

CVANA Service Meeting Minutes

Hosted at ZOOM

Meeting called to order by: Rob Y @

Attendance: Kassie S, Dean H, Nichole M, Meri H, Loree C, Steve J, Rob Y, Jerry K, Theresa L, Sara K, Brian H, Pete R

Introductions

Moment of Silence

Service Prayer: All

12 Traditions: Jerry K

Roll Call:

Groups:

EC Friday night: -

Chippewa Tues & Sun: Angel E -

Black & Blue Basic Text, Thurs, Chippewa Falls: Mike D -

Alive @ Five, ChippewaFalls, Sat:.-

BRF Mon & Fri Night: Dean H. – here

EC Monday Night: Todd H -

Menomonie Wed Fri & Sat night: -

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday;

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

Surrender Group, Rice Lake, Friday, Saturday: -

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

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

NA Meeting, Chetek, Thursday: ??? -

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

M.I.A. Wed, Chippewa Falls: Jamie S –

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

Steps to Sanity, Tue, Rice Lake: Gregg S –

Rising Above, Sat, Eau Claire- Loree C - here

Lost Dreams Awakened, Wed, Eau Claire: Sara K- here

Grounded In Gratitude, Thurs, New Richmond,: -

Saturday Night Serenity, Saturday, Spooner: Rodney L-

Pass The Hat, Mon, Chippewa Falls: Meri H - here

How It Works and Why, Thurs, Chippewa Falls: Brad N -

Recovery's Way, Thurs, River Falls:

Saturday New Richmond NA, Sat, New Richmond:

Ain Dah Ing NA, Sunday, Cameron:

Survivor's Group, Wed, Shell Lake: Rodney L –

Hope Not Dope, Thurs, Cumberland:

Hope In Recovery, Tue, Cochrane:

Saturday NA Chetek:

Zooming into Recovery, Jerry K - here

Administrative Trusted Servants:

Chairperson: Rob Y- here

Vice-Chairperson: - VACANT

Regional Committee Member: -

October Square Deposit

Campout Expenses

10/3/202

0 Beginning Balance:

\$2,542.1

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Income:

cash deposit by Group \$100.00 Alive @ 5 per Justin

cash deposit from

member \$40.00

refund of Gift Card

balance \$200.00

Square Income since

Area \$82.37

TOTAL INCOME: \$422.37

Expenses:

CK#

Checkcard \$500.00

donation to

WRSC

TOTAL EXPENSE: \$500.00

Change to Bank Balance: -\$77.63

New CVA Balance:

\$2,464.51

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Treasurer Alternate Report: Nothing to Report by Steve J

Question/Comment:

Secretary Report: Nothing to Report by Steve J

Question/Comment:

Secretary Alternate Report:

Question/Comment:

Web Servant Report:

Question/Comment:

Web Servant Report: Emailed/Spoken by Brian H

Report for November Area Committee - Brian H. (Webmaster Alt)

I had training with current webmaster.

I had additional training with Wis. Regional PR, Mike R., and got many suggestions.

- spell out things on BMLT (Street, Avenue, Boulevard) for people not familiar with such abbreviations
- if Virtual only meeting, spell out "Virtual Only" in World Committee code
- when editing BMLT, make note of the number of meetings before - to avoid a mishap

I joined an International NAWS Webinar on October 31st

- There is a survey project until December 31st focusing on: best practices, applying the virtual meetings,

NA principles, how virtual meetings connect your community with the rest of NA, other ways virtual meetings are providing services, and if our virtual meetings are listed on the meeting finder at na.org.

- Many of the groups presented shared they have a safe, consistent atmosphere for recovery, have good prudent reserves, and offer ways for newcomers to be of service. Homegroup members also provide sponsorship opportunities. More than one group shared they have a dedicated email for such things as attendance verification. It was suggested there is a widget for attendance verification.

www.na.org/virtual www.na.org/newsnews www.na.org/subscribe www.na.org/contribute

wb@na.org for questions, virtualna.org (not affiliated)

Sponsorship Day is December 1st!!

