



Off The Wall Area

Narcotics Anonymous



DECEMBER 6TH, 2015 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: Matthew from Sterling. Ronnie B. Welcome!!!

BIRTHDAYS: Karen C. 17yrs, Sjohn in Nov. 8yrs, Jacob 2yrs, Marisa 60 days Yahoo!!!

GROUP REPORTS

ADDICTS SEEKING SANITY: Jason reported: Meetings are strong AVG Sunday 25 people -\$35, Wed 10 people-\$10 Sat 15pl-\$2. Wednesday is new format after Living Clean-Chair person's choice of Literature. Voted Yes on Face book page. Ordered lit. \$260.00.

DEAD W/OUT IT: Richard L reported: No concerns-attendance 20-30. We are having speakers every other month and trying to get dinosaurs to keep them involved; need a lot of clean time addicts to share. Talking about rotating our chair person. Ordered Lit and \$43.29 donation.

DRUG BUSTERS: Garrett G. reported: Meetings are going well since we moved to garden level. Still an atmosphere of recovery. \$20.00 donation.

FREE AT LAST: Not Present (Dave stated all is well)

FREED FROM INSANITY: Chris L. reported: Attendance ranges from 6-19 people, some are stepping up to do service. Monday night is a book study. Our 7th was \$60 something dollars.

FUN ADDICTS: Dave A reported: We have had a large influx of newcomers on Sunday nights from the halfway house and the Farm. Average attendance Sunday is 40 to 50 addicts and 20 to 25 on Wednesdays. On Sundays, we have been attempting to set up chairs in a large circle before the meeting starts to promote participation and to minimize the tendency for people to set up chairs in rows, classroom style, and sometimes behave disruptively in the back row. A couple of halfway house clients have stepped up to assist in the setup, which is much appreciated. To get more newcomers involved, we have an NA ball that we toss to tag someone to share. This has proven to be a lot of fun and quite popular with everyone. Fun Addicts will have a speaker potluck on Sunday, December 13th at 7:00 PM, and every three months following. There are fliers available for the December and March Potlucks. We need a person with less than one year clean to speak in March, volunteers welcome. The group has voted in favor of the motion to start an invite-only OTW Area Facebook page. Zach V. has been elected GSRA and we have a new home group member, Stacie B. \$33.33 Donation.

JUST FOR TODAY: Sjohn reported-Attendance is low, 7this fair. We now have Speaker meeting on the 1st Friday of every month. New Location "Vineyard" 1015 9th Ave. Voted Yes for Face book page. \$60.00 donation

LIVE GROUP: Ray L reported-The move went well, the club house has been very accommodating and grateful we are there. The 9 am meetings needs support; ordering Lit. \$100.00 donation.

NEVER ALONE: Marisa: Saturdays @1:30. 8-10 in attendance. Want to thank everyone for attending our 1 year Anniversary party; wonderful speakers Karen C. and Shannon; 35people in attendance. We had people form NE, Greeley, Ft Collins, and Denver. We are still supporting meeting in ATC-now called The Last Resort group average 20 attending; those that are able attend our meetings. \$17.00 donation.

NOONER: Danny G. reported-. We closed our Tuesday noon meeting; other than that all is well. Voted Yes on Face book page. \$53.00 donation

No Matter What: Darrell B. reported: Attendance 15-25; need home group members; looking for members to share (speak). No donation

PRIMARY PURPOSE: Shell H. reported-Good meetings, 7th steady. Planning a group inventory in January. Planning another raid a meeting event. New comers are coming back (maybe the coffee) Voted yes on Face book page. \$25.00 donation.

RECOVERY SWAG'D OUT: Paul reported-Great meeting attendance, buying Lit; \$18.00 donation.

STAIRWAY TO RECOVERY: Pat H. reported-Very good attendance, good 7th Tradition, need home groups and trusted servants; No donation.

