

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 12/02/2017

Amended 01/10/2018

Extra Outreach report under RCM removed

Hosted at Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI

Meeting called to order by: Joe F @ 9:39am

Attendance: Pete R, Michael M, Kris K, John M, John B, Dezaray C, Jerry K, Justin H, Jamie S, Mike D (Coach), Steve J, Joe F, Jerry A, Theresa L, April B, Jeff SH, Chris J, Nichole M

Introductions

Moment of Silence

Service Prayer: All

12 Traditions: Steve J

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.- here

BRF Mon & Fri Night: Pete R. – here/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 – here

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

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 - here,

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 November minutes: error in Treasurer report
 Motion made to accept amended November minutes by: Steve J Seconded by: Jamie S

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Vice-Chairperson Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Greetings. There was an email of concern sent regarding written reports. I would like to remind trusted servants, myself included, about the importance of having written reports to better communicate with our members who cannot attend the area service meeting. Reports can be submitted through email or in person to the secretary. If you are unsure if you need to submit a written report, you can look under the duties for your position listed in policies and procedures.

I hope everyone had a chance to bring the discussion regarding allocating funds towards the annual campout to the groups for a group conscience. The outcomes of those discussions will be discussed in old business to see how we should proceed.

Finally, I will be representing the Friday night Eau Claire meeting for the last time this month (without voting). By January, I hope to have a Gsr to take over the responsibilities, so there is no concern of having a conflict of interest.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Regional Committee Member Report: ***absent/no report***

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Treasurer Report: emailed/spoken aloud

11/4/2017	Beginning Balance:	\$1011.06
	<u>Income</u>	
	7 th Tradition	\$6.00
	Literature Payment	\$441.41
	Literature Surrender	\$57.20
	GSR Donations	\$130.00
	Total Income:	\$634.61
	<u>Expenses:</u>	

CK# 1355	\$15.00	Facility
CK# 1356	\$45.00	Activities Reimbursement
CK#1357	\$0.00	Voided Check - Misfilled
CK# 1358	\$477.14	NAWS Invoice # 1016717
Total Expenses:	\$537.14	
Increase to Bank Balance	\$97.47	
New CVA Balance	\$1108.53	

Reconciliation

Actual CVA Balance in Account:	\$1153.53
Check #1356 not processed	\$45.00
New CVA Balance	\$1108.53

Good morning everyone,

Sorry I could not join you at area this cycle, I had a brutal week at work and will be getting done with work just prior to area. I will be sending a few checks with April to take care of our financial responsibilities (Please sign, either Theresa or Joe) such as our literature invoice and facility. If there is need for any other checks to be written, please let me know ASAP so I can get those taken care of. As to the matter of the audit, I have not completed one yet, but do intend to pull some addicts together this weekend to go through my books. I will send an update as soon as it is complete. I have concluded that I have too many things on my plate recently and have not been doing a thorough job with any of them, and with that being said I have decided to step down as your treasure at the completion of my term today. I know that this leaves you all in a rather tight spot, and I would be more than willing to fill the position in an unofficial capacity for the next two cycles in order to allow the body time to find an alternative, but I have to do this for myself.

ILS,

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Secretary Report: written/spoken aloud

I checked our PO Box once this month. All we really got was some more personal mail for someone from Humana. I sent it back with “No longer at this address” on the envelope. We also got the NAWS product brochure and newsletter.

This is my last month officially as secretary. I hope someone will pick up the slack. My car broke and I have no prospects for a new one, so coming to meetings has become inconvenient and harder than it was, including this one.

I have brought ten tentative copies of the roller skating flier for the activities chair to review with the committee.

On November 25th, which was the last update from Region, our flag is currently located in Onalaska at the More Cowbell meeting at Journey Lutheran Church, 2703 Sandlake Rd. That meeting gets together on Monday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm. I also have the latest updated list for the region's flags if anyone would like to see it.

I had two expenses this month. I ordered three more replacement toner cartridges online for a total of \$44.61. I also picked up a carton of paper at Walmart for a total of \$15.79. I spent \$60.40 total. The beginning balance was \$172.51; the ending balance is \$112.11 which I intend to turn over to the treasurer today.

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 a student who wanted to know if there was any way to go to meetings to observe how they work. I informed her that open meetings are, well, open to anyone and suggested she look at the list on the website to check for open meetings near her. I received no more responses from her.

The second email was from Ronnie wanting to know how to start meetings in the Osseo area. I informed him the best way to get an answer to this question was to come to area. I told him about this meeting today and where it was located. No more responses from him after that.