Notes from groups that shared:

- Northstar Hybrid Group (since May 2018, 201.257.2764) provides a safe meeting place for addicts with

a consistent atmosphere for recovery. Their hosts and co-hosts are trained on when to mute and unmute mics and when to open chat for all. They have 25-30 consistent homegroup members who come

early and stay late and attend group consciences. They have a prudent reserve usually of 1,500-1,800usd and have a dedicated email for their meeting for such things as attendance verification.

- 7 AM Coffee Time Meeting is based in Northern California and has been meeting 7 days/week since March. Their co-hosts screenshare readings and with a "serenity keeper" to mute and unmute mics.

They have a greeter every day and the focus is on newcomers. The meeting is from 7am-8am pst with members sometimes showing as early as 6:15. With their 7th tradition they donate 25% to their area, 25% to their region, and 50% to world. Their group offers sponsorship activity and no closed chat.

- Argentina Region: this host offered many statistics in general - most groups shut down and/or not functioning normally (36% saying no to not functioning normally) - 60% of attendees contribute - 92%

of addicts attend meetings virtually, 33% 1/day or even more /day - many addicts plan on attending virtual meetings after the Pandemic.

- Brasil Region: this host shared how in 2014 Brazilians began to make a network in order to include more people, particularly of rural areas - they feature 47 online meetings and 60 servants and moderators - they offer both virtual and hybrid - in 5,570 municipalities there are a bit over 700 that have meetings atleast once a week with most meeting just once a week - these virtual/hybrid meetings help addicts in remote locations attend many meetings a week, especially for newcomers - they hold fellowship development meetings for accountability and also to enable new members to serve - they have servants go to groups in rural communities to offer hybrid meetings, they bring their own devices - the host suggested an app named "Zello" for people with lo-fi connections.

- UK Online meetings have a host, greeter, and screensharing system. They keep records of every meeting and rotate service (the password to their account is changed with rotation.) Their group offers distance sponsorship. They do not share app ID's or passwords, instead opting for an imbedded link.

- Poland Region: this host shared how transit workers are getting to more meetings with her native tongue - their first group was in 2013 starting with Skype and now using Zoom - their 7th tradition is with PayPal and there is 1 treasurer for every group - there are 11 groups, 20 meetings/week - in 2019 the gained area status with their region.

- Montana Rural Outreach/Online Meeting Project: this region is mostly rural, this Project was formed in 1992 and seated in 1993 - they met monthly. Since 2010 they have been trying for a video conference but they weren't successful until 2019. Since the Pandemic struck there is now 17 weekly meetings, H&I outreach, and since August they have hybrid meetings. They have been working towards security vigilance; attracting new servants; and trainings, rotations, and policies. They have quarterly reviews and commitments.

- Russian Language Region Transit: This region was established so that anyone may have a meeting in the Russian language regardless of location. There are 88 face to face meetings in 23 countries and 125 online meetings at all times of the day; and they facilitate meetings in hospitals.. Their committees include: events, fellowship, executive, and PR (their PR uses google.eggworks). In 2016 their Transit

Delegate was appointed.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Report:

Question/Comment:

Activities Alternate Report:

Question/Comment:

Literature Report: Spoken/Emailed by Theresa L

Literature on hand is: \$900.99

The savings account holds: \$731.26

Cash on hand is: \$49.11

The total literature balance, at this time, is: \$1,681.36

I placed two orders with NAWS this past month. One was a big order for \$582.82. The second order was placed to cover a donation of two books to an addict in need for \$24.55. We received the first order and all the keytags were in Zulu, due to me not noticing that the default language for the keytags had changed on the website. I sent those back to world at a price of \$15.05 shipping. They should be replacing those keytags with English ones. Therefore, the first invoice will be incorrect and a second invoice for just the key tags will be issued. However, the amount we owe NAWS should not change. I talked to Sylvia at world, and she assured me we would still get the lower shipping percentage on the exchanged tags.

