Off The Wall Area Service Committee Minutes December 6th, 2009

Open: Chris Opens at 9 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and reading of the 12 Traditions

Roll Call: Stephanni C., Jim M., Shell H., Shawn H., Dawn H., Desiree V., Cathy S., Ernie S., Sjon C., Bill C., Trino F., Corey M., Lindsey F., Dave L., Mike L., Adam C., Joe K., Eric K., Red B., Chris B., Stacy A., Frank P., Corrie M., Lilias R., Melanie S., Levi B., Jonathan L., Kenny O., Melanie K., Newt L., Rebecca K.

Guests:

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes, 2nd, minutes approved.

Group Reports:

4th Street Recovery: Levi B. GSR, Bob S. GSRA, 7th tradition has been low, but attendance has been good with an average of 30 Addicts in attendance.

Addicts Helping Addicts: Rebecca K. GSR, Shealie S. GSRA, Meetings have been very small, with 3 Addicts attending. This meeting needs support! 7th tradition is only keeping up with expenses, and not enough to cover literature.

Addicts Seeking Sanity: Cathy S. GSR, Meetings are good, and 7th is good. Area donation of \$400.

Addicts United: Melanie K. GSR, Kenny O. GSRA, Group has changed its meeting format. The first Friday is a speaker meeting, and the 3rd Friday is "Ask the Basket." The other meetings are regular open meetings

Clean Serene Freaks: Mike L. GSR, Adam C. GSRA, Nothing bad to report. Attendance is up, and 7th tradition is average. We are using all of our money to restock our literature.

Drug Busters: Erik GSR, Everything is the same

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

Free at Last: Not in Attendance

Freedom Springs: Joe K. GSR, Things are clean and Serene at Freedom Springs

Friday Night Dead Without It: Frank P. GSR, No report.

Hugs Not Drugs: Stacy A. GSR, Everything is the same.

Hope Dealers: Not in attendance

Just For Today: Sjon C. GSR, Bill C. GSRA, Everything is going well. We are having to order JFT's off the World website. Bill C. was elected as the new GSRA.

Mass Addicts: Not in attendance

NA Nooner: Bailey H. GSR, Group has an average attendance of 30 Addicts at each meeting. 7th Tradition is low. There will be no meeting December 24th, 25th, and 31st and January 1st. Group is having a Bowling night on 12/19 from 7PM-10PM. Group is in need of a GSRA. Area donation of \$100.00

New Horizons: Not in attendance

On Higher Ground: Chris B. reporting. Not sure what the donation is going to be yet...

Primary Purpose: Shell H. GSR, Great meeting carrying a strong message. Attendance and 7th Tradition are good. Group is in need of home group members, Secretary, and GSRA. Area donation of \$29.00 from regional members, and \$22.00 sent to WSO.

When At The End Of The Road: Amy J. GSR, Corrie M. GSRA, Attendance and 7th Tradition are good. Area donation of \$50.00

XX Genes: Not in attendance

Uncut: Lacey, stated that this is a new meeting that would love support. Details are on the meeting schedule on the web

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

Chair: Chris B. No report.

Vice Chair: Corey M. I would like to thank all those that helped with the PI presentation. I only stopped by the event for a minute before it started, but everything looked great. Anyone that was invited that did not attend, missed out. I am turning in the receipts from the event.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy, safe, and clean New Year.

Thanks for letting me serve, Corey

RMC 1/RCM 2: Shawn H,

Question: Do we want Service awards given at CRCNA, and do we want the groups to discuss this Explanation of the CAR is made. Asked when we would like to have these things discussed. Chris stated that we would like to discuss this during new business... This is the report sent to Stephanni verbatim:

Area report from Region 12/06/09

Happenings in the Region

- -The service web-site we signed up for is not getting much use at all.
- -The NAWS survey is on-line until the end of the month. They really are hoping more members will fill it out. It is a good guide on how diverse NA is. Web-site is

http://web.na.org/?ID=membership survey links (underscores between words)

- -CRCNA has not come up with exact fund but is expecting 5 to \$6,000 in profit this year. That would put us in a tier 2 category of the new budget.
- -The ending balance at the end of the last region was \$3988.38
- -The World donation was \$0
- -The PI subcommittee had no PI Chairs attend. So they are requesting that our PI chairs attend those meetings.

-We did vote the next round of CRCNA servants in at this last Region. They will be the board members for the newly created CRCNA Incorporation.

Tiffany S. will be your CRCNA new Chair.

