someone about NA. I did also visit him there and encouraged him to call me and get to a meeting when he got out. I have not heard from him again.

I updated the system to include the change of location for the Off the Record meeting on Wednesday in Menomonie. While doing that I discovered that there was a mistake in the Wednesday information, the Chippewa meeting was not listed. I'm not sure when I made this mistake but I would again encourage everyone to PLEASE call and double check that your meeting information is correct in the Halloo System as well as the CVA list, the Region list, and the World list. Theresa has been doing an outstanding job of keeping that information updated but mistakes happen, if the information we put out there isn't accurate, addicts may not find the help NA can offer.

Thanks for allowing me to serve NA.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Hospitals and Institution Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Hospitals and Institution – Alternate Report: *****spoken aloud*****

Question/Comment: The Black River Falls jail meetings were mentioned and the person wanted to know who could go the next day.

Policy and Procedure Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Outreach Report: emailed/spoken aloud

I won't be joining you for area service in August as I will be out of the state. I plan on being back in time for the September area meeting.

I attended the "Fun in the Sun" campout July 15 near Sheboygan. I bought the area flag and it was the general consensus that our flag was the best! The flag has been returned to the Tues./Thurs. 12:15 EC meeting.

I spoke to Peter M. from New Richmond on about July 22. He had been referred to me by Jerry K. Peter said that some addicts were forming a new group in New Richmond and they had questions about area

affiliation and meeting lists. We talked at some length. I explained what the Chippewa Valley does and how we might assist them. I also gave him information on our area meetings and sent him a flier for “You Otter Be Clean”, where the next are service meeting will be. The New Richmond group will be having an organizational business meeting Thursday, August 3 at the Alano Club where they meet after their 7pm recovery meeting. I said that I would make every effort to be there in person to answer questions. I think I can work this in on my way out west

On July 23, I attended the Ladysmith meeting. There was one other addict there and no one with the key to the lock box where their meeting materials are stored. Lucky that that I had the BRF stuff with me and the two of us had a meeting. I left fliers for “You Otter Be Clean” and the Halloween dance and some meeting lists. Several days later, I spoke by telephone with AL who is mostly in charge of the Ladysmith NA meetings. He explained that he and other group members were downtown manning a fundraising brat stand at the Ladysmith Mardi Gras that was going on that weekend. I gave him the information for the August area service meeting at Otter Lake Campground and told him it would be great if Ladysmith NA could be represented. He said that he would make an attempt to get there. He would need to get a ride from another member as he does not drive. I checked with Al that their meeting information on our list was correct and asked him to think about how Chippewa Area NA might assist the Ladysmith group.

It would seem from reading the Outreach handbook that the best way to support struggling and questionable meetings is to load up a car and attend. Without judgement and with the desire to further common goals of NA.

In Grateful Service

Question/Comment:

Accepted

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 Steve J

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

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

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

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

Donation \$10.00 Avg Grp Size: 6 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes
Greet newcomers with hugs and meeting lists, phone numbers. Stay on topic.

Together We Grow, Eau Claire Monday Night 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 Dezaray C

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 3-5 Newcomers: Yes They return: No (not usually)

I have made available flyers to take for functions. People have been taking them. I only have a few left. I did sell one Basic Text to a newcomer. I have also been talking to the newcomers and hugging them after the meeting. The attendance has been improving and we have been having good positive meetings with a good message. We are still going off the Basic Text

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, Tues & Thurs, Eau Claire submitted by Dillan S

Donation \$10.00 Avg Grp Size: 4 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

M.I.A., Wednesday, Chippewa Falls submitted by

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

Break for Serenity

15 Min. Open Forum: (began: 11:05am ended: 11:09am)

The church that hosts the Eau Claire Friday night meeting wanted to reach out to addicts. It was said that announcing church functions during meetings would definitely be inappropriate. But, mention of church functions for addicts could be addressed casually before or after meetings.

Bridges to Recovery has a pavilion for September 9, 2017 for the group NA picnic. The group is finding itself low on funds, however. It was recommended that the GSR talk to the Activities chair, because the committee is supposed to help with things like this.

Old Business: (began approximately: 11:09am ended: 11:20am)

The tabled motion from last area committee meeting was brought up, and read aloud. A decision was made to see how much the Halloween event costs before figuring out if and how much we should up the budget for Activities in the winter. A question was asked how much the current budget is for Activities. The answer is \$200. It was asked if we could pull the motion. The consensus was “yes.”

Elections: Rob Y was nominated for Regional Committee Member in July -- **ELECTED**

New Business:

Group Concerns/Announcements:

The Activities Chair would like to make sure that GSRs pick up enough flyers so that people can actually take flyers home. It was recommended that the Activities chair keep mentioning this so that it reaches more of the GSRs. The GSRs are responsible for picking up flyers.

Key points to share with Groups

- 1) *H&I is looking for some support. Please get in touch with Joe F, if you have questions about H&I. (715) 828-6006.*
- 2) *GSRs -- Please consider picking up enough flyers so that people who want to take some home instead of just looking at them at the meeting can do so.*
- 3) **The next CVA service committee meeting will be the first Saturday in September at Central Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls at the usual time: 9:30am**

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at October ASC meeting

Current Vacant Positions: Chairperson, 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, Outreach – Alternate

**September 2017 Area Service: 9:30 am, September 2, 2017, Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa
October 2017 Area Service:**

Motion made to close meeting: Steve J Seconded by: Pete R

Time: 11:32am