

**Open:** 9:09 AM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Concepts by Jim M.

**Roll Call:** Amber S., Darren H., James R., Mark M., Deb B., Tim G., Karen C., Fransisco R., Dave A., Keith B., Angie E., Jessica C., Jennifer C., Taylor M., Albert B., Jim M., Bill C., Newt L., Sharon F.

Guests: Tim of Clean Serene Freaks, James: H & IVice Chair & Albert

Birthdays; Deb; 11 years, Angie; 1 year, Darren; 1 year. Congratulations All!

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Motion to approve last month's minutes by Karen, and was seconded.

**Opening Reading:** 

"The only thing we can change is the way we react"

# **Group Reports:**

4<sup>th</sup> Street Recovery: Forrest GSR. Not in attendance

Addicts Helping Addicts: Sharon F.; GSR, Jennifer C.; GSRA. Small but steady attendance.

Addicts Seeking Sanity: Amber S. GSR, Danny G. GSRA. Looking into organizing a dance in December, either the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> ro 11<sup>th</sup>. Need a Sat opener & secretary. \$125 Area donation

Back to Basics: Larry GSR (?) Not in attendance.

Buena Voluntad: Not in attendance.

**Clean Serene Freaks:** Taylor M.: GSR, Adam: GSRA. All is well. Sending \$100 to World, \$100 donation to Area.

Dead Without It: Thelma J.; GSR. Not in attendance.

**Drug Busters:** Mark M.: GSR. Good meetings, steady stream of newcomers, many from LCDC. Area donation: \$10.00.

**Esperanza de a Vida "Hope for Life":** Francisco R.; GSR, Abel C.; GSRA. Closed Saturday meeting. Other meetings going well.

**Free at Last:** Dave. A reporting: He called Justin in Estes, they get a lot of tourist come in to the meetings. Trying to get a GSR.

Freedom Springs: Jennifer C.: GSR. Going well. \$30 donation to Area.

## **Group Reports: (cont'd)**

**Hugs Not Drugs:** Newt L. GSR. Made rent this month, because of the attendees contributing more. Attendance is still way down. Thanks to the Area for helping to catch up on the rent. We'll try it out, and see how it goes. Please bring back to groups that this group needs support.

**Just For Today:** Greg P.: GSR, Randy L. GSRA. Bill reporting: Attendance is good, need addicts for service. Area donation: \$15.00.

**NA Nooner:** Candain M.: GSR. James reporting Bowling, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Classic Lanes in Greeley. Still in need of a GSR, GSRA.

New Horizons: Not in attendance.

**Primary Purpose:** Deb. B.: GSR. Thursdays at 7pm. Steady attendance avg. 10 people, some newcomers attending. Did not have the business meeting before this meeting.

Steps and Traditions Roulette: Jacqueline A.-B.: GSR. At World Convention.

When At The End Of The Road: Angie.; GSR, Daniel GSRA. Meetings doing very good, constant flow of newcomers, in need of support from old timers. In the process of starting 2 evening meetings. Picnic tomorrow at Edora park at 2:00 pot-luck, speaker meeting at 3 or 3:30.

Question: What nights for the new meetings? Sunday, Monday or Tuesday nights.

**XX Genes:** Jessica C.: GSR. Meeting going well.

# If your meeting report is not on here, make sure a <u>written, preferably typed so I can read it</u>, copy is turned in to Area Secretary! Thanks

## **Officer Reports**

#### Vice Chair: Dave A.

Welcome to my house and thanks for putting up with the tight space. Kurt and I went to the bank to sign a card, but it is necessary for all 4 of us to be there to resign. We deposited \$112 from sales of OTW merchandise at the Barn Dance. They will be sending the credit card to the PO Box soon. I bought a copy of the Living Clean project. If you want to look at it, please feel free. I talked to Justin in Estes and the Friday night mtg. is going well with tourists coming through. He is trying to convince a sponsee or two to step up and become GSR's. He also asked about whether NA is interested in getting back into the "Bridging the Gap" program to help Harmony graduates link up with contacts when they get out of treatment.

Question: What about the phone line to help the Harmony grads? Should we have a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition jar today for that? How much was the phone hook? \$50.

Questions: Suggest we reimburse Dave for the phone line. Yes, in support of that since Dave A. got the line. Concern: "Bridging the Gap": Make note that it is an AA term. Harmony house has guidelines that restricted us, so we put it under outreach. Same philosophy for outreach is good, got activity from Denver, etc.