Vice Chair is still open as a member was not voted in.

Samantha S. is your new CRCNA treasurer

Linda is the PR Chair and automatic board member. (PR Chair is, not Linda)

Tink V. is the new CRCNA Secretary

- -The Mountain High (soon to be) Area came to us and requested funds to help get their area started. Their first area meeting is this month and we hope that by next Region they will be getting on their feet and moving in good directions. \$341.90 was given in total to help them. \$91.90 was given for 2 months worth of phone line payments.
- \$15.00 was given for their 1st ASC rent payment.
- \$35.00 was given for PI flyers.
- \$200.00 was given to start a literature stockpile.
- -The NA Way newsletter is currently on-line. It has a ton of info about what is happening in areas and Regions all around the world. It can be printed out for groups, ordered in print for groups and also subscribed to like the Daily Meditation.
- -NAWS is currently working on a new meeting list home page. The current one is incredibly difficult to update and not user friendly. Also currently if you find your area is not current you can write NAWS and they can send your area's meeting list in an Excel spreadsheet. All you have to do is delete meetings that are gone, fill in new meetings using the existing format and email it back. Then the whole thing will get up to date shortly and easily.

Things to note for the future.

- -Regional bids for CRCNA will be taken at the January for CRCNA 25 in 2011. They will be voted on at the July CRSC.
- -In April all major service positions at the Regional Level will be open at the Assembly in April. It seems like fresh blood may be needed. So if you know of anyone with some clean time, experience and a willingness to serve please send them to the assembly. It is a great way to serve and brings new experiences to your program.

Positions open are

Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, PI, and H&I.

-January is when the CRCNA board will be formed. MAL's (Members at Large) which are appointed trustees of the CRCNA body will be appointed then. They will act as appointees with duties until the April assembly when they will officially be voted in by the NA body. So once again it is very important to attend the Assemblies.

Topics that need your feedback

-I am sure those who went to CRCNA remember an award given out to an NA Member during the clean time countdown. I have had many people bring it up to me and it was brought up at Region. I found that it was not authorized by the Region or by the CRCNA committee. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Region decided they wanted to honor a friend and acted. It got very explosive over the discussion. So I am not here to harp on it and I want to keep my opinion out. I just want feedback from the area on whether we want to have service related awards in the future. If not then that is that. If so we need to start thinking about what we would want that to look like. I think it may be best if Reps take it back to their groups and talk about it. Then we can talk about it at next area and I can take our decision back to the Region. Unless you guys feel otherwise, I was going to say that we feel it should or should not be done again. I don't feel starting a big fight all over again will get anything resolved.

Zonal Forum

-The zonal forum was yesterday. It was my first in a long time. I have to say it was awesome. If you need a break from normal service and want a mellow spiritual service meeting I would attend when it comes back to Colorado.

I attended for the CAR information. I got a ton of information and met a lot of great people. For those who don't know what the CAR is.....It is the Conference Agenda Report. Every 2 years Regional Delegates from every Region in the World get together to vote on changes to World Guidelines. This is crucial for the groups, areas and Regions to focus on. This shapes the face of NA and without everyone's input NA is not operating as a whole.

This year there are 14 motions total. 4 from The World Service Board and 10 from Regions. To Clarify if any Region wants to make a global change to NA they have the opportunity. There are guidelines on how to get motions on the CAR and then they go before the World Service Committee to be voted on. We as an Area need to decide which direction we want to move forward on getting this info to the groups to vote on. Then the GRS's need to vote on it at the Area level and then I will carry our vote to Region.

Option #1 – We can as in the past have one of the RD's come to a workshop to go over everything in detail with the GSR's and any other area members who want to attend. Then the GRS would take that back to the groups to explain and vote on.

Option # 2 - We can have the RD come and give the workshop. I can then attend any special business meetings to the groups have to help fill in any blanks on what the motions entail.

Options #3 – I can run through the CAR report before an Area with those interested and then answer any questions that come up.

Option #4 - The area tells me what works best for them and we do what works.