STEPS & TRADITIONS ROULETTE: Jacqueline B reported-Nothing new-No meeting on Thanksgiving Voted yes on Facebook. \$ 8.00 donation.

WHEN AT THE END OF THE ROAD: - Shannon reported: Meetings are strong, especially Saturday nights. Agreement of closed Facebook page. Lit\$133.25 \$268.74 donation.

XX GENES: Amy K. reported- Meetings are going well, we now are candle light; attendance small but steady. No donation.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIR: Ernie S. - Good morning; CRCNA was yet again an amazing experience, I hope those of you that were there share the same feelings, I cannot express the gratitude for all the efforts and planning that many of you put into making the convention a success. OTW showed up and our presence was seen and felt throughout the convention. I had a great time at the Thanksgiving potluck, you all pulled together and made this a huge success and probably helped this addict stay clean through another holiday. A lot of time and a lot of planning is going into the New Year's Eve Dance, my hope is to see all of us there supporting these efforts. Let's do all we can to make this year's event the best one yet. I am a very grateful recovering addict today, not only because I am clean, but because I feel that I belong to the best Area in Narcotics Anonymous ILS Ernie

VICE CHAIR: Ray B reported-Hello Fellow committee members & guests: I have nothing to report this month, missed you all last month & glad to be back. Ray B. In Loving Service

SECRETARY: Karen C. reported-If you would like to send your group reports via email it would be appreciated, not mandatory. I am requesting all Sub-committee Chairs to submit their reports to email Kcampbell911@hotmail.com.

TREASURER: Mike M. reported-Current balance @beginning of ASC. \$377.22. Last month we collected \$812.79 and spent \$1021.83. There was a problem w/an altered check last month that the bank would not accept. Please contact me before making any alterations to any check that has already been issued and I can issue another, in loving service, Mike M.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

RCM 1: RCM report Dec 6th 2015

I attended the Regional Committee meeting Nov 22nd. The Women's Retreat is looking for those interested in service to the committee. They meet Dec. 13th at 12:15pm – 4:00pm at 100 S Wilcox St, Castle Rock. Theme and logo contest ends Jan 31st. Speaker entry deadline by May 31st. I have email and other contact info for both if interested.

The Conference Agenda Report is out and can be purchased or downloaded for na.org. The Regional Delegates will be offering workshops on it and is asking what day works best for Off the Wall. They are looking at Feb 12th, 14th, 26th or March 11th or 13th.

CRCNA had 846 total registered attendees and 1,100 seats filled with some still standing Saturday night. There were very few complaints personally and none at Region from the Areas. All committees worked within budgets and only one fundraiser was in the red. We have feedback forms for anyone desiring to give feedback, please let the RCM's know so they can give it back to the CRCNA committee. Looking at an estimated \$13,000 donation to the Region – that is with the seed money already taken out and an estimate of the taxes that we will have to pay taken out. Final numbers should be out in January. The pancake breakfast will be moved to March and the theme and logo contest deadline will be in February 1st. Bid packet for the next year's conventions will be due by March. I have bid packet for anyone interested in heading that up.

H&I is looking at starting up the Primary Purpose Project. This is where shirts are sold and the proceeds go to help put books in the hands of inmates in Colorado. The H&I committee will be looking into support and funding and may bring back a proposal as there was general support from the Region.

Public Relations has done some work in Southern area and is looking at PSA's and branching outside of their current efforts. Next PR meeting is prior to the Regional meeting on Jan. 17th at 9am at 1212 Mariposa. They plan on meeting every 4 months face to face with a phone conference in between and is going to attempt to get in contact w/ PI or PR chairs from the areas.

The Region still has an Ad Hoc committee concerning voting members at Region and who should be able to and who should not. Contact Ray L if interested in voicing concerns or learning more. Another Ad hoc committee was formed to address how Region conducts business by what seems to be a hybrid of Consensus Based Decision Making and Roberts Rules – Erin from Pikes Peak will head this up, please contact her if interested in being a part of this. We reimbursed Ray L \$30 for travel expenses for a meeting that no one else showed up to.

