Off The Wall Area Service Committee Minutes November 6, 2011

**Open:** 9:05am with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Concepts by Lyndsay. .Minutes approved by Kurt, seconded by Taylor.

Roll Call: Dawn H., Angela A., Jessica C., Jim M., James R., Darren H., Thelma J., Candain M., Sjon C., Amber S., Lyndsay E., Deb B., Lena, Taylor M., Jayde M., Fransisco R., Newt L., Dave A., Kurt B., Keith B., Mark M., Sharon F.

Guests: Lyndsay E.: (GSRA for Addicts Seeking Sanity), Lena, Jayde M., Dawn H., (here for Freedom Springs group)

**Birthdays:** Dawn H.: 7 years, Mark M.: 20 years. Congratulations All!

## **Group Reports:**

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

Addicts Helping Addicts: Sharon F.; GSR, Jennifer C.; GSRA. Attendance is sporadic – may be due to the weather.

Addicts Seeking Sanity: Amber S.: GSR,. Lyndsay E.: GSRA. Meetings going well. Dance is Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 2608 Club Greeley. Ice skating on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, information coming. Question: Are there flyers for the Ice skating event? No, not yet. Area Donation: \$150.00.

**Back to Basics:** Tim E.: GSR Not present.

**Buena Voluntad:** Not present.

Clean Serene Freaks: Taylor M.: GSR, Adam: GSRA. All is well. Elected Lauren C. for Saturday Chair, Chris C. for Friday Chair. Club Liaison position is open. Meetings need help with people with clean time.

**Dead Without It:** Thelma J.; GSR. Meeting attendance has been steady with 15 – 25 people. Lots of newcomers. New Home Group members always needed.

**Drug Busters:** Mark M.: GSR. We have no donation because I spent it all on literature. So we are selling books and giving out coins at a brisk pace. This must mean we are reaching a lot of addicts.

\*\*Esperanza de a Vida "Hope for Life": Francisco R. (Paco).: GSR, Abel C.:: GSRA. Bilingual meetings will be going Monday thru Thursday - Needs support. Question: Has it been changed on the schedule? No.

Free at Last: Not present.

\*\*Freedom Springs: Jennifer C.: GSR. Dawn H. reporting: Hello all....Our home group has been going through struggles due to lack of participants with service. We did close the Sunday meeting but I am happy to say it is open again, beginning tonight. A trusted servant did step up and we are very happy to have her. Also, we have been restructuring.

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

\*\*Freedom Springs: Jennifer C.: GSR. Dawn H. reporting: (cont'd)

Since there are only 4 committed home group members, we have rotated our positions to keep them filled. After our last group conscience I feel that we are heading in the right direction and definitely have the unity that is needed to make a strong (and happy) home group. We will be having a consistent GC that is held the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. If you are looking for a home group, not sure of where you want to be, come to our GC and experience what being a member of our home group is like. Sunday meeting is going to re-start, Jessica C. will be opening this meeting.

**Question:** Is the meeting at the same time as before, 7:00pm? Yes.

**Hugs Not Drugs:** Newt L.: GSR. Still struggling with attendance. Our Seventh Tradition is covering rent, lots of newcomers. Need support from other members in town.

**Just For Today:** Greg P.: GSR. Candain: GSRA. Meetings going good. Area Donation: \$30.00.

**New Horizons:** Not in attendance.

\*\*NA Nooner: Needs a GSR. Jim M. representing. There will not be a meeting on November 24 or 25<sup>th</sup>. Area Donation: \$30.00.

**No Matter What!:** Angela A.,: GSR. Meeting going good, strong recovery. We need 2 Basic Texts. **Question:** When and where is the meeting? Monday night from 8:00 to whenever everyone has finished sharing, 1200 South Taft. Hill Rd. Shepard of the Hills Church.

**Primary Purpose:** Shell: GSR. Deb B.: GSRA. Deb reporting: Group attendance is steady. Some new members have joined the group. All positions are filled. Bought literature. Area Donation: \$20.00. World Donation: \$19.00.