I used part of the donation balance to donate 2 Step working guides, 1 Basic Text and 1 JFT. (Part of that was the order I placed with NAWS – since to order and ship from there is a bit cheaper overall) The total donation balance used was \$47.82. I also used some cash on hand to ship back the erroneous key tags. So far, we have donated \$205.66. The remaining donation balance is then \$94.34. $\$1,100 + \$94.34 = \$1,194.34$. The treasurer needs to take out the amount for world at \$607.37 which would leave our bank balance at: \$123.89 and the total literature balance at: \$1073.99. I have not yet received the 310 keytags I ordered (in English) and that alone would add \$190.96 to our balance making it \$1264.95. We would then be over our budget by \$70.61. Since I haven't received the replacement keytags yet, I am not sure if the treasurer should take out the overage today. If so, the treasurer should take $\$607.37 + \$70.61 = \$677.98$ out of the bank account.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Literature Alternate Report:

Question/Comment:

Public Relations Report:

Question/Comment:

Hospitals and Institutions Report: Emailed/Spoken by Meri H

We held our meeting on October 25, 2020. We are making contact with the facilities, seeing if we can meet online since the majority of them are still not allowing in person meetings. Some facilities have their own zoom account, we just need the volunteers, so please consider H&I and announce it in your homegroups. Our focus right now is getting literature in the facilities, as well as volunteers. We discussed having a multi-facility speaker jam, but are not sure the facilities would approve of it. We also discussed having a zoom account specifically for H&I. More will be revealed. Our next meeting will be November 22, 2020 at 3:30 pm by way of Zoom. The Zoom ID is: 3811195767. Please come and be a part of.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Hospitals and Institutions – Alternate Report: Spoken by Loree C

Question/Comment:

Policy and Procedure Report: Emailed by Nichole M/ Reported by Rob Y

Only one person showed up for the last scheduled Policy meeting. Another addict needed help moving that same night so we agreed to not have the committee meeting. I stayed logged in on Zoom until about 5:30pm. No communication from groups or members has been received in regards to improving the policy. We are working on updating the document to match the motions that have been approved by Area. I would like to schedule the next committee meeting for 5pm Sunday 11/15 unless that interrupts another committee's plan.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

Outreach Report:

Question/Comment:

Campout Report:

Question/Comment:

Campout Alternate:

Question/Comment:

Campout Treasurer: Emailed by Joe F/ Reported by Rob Y

This is all that is currently available to report.

The current campout savings balance is \$2000. In my possession is a gift card valued at \$31.62

Merchandise has 64 masks with a sellable value of \$213.33

I currently have no access to square to view online sales or invoices due to previous login being deactivated. I am unable to access square logins without the routing number, account number, etc. from the area account..which I do not have access to...nor want.

Once reports are sent from the account is sent, an audit needs to be done of the campout finances of the year.

Also, on a personal note, I am aware that I have been nominated for the campout treasurer for election in December of this year. I am currently uninterested in this position until a hybrid/face-to-face option to attend area is available to those of us that do not have easy access to high-speed internet.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

GSR REPORTS

Miracles Are Us, Eau Claire Friday submitted by

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

Bridges to Recovery Chippewa Falls submitted by Angel G

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

Nothing to Report

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

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

Currently Closed

Alive @ Five, Chippewa Falls submitted by

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They return

Black River Falls, Monday & Friday NA Group submitted by Dean H

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

Alt meeting place Mon at 6pm Fri at 7pm Observing social distancing

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:

Vision of Hope, Chetek, Tuesday submitted by

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

The Unknown Addicts, 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:

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:

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

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

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 Gregg S

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

Rising Above, Sat, Eau Claire, Submitted by Loree C

Donation: \$ Avg Grp Size: 10 Newcomers: They return:

Lost Dreams Awakened, Wed, Eau Claire submitted by SaraK

Donation: \$ 100.00 Avg Grp Size: 5-6 Newcomers: They return:

Saturday Night Serenity, Sat, Spooner submitted by

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

Grounded In Gratitude, Thurs, New Richmond submitted by

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

Pass the Hat, Mon, Chippewa Falls, submitted by Meri H

Donation: \$ Avg Grp Size: 6-9 Newcomers: They return:
Pass the Hat is still meeting in person for now. Masks are not required but are strongly encouraged as well as social distancing. The readings have been laminated for easy cleaning. We are averaging 6 to 9 people. We do not have a donation at this time.

