



Off the Wall Area

Narcotics Anonymous



Off The Wall Area Service Committee Minutes January 6, 2013

Open: 9:00 AM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Concepts of Service by Penny

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: approved

Roll Call: Sharon, Mike M, Rich H, Paul W, Brett A, Angie E, Katie M, Chris G, Josh B, Patti B, Greg P, Penny L, Stephanni C, Colin B, Brandon K, Victor R, Taylor M, Adam C, Candain M, Shell H, Lyndsay E, Dave A, Keith

Guests/New GSRS:

Birthdays: Sharon 7 years, Paul 14 years Congratulations!

Group Reports:

Addicts Helping Addicts: Sharon F. GSR, Rebecca K. GSRA. There is no one able to step up as GSR so the Berthoud meeting is closed. We are going to donate the literature to the New Sunday meeting, thank you so much for allowing me to serve. 23.05 Area donation

Addicts Seeking Sanity: Josh B GSR. We are going to start studying Living Clean on Wednesday we are have a Jackson Lake fundraising dance hopefully on the 23rd. \$10n area donation.

Buena Voluntad: I attended that meeting because the PI committee needed to verify that someone speaking Spanish was there. Umberto has been for three years. I will be getting some literature he celebrated 17years I will be getting a coin for him.

Clean Serene Freaks: Adam C GSR, All service positions are open. We are for the climate controlled storage for region. \$29.64 area donations

Dead Without It: Thelma J.; GSR. Colin reporting. Group is alive and well a lot of newcomers.

Drug Busters: Not in attendance

Esperanza de a Vida "Hope for Life": Francisco R.; GSR, Abel C.; GSRA

Free at Last: Victor reporting.

Freedom Springs: Jennifer M GSR. Needs support

Friday Night Live: Paul W Good meeting Monday – Lit study could always use support \$2.50 area donation

Just For Today: Penny L GSR, Greg P GSRA Meetings are going well. #s are good and 7th is holding steady. Speaker for February will be Keith B. Area donation of \$73

Mass addicts: Meeting starting tonight so no gsr yet. 7pm

NA Nooner: Patty GSR. Closed Jan 21st Monday no meeting. “Home Group Members Need!!!” Holiday meeting were real large \$30 area donation

New Horizons: Not in attendance.

No Matter What: Brandon K GSR We need home group members y’all! Still Rock. Home group members needed, concerned about the lack of home group members. \$1.85 area donation.

Primary Purpose: Shell H GSR Group attendance, new group member Jerrod T. 2 new activities! Tradition workshop after the meeting on Feb 28th collecting people’s stories and experiences with traditions. If you don’t want to come to the workshop you can email it to me and I will submit it word for word. There is a flyer with the two questions world has for us. We are going to do a raid a meeting. Drug busters 2/2 for meeting and lunch. Please join! \$37 area donation, \$37 world donation.

Serene Machine: Rich have gotten some home group members, different people to chair every day, attendance has been growing. We were able to purchase our own literature today. Everything has been going great. Questions: Were you able to set up a checking account for your group? I would love some input on that. We will visit that here in a bit.

Serene Springs: Attendance down during the holidays. Good solid core group. Bought \$30.00 of literature. Activities survey (bring back later) need GSRA voted against Regional spending additional money on storage

Stairway to Recovery: Mike M reporting. Attendance steady. Nothing much to report things going well for that group

Steps and Traditions Roulette: Colin B GSR ~8-10 people reading the Living Clean text \$17.37 area donation

When At The End Of The Road: Brett A GSR, Helena GSRA All is great lot’s of newcomers \$20 area donation

XX Genes: GSR

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: I attended all 5 sub-committee meetings and chaired Activities. After the December ASC, Jennifer worked to renew the contract for the next 6 months and was told that the rent was going up from \$30 a month to \$40. Given that we needed to pay the rent and sign the contract before today, the executive committee decided to pay the increase. We were also told that the rent would increase \$10 a month each year for the next 4 years. This is a central location and this body voted several times to stay here. I met with the contact and ask for reimbursement of \$240.00. Kurt B contacted T-Mobile and we are stuck with the \$100 a month. I can work with P.I. for options to reduce the bill – changing carriers, getting rid of call forwarding and going to one phone, something. Payanywhere.com has a free swiper and charges 2.69% per swipe. It would be easy to set up for Merchandise and Activities and even Literature. New guidelines are available in hard-copy and on-line as always. By attending Buena Voluntad, I found a Spanish speaker for the phone lines to contact if necessary. Dave A

