



Off The Wall Area

Narcotics Anonymous



October 5th, 2014 OTW ASC MINUTES

Open: 9:05 AM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Concepts

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Approved

Guests: Trino, Colt Welcome!!!

BIRTHDAYS: Kurt B 26 yrs, Jacob R 9 Months!!! Yahoo

GROUP REPORTS

ADDICTS SEEKING SANITY: Helen F. reported-Meeting well attended. Thank you Dave A and Pat for helping w/the area flyer on the home page. \$85.00 donation

CLEAN SERENE FREAKS: Jacob R reporting -Meeting attendance is very low (5 meetings only chair person) needs support. No donation

DEAD W/OUT IT: Kurtis R reported-Attendance is good 25 to 50 addicts. Celebrate clean time every Friday; group needs support. \$25.00 donation.

DRUG BUSTERS: Liliias reported- Things are going well, Group attendance has been down. No donation.

FREEDOM SPRINGS: Dawn reported- Things are going well. Attendance is down. No donation

FREE @LAST: Not Present

FUN ADDICTS: Dave A reported: The meeting is going great. At our September potluck, it looked like it might be a very small turnout. At 6 when we usually start eating, it was only James and me. However by 7 when the meeting started the room was full. @ 43 people showed up. The raffle for a basic text was very successful raising much more than was spent on the book. The winning ticket was held by none other than yours truly who gave the book to a newcomer. We are very short on tags so will be restocking. Flyers for the next potluck are available. Last week, it was thought we could meet upstairs, but the room was packed so we moved it downstairs after doing birthdays. Spiritual darts was a rousing success as usual. If you want to find out what spiritual darts is, stop by the Fun Addicts on Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. We haven't tried a candle light meeting downstairs yet but may do that in the future. Passing a calendar around and allowing people to sign up to chair the meeting goes pretty well, but sometimes people have signed up too far in the future and forget they are supposed to chair. The beauty of it is getting more people involved in service. We have rent is paid for the remainder of the year. However, we are out of coffee and creamer and such and need to restock. Our goal of being truly self supporting is becoming a reality. \$5.00 donation.

HOPE GROUP: Jenna B. reported-Change of days (Tuesday/Wednesdays Meetings are closed) Doors not open. Need member's w/clean time to fill positions and support our group. @917 10th Ave. No donation.

JUST FOR TODAY: Sjohn C. reported: Group is starting the It Works How and Why book; no donation.

LIVE GROUP: John K. reported-Things are going well; need support. \$2.00 donation.

NOONER: Gemelle R. reported-Game night went well, 30 people in attendance. Friday night group needs support, Sunday is getting larger. \$26.00 donation.

No Matter What: Darrel B reported- Darrel is new GSR (Yahoo!!) Attendance is good, much more comfortable. Left old meeting place in good standing, they were sad to see us go, wished they could have made it work for us. No donation.

PRIMARY PURPOSE: John B. reported-All is well, 7th good. Those wanting to be of service, so we can have rotation of service. \$27.00 donation.

RECOVERY SWAG'D OUT: Karen C. reported-Attendance is great, Rent paid, buying Literature-\$47.00 donation.

SERENE MACHINE: Not present

STAIRWAY TO RECOVERY: Mike W reported-Our attendance @group conscience was 5 people. Our rent is \$25.00. \$25.00 donation.

STEPS & TRADITIONS ROULETTE: Kurt B reported-Meeting attendance picked up and has 12-16 @a meeting. The meeting is above the music store; coffeehouse is staying open for us. We need service positions filled. We are starting chapter; Living Clean Book. \$23.00 donation.

THE UDDER GROUP: Mark M-reported-Since we moved our meeting to the basement, now group is small (3 people) 9 people last meeting, Mark celebrated 23yrs. The barn is heated, we need speakers. No donation.

WHEN AT THE END OF THE ROAD: Hauna Reported-Picked up groups Lit. No donation.

XX GENES: Sharon H reported-Steady attendance 3-7; meetings are going well. No donation.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIR: Jim Reported-Attended Regional Assembly, extend a thank you for all who served and those GSR's that were present.

VICE CHAIR: Ernie S. reported-No report

SECRETARY: Karen C reported-Made copies of Group reports and I guess I need to make more than 20!! Our area is growing!!!! I am requesting all Sub-committee Chairs to submit their reports to email Kcampbell911@hotmail.com. Or Campbellkaren472@gmail.com.