The D.O.C. coordinator, Terry, is looking for help in processing apps for facilities, as many people are denied approval due to failure to disclose. Asked and received \$69 for reimbursement for CBI processing fees.

The Colorado Regional Rocky Mountain Campout has elected Derek as the V. Chair, and all other positions still need to be elected. (Mainly Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary).

Noted that we ratified H&I and PR chair at Region, but not the Treasurer.

Proposals for changing the reimbursement rate for mileage to Federal Government standards for volunteers and adding approval of the minutes to the agenda via the guidelines both failed to reach consensus and failed.

The proposal to do a yearly inventory of the Region starting in January after the Regional committee meeting until complete passed.

We made a \$5000 donation to World. Thanks for allowing me to be of service to this body. ILS, James R

Activities: Jacob R. reported: December 6, 2015

Hello family, I hope everyone enjoyed CRCNA and Thanksgiving. The activities sub-committee officially met on November 21 at 9:00 am and met unofficially with the Boulder area's activities subcommittee and the Mile high's activities subcommittee to plan the New Year's Eve dance on November 10th at CRCNA and on December 3rd at the church hosting the event in Longmont. The activities subcommittee will officially meet again on December 19 in Windsor at 9:00am and the three area's activity subcommittees will meet to finalize plans for the New Year's Eve dance on December 10 at 6:00 pm at the church hosting the event.

The meeting at CRCNA was simple. The three areas got together to throw some ideas around for the New Year's Eve dance. Thereafter we secured a location, agreed on prices, made a flyer, choose the speakers for the event, and finalized a Budget and Expense Report.

The event will take place on Thursday December 31, 2015. The banquet will start at 6:00pm, the meeting at 7:30pm, and the dance at 10:00pm. We did have to revise these times on Thursday so if you have heard contradicting information then I am sorry to confuse you, however these are now finalized and the current flyers available today are accurate. The church hosting the event is on 303 Terry Street in Longmont, Co.

We are not selling formal tickets beforehand this year because of time and financial constraints, but you can prepay for the banquet and dance by speaking with me and save \$5. At the door, it will be \$25 for the banquet and dance, and \$10 for Dance only. No addict will be turned away for the dance, but the banquet may be a different story depending on the amount of food available. Options for food this year are Pork, Pasta, and vegetarian and there will be a desert. If you plan on coming to the banquet please pre pay it will help me and yourself.

The speakers for the event are Shane R. from Off the Wall, Lena S. from Mile High, and Jay T. from Boulder. Furthermore, if you would like to stay the night in Longmont discounted prices are available at the Plaza Hotel. The Off the Wall area will spend \$550 to host the event and with the three areas we have a total budget of \$1,550 to pay for rent, food, decorations, music, and janitorial services. We also need volunteers to help set up, to help with food, and to help clean up. If you want to be of service and possibly get a free meal talk to me and show up at 2:00 pm on the 31st. Moreover, if you want to have a say in music you'll need to speak with me before the event. Don't forget the banquet is formal to semi-formalish.

I want to thank all those who have helped in the planning process for this event so far. We kind of had to put it together at the last minute, but it seems like it will turn out well and be an incredible New Year's Eve filled with tons of fellowship and fun!

I would also like to thank those who attended the Thanksgiving marathon-meeting event. I actually was there for the entire day and I'm guessing roughly 60 members filtered in and out throughout the 12 hours. There was plenty of food, we ended up having four meetings throughout the day and it seemed like everyone who wanted a meeting had one. The location worked very well, and after passing the 7th around we collected a total of \$42. \$20 dollars was given to the church and the rest will be used for the Christmas marathon meeting event.

