



Off the Wall Area

Narcotics Anonymous



Off The Wall Area Service Committee Minutes June 7, 2009

Open: 9:05 with the reading of the 12 Concepts of NA

Roll Call: Karen C, Ernie S, Desiree V, Stephanni C, Kurt B, John S, Charlie A, David M, Dale L, Mike L, Adam C, Michael B, Cathy S, Jim M, Shawn H, Sjon C, Red B, Chris B, Ellen K, Chris G, Mike M

Guests:

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Amend with the treasure report and Addicts helping Addicts giving \$3, and not \$30. Was clarified by Treasurer that it was \$3.

Group Reports:

4th Street Recovery: Levi B. GSR, Megan O. GSRA, Meetings and Seventh are staying very strong. Is in need of a Treasurer. Area Donation of \$10

Addicts Helping Addicts: Chris G GSR, Brandon GSRA, Support for Monday meeting needed. Looking for new Wed Secretary, GSRA not usually attending, but wants to keep position. Area donation of \$10

Addicts Seeking Sanity: Cathy S GSR, Meetings and 7th are strong. All Jackson Lake camping spots are full. Area donation of \$50

Addicts United: Dale L. GSR, David M. GSRA, Meetings are going well with 25-30 Addicts attending. David M. is the new GSRA. Asked that if the meeting's name had not been changed on the Area meeting schedule, that it be changed.

Clean Serene Freaks: Mike L. GSR, Adam C. GSRA, Attendance and 7th are at average. The Poker run is July 25th with an all day BBQ. Flyers to come. This year's slogan will be "One Purpose, One Promise: Freedom." Area Donation of \$50

Drug Busters: Kurt B. representing, Attendance is good. In need of a GSRA and a coffee maker. Area donation of \$15

Esperanza de a Vida "Hope for Life": Not in attendance

Freedom Springs: Desiree V. GSRA, Attendance and 7th are strong, with an average of 10-15 Addicts attending. Area donation of \$20.

Friday Night Dead Without It: Not in attendance

Hugs Not Drugs: Stacey A. GSR, Meetings are going well with an average of 20-25 Addicts attending. 7th is taking care of rent and Literature.

Hope Dealers: Ellen K. GSR, Group is doing well with strong new-comer attendance on both nights. "Thank you to the Addicts from the Area that have made an effort to attend." Area donation of \$7

Just For Today: Sjon C. GSR, Mike B. GSRA, Attendance is good with all service positions filled. Make sure that Web says that Book Study is a closed meeting, meeting only for addicts and no children. Area donation of \$40

Make Your Own Monday: Dave C. AKA “Coolerman” GSR, Average attendance of 11 Addicts. A Halfway house rep showed up to take attendance of people from halfway house. Dave asked how to go about keeping anonymity when such things happen. Area donation of \$22.70

Mass Addicts: John S. GSR, Attendance is good with 12-18 Addicts. Carrying a strong NA message. 7th is covering expenses. In need of home group members and trusted servants. Area donation of \$14.80

Never Alone Never Again: Stephanni C. GSR, Closed Saturday Meetings keeping the Sunday and Wednesday going strong and carrying the Message. Needs home group members.

New Horizons: Not in attendance

On Higher Ground: Not in attendance

Primary Purpose: Ernie S. GSR, Shell H. GSRA, Setting up for a group inventory. Area donation of \$80

NA Nooner: Plans to start calling on people when the meeting becomes silent toward the end. Will send a report to ASC, as the group is in need of a GSR and a GSRA.

When At The End Of The Road: Meeting location has moved to behind the Vineyard Church. Average of 12- 15 Addicts are in attendance. Is in need of a GSR, GSRA, and Secretary. Area donation of \$10

XX Genes: Karen C GSR, Meetings are going strong. Area donation of \$10

**If your meeting report is not on here, make sure a written, preferably typed so I can read it, copy is turned in to Area Secretary! Thanks
Officer Reports**

Chair: Chris B. No Report

Vice Chair: Karen C. No Report Question made about statements made at May ASC was conflicting, and was clarified through the minutes and by ASC chair.

RMC 1/RCM 2: Shawn H. RCM I, Newt L. RCM II, Last Regional meeting \$100 donated. Last Regional Assembly, \$1434 was donated to WSO, leaving a general reserve of \$5000.

