

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes

Hosted at Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI
Meeting called to order by: Joe F @ 9:34 am

Attendance: Steve J, Ashley T, Mel D, Todd H, Nick B, David C, Angel E, Mike D (coach), Mike D, Sam S, Brandon L, Chad H, Jerry A, Jaime S, Jeff H, Shawn T, Byron G, Morgan F, Joe F, Nichole M, Jerry K, Brandon B, David R, John M, Gary, Nycki L

Introductions

Moment of Silence

Service Prayer: All

12 Traditions: Shawn T

Roll Call:

Groups:

EC Friday night: David C - here

Chippewa Tues & Sun: Steve J - here

Black & Blue Basic Text/Alive @ Five, Chippewa Thurs, Sat: Mike D.- here

BRF Mon & Fri Night: Pete R. – absent

EC Monday Night: Todd H- here

Menomonie Wed Fri & Sat night: Shawn T. - here

Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday: Amanda L- absent

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday: Dave R - here

The Unknown Addicts, Rice Lake, Mon, Wed: Byron G- here

Surrender Group, Rice Lake, Friday, Saturday: Jeff H - here

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

Freedom Group, Thursday, Rice Lake, -- Jerry A - here

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

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

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

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

Steps to Sanity, Tue, Rice Lake: Morgan F- here

Administrative Trusted Servants:

Chairperson: Joe F- here

Vice-Chairperson: - VACANT

Regional Committee Member: Brandon L- here

Regional Committee Member-Alternate: Jamie S- here

Treasurer: Nichole M - here

Treasurer-Alternate: VACANT

Secretary: Steve J - here

Secretary-Alternate: Ashley T- here

Web Servant: VACANT

Web Servant-Alternate: Mike D- here

Subcommittees:

Activities: Sam S - here, Activities-Alternate: Ashley T- here

Literature : Angel E- here, Literature-Alternate: VACANT,

Public Relations: Michael M - , Public Relations-Alternate: VACANT

Hospitals & Institutions: VACANT, Hospitals & Institutions-Alternate: - VACANT

Policy & Procedure: Mike D (Coach) - here. Policy & Procedure-Alternate: VACANT,

Outreach Jeff H –here , Outreach-Alternate: VACANT

Motion made to accept minutes by: Sam Seconded by: Mike D (Coach)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chairperson Report: Spoken/Emailed

I hope everyone had a chance to discuss the changes to policies and procedures regarding the new campout subcommittee with their home groups. It'll be nice to have a sub committee dedicated, so we can continue to grow this event.

In addition, I hope everyone has been promoting the opportunity to be a part of sub committees. In one meeting that I attended, there was a lot of interest in helping out, especially from newcomers.

Hope you all have a great holiday season!

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Vice-Chairperson Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Regional Committee Member Report: Spoken/Emailed

Hello family, James and I attended the November Regional service committee in Wisconsin rapids. The main thing we have to report is that a WRSoOffice had \$19,000 in funds disappear over the course of 18 months. The members of The office did a thorough investigation on the account and came up with the total of \$19,000 and have the person that is responsible for the funds disappearing. The office members contacted other areas and regions that have had the same thing happen and came up with a conclusion. Instead of reporting the person to the authorities, they have set up a payment plan of \$500 a month until the first of the year and then the person will be putting a quarter of the money down and then \$300 a month every month there after until it is completely paid back. If he is more then one day late on any of the payments they will take the notarized agreement to the authorities and then follow through with charges. Other than that there were no major issues to report back to our area.

In total we spent \$224.74 on our room for 2 Days, \$26.73 for gas and we were reimbursed \$75 each from region. So I am asking for \$37 for the room and James is asking reimbursement for \$64 for the room and gas

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Treasurer Report:

Emailed/Reported by Joe F

Good morning. I will be in attendance before the meeting closes but have some work to do this morning. I wrote the check to Jeff incorrectly and Area owes him \$2 besides the reimbursement he requests today. Sorry Jeff. I did not mail the check to NAWS yet because there seems to be some confusion of the invoice information. For clarity, it is best practice to submit a payment with the copy of the invoice so that NAWS can post the payment appropriately. The breakdown of Area's Treasury is listed below. The bank statement is published on the 1st of the month so I am not able to reconcile for this cycle. The December reconciliation will be included with the January report.

11/3/2018	Beginning Balance:	\$833.94	
	Income:		
	7th Tradition	\$35.00	
	GSR Contributions	\$170.00	
	Activities		
	Literature Income	\$40.81	
	TOTAL INCOME:	\$245.81	deposit 11/3/2018

Expenses:			
Ck# 1389	\$15.00	Facility	
Ck# 1390	\$200.00	WRSC	
Ck# 1391	\$20.35	Outreach Gas Reimbursement	
Ck# 1392	\$125.00	Annual Website	
Ck# 1393	\$435.93	NAWS Inv# 013158	
TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$796.28		

Change to Bank
Balance: -\$550.47

New CVA Balance:	\$283.47
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Question/Comment:

Accepted

Secretary Report: Spoken

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Web Servant Report: Emailed/Spoken

Michael M responded to my text message on 11-24-18 stating "Sorry for delay: Yes, I'll step down and send you an email to that effect for the record, when I get to my email, I'll also forward that password.