Recovery's Way, Thurs, River Falls, submitted by

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

How it Works and Why, Thurs, Chippewa Falls, submitted by

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

Ain Dah Ing NA, Sunday, Cameron, submitted by

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

Saturday New Richmond NA, Sat, New Richmond, submitted by

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

Survivor's Group, Wed, Shell Lake, Submitted by

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

Hope Not Dope, Thurs, Cumberland, Submitted by

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

Hope In Recovery, Tue, Cochrane, Submitted by

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

Saturday NA Chetek, Submitted by

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

Zooming Into Recovery, Nightly 7pm Zoom meeting Submitted by: Jerry K

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

The meeting has been going well. It appears that most of the issues we were having with Zoom bombing have dissipated, but we are still taking the precaution of having a few co-hosts ready to remove any disruptive people and to monitor the waiting room to let people into the meeting as quickly as possible. Average attendance has remained steady at about 12, and slightly higher on some evenings. We have regular attendance from addicts here in the Chippewa Valley and also from several addicts in other states. We have also had several students attend as part of their education process to work in the addiction recovery field. During our group business meeting we discussed a number of topics. One of those topics was to vote on a new name for the group. We decided on "Zooming Into Recovery". We will be specifying in our format that Zoom is merely the platform for us to conduct the meeting. We are also encouraging the different nightly hosts to use a variety of formats and topics. We are hoping by providing a variety we will be more attractive to different addicts on different nights so if you have been attending on a specific night please make sure to let your host know if you have any suggestions. We also discussed the pros and cons of the chat feature and whether it should be restricted or left open to allow addicts to exchange contact info. We decided it should remain restricted to the host only during the meeting but encourage the host to keep it open before the meeting and open it up after the meeting has closed. We also discussed the need for an email address for sending attendance verification for addicts who may still be required to verify their meeting attendance. We decided it wasn't necessary at this time. The Thursday noon meeting has been struggling with low attendance. So we are encouraging the nightly host to remind people that

there is a daytime meeting option. We did notice that, altho the meeting is listed, there isn't a link provided on Wisconsin's regional website for that meeting so hopefully we can get that fixed soon. We have also noticed that a number of people seem to be joining the meeting very early or late. We may need to be more clear on all the platforms where it is listed that the meeting is at Central time.

Break for Serenity

15 Min. Open Forum: (began:10:32 ended:10:45)

Brian H to talk to with Mike D about renewing Web Domain name
Loree C – Thurs and Sat Arbor closed due to Covid, in need of tags
Discussion on sharing Square account info with Campout Committee

Old Business: (began approximately: ended:)

Elections:

- Elections/Nominations: Dean H volunteered for Policy & Procedure Alt, Kassie volunteered for Literature Alt, Theresa L volunteered for RCMA, Brian H volunteered for Web Servant, Nichole M volunteered for Policy & procedure

New Business:

Group Concerns/Announcements:

Key points to share with Groups

- Open positions: Chair Alt, RCM, RCMA, Secretary Alt, Activities, Activities Alt, Literature Alt, Public Relations, Public Relations Alt, Policy & Procedure Alt, Web Servant
- Up for election in December: Treasurer, Treasurer-Alternate, Secretary, Secretary-Alternate, Web Servant, Web Servant- Alternate, Policy & Procedure, Policy & Procedure-Alternate, Outreach, Outreach-Alternate.
- Elections/Nominations: Dean H volunteered for Policy & Procedure Alt, Kassie volunteered for Literature Alt, Theresa L volunteered for RCMA, Brian H volunteered for Web Servant, Nichole M volunteered for Policy & procedure
- Members having trouble logging into zoom meetings can call in at # 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID 381 119 5767 Password 54729
- Policy & Procedure meeting November 15th at 5:00 pm on Zoom
- H&I meeting November 22nd at 7:30 pm on Zoom

- Next Ara service to be held on December 5th at 9:30 am on Zoom

SERVICE SAVES LIVES

Elections to be held at December ASC meeting

Current Vacant Positions

- Open positions: Chair Alt, RCM, RCMA, Secretary Alt, Activities, Activities Alt, Literature Alt, Public Relations, Public Relations Alt, Policy & Procedure Alt, Web Servant
- Up for election in December: Treasurer, Treasurer-Alternate, Secretary, Secretary-Alternate, Web Servant, Web Servant- Alternate, Policy & Procedure, Policy & Procedure-Alternate, Outreach, Outreach-Alternate.

December, 2020 Ares Service: ZOOM @ 9:30 am on December 5th

Motion made to close meeting: Brian H Seconded by: Meri H Time: 11:27