Region asked that all GSR's and Alternates attend the next Regional Assembly. Asked that when electing GSR's, ask them if they will be able to attend the two bi-annual Regional Assemblies

NAWS is strongly suggesting that CRCNA become incorporated, due to the fact that currently, the CRCNA is solely liable. The reason being, is that lawsuits are rising across the nation, members are at risk in lawsuits, insurance currently cannot completely cover members in case of lose or damage, and finally, NA as a whole is moving this direction. Recovery will still be handled by the Region and its Area's. The Board of CRCNA Corporation will only control the financials. The board will report to the Region. There will be 9 Board of Trustees every year. 5 will be chosen by the CRCNA subcommittee, and 4 will be voted for at Region. They will have a new service-term structure to ensure that there is no new “fresh blood” every year, but instead have people in these positions with experience. And able to teach new trusted servants how to perform the tasks needed. Regions and Areas are not under the umbrella of the new corporation being formed. We cannot use it as a resource.

The next Assembly will be voting on whether or not to form a new PR umbrella. This will only be a Regional change. The proposal is available on the Regional website. This will help the Region cover all forms of public interaction and bridge the communication gap. If we would like to have another presentation with the changes to the proposal, we need to discuss it. We need to have an ASC vote before the next Regional Assembly, so that the RCM can carry our vote.

Regional Elections:

- **Treasurer:** Don T. (second term)
- **Secretary:** Teresa K. (second term)
- **PI Chair:** Tawny C. (second term)
- **H&I Chair:** Terry C. (second term)

Regional Motions:

- Changing Regional Assembly dates to April and September, instead of April and July- passed
- Change bylaws to make web servant an elected position instead of appointed- passed
- To form a CRCNA Corporation- passed

Next CRSCNA Committee Meeting to be held July 19, 2009 from 10 AM to 3PM at the Denver Inner City Parish Building: 1212 Mariposa St.

Secretary : Stephanni C. The contract for the Pulliam Building will be filled out and sent in which will keep us here indefinitely. This contract will be renewed every October, annually. The NA meeting at Harmony needs to be discussed in new business.

Treasurer: Red B. Things need to be cleared up about the 2608 Club, as to help rebuild the reputation of a NA meeting's home group.

Beginning balance on May 3rd of \$2091.58, with the following disbursements of :

- \$5 to H&I for rent
- \$78.42 to Activities Subcommittee for flyers.
- \$92.17 to PI chair
- \$93.35 to literature for donation to the Hope Dealers
- \$30.00 for printing of the Area newsletter
- \$37.35 for H&I literature

Total disbursements for that day were \$336.29

Area Donations were \$351.73

Donated \$10 to web service

Paid phone bill in the amount of \$81.80

Paid \$60.00 to PO box rental for one year

This leaves an account balance of \$1940.22 minus our prudent balance of \$600.00 for a general fund of \$1340.22

The Vice Chair has made a point at each ASC meeting since she was voted into the position that she has not been added to the list of individual that can sign for checks. After the last ASC meeting, an attempt was made to set a time and date when we could take care of it, but she was unwilling to do what it takes to complete this process.

Activities Subcommittee: Kurt B. In attendance were 6 Addicts

The summer events were discussed. A calendar was brought to set the events into motion. Volleyball will June 6th, and again on July 11th starting at 1 PM with the location changing to Horsetooth Park located at the west end of Horsetooth. Football was scheduled to June 14th and July 19th starting at 10 AM. Bike Tours are set for June 28th and July 26th. All events are weather permitting.

Charlie volunteered to do a flyer. It was mentioned that we include other Summer events such as the Poker Run and Camp out.

CRCNA Barn Dance and Pig Roast on May 30th. A flyer was approved to be available for the Wyoming Convention on May 15-17th. The cost of the flyer will be absorbed by OTW to help promote the CRCNA fundraiser. Voted and approved.

The Rafting trip was cancelled due to the economy and our infancy of the Activities Subcommittee.

Kas has a commitment from Bill who owns the barn for the dance. Discussed all the additional needs including help on the 15th and money for various miscellaneous things such as water balloons and needs for the kitchen and items for the toilet.