Steps and Traditions Roulette: Jacqueline A.-B.: GSR. Meetings going good. Area Donation: \$1.41.

\*\*When At The End Of The Road: Angie E.; GSR, Darren H.: GSRA. Lots of newcomers, average of 14.2 people at each meeting. Opened up a Saturday night meeting, same location (1201 Riverside Ave.) 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Area Donation: \$25.00

**XX Genes:** Jessica C.: GSR. Meeting is good, needs support, though.

\*\* Signifies changes in meeting format or schedule

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. I have been remiss in submitting my budget for the next year. I plan to ask for \$0.00 unless I need less. On 10/12 I contacted Red and on the 14th and he brought over a box of archives for the secretary, the mail and the key for the PO Box. He took the credit card to give to Mikey as they live close to each other and Mike needed it to make the fit order. 1 was wrong to do this as all Lit needs is the number. It should have either stayed with or been given to Keith or Kurt. I believe It has been given to Kurt, There was the Qwest bill which was late, 1 went to the PO Box this morning and have delivered the mail to Keith.

A concern about our website not being paid for was raised by a member, but I checked and it was accessible. However, it has not been updated with Oct minutes or other details on the GSR checklist page.

## Officer Reports (cont'd)

**Vice Chair:** Dave A. (cont'd)

Talked to Mary Jo at 224-7783 at the Coloradoan. Fee is \$7 an hour with \$125 damage deposit. 8:30 - 11:30 = \$21 Sundays are wide open as they normally don't get much call for it then. Also, for new business, we need to talk about the Jan ASC as it falls on 01/01/12 which is the morning after many people will have spent the night partying at the New Year's Eve Bash.

Most in Humbleichnessingly, Dave A.

**Secretary:** Sharon F. Copies of the new Guidelines are on the table. Please take the updated copy to keep with your group information. We do need to discuss in New Business if we are going to change the location of the Area meeting place, and discuss the Area Meeting date in January.

Question: Didn't we pay a year ahead? No, we're paid thru December. We contract for 6 months at a time.

**Treasurer:** Keith B. Beginning Balance: \$1635.10. Area Donations: \$259.00 Total: \$1894.10. Will pay new Phone Bill: \$100.00, Mailbox Rent for 12 months: \$62.00, Vineyard Church (copies): \$9.00, H& I (Stamp): \$18.00, Activities: \$283.25. Ending balance: 1072.25. I'm confused about the web bill. ASC Chair: We donate 10 a month. We can talk to Trino about how this works.

## RMC 1/RCM 2: Jim M. / Deb. B. Jim reporting:

NAWS Membership Survey:

The Membership Survey is open until Dec 31, 2011 and can be found at

http:memsurvey2011.quesnonpro.com. This survey is taken every two years in conjunction with the world convention. The information gathered is used in the IP titled NA Membership Survey.

The Living Clean Approval Draft Book:

The Living Clean approval draft book can be purchased from the World Service Office until the end of November. It can be found on the NAWS website under specialty items and retails for \$7.50. This piece of literature will be voted on at the April Assembly and then the RD and RDA will carry our vote to the World Conference in the spring. Each group will have a vote so be sure to become familiar with this piece of literature.

## Regional Input:

At the October Area we asked that each GSR go back to their home group and gather information on how the Region can effectively better serve the area and the groups of the Colorado Region. Region was seeking information in terms of information and updates from the Region on:

- 1. Content
- 2. Form/Format
- 3. Delivery Method
- 4. Timing

Was there any information you gathered hi which you would like us to report back to Region for the OTW Area.

12 Concepts Presentation:

Also in October we asked that you go back to your home groups and see if there was any interest in having Chuck C. our RDA come to the Area and do a presentation around the 12 Concepts-History, Development and Application." Just a reminder that this is a 20-30 minute presentation, which will help understand the new Service Structure which will be up for a vote at the April Assembly. Another idea might be to tie this in with an activity like the Valentines Dance, rather than have a speaker we could have this presentation.

