

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 11/04/2017

Amended 12/02/2017

Treasurer's report for the incorrect month replaced with correct month

Hosted at Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI

Meeting called to order by: Joe F @ 9:47am

Attendance: Brandon L, April S, Steve J, Kris K, April B, Joe F, Rob Y, Dezaray C, Theresa L, John M, Mike D, Mike D (Coach)

Introductions

Moment of Silence

Service Prayer: All

12 Traditions: April B

Roll Call:

Groups:

EC Friday night: Joe F - here

EC Wednesday night: ??? - absent

Chippewa Tues & Sun: Steve J - here

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

BRF Mon & Fri Night: Pete R. – absent /John M - here

EC Monday Night: Travis 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: ??? - absent

KISS, Ladysmith, Thursday: ??? - absent

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

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

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

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

Beyond the End of the Road, Tues & Thurs, Eau Claire: Dillan S - absent

M.I.A. Wed, Chippewa Falls: Jamie S – absent

Nooner Group, Mon, Wed, Fri, Black River Falls: Michael M - absent

Administrative Trusted Servants:

Chairperson: VACANT

Vice-Chairperson: Joe F - here

Regional Committee Member: Rob Y - 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: 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 – here, Outreach-Alternate: VACANT

Motion made to accept October minutes by: Steve J Seconded by: April B

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

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

Question/Comment:

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

Nothing really to report

Question/Comment:

Treasurer Report: written/spoken aloud

10/7/2017	Beginning Balance:	\$698.56	
	<u>Income</u>		
	7 th Tradition	\$19.00	
	Literature Payment	\$208.83	
	GSR Contributions	\$160.00	
	Payment for Book Donation	\$71.66	
	Camping Income	\$367.00	
	Total Income:	\$826.49	
	<u>Expenses:</u>		
	CK# 1351	\$15.00	Facility
	CK# 1352	\$208.83	NAWS Invoice # 0925707
	CK#1353	\$271.66	NAWS Invoice # 1009706
	CK# 1354	\$18.50	Activities Reimbursement
	Total Expenses:	\$513.99	
	Increase to Bank Balance	\$312.50	
	New CVA Balance	\$1011.06	

Question/Comment: Someone asked about the campout – whether we took in more money than we spent. The numbers were close. We actually lost about \$30 total.

Accepted

Secretary Report: written/spoken aloud

I checked our PO Box twice this month. All we really got was some personal mail for someone from Humana. I think this is the third time in two years we've gotten mail for them. We also got the latest Reaching Out magazines which I have distributed to those doing H&I service work.

I'm planning to step down as soon as my term is over. I hope someone will pick up the slack. I had no expenses this month. I did put the last of the three toner cartridges I bought online for our new printer in the printer this month. The beginning balance was \$172.51; the ending balance is the same.

The meeting list has been updated again. Not sure what to do if we add more than one meeting to the list. The list is pretty packed right now.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Web Servant Report: written/spoken aloud

We received two emails this month. The first was from Jerry informing me there was a mistake on our website meeting list. The second was from a member's mother double checking on the time for the Sunday Menomonie meeting. She thought his counselor said it was at eight. I'm not sure if the programs around here that help addicts are up to date on when the meetings are. Do they know about the website?

I am also planning to step down from this position when the term is up.

The website was viewed 29 times by 27 different people. About 90% of these were new visitors. Our visitors stayed about an average of almost one minute per session and viewed about two and a half pages. Most of our visitors came to the home page. 23 visited the meetings page. and a few went to the calendar.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Last month we had a Halloween Dance and function. We began the with a balance of \$29.31 and I added \$18.50 in a reimbursement check to activities from the august camp out. That brought the total to \$47.81. I purchased one roll of tape for \$1.98, a raffle bucket for \$1.06 and another container for \$4.75. This brought the new total to \$40.02. I paid \$25 to the church to rent the fellowship hall and the rest of the dollar bills that were left I made in to quarters for change for the soda concessions at the dance. The balance before the intake of the function funds was \$15.02 the new balance is \$154.27. So the amount