Thanks!"

That being said, I will run for Web Servant and step down from WS Alt if elected.

69 sessions by 56 users with an average session of 3 Min 16 Sec of which 72.7% were from Desktop/laptop, 24.2% were mobile, and 3% were by tablet.

81 total homepage views, 29 meeting list views, 7 event calendar, 5 area minutes, 5 opportunities, 4 contact, 2 NA links, 2 AODA Professionals, 1 Document View.

One contact email from an addict in an early release prison. Forwarded it to the area list on 11-30-18, as I did not catch it until then. I am just getting aligned here.

NAWS got back to me regarding a few changes that were pending on their site.

1) The city names were corrected behind the CVA description. Menomonie was changed from Menomonee. Cadott was changed to Chippewa Falls.

2) The BMLT gets updated from region. Region sent an update to NAWS on 11-19-18. Prior to that the last update to NAWS from WI Region was May. It seems region is the hang up getting updates to world.

Jerry K can add a little to this as well.

I am going to be organizing the CVAREANA google drive. I will be working with Steve J to get it up to date with all necessary files.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report: Spoken

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Literature Report: Spoken

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Literature Alternate Report:

Question/Comment:

Public Relations Report: Spoken/Emailed

I did make a lot of changes to the meeting information on the phone line this month. The first was to remove the Tuesday, 12:15, Eau Claire Alano Club, Beyond the End of the Road meeting. The second was to change the time on the Wednesday, Menomonie, Off the Record meeting from 12 PM to 10 AM. Also i changed the address to all of the Menomonie, Attitude of Gratitude meetings to the First Congregational Church of Christ, as of today they will no longer be meeting at the Alano Club. And last but not least I had to re-record all of the meetings in Rice lake because i discovered that I didn't have what day one of the meetings was held. These changes require me to re-record all of the recordings for meetings in Eau Claire, Menomonie and Rice Lake, as well as all of the meetings held in the Chippewa Valley Area that are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. So if your meeting falls into one of those 7 categories please call 1-888-543-0924 and check your meeting information. I did notice that the printed list has the Wednesday Attitude of Gratitude meeting listed as open and Friday and Saturday as closed, is this correct or a misprint? We received 3 calls to the Chippewa Valley Area extension this month, 2 of those calls left a message. The first was an addict looking for the candle light meeting that used to be on Wednesday in Eau Claire but recently closed. The second message was from a Trusted Servant from the Wisconsin Region Public Relations Committee doing more checking on how the phone lines are being utilized by the Area's. The callers used 11 minutes and I used an additional 51 minutes updating the system 3 different times. The entire Wisconsin Region had a total of 204 call that used a total of 598 minutes. For a total cost of \$164.95. After the issue with the robo-calls that cost Region \$108.31 in overage charges over the course of about 6 weeks finally stopped, the Region did partially reinstate the use of the main Regional Information Line to have a short recording instructing callers to visit the website at wisconsinna.org for meeting information. There has been no unusual activity to that extension this month. They have still not decided if they are going to reinstate the Dial-By-Area Directory that transfers the calls to each Area or if they will possibly disconnect the extension completely. More will be revealed.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Hospitals and Institutions Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Hospitals and Institutions – Alternate Report: VACANT

Question/Comment:

Policy and Procedure Report: Spoken

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Outreach Report: Spoken/Emailed

Both meetings of the 'Beyond the End of the Road' Group, at 12:15 pm on Tuesday and Thursday at Club 12 in Eau Claire, have closed The Thursday

meeting had previously closed and I was informed last month that the Tuesday meeting was also shutting down. I went to the Tuesday meeting to verify the information I received and indeed, no one was there. So, I cleared out all NA related items from the designated room and notified the Alano Club.

On a separate occasion, I bumped into the Chairperson who turned over the Group's remaining merchandise from the locker downstairs. I informed him that the items would be delivered to the Area Service Committee for redistribution and thanked him for his Service. I include a detailed inventory of the merchandise I brought here today. There are IP's, a Lit rack, keytags, 12x12 posters, 2 'Basic Text', 2 'Just for Today' and a 'Living Clean', etc.

Apparently the Group folded due to lack of attendance. I recall that this is the 3rd time an NA Group has opened and closed at Club 12 on weekdays at 12:15pm. In my opinion, the fact that AA meetings are held at the same time right across the hall was contributing factor to this. The same was true of the Saturday meeting at the Alano club in Menomonie which has, as of today, moved to another location; although, attendance wasn't the problem there. Also, the Wednesday meeting at 1st Baptist church (now the Renew church) in Eau Claire, which recently folded, was held during the same time frame as an AA Group there.