The website was viewed 37 times by 24 different people. About 62% of these were new visitors. Our visitors stayed about an average of thirty seconds per session and viewed over one and a half pages. Most of our visitors came to the meetings page. 20 visited the home page, and several visited the service opportunities page.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report: emailed/spoken aloud

I have contacted Steve with Skate City to ask if we could pay more money to allow more people to come to the event. He explained to me that the \$245 covers 30 people and that there is no other extended admission plan. He did tell me that after the first 30 people it costs \$6 a person. I also contacted Skate City again to ask about food and drinks and skating games. They are going to have a full snack bar and drinks for sale as well as roller skating games. I did put this information on the flyer as well as a

suggested donation of \$8. However, we do need to plan on being able to pay for those who may not be able to pay for themselves. Because this may include spending more money Theresa did not post the flyer on the web page, but she did bring flyers today so that if it gets approved then the flyers can go out right away. Also for the up coming function in January I have \$138.75 left in cash so I need to replenish the amount for activities to \$200 to make sure we have enough to cover the function costs. This means I need \$61.25 to get back to the \$200 budget. Thanks for letting me serve.

Question/Comment: Someone asked if he could donate services to defray the cost of the roller skating event. The answer was why not?

Accepted

Literature Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Literature on hand is \$797.47

Cash on hand is \$5.57

Naws invoice 1120716 was for \$284.39 which has been handed over to the treasurer.

ILS

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Literature Alternate Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Nothing to report

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Public Relations Report: VACANT/Report emailed/spoken aloud by Jerry K

There were 3 calls to the Chippewa Valley Area extension this month, all 3 left a message. The first was an addict looking to clarify what "Open" and "closed mean for the Beyond The End of The Road meeting. The second message was from a local doctor looking for information to give to the loved one of an addict. I encouraged her to give our number out freely and we would put them in contact with an addict in recovery. The 3rd call was from a struggling addict who had never been to a meeting before. I spoke with him at length and did pick him up and take him to a meeting the next day. Those 3 calls used a total of 8 minutes for our extension. To my knowledge there were no changes that needed to be made to the system this month. The entire Region received 187 calls using a total of 496 minutes of the 800 included in the plan for which they payed \$164.95 this month.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Hospitals and Institutions Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Hospitals and Institutions – Alternate Report: emailed/spoken aloud

I left a message with the treatment facilitator at the Chippewa valley correctional treatment facility to see if we can add more names to the list of volunteers. If you are interested in helping out at this facility please contact me asap.

I am writing back an inmate at the Chippewa Valley correctional treatment facility who in search of of a male NA sponsor when he is released. I will be including my own phone number, but would like to include a few other numbers if anyone would like to volunteer.

There was a discussion about having business cards to hand out in place of key tags at correctional facilities. Jerry K. Will provide more details in new business regarding cost/ availability.

Question/Comment: Benjamin House halfway house in Rice Lake wants a meeting. It's a facility for addicts and the friends and family of addicts. It helps people find employment and re-enter the community. It is not a locked facility. Someone wanted to know if it was restricted access, because that determines if it is an H&I or a regular meeting. Benjamin House could hold regular meetings.

Accepted

Policy and Procedure Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Outreach Report: emailed/spoken aloud

Good morning everyone.

On Wednesday, November 8th, I visited the United Survive Group, a group with about a thirty year history in Eau Claire, most of that time at Grace Lutheran Church. This group currently meets at the Renew Church, 416 Niagara Street in Eau Claire. After the meeting, I had the opportunity to talk at length with several members of the group. It was explained to me that the future of this group at this location is in serious question. Rent for the meeting space is high and the weekly donations are small. Due to the close proximity to the County Jail, the majority of attendees are addicts that need court slips signed. Now, it was stressed to me in no uncertain terms that this group is not looking for monetary donations or a short term fix. What they could use are more addicts attending to help share the message. And it could be very helpful if anyone might know of a possible alternative meeting location in the neighborhood that would be more monetarily practical.

During November, I had occasion to visit several other meetings that I don't regularly attend. Beyond the End of the Road at the Alano Club on Pomona Drive in Eau Claire, and Alive @ Five at Faith Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls. Both of these meetings were very lightly attended. My experience bears out what I have been hearing – that many groups need support.