made from the dance was \$139.25 this is including the \$35 that was made from the 50/50 raffle. April was gracious enough to stop by the grocery store, before the function, and picked up the buns and condiments for the burgers and brats. She spent \$15.52 which I have brought today in cash to reimburse her. In addition, there was a communication problem or mix up with who had the money to pay the DJ at the end of the night and Rob ended up paying the DJ with cash of his own money. I am not sure what the exact mix up was with paying the DJ. Rob had come to me asking me for the money and I never had any... I was always told that he would take care of it. The only issue now is to reimburse Rob or whoever else put in money to pay the DJ.. maybe April put in money to I am not sure but the money has to be reimbursed as we are self supporting. I would say that the dance was not a failure because we did carry the message to recovering addicts and there were people there who came from different areas or have never danced clean before. I was disappointed on how late people stayed and how many showed up. I know this is partly because there was other recovery dances going on that night in Eau Claire and West Bend. I think that overall we did ok money wise. After reimbursing April the \$15.52 we have \$138.75 left in cash. It will take \$61.25 in order to get back to our \$200 reserve and we have tons of soda and water we still have the full roll of raffle tickets unopened so we could do another dance if we wanted to pay for another DJ which would be \$50 more than the \$200 budget. My thoughts about doing another dance are that we should discuss what our thoughts our on having another dance in late April or early May are. I have talked to a guy named Steve through Skate city in Rice Lake for a roller skating event. It would cost \$245 to rent the whole building from 5p.m.-7p.m. on Sunday march 11th 2018. I am going to request the additional \$45 to pay for renting the building in addition to the \$200 that I will have to spend on the building. The \$245 includes the whole building and free admission and skate rentals for 30 people. We can bring in pizza and cake if we wish to pay the extra money to do that. They will have drinks for sale for \$1.50. If we do the skating event we would not have a speaker because of limited time at the roller rink. I would make the suggested donation \$7 and put on the flyer that it is for the first 30 people and I can ask about if there were more who showed up and how much they would have to pay. I think the skating activity is one we should do because it would be in Rice Lake which is an area of ours that I believe has had very little functions in and it would be a unique NA event maybe it would interest other Areas of NA. It will also be family friendly and I think we could all have a fun day in recovery doing the skating event. I would like to get the finances figured out today so that we can put the Event on the NA calendar on the NA website so others will hopefully not schedule an event on that day. With a decision being made and Theresa's printing help I can have the flyers ready for next area.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Question/Comment: Someone asked about the numbers for the Halloween dance. The turnout was in the mid-twenties. We lost some money on the event. People were asking if another dance and DJ was cost-effective. This invited some discussion about cost-effectiveness vs. saving lives by carrying the message at such events. It was suggested that if we could build the events up into annual events, it was more likely that people would come to them. It was said that unity at such functions is very important. It was also suggested that if we did not compete with other fellowships, we might have more people turn up. If we get out of our area more, we are more likely to have other people from other areas. The activities chair would make a point to drop off flyers for events at institutions. Someone else said that maybe events should be self-supporting, but if they save lives, that's what it is all about. It is very important to have functions. The activities chair had a lot of actual fun at functions when she was younger. Someone else

suggested we might be able to acquire a DJ for future events for free. More would be revealed after the meeting.

Accepted

Literature Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Morning,

Literature on hand is \$754.08

Cash on hand \$103.12

Totaling \$857.20

Naws invoice #1016712 was \$477.14 which has been handed over to the treasurer minus the \$35.73 for replenishment of the starter kit which I will hand over to Outreach. We received 1 extra key tag this order.

Also this month the balance exceeded \$850.00.

I will be surrendering \$57.20 to the treasurer to bring the balance back down to \$800.00.

ILS

Question/Comment:

Accepted

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

Question/Comment:

Public Relations Report: VACANT/report submitted by Jerry K, read by Joe F

There were 4 calls to the Chippewa Valley Area extension in the last 30 days using just 8 free minutes. 3 of those callers left a message. The first was a lady looking for information on how to get some of our literature. The second was the gentleman who is updating the Regional system, he was just checking with all the Areas to see if they were experiencing any issues they needed help with. And the 3rd was a lady wanting to know the difference between open and closed meetings. She was headed to a meeting with a closed designation and wanted to know if she was welcome. I did update the system again this month, I used an additional 13 minutes of the free minutes included in the plan, so please check your meeting for accuracy. There were a total of 275 calls to the entire system using 669 minutes of the 800 free minutes included in the plan.

Thank you

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Hospitals and Institutions Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

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

Question/Comment: There was an issue with someone going to the Chippewa Valley Treatment Center alone, and it was said that there should have been two people to go. We need H&I commitments from members.

Policy and Procedure Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Outreach Report: *spoken aloud*****

Nothing to report

Question/Comment: There was some discussion about Rice Lake groups and the support they may need. It was decided the Friday/Saturday meetings should be checked on.