TREASURER: Mike M. reported-Current balance at beginning of ASC \$793.18; \$193.18 available above our Prudent Reserve. Now that the problem w/T-Mobile billing has been solved; I can pay the bill over the phone. I am still having problems accessing bank information on-line. I hope to get this worked out soon, so I can be more accurate and up to date with our finances. Grateful to Serve, Mike M.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

RCM 1/RCM 2: James R. /Ray L reported: RCM II Report October 5th 2014

I attended the Colorado Regional Assembly on the 20th of September. The CRCNA barn dance was reported to have had about a \$100 loss due to high expenses (portajohns and food) and low attendance. Looking at changes or whether discontinuing is a worth looking at. Registration for CRCNA is now \$40. Had the Print and Display chair step down, last years has stepped up to help. Please sign up to chair Marathon meetings – only 4 spots filled up as of yesterday. They are watching the budget closely, mostly on budget – the flowers may go over their budget. There were questions about the chairs absence at the Assembly. Hospitals and Institutions is doing a workshop at the convention – many chairs from the areas and a few speakers who heard the message from facilities where the message is carried. Saturday 3-4pm. CRCNA guidelines should be read for approval by next Assembly – next guidelines committee meeting is Nov. 12th at 6pm – 9050 E Hampden (Village Inn)

Colorado Regional Rocky Mountain Campout issued a check for \$1059.08 and has \$1000 left in seed money for next year. The Guidelines for the campout passed.

Public Relations Reported that 300+ people stopped by the booth at the state fair. Had help from Serenity Unlimited in mass, and one from Off the Wall, mostly Southern Area helped. The Region is still looking for Public Information chairperson. Next sub-committee is Oct. 11th, but is still looking for a facility to meet at. Website is calming down.

Proposal 1 – passed

Proposal 2 – passed

Gave presentation on adding events to the Regional website.

RD report: We have 63,000 weekly meetings around the world. We speak 76 languages and are published in 42 (IP #1 the first piece of literature that is published). The best N.A. booth was set up next to a needle exchange in NJ. We have 5 physical offices – USA, Iran, Belgium, India and Canada – the last two are strictly distribution offices. E-literature now includes the Basic Text, It Works How and Why, Sponsorship book and Living Clean on I-tunes and Amazon. We are currently working on 380 translation projects. Webinars are available for Public Relations, Inmate Step Writing, conventions.

The 2018 World Convention will be in Orlando, looking at Turkey as a possibility after that.

In Oct the Introduction and Tradition 1 of the Traditions book will be out for input and review, with more chapters coming out together later for the same process.

Elections

Jayne from Pikes Peak was elected as the Regional Delegate. Tawni was elected as Regional delegate alternate. Michael from Serenity Unlimited was also nominated.

Elections for the CRRMCO Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer will be held in November.

All budgets were passed

Another proposal was to be brought back to groups for the April Assembly:

1. To change Guidelines that a Regional Committee Member voted or appointed may be removed from their Position after 2 absences without verbal notice 3 with verbal notice given to an administrative member (v.chair, chair, secretary) starting from the onset of the first absence, during a term calendar year. Contact will be made by chair/v chair after first absence.

Next Regional meeting is Nov 16th, 10:00am @ 1212 Mariposa

ILS, James R

Hospital/institutions: Sherri S. reported:

The subcommittee met on Sept.27th with 12 members present. We now have an H&I Vice Chair!! Brandon K. accepted the position along with also serving as Panel Coordinator for Platte Valley Youth Services. After much discussion, the subcommittee voted to close down the Work Release meeting. We also made the decision to change the date of our next subcommittee meeting to Saturday Nov, 1st at 11AM due to CRCNA.

PANEL COORDINATOR REPORTS

LCJ MENS (Dave A) The panel went in on Sept. 4th and had 12 attendees and on the 18th had 1 guy show up. Talked to the jail contact person and they do have a budget to buy books.

LCJ WOMENS (Dawn H reported) 10-12 residents sometimes more. Hauna J was cleared to go in. We would like to get some Basic Text for women to take with them when they are released.

WCJ WOMENS (Cathy M) 4+ residents each time. Still going in twice a month on Tuesdays alternating Pod 8 & 11.

TRT (Karl) Averaging 8 attendees. Danny G was our speaker this month.

DETOX (James) Numbers have been ranging from 5-12 (record!) We changed the format to presentation only with time for questions after.

PLATTE VALLEY YOUTH (Brandon K) Numbers have been up to 13 residents. There was a riot last month so we did not get to take a meeting in. We need a new contact person to work with at the facility.

WORK RELEASE -No report

I am requesting \$116.00 in literature and \$5 in rent.

Grateful To Serve,

Sheri S.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Dave A reported: Report to OTW ASC 10/05/14

The phone will be transferred from Weld to Larimer at CRCNA. Because CRCNA is held during the weekend when we would normally have the PI mtg, the mtg in October is cancelled. I may be out of town in November on the 4th Saturday so we may cancel that mtg as well. More will be revealed.

Thanks to James it was determined that we can use the same Tax ID/non-profit status as the CRCNA convention. I need to call Chuck, the outgoing RD, to see how this would work and start looking into PSA'a on local radio and TV. Very exciting!

At the assembly I asked Autumn is she would like a vice-chair. Her answer seemed to be yes. Being the vice chair would allow me to verify I indeed want to run for regional webmaster in April. To that end I will run for vice-chair at the PR mtg this month. No news about that yet other than what was said at the assembly.