Thanks for letting me be of service,

Shawn H. RCM 1

Secretary: Stephanni C., Sorry about the coffee. I was told that it would be made from the coffee left over from the PI presentation, however, there wasn't any left over. I keep forgetting to bring up the ASC laptop. The laptop has never worked for me, and never worked for Kathleen when she was the ASC Secretary. I have been using my own laptop. I looked into getting it fixed, and the computer shop said it would cost around \$400 to fix. Chris B. stated that we have people in the OTW Area that PC savvy, and might be able to fix it. Dave L. from CSF said he would take a look at it and see if it was fixable. When doing the Old, new and general discussion, please try and not come and talk to me, as I am doing my best to get everything I possibly can in the minutes. I Can't do this when people are talking to me. Thanks

Treasurer: Red B., The beginning balance on November 1st of \$1456.81. We had the following disbursements that day of:

- \$117.00 to for Rent
- \$78.00 for activities expenses
- \$375.00 for the PI presentation

Total disbursements that day were \$570.00

We donated \$10 for internet

Paid the phone bill of \$96.23

We had group donations that day of \$309.59

That leaves us with an account balance of \$1196.40 minus our prudent reserve of \$600.00, for a general fund of \$596.40

The Treasurer position will be open for election in January.

ILS, Red B.

Activities Subcommittee: John S. 6 Addicts were in attendance. Discussed the status of the Tri-Area New Year's Bash. OTW has contributed by designing and printing flyers and tickets and have been disbursed. OTW is responsible for \$150 of the \$500 deposit to reserve the banquet hall at the Longmont Hotel. Voted to send the December Activities budget.

Subcommittee discussed ideas for 2010 activities: Intramural Softball, Tour de Fat, Barbecues, Valentine's Dance, Unity Day in August, Campout in July, Museum trip, Quarterly game night, Movie night in January. Quick note.. John went to Mile High Area to discuss the deposit needed for the hotel for Tri Area New Year's event. We need a speaker from our Area for this event. Was also discussed that if any children are going to this event, they need to pay for the dinner. Dinner's cost, so kiddos have to pay, too. No confetti at this event, due to a heavy clean-up fee.

Literature Sub-Committee: Shawn asked if there were plans to get some JFT, answer was not because, because the 5th edition doesn't line up with the sixth edition. Shawn stated that WSO is not going to do a Sixth edition JFT that follows the 6th edition Basic Text, but have one without the references in the book due to how expensive it would be. Was stated that WSO will not be printing that edition until all of the old versions are sold out. Chris stated that since he will no longer be at that chair, that we vote in new business, and that the decision to only order the larger current edition

Hospitals and Institutions: Dawn was not at last sub because she was at Regional H&I., but stated that she does have a nomination for the next Chair, and is why she is here.

Merchandise Subcommittee: Desiree V., I bought new hoodies for \$250.00, leaving \$481.91 in the bank. We decided that a budget cap of \$600 in the bank would be good.

Public Information Subcommittee: Ernie S., PI subcommittee met on Nov. 4th at 10 AM in Greeley. 4 Addicts were in attendance. Elections were held. Karl W. is the Vice-chair, Jim M. the Secretary, and Goldberry M. is the Phone line chair. Open discussion was held to see how PI could better serve the Area.

There was a \$25.00 donation made to begin payment for phone texting. We are looking into an unlimited texting plan to avoid higher bills in the future. Goldberry and Ernie are working on setting up phone line training and generating a more current 12-Step call list which will go with each phone to better reach the suffering Addict. Was also stated that that the clean time requirement to answer the phone line is now 1 year, as they have a better understanding of the whole NA process, to help protect our newer members. There are 15 new members willing to take calls, as well as a Spanish speaking woman who can take calls. BFE does not currently have a phone line. Do we want to take this on in our Area?

ILS, Ernie

Shawn brought up why there weren't many people in attendance at the presentation., and that WSO PI can help us with another presentation. Also that we don't keep making the same mistakes, and can learn from this experience. Ernie stated that there are a lot of PI presentation folders, and that the power point presentation is still in them, and people that could not attend.

CRCNA Liaison: Jim M. no report, and that the chair is up for vote next month. The CERCNA sub meetings will not be in GJ, so the travel is not going to be that fare

Newsletter Chair: Open for election.

Guidelines Adhoc: Stephanni, asked if everyone had a chance to look at the revisions, and that we should be able to get the revisions be dealt with and approved, or amended, so that they can be posted to the web, and be completed.

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

Old Business

Elections for Open Office

H&I: Qualifications were read. Dawn Nominated Sjon C as the chair with a second. Sjon accepted and Qualified himself. He is the current Vice Chair for H&I. Stated that he would attend regional H&I as well. He wants to get an awesome attendance at subcommittee. Wants to work closer with PI. Shell, asked if he had worked the traditions with sponsor, or is willing to do so. He said he is. Sjon is the new H&I chair by unanimous vote.