Though I do have a bit of unfortunate news. It seems like it will be very difficult to find a location for the Christmas marathon meeting event because we will be unable to pay for this facility after spending over \$500 to host the New Year's Eve dance. I have contacted churches and low and behold, it can be difficult to reserve a church for 12 hours on Christmas. I think it is best to push off canceling this event for a week to see if my committee and I can pull something together. If you know of a location that would be available for 12 hours or so on charismas, please speak with me. I would like to see this event come to fruition this year, however there will be regularly scheduled meetings taking place on Christmas so there will be a place for the newcomer, or the old-timer to go on charismas.

The Star Wars movie event will take place on January 16 at the new movie theatre in Fort Collins though. Also I would like some of the area's feedback as to whether all of you would like to have an event for Valentine's Day or Saint Patrick's Day or anything else you can think of.

In closing I would like to request the activities budget of \$200 dollars to fund the New Year's Eve dance.

Public Information: Dave A reported- I participated in both the PI and PR workshops at CRCNA. Very helpful. Reg'l PI got an article in a magazine that is handed out in all Colorado high schools. I printed out a few in case anyone is interested and will put them on the table.

Created the Google Voice account and added folks for December that want to help. There is a slight "gotcha" in that when adding a device, GV requires that one answer back with a 2 number code that is displayed on the web. So that will be

incorporated into the process doc. I created it under my google account. It will be transferred to the otwascp@gmail.com account if possible now that the \$20 porting fee has been paid. The text messaging forwarding of a voice mail translates pretty well into common English. Creating folders for messages and such will be an ongoing part of the process. Didn't get any signup sheets back from the groups although I did get several members to sign up at the PI training session. So, if anyone brought any back please get them to me. Thanks! Updated the excel spread sheet.

Don made all the necessary changes to the web mtgs for the Live group move and the new Freed from Insanity Lvld group as well. The Tuesday nooner mtg in Greeley was deleted. Changed the address for the Live group from 3rd and Railroad to 102 E. 3rd Street as we got a call from a woman visiting from North Carolina and 3rd and RR didn't google very well.

Got a request for a rack and literature to be put in a facility in Sterling. So I brought that. We may purchase a few IP's out of the PI budget. Additionally, we have our normal \$90 + \$20 requests for the benches and bus ads in Greeley, plus \$20 for the porting fee for our phone number. I am also requesting \$82 because I paid for annual fee for our PO box after communicating with the treasurer, chair and secretary.

If you are new here, or not, and want added to the OTW blast please go to the website – otwna.org – and submit a join request. Trying to add people manually has proven to not be doable as they need to respond to a request that is sent out. So, joining via the web is the simplest way. Next meeting – Dec 19th (Not Xmas weekend)

Hospital/institutions: John B. reported: Why get involved?

Hospitals and institutions service offers addicts an opportunity to demonstrate gratitude, fulfill responsibility, and share the NA message without expectations. It is also an effective tool that helps us stay clean, and keeps us coming back. The H&I message is the same as the NA message: "That an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live." The gift we share is hope and freedom from active addiction through the program of Narcotics Anonymous. Any NA member who wants to carry this message is encouraged to get involved with H&I service. There are many ways to serve in Narcotics Anonymous, and many of us have found H&I service to be the most rewarding aspect of our recovery.

I just want to take a moment and implore the GSRs that are here to today to announce that we need help with H and I in our area. The areas that we struggle to serve the most are our lock down facilities. The addicts in these facilities have no way to attend meetings or hear our message unless we take it in to them. This gives them a sense of hope and know that there is someone outside the walls waiting to help when they do get out. I attended the H and I workshop at CRCNA and was amazed to see two inmates from Denver Women's in attendance who were still technically incarcerated. They expressed joy and gratitude for our program and how it was such an important part of their lives behind the walls. The one thing I took away from that was you don't have to have been locked up or in jail to carry the message in a lockdown facility. We share strength, experience and hope of recovery not our relatability to being incarcerated.