**RCM Position:** 

December 2011 our Area will be looking for another trusted servant to become the new RCM. Jim M's 2 years as RCM will be coming to an end and will not be seeking another 2 year term. It is important to have 2 RCM's at Region to help carry the conscience of Off the Wall Area. Please announce that this position will be open. If anyone is interested and has any question on the responsibilities please have them get in contact with Jim M.

## **Officer Reports (cont'd)**

**RMC 1/RCM 2:** Jim M. / Deb. B. Jim reporting: (cont'd)

#### CRCNA XXVI:

CRCNA XXVI has signed the contract with the Embassy Suites in Loveland, CO. There will be a need for recovering addicts to step up and be of service for this event. On November 20, 2011 at the Regional Service Committee Meeting we will be electing people for the following positions: chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary. Chair, vice chair, and treasure all sit on the Regional Committee and carry a vote. Therefore they are expected to be at all Regional meetings as well as Regional Assemblies, hi January 2012 CRCNA XXVI will hold their first committee meeting where they will be electing the chairs for the following committees:

Hotels and Hospitality

Hospitals and Institutions

**Programming** 

Registration

Convention Information and Website

Fundraising and Entertainment

Merchandise

Print and Display

For more information and clean time requirements for each of these positions go to the Colorado Region NA website and hit the CRCNA link and on the right and side of the page and refer to guidelines and forms. Living Clean project draft is available for review, please review it so that everyone is familiar with it before the

Living Clean project draft is available for review, please review it so that everyone is familiar with it before the vote. I forgot to put the checklist for how region can better serve the groups, I will get that together.

**Questions:** When is your term over, 2 months? No, next month. Vice Chair: I'm going to put this into a motion – could we buy a CAR for the groups with all of the service structure changes, and the Living Clean project. Yes, that would be a good idea.

What are the dates for the Regional Meeting? Officer position election date is November 20<sup>th.</sup> Subcommittee chairs will be choosing the location and time for the subcommittee meetings in January.

**Activities Subcommittee:** Taylor M. I have met with Melissa from mile high area and Tina from Boulder area. Both are the activities chair for their area. I also met with Annathe treasurer for the New Year's bash. Candain M in Greeley has tickets as well as I do. I have not gotten a subcommittee yet. First meeting is after Area on the 6th of November. We need to give the \$150.00 for the hotel still. As far as the area goes I would like to have the GSR's to bring to their groups on what kind of activities they would like to have or see go on for the area Thanks for letting me be of service, Taylor.

**Questions:** How many tickets do we have left for the New Year Bash.? About 40.

If we sell all of our tickets, can we get more? Yes, Pikes Peak has backed out.

How much are they? Tickets: \$20 for dinner and dance, \$7.00 for the dance only. \$59.00 for the rooms.

Have we paid for the flyers? Yes.

Was it \$133 for the hotel? No, it was the printing of the flyers and the tickets.

**CRCNA Liaison:** Karen C. Great convention, and I was honored to do one of the readings. I'm so proud of the Off the Wall Area, ? How was the turnout?. We don't have numbers yet. Nice attendance, H & I was off the hook. LCDC: will work to get them on for next year. New groundbreaking things happened. ? How often do you guys meet for H & I?. The DOC came to us and had the training.

**Hospitals and Institutions:** Sjon C. Vice Chair: James R. We met on October 29<sup>th</sup>, there were 9 addicts in attendance. Budget is \$78.90 on Literature. Rent paid, rent due in December. LCDC Women's going good. LCDC Mens: Need more men going in – would like at least one or two more members for rotation. ICCS is going good, Patti says the year is looking up for new panel members, people seem to want to be there. Detox is going good. TRT: Going good – have about 20 people. Work Release: Going good, more people are now going that want to be there.