Literature Chair: Qualifications were read. Stephanni nominated Trino. Trino stated that he sis not have enough time to do everything it takes. Chris G. nominated Mike L. Mike declined. Chris G. nominated Justin. Justin decline. Kenny nominated Dave. Dave stated that he might not be able to do it due to his credit. Asked Red if the credit would hinder, and it may. Shawn stated that we need to stop railroading people into doing a position and not following the concepts or following through it. Chris agreed, and stated that we could just have the ASC treasurer take care of sending the money, and that it is in our guidelines that the Lit Chair has its own account, and could be changed if needed. This chair is going to be held open until next month.

RCM II: Qualifications were read. Shell nominated Jim M., Jim qualified himself. A vote was taken, and he was voted unanimously. Jim is the new RCM II.

Newsletter: Qualifications were read. Newt was nominated, and no one dared to second. Was asked what the clean time requirements are. Jonathan was nominated with the second. Jonathan qualified himself, stating that he has experience with doing newsletter in other Area's. Stated that he has web design and computer experience. Chris G., asked if he had worked the traditions and concepts, and he said that not the concepts but several times with the traditions that what kind of experience he had with newsletters. Stated that it was outside of NA. Red asked if he is willing to do this alone. Newt asked if he was willing to take scrutiny from all areas of service including world, and stay within the traditions. Vote was taken, and Jonathan was voted on,

New Business

Guidelines Adhoc was discussed. Was asked that we are holding positions open for 30 days and taking them to groups, but it doesn't say anything in our guidelines. Chris G stated that it is in the "Area booklet of Service" manual, and doesn't need to be in our guidelines. Newt stated that it doesn't need to be in the guidelines, that we decide as a body. Chris B asked if we are going to discuss the revisions that are right in front of us now. Yes. John S., stated that we have all seen, taken to a group if desired, and that we just need to approve or deny the revisions and be done with. Shawn asked that we make one change to the Literature revision, with instead of being a percentage of money, it become a dollar amount as opposed to a percentage, due to the event that someone else might have to take over the literature and it becomes easier to take care of. This would also alleviate have entirely too much money on hand. The literature cap would be no more than \$400. Amendment was approved. A vote was taken with the addition of the merchandise cap and the proposed change made by Shawn. The changes were accepted and will be available at the next ASC.

Service award at CRCNA was discussed. Was stated that there was a lot of discussion on this at Region, because this award was given and not taken through the proper channels. Two trusted servants in the Region, did this on their own, losing sight of NA. Jim stated that many went to CRCNA with this, and people are upset with CRCNA, and they had nothing to do with this. Shawn stated that he would like to have this taken to groups, and discussed and brought back.

CAR was discussed. Shawn stated that generally there is a RD that comes and does a presentation. Shawn asked if we feel that we need to have the RD come and do this, or just have them discussed at group level, or just talk within the body, or do we not want to worry about it. Newt stated that sometimes they are presented at regional assembly. Red asked if we were asked by RD to do this by any changes. Was stated no, and that do we all care. Jim stated that we struggle enough to be here for three hours for ASC, so how are we going to do this for a presentation and be present, and not wasting a bunch of the RD's time. Shawn stated that it wouldn't be. Shell stated that we shouldn't have an RD come on a Saturday, but rather have it on a Sunday after ASC. Rebecca stated that some would have a hard time on being here taking a second day off per month.

Laptop was discussed. Stephanni's stated that it will cost 400 to fix the computer, and that there was a fatal error showing. (see Secretary report)

PI presentation. John S. stated that he was there and very involved. All went according to PR service handbook. Much information was put into these folders, and that it is ready to go again to do another presentation if desired. John stated that we have the ability to do this, and the sub discussed what went wrong, and how to make these changes.

Upcoming Events

Tri-Area New Year's Bash

Open Area Opportunities for Service:

Literature Chair

ASC Treasurer

Open Discussion

Jim stated that Area donations have been down, and that the Area continues to spend money. John stated that there hasn't been an Area fundraiser in a while, and that we will be doing so in the near future.

Disbursements

PI subcommittee of \$20 for new PI handbooks
PI subcommittee of \$30 for rent
Activities subcommittee of \$150 for New Year's deposit
Motion to close around 11-ish

Next ASC Meeting:
9:00 January 3rd, 2010
The Pulliam Building
545 N. Cleveland Ave.
Loveland, CO

Your Secretary thanks you for your patience!