Our subcommittee met on November 21st 2015 with 7 members present. We currently have 6 facilities we hold meetings for out of that want us to go into. We hold approximately 16 meetings a month with the help of 20 service members. We are needing members to be of service at the following facilities: Weld County Women's (1 YR Clean, 3yrs off Paper), Weld County Men's (1 YR Clean, 3yrs off Paper), Platte Valley Youth, Larimer County Women's and Summitstone. All facilities requires 90 days clean to attend and 6 months to share.

Currently we need a panel coordinator for Weld county men's and women's, Platte Valley Youth.

We will also be needing a panel coordinator for work release. Sjon is willing to fill in till a new one can be found.

We also contacted LaDonna in Sterling to discuss if they would want the Advantage Treatment Center in Sterling to be under the guise of H and I. Currently it seems as this is better handled as a part of a group outreach, however we advised we would be willing to help by providing some IP's and other literature that they can give to the addicts at that treatment center.

We have submitted a budget of \$125.00 to this body to be voted on. This will be an increase of \$5.00 over last year's budget. I will be requesting reimbursement of \$26.06 above our budget for a purchase of a new stamp and printing costs. We are requesting 124.85 for literature.

Facilities We Serve

LCDC MENS: Panel Coordinator: Dave A. There are 4 panel members currently. They meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

LCDC WOMEN'S: Panel Coordinator: Karen C. There are 2 regular panel members currently with a 3rd when their work permits. They meet on 2 times a month on Mondays at 7 pm.

WCJ WOMEN'S: Panel Coordinator: Open There are 2 regular panel members and a 3rd when their work permits. Normally they meet 2 times a month on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Currently they are only able to meet 1 time a month.

TRUE NORTH (TRT): Panel Coordinator: Janene F. There are 6 panel members currently. They meet every Wednesday at 5:30 pm

PVYS: NO MEETINGS CURRENTLY

DETOX: Panel Coordinator: Amber S. There are 4 panel members currently. They meet every Monday at 5:30 pm.

WORK RELEASE: Panel Coordinator: Sjon C. There are 4 members currently. They meet every Thursday at 7 pm.

SUMMITSTONE: Meetings are held once every 12 weeks and currently Dave A. is helping to facilitate. There is a need for someone to be the Panel Coordinator for this but would only be responsible for organizing a panel once every 12 weeks to share about NA and recovery.

CRCNA Liaison: Position Open-Sherry S elected our new Liaison, Congrats!!

MERCHANDISE: Shane reported: No report

Literature: Peggy reported: No report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEWLY ELECTED: CRCNA Liaison Sherry S, RCM 1 LaDonna H Congrats both of you!!!

NEW BUSINESS: Meeting of the Month is the Live Group Loveland

Motions: To create an OTW area invite only Facebook page

Intention: Unity, information

Passed

Motions: To increase Activities budget \$50.00 to pay for December Marathon meeting event.

Intention: To pay for food/beverages

Passed

Motions: To donate key tags and white books to ATC facility in Sterling

Intention: To celebrate and informative pamphlets

Passed

Open Discussion: Please take back to groups: Do we want Region to support the "Pueblo State Fair" \$1300.00 a year for a booth for 14-15 days.

RDA requests to give a brief overview of the CAR agenda-maybe @our Valentines Dance? (Activities?)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ELECTIONS:

ASC Treasurer in January

FUN ADDICTS POTLUCK/SPEAKERS

December 13th, 2015

200 E Oak St.

6:00-8:00

New Year's Eve Event

December 31, 2015

Banquet @6:00-Speakers @7:30-Dance @10:00

303 Terry St, Longmont, CO 80501

Discounts on room's @Plaza Hotel

\$20/(\$25.00 @door) Banquet/Dance and The Dance only is \$10:00

Contact Jacob R. (970) 817-4495

III ANNUAL NA WOMENS RETREAT

WRCNA III

August 28-30, 2016

Ranch in Buena, CO.