GSR REPORTS

Miracles Are Us, Eau Claire Friday submitted by Joe F

Donation \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 25 Newcomers: Yes They return: Yes
Looking for volunteers – first Friday of every month.

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 Mike D

Donation \$100.00 Avg Grp Size: 3-10 Newcomers: They return:
I resigned as treasurer. First time since meeting began, I am not treasurer. Meeting attendance is considerably down. I am looking forward to attending on a more regular basis. We will be making another substantial donation after we reconcile finances.

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

Donation \$0 Avg Grp Size: 1-4 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Needs support!

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 Newcomers: No They return:
We have been having good meeting attendance this month. We had our first official business meeting. It went well. All home group members were there. Everything pretty same old same old. Still have been

hugging and encouraging people to take function flyers and we are still reading from the Basic Text off of the Just for Today.

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 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 \$10.00 Avg Grp Size: 15 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes
Last Thursday speaker meeting 1 year 18 months. We're supplying other groups in Rice Lake with key chains. Learning about service and treasurer of our groups. Treasurer (collect money) – Secretary (supplies) – Meeting leader (to keep order).

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

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Break for Serenity

15 Min. Open Forum: (began: 11:06am ended: 11:06am)

Old Business: (began approximately: 11:06am ended: 11:10am)

Someone wanted to know if the donated books had been sent out to Texas yet. The answer was most likely and they would check with Jerry, who was in charge of the donation. There was some discussion

about whether the treasurer should be reimbursed for the DJ. It was decided not, since the treasurer believed he hung on to the extra money for the event in the first place.

Elections:

John M nominated for Outreach – accepted
Brandon L nominated for Secretary – declined
Mike D (Coach) nominated for Secretary – declined
Rob Y nominated for Treasurer -- accepted

New Business:

Motion 1: Dezaray C 2nd: Mike D

Motion: I need an additional \$45 to be able to pay for the roller skating event. This is in addition to the \$200 budget

Intent: To carry the message to the addict who still suffers that you can have fun in recovery and to bring an event to a smaller area

Financial Impact: Yes, \$45.00

VOTE: 4 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

This motion invited some discussion about the event. It was said the roller rink is a nice place with a jungle gym, arcade games and age appropriate music.

It was suggested that we were sitting on many t-shirts and possible they could be auctioned off. It was decided an auction would not be appropriate at this event, but could happen at a different one. Pre-registration for roller skating was strongly advocated so that we would know how many people to negotiate for. The original price was for 30 people, and that way we would know if we have more than that. Someone said most places are open for negotiation, however this was the original negotiated price.

Motion 2: Steve J 2nd: Dezaray C

Motion: Earmark \$500 toward second annual “You Otter be Clean” campout

Intent: This will allow us to secure sites for next year and begin promoting the event

Financial Impact: Yes, \$500.00

TABLED

This motion invited discussion about how feasible it is to earmark money. The answer was that we could afford to do so. Someone wanted to know if the Joe was going to work with Activities on the next campout, and the answer was yes. Doing this would get a jump start on getting extra campsites. Perhaps one day we might be able to rent out the whole park. People came all the way from Massachusetts to this past campout. Someone wanted to know how much the pavilion cost and the answer was \$16-\$20. The question was asked whether we should reserve one or two loops, and it was decided we needed to count reservations first. It was decided that this motion needs to be brought back to the groups for a vote. The campout would probably be the first or second week of August.

Group Concerns/Announcements:

The first concern was for the Eau Claire meetings that need support. Attendance seems to be falling off, and it was suggested to support them.

The next announcement was that the Freedom Group may be get its own room for meetings and may go open if it does. May be booking speakers in the near future.

The next concern was about meetings at Arbor place. There seems to be no communication with Area from them. How does area communicate with groups if there are, say, no event announcements at the meeting. It was said that this is what autonomy includes and that it is up to individual groups to interact with area or not, at their discretion.

Key points to share with Groups

- 1) **Black River Falls & most Eau Claire meetings really need support.**
- 2) *The H&I Subcommittee needs support. For more info contact Joe F (715) 828-6006*
- 3) *Please bring back to the groups for discussion: **Is it wanted and feasible to set aside \$500 for a second annual campout near the beginning of August 2018. Group conscience will be taken at area on December 2***

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at December ASC meeting

John M for Outreach
Rob Y for Treasurer

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

December 2017 Area Service: 9:30am, December 2, 2017, Central Lutheran, Chippewa Falls
January 2018 Area Service:

Motion made to close meeting: Steve J Seconded by: Dezaray C Time: 12:10pm