Concern: We still haven't paid the business for the Barn Dance fliers. Will be taken care of today.

I have receipts for the food I bought for today, came to 2 dollars and change over. I will reimburse for amount we don't use.

Our Area has been selected as one of 15 groups that will be able to do a "shout out" at the World Convention before the speaker meeting begins.

**Secretary:** Sharon F. I have completed a draft of the updated Area Guidelines that now include the addendum items for the handling of ASC funds. There are four copies that we can pass around for review. The changes are highlighted in yellow. I also changed the contact name at the City of Loveland so that is now current.

**Treasurer:** Keith B. Balance: \$1797.00. Does not include \$290 donation from today. Check for Region will be given to Jim M. for him to give to region. Having only two people on the account isn't working all that well, since signers live in different areas. I did call Kurt to be sure it was OK to expend these funds. Comment: Could we get one person to sign some checks ahead, then Keith could go ahead and use them. Not such a good idea – not secure. Need to follow protocol. Dave A. will be added to the account. Deb B. will have time to bring the checkbook to the other signers.

# RMC 1/RCM 2: Jim M.

Regional Assembly will take place in Colorado Springs on Sunday, September 18,2011 at 10:00 a.m... There will be GSR training at 9:30 for new GSR's. The location is 2551 Airport Rd. As always all GSR's should attend so that each home group has a voice in the business of the Region. There will be a proposal brought regarding the possibility of having a Colorado Region Campvention in July 2012. Each GSR will have a vote for their home group.

CRCNA XXV is quick approaching! Do NOT forget to make your room reservations to stay at the host hotel! There are still rooms available! If we do not make our night commitments of 255 nights CRCNA will end up having to pay for the meeting space we use. If we fulfill our commitment the room space is free and more room space is opened up. You do not want to miss a minute of this convention so please plan on staying for the weekend! Living Clean books are still for sale from World until Nov. Bring back to groups. Vice Chair: Assemblies are to be attended by the GSRs. Car pool if necessary. Are they voting at the Sept. Assembly if we are going to have the Campvention? Yes.

## Activities Subcommittee: Open Seat.

**CRCNA Liaison:** Karen C. We had our committee meeting at the hotel where CRCNA will be. We did a walk through, and we were impressed with the space. Barn Dance was great. Silver Coins are going to be sold, and other merchandise. DOC training will be there for people who want to go into H & I. Last meeting before CRCNA will be Speakers chosen: Marie H. from Denver, Dan T. from Sacramento. Contact programs chair to host workshops, etc.

**Hospitals and Institutions:** Sjon C. New Vice Chair: James R. James reporting. LCDC, Work Release, Detox are all good. TRT is good, but need females – had one step up. Looking at  $2^{nd}$  meeting for new treatment in halfway house. Inner Balance in Loveland has made inquiries and are looking into resource requirements. \$49.10 left in budget.

## Literature Sub-Committee: Mike M.

August SalesS 856.30New Lit Purchased\$ 749.33Current Inventory Value\$ 2,234.68

World services has increased literature prices on most of their items. For this reason, I have revised the literature order forms for our area. The new forms are marked "new prices Revised 08/11" at the top. These are the ones I passed out last month. Any previous order forms will not be accepted.

The next Literature Subcommittee meeting will be today at 3:15 PM at 3800 W 20th st. in Greeley.

Area Lit order forms are distributed. Glad everyone is using the new forms.

Statement to Lit Chair: Debit card should be coming soon so that it will make your life easier.

## Public Information Subcommittee: Ernie S. Jim. M reporting.

PI met on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. in Greeley. There were 5 addicts in attendance.

PI has been granted permission to place a literature rack at the Student Center on the Colorado State University Campus. We will also be making literature available in the health center as well as the counseling center. The literature rack will include:

OTW meeting schedules,

IP #1 Who, What, How Why,

IP #7 Am I An Addict?,

IP #11 Sponsorship,

IP #13 By Young Addicts for Young Addicts,

IP #16 For the Newcomer,

IP# 19 Self Acceptance,

IP #22 Welcome to NA.

The rack will contain 30 meeting schedules and 15 copies of each IP. The rack and literature will be monitored by a recovering addict. The folks at CSU are also willing to maintain literature in the rack as well.

PI had a booth present at the Northern Colorado Substance Abuse Conference at the Ranch in Loveland on August 24-25. This was a conference for professionals who work with people who have substance abuse issues. Professionals in attendance included, but not limited to, therapist, drug court employees, counselors, treatment center employees, and probation officers. During this two day event there were approximately 60 meeting schedules and 40 phone line posters taken by these professionals. The booth was manned by 7 Off The Wall recovering addicts.