Vice Chair: Happy New Year Everyone! I hope you all had a safe and fun filled evening. I attended the Subcommittees this month and still am so grateful for the faithful service that our subcommittee chairs, and other

trusted servants, provide. I was elected secretary of Public Information and am happy to be of service for such an important part of NA. If you have not been able to make it to the Subcommittee meetings yet please come and get involved. I also had my first experience with Hospitals and Institutions. I went in to Detox on New Year's Eve and was reminded why I keep coming back. I was humbled by the still suffering addict. H&I still needs help. They are in need of panel leads and members to go in and carry the message. If you are curious about H&I but are unsure whether it is a good fit for you, just ask. You can talk to anyone that has been involved to get more information. Thank you for letting me be of service. Lyndsay E

Secretary: Jennifer M

RMC 1/RCM 2: Deb. B./ Stephanni Question: Do you know where and when Assembly will be? No there is discussion.

Hospitals and Institutions: James R.

Public Information Subcommittee: Report attached.

Questions: How effective are the posters? As far as I know there is no way to measure how well they work. Have we seen an increase in calls since we started doing these advertisements? I don't know, there is that data available though. Can we see that kind of data? I think they can make copies. We are getting 7-9 calls a week. I think that research has been done at a higher level.

Loveland did 12 presentations at two different facilities. We will be coordinating with Victor if you are willing to speak contact me.

Mike: Not that I don't believe in H&I and PI are valuable, How much money do we need to put into something before it becomes us forcing our will? Does the expense...

Literature Sub-Committee: Woo Hoo Happy New Year! Unless your Chinese, Vietnamese, Sinhalese, Tamil, Malay Teluga, Thai, Hindu, Arabic, Iranian, Jewish, Korean, or Ethiopian. Pretty much the rest of the world and don't forget that is summer on New Year's for half the world, just for today. We sold \$559.90 at the former ASC prices last year. Of that \$31.50 went to H&I, \$10.00 to PI, and \$22.00 in a donation to 2X Genes. I ordered \$508.37 of new literature bringing the value of the literature inventory to \$2514.57. The new order forms are now posted online with the WSO prices on them. Please download that to use for ordering from now on. There may be some confusion at first because of the amounts being in cents instead of nickels but if those items are ordered in increments of five that will solve the problem. Also since I do not have pennies for change it will make my job a lot easier. WSO has produced a gift edition of Living Clean that is priced at \$30.00. There are now three books available for online purchase at Amazon and iTunes: Basic Text for \$8.90, It Works for \$5.90 and Sponsorship for \$5.90. Also there is a collector's edition of Just for Today available for \$30.00 Mark

Merchandise Subcommittee: Sorry I didn't make it last month. \$80- old, \$396-\$18, \$140- \$20= \$616 total. Did not sell at the New Years bash waiting to sell at the Un-Valentines dance. Nothing new going on. Thanks Candain M.

Activities Subcommittee: Taylor M. Question: In your opinion does it kind of break even? Yes.

Treasurer:

\$312.90 is our balance of what is in the account today. Not including 240 coming in today. Does anyone want to take a look at this bank statement? It is crystal clear as to what has come in and what is going out.

Question? Is there a prudent reserve. No we are into our prudent reserve 290.

Question? We still have \$300 deposit out there. Yes if we decide to move we would get that back.

Phone \$100

Rent 240

PI 169

Asking Literature to not make an order and decrease the 2000 inventory.
The body is okay with not buying any literature this month.

According to the guidelines 1000 in inventory and 400 in special items. Buy books buy medallions, purchase what was purchased the month before.