Our website has been kept up to date with activities and the mtg schedules. Big schedules were made by Kurt. Since Kurt will no longer be making schedules, I assume, I will make sure that we continue to get 200 schedules here on a monthly basis. A question for the body is whether we want to continue including activities on the schedule if we don't have activities. I will continue to make the big schedules unless the body decides otherwise.

I really messed up. My wife drove to South Dakota in my car. I had the PI notebook which has the key to our mailbox in it. So, I was unable to go there today to get the mail. Hopefully, Mike got the bank balance and such off the web. I will get there this week and if anything needs immediate attention I will follow through,
Lastly, as always, if you are not part of the blast, please go to our website and register.

ACTIVITIES: Kurt B reported: **Looking for new ideas and youth to help spur new interest**

End of the Summer Bash in Estes – September 6th. Event cost \$87. And all excess money was returned at the last meeting.
Barn Dance - This event lost money for CRCNA. The event used to be the biggest fundraiser for them in upwards of \$1,000. Now we had less than 100 people show up. Some of the suggestions that were brought up if the next chair decides to try again:

- Selling tickets in advance
- Raffle
- Food and Dance – One cost
- Reduce cost on Port-a potty

Regional Assembly – The meeting was held on Sept. 20th. 50 addicts were in attendance. The money \$200 from Region was used for doughnuts and food to feed lunch for all. Well almost. Most everyone was fed and we supplied drinks and plastic/paper wears. Next time a \$250 budget is probably more reasonable.

NA Nooner Group – October 4th NA Potluck and Game Nite, Bring a side dish and or a snack to go with Mexican food. All games available, 4:30pm to whenever

New Years Eve – Last year it was discussed in our area that maybe we should hold our own event in our area. Attendance was low from our area. One issue is that the newcomer cannot afford it, and it is too far for most. We would like to get group feedback before going forward with this event.

As you know this is my last meeting as Chair of Activities. I want to thank you for allowing me to do service in our area. It is important for my own recovery that I stay involved with NA and that I carry the message by being an example not in words but by actions. One of the positive things that happened was to incorporate our activities into our area schedule. I have stressed the importance of your home groups sponsoring local events whether they are meeting events or area sponsored events. It takes addicts in our area to get involved. The people in this room all are committed to service. You are the winners and you deserve a pat on the back and a plaque for stepping up. However we don't do this in NA. (Most of the time).

I was told early on, "We do service for the right reasons, we are not trying to gain prestige or power but do service so we can give back to NA. We can demonstrate that from opening a meeting to making coffee or having a service commitment at area or region. Every position is just as important as any other. I was told the service that is needed is the service that gets done; however, it can only be accomplished if addicts step up. In the last year, I have grown in my recovery. I could not do this commitment without having addicts showing up and giving their time, resources and strength to put on activities for us all. We hold activities so we know that we can still have fun after entering the rooms.

Page 129, Tradition One, It Works

"When we work to ensure the vitality of NA, we're not working just for ourselves but for those yet to join us.

The unity that supports our common welfare is created not only by working together but by playing together. The friendships we develop outside meetings strengthen NA unity. Fellowship activities provide opportunities for us to relax socialize with each other and have fun. Conventions, dinners and holiday celebrations give us a chance to celebrate our recovery while practicing social skills. Picnics, dances, and sports days for example. Often allow our families to participate too. We strengthen our sense of community when we share more than just meeting time. Stronger relationships develop as we become more involved in each other's lives. The care and understanding born of these relationships are strong threads in the fabric of NA unity." Thanks for letting me serve, Kurt B

MERCHANDISE: John B. reported: Merchandise subcommittee met 9/27/14. We discussed with other subcommittees and decided to move our next subcommittee meeting to November 1st.

We should be able to do sales at CRCNA but have yet to get 100% confirmation.

We used the funds received at last area to purchase another 23 shirts and have them printed at a cost of \$230.00. We have sold a total of 10 shirts 2 of which were pre order. The money received from preorder was used to make the initial purchase of this run. We currently have \$135.00 in cash on hand and approximately \$285.00 in inventory.

I am asking area to retain \$35 for change and will be turning in \$100.00 from sales.

Currently we are not looking into producing any more shirts at this time as we are heavy on inventory.

We also have some sticker available for purchase that was donated by James R. They range in price from .50 to 2.00.

Thanks for letting me serve, John B.

LITERATURE: No report

CRCNA Liaison: No report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OPEN DISCUSSIONS:

MOTIONS:

Made by: James R. - To have a meeting of the month. A group nominated at the ASC that members of groups could attend that meeting and support it. **Intent:** Support groups that need support & promote Unity.

PASSED

ELECTIONS:

Activities Chair

Hospital & Institutions Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Addicts Seeking Sanity Group is Sponsoring

CORN MAZE

Oct 17th, 2014@7:30

On Highway 85, 7miles S of Greeley

20861 County Road 33

(Fritzler's Maze)

CRCNA XXVIII

October 24th to 26th

1900 Ken Pratt Boulevard, Longmont