A grievance filed by an addict concerning the qualifications necessary to be of service to carry the NA phone line was addressed by the committee. After contacting the World Service Office and looking at the present guidelines already in place the PI subcommittee has added a new qualification to help avoid this issue in the future. The following motion was made: To become a phone line volunteer you must have a Narcotics Anonymous sponsor. The motion passed and is now a part of the Off The Wall Phone Line Guidelines which can be accessed on line. This decision was not made lightly and took many months of discussion and prayer. One of the key factors in making this decision came from the preexisting guidelines which state; To become a phone line volunteer you must have knowledge of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous. The committee felt very strongly that in order to receive this knowledge that the addict would need to be actively working a NA program with a NA sponsor out of NA literature. Another already existing guideline the committee took into consideration when making this decision was the following; A phone line volunteer must use Narcotics Anonymous language; you are an addict not an alcoholic, you are clean not sober; you refer to the basic text not the big book. We respect the AA traditions, just as they would respect our.

If you are a new trusted servant at the Area Level please provide Ernie with your email address and any other contact information which can be passed on to Pat H, Area web chair, so he can post it on the website. If you'd rather not have your personal email or phone number posted please let Ernie know that as well.

Question: Does UNC have a contact name? No, it was just a person who contacted NA PI.

What happened with the grievance about the phone line, and who can carry it? Resolution: The phone line carrier must have an NA sponsor.

## Merchandise Subcommittee: Open Seat.

Chair: Kurt B. At World Convention.

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

#### **Elections for Open Office**

Activities: Adam C. Nominated by Karen C. Adam declines. Taylor volunteers for the Vice Chair position. Taylor will think about the Chair position and come back next month.

Merchandise: Taylor nominates Deb B. Deb B. Will need to talk to her sponsor.

**RCM:** Deb B. Nominated by Karen C. Requirements read. Deb. B. qualifies: 11 years clean time, NA sponsor, working the steps, concepts. She is organized, have served as a GSR. Only concern about serving is part of the requirements is being considered a resource for the concepts. She hasn't had a lot of experience yet with the concepts. Any questions for Deb? (None).

Deb B. is our new RCM.

#### **Old Business**

New Guidelines. Several concerns:

Please leave contact at Loveland City nameless. Need to revise how the sub-committees are using funds, presently is not in the guidelines. Comment: Each committee spends the monies as appropriate, then reports to the ASC. There is nothing added on how area funds are handled in each sub-committee sub-section. Structure is not present for this to happen. In May, we decided on this exact wording, and it was voted unanimously. Last month, we added an adhoc to add these requirements to each individual sub-committee guideline sub paragraph. Could we table it until next month? No, we can flesh out these minor changes, then vote on them. When we change guidelines, we should be thorough, so that we can avoid changing the guidelines over and over again. Could we add the statements for each sub-committee so that we can vote on it next month? Agreed.

Secretary: New draft will be presented at October ASC meeting that has the Loveland City contact name removed, and a statement for following budget guidelines added to each sub-committee sub-section.

#### **New Business**

What is going on with the Unity Day meeting? Sjon is overloaded. Sharon will help organize picnic if it's in Berthoud.

Victor asked if he could get a starter kit for a meeting.

Question: Is the meeting starting separate than the one that is at the End of the Road? Yes, it is a separate meeting. Victor: New meeting starting, do not have materials. Do you have a Basic Text? No. Victor was given a starter kit. Meeting will possibly be Monday or Tuesday in Ft. Collins. Where? In the vicinity of East Elizabeth. Comment: We encourage anyone who would like to start a meeting, and will support them.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Bowling in Boulder:** September 24<sup>th</sup> - sponsored by the Boulder Area

#### **Open Area Opportunities for Service:**

ASC Activities ASC Merchandise

## Written Motions

1) To reimburse Dave A. \$50.00 for the phone line. Passed unanimously.

# Disbursements

 P.O. Box:
 \$46.00

 Dave A.:
 \$50.00

 Business Card Factory:
 \$102.37

 CRCNA:
 \$10.00

 Unknown:
 \$95.00

Next ASC Meeting: October 9th, 2011 9:00am The Pulliam Building 545 N. Cleveland Ave. Loveland, CO

Your Secretary thanks you for your patience!