Old Business

Keith and I met on Friday and we went over the accounting sheet for area. We went back and tried to fill this in completely. I tried to color code things. The things in green are an average. Misc expenses on second page. Tried to break it down a little bit for the PI and HI but this is not including literature. Also show donations to the region etc. Again that were are paying \$100 a month for phone, we might want to look at. This is not 100% but is pretty accurate. For activities and merch there is both what they have been given and what they give back. For the most part activities is a break even. Jus trying to show in maybe to much detail I don't know just trying to show for the groups how we handle that money is critical.

New Business

We averaged 350 in 7th. And then activities brings in some and merchandise brings in more. This is an attempt to create budget based on what we have done this last year. Basically we take in less than we make. Does anyone have any questions?

Shell: For me what has always been a concern is merchandise, I don't understand why it's not self sustaining like literature. My personal is that it does not further our primary purpose.

Chris: I feel similar to shell but I also feel that way about activities that both of them should be raising money not costing it.

Lyndsay: I think we need to do less with what we have. If this was a household we do not have enough to pay our bills.

Dave: Historically what happened has happened is that there was some malfeasance. Merchandise will make money I believe, I tried to show that activities will break even. PI has increased its budget, not that the money is not being well spent.

Mike: On the subject of money flow, I was asked to be here about the change in literature. The mark up on literature consistently brings money to area. Getting rid of that is a decision to not bring that money into the general fund. We don't have enough money to come in. Anyone wants more details on this please ask me. Without the mark up it is not technically self supporting. With the markup it always worked out to both support the group by providing literature at lower cost than they could get from world. and the asc

Victor: We are so limited with the human resources I have racked my brains for a long time trying to figure out free way to fulfill our primary purpose. As of right now the only way that I know is that it costs money to carry the message to the masses. I really strongly iterate what shell says. I am hamstrung as to how to do that without spending money.

Group checking account that is simple, legal and hopefully without many charges. Experience shared. Pros and cons. There is a treasurers handbook, it works pretty well.

Elections:

Treasurer: requirements read Keith nominated, accepted, and qualified himself. Congratulations Keith.

CRCNA Liaison: requirements read, Angie E nominated, accepted, and qualified herself. Congratulations Angie E.

Open Area Opportunities for Service:

Secretary, Newsletter, RCM

Upcoming Events

Primary Purpose Raids Drugbusters!

Saturday, February 2nd at 11am

Meet at PP address in Greeley @ 9:30 to carpool to FtC or meet
At Drugbusters at 531 S College. Use SW door to downstairs to basement. Group Lunch after TBD

Un-Valentines Dance

Saturday, February 23rd, 6-9 pm

315 E 4th St, Loveland

Primary Purpose Hosts a Traditions Workshop

Thursday, February 28th at 8pm after the 7:00 meeting at 929 15th St in Greeley.

Provide input and feedback for ne NA Traditions book

Written Motions

Motion 1: Please table discussion of the 6% until can be discussed with groups.

Motion 2: To purchase the sweeper, tabled will investigate and take

Motion 3: To bring some options for asc meeting room in the following year that is cheaper.

Next ASC Meeting:

February 3, 2013 9:00am

The Pulliam Building

545 N. Cleveland Ave.)

Loveland, CO

Your Secretary thanks you for your patience!

Hospitals and Institutions report for Jan 6th 2013

Sorry I am not able to at Area as I am out of state with family at this time. My gratitude to Lyndsay who is willing to read my report. The H&I subcommittee met on Dec 22nd with 6 members present.

At Larimer County Jail- women's we now have 3 women going to do a panel presentation where the members share their experience strength and hope. We have been going in on the 2nd Monday of month at 6:30 to 7:30. We have another Monday as member waiting to get cleared and may look at going in on another Monday as resources allow. Looking for Panel Coordinator. Karen has been our point of contact. Meetings have been going well.

Larimer County Jail Mens is going in 1st and 3rd Thursday of month at 7:30 to 8:30 PM as a panel presentation as well. We are looking for more committed members to go in regularly. Missed one meeting last month. Meetings going okay otherwise. Also looking for Panel Coordinator, have been in contact with Colin to coordinate the goings on as Erik J has officially stepped down. Thank you Erik for your service work at LCJ.

Weld County Jail womens we have two members going in every other Tuesday at 7-8. This is typically a sharing on literature such as reading from the Basic Text. Meetings going okay otherwise. Also looking for Panel Coordinator, have been in contact with Collin to coordinate the goings on as Erik J has officially stepped down, Thank you Erik for your service work at LCJ.