Old Business: Dave brought checks for the Barn Dance, Bill to clean out the toilet \$40, miscellaneous items \$100. The DJ \$100 for energy drinks. Dave took care of the pig and food for the event. Our committee would be in charge of entertainment, Sponsor Splash, hay rides, bon fire, and drinks. We were also going to help with clean up and traffic control. All money would be turned over to the CRCNA F&E subcommittee.

Additional notes: Soda, water, and candy that was left over from previous events was accounted for and brought to the dance. The total for these items was \$60.09. The difference was given and refunded from Dave from F&E, and will be returned to OTW.

Literature Sub-Committee: Mike M.(fill in until replacement), Was brought up that Karen would take over and subcommittee. Dale would help. Karen stated that she would not take this over without a Treasury Report from the since Mike is no longer the Chair

- Inventory Value \$1610.62
- May Sales \$505.45
- June Purchase \$505.34
- Ending Balance \$81.21

Hospitals and Institutions: Literature money is needed from allotted budget. Is in need of Women to help fill positions for women's facilities.

Merchandise Subcommittee: Desiree, Sold Merchandise at the Barn Dance totaling \$124, giving \$893.67 in the bank, with \$523 worth merchandise inventory. This subcommittee is still in need of support, and in need of a Secretary.

Public Information Subcommittee: Chris R., Subcommittee met on May 23rd at Moxie Java in FC. The new webmaster was present. The OTW website has been updated to include all changes to meeting locations in our Area. The site has also been given a facelift to make it more appealing to the eye, and easier to navigate. Also, various typos and misspellings have been corrected, and a code glitch that made certain characters appear larger or in bold print on the Explorer browser has been fixed. Voted to add a new page to the website that lists current service opportunities in the Area, and the webmaster is currently working to write descriptions of each position. Web Servant will be changing the Addicts United name, and JFT Group to be set as a closed meeting.

Phone line is going real strong. Taken 300 calls this past month. Next Phone Line training meeting will be held June 14 at the 2608 Club beginning at 10 AM. Clarification was made for a new web service for Area with all available Trusted Servants needed in the Area.

CRCNA Liaison: Jim M., The last CRCNA XXIII planning committee met on Saturday, May 9th, in Castle Rock beginning at 10:10. CRCNA is 5 months away!

This year's slogan will be "Together We Are Free"

Early registration is up and running. However, early registration price of \$15 will be gone June 25th for the early bird price. You may send your registration with a money order, check, or credit card by snail mail. For your convenience, you may register with a credit card online at the CRCNA XXIII link at the Region website. Don't forget to register for

the Saturday dinner costing \$30, and Sunday breakfast costing \$20. Each is per person. Also, if you want a mug or t-shirt, don't forget to register for that either. Due to liability, there will be no babysitting available.

Hotel Registration: Reservations are being accepted for \$95 per night. Each room holds up to 4 people, and CRCNA has reserved 175 of these rooms at that price. If you are a smoker, reserve a room with an outdoor balcony, as all the rooms are smoke free.

Pre-convention shirts will be sold at all fundraising events throughout the region for \$10 available in all sizes.

Programs: The overall program for the convention is coming together quite well. The workshops have been named, and are in the process of being placed on the schedule, as well as looking for speakers to fill these workshops. Marathon meetings have been given titles and are being given time slots. We will be needing Addicts to chair these meetings. Later this summer, you will be able to sign up online to chair one of these meetings if you are interested. The Saturday night speaker will be Jimmy T. from Newark, NJ, and the Sunday speaker will be Chuck H. from FL. The program committee is still working on finding a speaker from the region to speak Friday night.

The Sponsor/Sponsee Breakfast was very successful. Bringing in funds as follows:

- Registration \$3600 (72 people registered, 38 dinners, and 30 breakfasts)
- F&E \$2004.55
- Merchandise \$228

Thanks to all who attended!

Question was made about Hospitality Room available. List will be made at the next CRCNA meeting.

Newsletter Chair: Newsletter is coming good. Subcommittee needs support. First WED of every month at Mugg's at 3 PM. Newsletter's are being given to those in Jails and halfway houses with great reviews.