Hospitals and Institutions: Sjon C. Vice Chair: James R. (cont'd): New Business: Talked about (and got) a stamp for literature that gives our area name and the phone line number. Looking to get people in the Weld County Jail, they really want us, (they're willing to "lift" some of the requirements. Weld County Training is 3 hours instead of 8 hours. They will be willing to do the training quarterly. H & I is incredible, please give it some thought. This position is up, we discussed it at the last area, so that people could bring it to their groups. Buying Literature: 30 Intro to NA pamphlets, 10 White books, meeting lists. Next Meeting: November 26<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 11:am. Questions: Do you have any of the Weld County assessment forms available? James: I have some, out in the car. What do we need to do to get into LCDC? We need to have Men and women, but two of each to go into a meeting. Where is the Weld County. Jail? Greeley, North East end of Greeley. Just to let you know, we are the area that is going into the most facilities: ICCS = Interventional Community Correctional Services. Statement: In the publication of Reaching Out, 2 of members in the facility are in the book.

**Literature Sub-Committee:** Mike M. Who ordered the posters? He's not here. Can someone take them to the meeting? Dave A. volunteers to do this.

October Sales \$ 622.40 New Lit Purchased \$ 598.03 Current Inventory Value \$ 2155.23

I have one copy of the approval draft of "Living Clean, The Journey Continues" available for \$9.50. The next Literature Subcommittee meeting will be today at 3:15 PM at 3800 W 20th st. in Greeley.

Grateful to serve,

Mike M.

**Public Information Subcommittee:** James (H & I Vice Chair) reporting. Greeley has the phone line. There are concerns about the web servant, may need to ask for someone to fill in.

**Question;** Who can help fill in for the web servant? Joe K., and Jeff S. Pat is in the hospital. He had a serious car accident, has had multiple surgeries. He is recovering slowly. The PI position is open, and will be voted on today. **Questions:** When do we bring new meeting lists, is it 200 per month? No, its 200 per quarter. 200 are printed and brought on a monthly basis only when there are changes.

Merchandise Subcommittee: Open Seat.

#### Chair: Kurt B.

If you missed the CRCNA convention 25, you missed history of NA in Colorado. NA has grown in size and continues to grow. I would like to let everyone know that Off The Wall Area has the honor of hosting CRCNA 26. The elections for officers of the CRCNA committee will be in Denver on November 20th and the sub-committee chairs will be elected in January 2012. I urge everyone on this board and anyone in our area to get involved. When I lived in San Diego, I was on their committee for five years. Although we were set up differently than in Colorado, the service that I did in those years will never be forgotten. That feeling that I get at our convention can last longer than a weekend. I made friends that will be in my life forever, and I am grateful to give what I have received in recovery.

All home groups; it takes a lot of volunteers and commitment to put on this weekend event. Please talk up the need for service and let addicts know that we need help.

"Unity is the spirit that joins members around the world in a spiritual fellowship that has the power to change lives. By striving to see beyond our individual ideas and the interests of our own group, we come to understand that the common welfare of all NA must come first. Through our trust in a loving Higher Power, we find the strength to work together toward our shared goal of recovery from addiction. In the unity that grows in trust, we are ready to work together for our common good. (It Works..Trad. I p g 133)

Any questions or concerns about my position or this body's commitment and why we are here? Thanks for letting me serve.

KurtB.

# 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**

**Merchandise :** Candain nominated by Taylor M. Guidelines read for the position. Candain qualified: I have a little over 2 yrs. clean, am currently the GSRA for the Just For Today group.

**Questions:** Do you have viable transportation to get to activities? Yes.

Can you balance a checkbook? Yes.

What about you having children, being able to get to events? My parents will help.

Are you aware of the "Handling of Funds" portion of the guidelines? Yes.

Can you get to Loveland to make the deposit? You are very busy. Service recovery doesn't always mean personal recovery. Yes, I can do what is needed to get the deposit made in time.

#### Candain is our new Merchandise Chair!

**PI** – Deb B. nominates James, Karen seconds it. James respectfully declines. Jim M. is nominated , but respectfully declines. Karl is temporarily taking care of P.I.

**H & I**: Dawn M. nominates James. Sjon seconds it. James qualifies: Currently Vice Chair for H & I, has done service for many years. Current H & I Chair states that James has really stepped up to the plate to help when he was out of town.