I want to suggest to everyone that we all consider ourselves to be part of the Outreach Subcommittee and do the following;

Pick out one meeting that you don't normally attend and go to it on a regular basis. Now, I am not suggesting that you abandon your home group or go on long road trips. Just identify a meeting that you

can reasonably attend regularly. There is surely a meeting close by that needs support. If the majority of us do this it would make a significant difference. Be a part of the solution while at the same time strengthening your own recovery.

Question/Comment: Someone wanted to know what exactly crosstalk is. Defined as commenting directly on someone else's share and/or interrupting someone who is sharing.

There was some discussion of the Wednesday night candlelight meeting in Eau Claire. Nobody wants to move the meeting too far away from the vicinity because there was an agreement with the Huber program to keep it near the jail. The trusted servants for this meeting are Jeff B & Greg C.

Accepted

GSR REPORTS

Miracles Are Us, Eau Claire Friday submitted by Joe F

Donation \$20.00 Avg Grp Size: 25 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 Justin H

Donation \$80.00 Avg Grp Size: 5-10 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

All of the above. Group voted in favor to allocate \$500 for the camping event.

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

Donation \$9.00 Avg Grp Size: 5-6 Newcomers: Yes They return: Sometimes

Meetings are focused on Just for Today reading.

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: Yes They return: No

Greeting newcomers and hugging and fellowship. After the meeting, we discussed the campout and we approve of setting aside the money. We are having good meetings, and good regular home group members who attend.

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: Yes
Bookstudy & topic speaker. Speaker’s open meeting – 1 year to run meeting. Benjamin House asked about a meeting. Phones on table at meeting. Pictures for fliers (taking photos). Celebration 18 months.

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

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

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

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

Nooner Group, Mon, Wed, & Fri, Black River Falls submitted by Michael M

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

Break for Serenity

15 Min. Open Forum: (began: 11:11am ended: 11:33am)

There was some discussion about the “missing” DJ funds. The treasurer actually found the funds later. The discussion turned to the issue of unclear reporting and making sure we are accountable. The activities chair wanted to know if there is a form for financing she could use to fill out. It was suggested that she talk to the treasurer about the form he uses and see if she could adapt it. There was a question about reimbursing the activities chair and if people know where the money is going. The consensus seemed to be that people understood where activities funds are going.

Old Business: (began approximately: 11:33am ended: 11:42am)

TABLED November Motion:

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.

The groups voted to allocate the money for the campout, so the money will be set aside for the campout in 2018.

It was clarified that the literature was actually sent down to Texas and is being held down there for distribution.

Elections:

Michael M nominated for Web Servant – accepted
Nichole M nominated for Treasurer – accepted
Nichole M nominated for Web Servant – declined
Steve J nominated for Secretary -- accepted

New Business:

Motion 1: John B 2nd: Nichole M

Motion: Request literature for the Stanley prison H&I meeting

- 4 Basic Texts
- 4 Just for Today's
- 4 It Works How & Why
- 4 Step Working Guides

Intent: To help carry the message to more inmates at the State prison in Stanley

Financial Impact: Yes, \$175.43

VOTE: 6 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

There was a group conscience taken to double the original amount of literature requested.

Motion 2: Jerry K 2nd: John M

Motion: To donate \$200 to Wisconsin Region

Intent: To be fully self supporting as an area

Financial Impact: Yes, \$200.00

VOTE: 5 aye 0 nay 1 abstain PASSED

It was stated that we get significant services from Region so we should contribute.

Motion 3: Jerry K 2nd: John M

Motion: To buy cardstock key tags. 500 each of all 9 keytags

Intent: To encourage and support the inmates at all of the facilities we currently have H&I meetings at.

Financial Impact: Yes, \$175.50

VOTE: 6 aye 0 nay 0 abstain PASSED

There was some discussion about what would be the lowest price option for these cardstock key tags.

Group Concerns/Announcements:

Wednesday noon meeting in Menomonie is a good meeting

Key points to share with Groups

- 1) *We have all been "deputized" by the Outreach chair to do some outreach service. Please check up on meetings other than your home group to see how they are doing. It is not necessary to abandon your home group or take long trips.*
- 2) *Written reports are required for trusted servants. Your presence at the Area Service Committee meeting is strongly recommended. Written reports can be emailed to the secretary or put on paper and brought with you.*

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at January ASC meeting

Michael M for Web Servant

Nichole M for Treasurer

Steve J for Secretary

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

January 2018 Area Service: 9:30am, January 6, 2018, Central Lutheran, Chippewa Falls

February 2018 Area Service:

Motion made to close meeting: Steve J Seconded by: Mike D (Coach) Time: 12:27pm