Again, please have a written, preferably typed so I can read it, copy of all committee, subcommittee, and Adhoc committee meeting minutes given to Secretary. Thanks

Old Business

Wanting to bring the Newsletter budget up to \$50. Was stated that with our the way that it is, that \$50 was too much.. Was stated that the newsletter was a great way to carry the message to Jails and Institutions, and was working. 10-6 vote for the Motion. Motion Passes. Was requested that the treasurer state if our budget could handle this cost. Was stated that we could. And instead of donating as much for Region, that we put some of that money into the newsletter budget.

Elections for Open Office

Area Chair: Chris B was nominated for a second term. Accepted and requalified. Loves serving NA. Chris will hold the seat with a majority vote. Thank you Chris!

Area Vice Chair: Karen was nominated, and declined. Mike was nominated, and declined. Ernie was nominated, and declined. Chair will remain open. Was asked if she will continue her chair until filled. She declined.

Literature Subcommittee Chair: Chris G. was nominated, but did decline at this time. Dale was nominated. Dale qualified himself, and made statements about space available in his apartment and his own financial issues. Was stated

that his financial situation might dq him from being able to take the position. Was stated that ASC will find out if this will DQ him, so he will wait at this time to find out what will happen with his own financial situation. With the discussion, Dale declined. John S. was nominated. John declined presently. Position stays open.

New Business

Was stated that we have the RCM take back to the Region that we clarify our location and meeting schedule with the Regional website. Was stated that we are not sure why there is confusion on this site. Was stated that Region is proud of our Area because of how “on top of it” we are.

Was discussed that we should discuss if we need to have the new Regional PR Chair come and talk to our Area to make a decision as to whether that this Area vote for or against having this Chair position. Was stated that we have taken this to groups, and need to take it back again, and make a final decision. Was stated that we could also have this come to speak at Group level. Was stated that we should get together with ASC PI and Activities subcommittees get together for a learning day to understand all of this. Was stated that we already did vote on this, but the PR need to make their subcommittees mission more clear, but to still have them come and speak to us. Clarification was asked on what the ASC needed to do right now, which is taking it back to the groups and ASC. Was stated we already voted, so why are we voting again. Was stated that since the first proposal failed at Region, that the revisions may change the Area’s vote.

Harmony meeting was discussed. Was stated that an “A” was chairing the meeting, with no clear message of NA being spoke, other than the NA meeting readings. Was stated that since the meeting group was not represented at Area, why are they on our meeting schedule. Was wondering how this meeting was put on the schedule in first place. Was it was voted on at the PI subcommittee. Was stated that since we were not contacted by the meeting reps, that they should be taken off the schedule. Was motioned to take this meeting off the schedule. Motion withdrawn. Was stated that that a discussion was made from other addict trying to get this meeting off the ground. Was also stated that why don’t we stop bashing this meeting, and start helping this meeting understand the message. We need to make sure that this meeting is giving a clear NA message. Was stated that the facility wanted their own format, and not NA’s format. Was stated that we need to go up and try and support this message.. Was stated that PI needed to have a discussion about this meeting. Stated, is there a plan of action. Was stated in a PR forum on clarification of a treatment center using the NA name. Was stated if others wanted to go visit this meeting, and there are. Was stated that H&I pulled away from Harmony for these reasons.

Upcoming Events

CRCNA XXII October 23rd-25th. See Area web and flyers at your home

Open Area Opportunities for Service: ASC Vice Chair, Merchandise Subcommittee Chair

Open Discussion

Was discussed about the halfway house rep coming to meeting. Was stated that PR umbrella would be a good thing to have, due to questions of this, as well as the meeting at Harmony. Was stated that internal controversies are prevalent, but we are getting through it, and this brings growth. Was discussed about Hugs Not Drugs meeting location and the controversies around it, are swaying people not to attend. Was stated that there is another group in a similar location, and some decide to not go due to this. Was stated that maybe need to have a group inventory. Was stated that we stop bringing this up! Was stated that with the last activity, the home group was not informed of the money problems. Was stated that it was one member. Was stated, “Let’s drop it!” Was stated that those that go to these meetings, go to the ones they can make it to. Some just can’t get this actual meeting.

Disbursements

- Newsletter Printing \$35

- Newsletter Misc. \$9.60
- PI Subcommittee for printing costs \$27.71
- Literature for H&I Lit. \$47.95

Motion to close

Next ASC Meeting : August 2nd, 2009 at the Pullium Building in Loveland. 545 Cleveland Ave.

Your new Secretary thanks you for your patience!