James is our new H & I Chair!

#### **Old Business**

**Unity Day:** Too late for outside activity, tossed around Thanksgiving event, but it's too late to plan per the guidelines.

**Region Service to Groups:** Where is that going? We could get an NA calendar together. Wasn't the issue about the Area serving the groups? Yes, they are willing to support as needed.

**Web Servant:** Vice Chair has volunteered to do the web servant job unless his sponsee wants to. Pat needs to focus on his recovery. Do we want to ask him what he wants to do?

#### **New Business**

What do we want to do for next year for this meeting place?

Discussion: Nice facility. Not a central meeting place. Might be an extra 10 minutes. \$21.00 for 3 hours. \$150 deposit. The Coloradoan meeting room. Are they flexible on opening times? We could ask if we could coordinate with the women I talked to. This is only a 9 dollar difference a month in the meeting place. Greeley is well attended, could we see what the groups' input is. I think it is a waste of time. Would the Coloradoan be available, because it was closed a few times before. Location is per the GSRs. Home groups think we should stay in this location. They leave that responsibility to the GSRs.

## **Decision: Stay with Loveland.**

Move January meeting date?

Sharon to do inquiry on if the building is available on the 1st.

In the event that one of our members in the hospital, why isn't it communicated?

Can we do something to notify everyone of this event. Statement: sponsor wasn't made aware of it for 6 weeks. We don't have a PI chair, so we didn't have a usual person in that position that could have communicated it to the area. We already have the NA blast to communicate any changes if it is used appropriately.

#### **Written Motions**

Could the "No Matter What' group get two Basic Texts? Submitted by: Angel A. Seconded by Karen C. Motion passes unanimously.

#### Written Motions (cont'd)

**Donate \$500 to the Region.** Submitted by: Jim M. Seconded by: Deb B.

Discussion: Our balance is \$1700 with or without prudent reserve? Including our prudent reserve. We only took in \$200 this month. I think we need to keep it in the area for now since we are buying the CAR, etc. Statement: We are starting to make sure we don't sit on money. We don't want to be fear based on what we do with the money. Need to give \$400 to Merchandise, so aren't we getting low on funds? This will cut us to \$200 plus prudent reserve. Do we need to save for December? Merchandise needs to be ordered, so there is a need for funds in that area. Merchandise alone does not focus on our primary purpose. \$500 is too much. Vote: For: 8. Against: 7. Abstentions: 3. **Motion fails.** 

Give Activities \$283.25 for New Year's Eve Bash. Submitted by Taylor M, seconded by Adam C.

Discussion: Is this motion is just for flyers and tickets? No, it's for everything. Aren't we already committed?

Yes.

Motion passes unanimously.

**Donate \$300 to region**. Submitted by Deb B, seconded by Jaqueline A-B.

Discussion: Motion is undermined by already having the motion fail for \$500. We wanted to express that this

figure is after budget consideration.

Vote: For: 17. Against: 0. Abstentions: 2 Motion passes.

#### **Disbursements**

**Phone Bill: \$100.00** 

Mailbox Rent for 12 months: \$62.00 Vineyard Church (copies): \$9.00

H& I (Stamp): \$18.00 Activities: \$283.25.

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

**Public Relations Chair** 

## **Upcoming Events**

CRSCNA Committee Meeting 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Sunday November 20, 2011 Denver Inner City Parish Building 1212 Mariposa Street Denver

What: Addicts Seeking Sanity, Winter Dance (*Flier*)

**When:** Saturday, December 10, 2011, Doors open 6:30, Meeting at 7:30, Dance to Follow 3 Speakers, Clean time countdown, Potluck, Fundraiser for the 6th Annual Jackson Lake

Campout \Nhere: Club, 2608 7th Ave Greeley, CO

## New Year's Bash

New Year's Eve- 6:00pm 1850 Industrial Circle Longmont, CO Next ASC Meeting:
December 4, 2011 9:00am
The Pulliam Building
545 N. Cleveland Ave.
Loveland, CO

Your Secretary thanks you for your patience!