I'm not suggesting that we ought to be in competition with other recovery programs, it's just that I've seen this sort of thing happen time and time again over the years. I would recommend to NA members in the Chippewa Valley Area not to hold meetings in the same locale with other recovery meetings which run concurrently. As it stands now, we do not. A new NA Group formed last Saturday at Club 12 in Eau Claire at 10pm in the basement, an hour after the end of the other meeting there.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

GSR REPORTS

Miracles Are Us, Eau Claire Friday submitted by David C

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 30 Newcomers: y They return: sometimes

Our Attendance has been coming up over the last month or so which we are pleased to see our meeting has improved in my opinion. It is and has been one of the primary meetings for the area treatment centers. As such we strive to provide a structured meeting for newcomers and our fellow addicts.

Bridges to Recovery Chippewa Falls submitted by Steve J

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 30 Newcomers: y They return: sometimes
Attendance is up!

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

Donation \$ 20 Avg Grp Size: 25/15 Newcomers: y They return: sometimes
Nothing too exciting. John M electd to secretary. IP'S on Saturdays.

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

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

Together We Grow, Eau Claire Monday Night submitted by Todd H

Donation \$ 100 Avg Grp Size: 25-35 Newcomers: y They return: y
Meetings are going strong. Most addicts share encouraging people to become involved with service.
Funds previously held by GSR have been returned

Attitude of Gratitude, Menomonie submitted by Shawn T

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 10 Newcomers: y They return: sometimes
We need to try to get the jail to buy into the new meeting location. They do not want to send any inmates now that we are changing locations. April and I will try to reach out to people in charge to see if we can influence but any suggested are appreciated.

Ego Check, Menomonie, Monday submitted by

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

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday submitted by Dave R

Donation \$ 100 Avg Grp Size:15 Newcomers: y They return: sometimes
We have a lot of rotation in newcomers due to drug court, jail, and relapse. We have a core group of members. Continue to encourage participation in 12 step and 12 tradition service.

The Unknown Addicts, Rice Lake, Mon, Wed submitted by Byron G

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size:7-10 Newcomers: y They return: y
Spreading the message, greeting newcomers, added support, nice environment , share new events, casual meeting. We have had more members helping in service work.

Surrender Group, Rice Lake, Friday, Saturday submitted by Jeff H

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 12 Newcomers: y They return: y
Yep we're fine. Thanks for asking.

Arbor Place, Menomonie, Thursday, Sunday submitted by

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

Freedom Group, Rice Lake, Thursday submitted by Jerry A

Donation \$10 Avg Grp Size: 14 Newcomers: y They return: y
We have a 20/20 club and the message is strong.

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:

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

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 12 Newcomers: y They return: sometimes

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

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

Steps To Sanity, Tue, Rice Lake submitted by Morgan F

Donation: \$ 10 Avg Grp Size: 10-12 Newcomers: yes They return: sometimes

True gift meeting, in house pot luck the 27th. Lots of people with a year or more attend regularly.

Break for Serenity

15 Min. Open Forum: (began:11:09 ended: 11:16)

Brandon L got our flag back.

Pink meeting lists are outdated

Bring CVANA sign up sheets for sub committees back to January Area

Old Business: (began approximately: 11:16 ended:11:41)

Tabled motion from November (motion #4) to be amended in that we strike the last line in #9 “in the event that no Campout Chairperson is elected, monetary requests must be submitted to the Area Service Committee”. Also to add Treasurer with at least 2 year clean time.

Elections:

Brandon B elected to Outreach Alternate

Nichole M nominated for Treasurer

Todd H nominated for Web Servant Alternate

Mike D nominated for Web Servant

Steve J nominated to Secretary

Ashley T to Secretary Alternate

Jeff H to Policy & Procedure Alternate

Jeff H to Outreach

New Business:

Motion #1 Jeff H 2nd Byron G

Motion: To turn over the merchandise from the closed Beyond The End Of The Road group to the Outreach Committee.

Intent: To increase the supply of items available to Outreach for distribution to groups and Individuals in need.

Vote: 10 aye 0 nay 0 abstain

Motion #2 Brandon L 2nd Chad H

Motion: \$40 a day between the RCM and RCMA for meals

Intent: For reimbursement at \$40 a day

Financial Impact: \$40 a day

Vote 10 aye 0 nay 0 abstain

Group Concerns/Announcements:

Key points to share with Groups

- Open positions include Vice Chair, Treasurer Alternate, Literature Alternate, Public Relations Alternate, H&I, H&I Alternate, Web Servant Alternate, Policy & Procedure Alternate.
- Nominations: Nichole M for Treasurer, Mike D for Web Servant, Todd H for Web Servant Alternate, Steve J for Secretary, Ashley T for Secretary Alternate, Jeff H for Policy & Procedure Alternate, Jeff H for Outreach
- Brandon B elected as Outreach Alternate
- Hand in sign up sheets for subcommittees at next Area Service

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at January ASC meeting

Current Vacant Positions: Vice Chair, Treasurer Alternate, Literature Alternate, Public Relations Alternate, H&I, H&I Alternate, Policy & Procedure Alternate

January 2019 Ares Service: January 5th at Central Lutheran Church at 930am

Motion made to close meeting: Steve J Seconded by: Nycki L Time: 12:10