Weld County Work Release which meets Thursdays at 7-8pm and is usually a literature discussion with the Just for Today or NA pamphlet. The panel coordinator is stepping down and it looks that without any one step into place we will no longer be going in at this time. More will be revealed. Would like to thank Candain for her service work at work release ☺.

At the Detox Center we meet every Monday from 7-8 and do a literature discussion or topic discussion. Meetings were successfully changed from Wednesday to Monday. Bill C has stepped down from panel coordinator and Sheri S was elected into that position. Would like to thank Bill and Sheri both for their service work at detox. ☺ Looking for more regular people to go in to Detox as well.

At the North Range Behavioral Health treatment center that meets on Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 where we usually do discussion on a pamphlet or Basic text, meetings are going well. The literature rack is now upstairs where we meet, this will help us keep track of lit needs. Looking for a female to commit once a month. The panel coordinators position is up come January.

Also recently received a request from Platte Valley Youth to have NA provide meetings there as we have in the past. Sent a response thanking them for their interest and keeping them updated on what resources we have available to be able to make a commitment to do so or not.

Just a reminder, outside of the jails only 3 months is required to sit in and check out what we do, 6 months to share. The jails typically require 1 year clean and 3 off paper and a light to heavy background check. We are also in need of a Vice Chair for this subcommittee. Requirements include 1 year clean time and 6 months clean. The panel coordinator position requires at least 1 year clean time and 6 months H&I experience. For more information on qualifications about panel coordinator or Vice chair please attend the next subcommittee at 1450 Westwood Dr in Windsor at 11 am on January 26th

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James R ☺ any questions please call 970-301-5334

PI 12/22/2012

Attendance- Victor, Candain, Karl, James, Dave, Lyndsay

12 Concepts read by James

~Web Servant- Dave A- Posted info on web- new group name “Stairway to Recovery”, posted about NA Nooner address for Christmas eve and Christmas, changed the time for A.S.S. meeting on Saturday night, appx 100 “visits” per week on website (changed wording from “hits” to “visits”), also worked on Regional Campsite page.

~ Phone Line- Still need to talk to Helena and Stephanie about helping with the phone line in Larimer County, Dave needs to talk to Humberto about helping (Spanish Speaking) phone goes to Ft Collins in January, Paco could help with Spanish Speaking in Greeley but is very hard to get a hold of.

~Old Business- Fort Collins busses wrote a check \$83.08

Printed 3 posters for use in Greeley, Next Media, busses \$60.00

Waiting to hear back from Boulder about joint effort for thrifty nickel ads and price

Region may not be willing to pay for the add if someone doesn't physically go to region to ask

~Poster Drive put up around 150 posters, Karl 5 others took more posters around Greeley last weekend

~ Boulder might still be listing the old Greeley phone number, James has asked them to change it or take it off their lists

~New Business- MCR- IPs needed, they want 50 for MCR and 50 for new ER in Greeley

Possibility of making a stamp for PI will state NA with our phone line number

PVH ER wants more white booklets, What is the NA program? And Am I an Addict?

Victor spoke to Denver addict will “make it happen” to run PSA scripts that leaves 20 more stations CO; James, Dave and Victor will each call appx 7 stations about PSA's we have no say when adds play

Karl would like a list of places that posters were put up and of places that said no. He wants to put on a flash drive. Greeley Tribune has a daily planner at the bottom of the paper that randomly lists adds for certain 12 step programs, James would like to email them and inquire about adding NA to that ad

ASC asked Kurt to call and get prices on a new phone service, because of the holidays he could not get through Elections Lyndsay elected Secretary

~Budget

IPs and White Booklets

*MCR and ER in Greeley 20? Am I, 20 What is, and 10 White Booklets (Totaling 40 Am I, 40 What is, and 20 White Booklets

*PVH – 10 Am I, 10 What is, and 10 White Booklets

Bus Ads \$143.08

White Booklets \$26.00

Rent \$5.00

Total \$174.08

*The extra money of the budget will go to print IPs from website. We will skip the thrifty nickel ad this month.