

OTWASC MINUTES March 5th, 2017

Open: 9:01

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Approved with amendments

Guests/ New GSRs: Sarah A., Kurt Z.

Birthdays: John B, 4 years, Peggy, 16 years, James R 15 years

Group Reports

Addicts Seeking Sanity: Val Reporting

Meetings are going well, no needs or concerns at this time. Friendly reminder to please watch your language, as we are guests in the church.

Treasure's Report;

Opening Balance \$22.31

7th \$424.39

Rent for event - \$50.00

Supplies - \$50.00

Lit -\$125.00

Area -\$220.00

We would like to thank Sheri S for her service as our Secretary

And welcome Annie F as our new secretary

Fun Addicts: Sunday meeting avg. attendance 45-65, Wednesday similar, new member Kevin M. Quarterly potluck in big gym at 220 East Oak St. Fort Collins, Area donation \$20

LIVE: Daniel reporting, attendance good, \$110.95 lit

Primary Purpose: Lindsey reporting, \$15 area donation

Recovery SWAG'D Out: Stacia reporting, averaging 35 people, area donation \$20

Solution Group: Patty Dinosaur days March 18th, area donation \$54

Stairway to Recovery: Newt reporting, no donation

When At The End Of The Road: Kim W. reporting, Memorial day picnic coming up, have noon meeting and picnic at Edora park, burgers brats provided, having group inventory starting this month, primarily homegroup members, need people with clean time to facilitate. New morning meeting Wednesdays at 7 am, details same, starting this Wednesday. Voted in a new GSRA Sommer. Do not have area donation this month due to saving for memorial day. Lit \$86.15

XX Genes: Kim W. filling in for Karen, females only, small but consistent, hosted fundraiser yesterday for WRCNA, still needs support, no concerns, no area donation.

Steps and Traditions Roulette: Kurt B. reporting, thanks ASC for making us group of month, around 10 people in our meetings, in Spring will have meetings outdoors. Need more homegroup members, no donation.

No Matter what: Tanner reporting. Attendance growing steadily, more than 30 in Feb. Group conscience last Monday with lots of people, talked about format changes. New treasurer Kathryn. Lit order 24.25, no donations, prudent reserve \$30.

Freed from Insanity: absent

Just for Today: Lit order 31.20, area donation of \$50

Drugbusters: Saturdays 11 am South College, new GSR Liliias, mark M new treasurer, just lowered rent to make it easier to deal financially, may do something this summer with an old timer speaker, Liliias says best home group ever

Dead Without It: Richard

1208 west Elizabeth, speaker meeting went well 46 in attendance, Kathy M will speak on last Friday of April, fliers at next area, trying to get more homegroup members involved in chairing, had some challenges with noise during readings at beginning, trying to establish a good primary purpose atmosphere. No donations this month.

Free at Last: absent

Never Alone: absent

Just for Today: absent

New Horizons: absent

Miracle on Oak Street: no donation at this time

Responsible for our Recovery: Michael O. reporting. New meeting in Estes Park, Tuesday 7pm at Harmony, H&I format, step meeting, one volunteer to keep table open. Two other groups in Estes: New Horizons and Free at Last

Meeting(s) of the month: Responsible for our Recovery, 7 am Wednesday When at the End of the Road

Officer Reports

Chair: Busy month New bank card signed, treasury has been audited, vice chair will speak more on those, beginning to implement inventory. Attended 20 year celebration for Addicts Seeking Sanity. XX genes fund raiser, and WatEotR speaker meeting. Please get your lit order in by break, put your group and personal name on the order.

Vice Chair: Vice-Chair report for March ASC,

I attended the H&I, PI and Merchandise sub-committee meetings. I help the secretary reconstruct the minutes from the last ASC as best I could, wish I'd taken notes, but I did not. The new bank card is up to speed and all new signers are on board as of Friday. For my part in the audit I looked over the treasurer's receipts, checks and statements and after speaking w/ everyone about any missing receipts, checks that never ran through, etc. and any other discrepancies feel we are in good standing overall. Interesting to note that while the groups donated around a thousand less than the prior year, merchandise made that up all by itself. Although we should reemphasize the importance of getting receipts when we can and writing checks directly to vendors/venues if and when possible. It seems as though many if not all the suggestions for the ASC inventory are being implemented as far as Public Information. I am working on GSR orientation material, am open to suggestions. I attempted to attend the Never Alone meeting in Sterling and no one was there, I took this up at the PI sub-committee meeting. I made a remark that was derogatory toward GSR's at a prior ASC, my apologies, as I need to be mindful in the way I speak of those being of service. Also worked on the debit card not going through for a literature order. Believe this is due to changes made from Home State bank transitioning to Guaranty Bank. I contacted the Molly at the bank in Loveland, Suzie at a branch in Greeley and a few calls to the service department as was told the zip code seemed to be the reason for the card not being processed. Also contacted N.A. world services and Peggy Z, the literature chair, in changing the zip code, and it still would not process. It was noted by the N.A. service office that it is not uncommon for a bank to have a security measure that doesn't allow transactions to be processed when the billing is from any place that includes the word Narcotics. I was told this was not the reason by the bank. The outstanding bill was paid by check, the current literature order Peggy paid for with her own card and will be reimbursed. The hope is that in clearing this up future transactions will proceed normally. Am willing to step up for activities if no one is elected, have put nothing in place as of now.

ILS,

James R

Secretary: Apologies for losing the minutes and binder. Mea culpa, forgetto ergo sum.

Laptop nonfunctional, getting it to Zack V. to fix, if issues persist will discuss next month.

RMC 1/RCM 2: Daniel nothing to report, didn't attend this month. Julie not in attendance. Regional assembly in Longmont coming up, details on Regional website, GSRs please attend, not required, but expected. Saturday April 15th at YMCA 950 Lashley Street Longmont 80504.

Hospitals and Institutions: We currently have 7 facilities we serve with approximately 30 panel members at 26 meetings a month.

All facilities are doing well. The new Com Cor women's facility has started and has more than 15 attendees in a meeting. The facility is going through a lot of internal changes right now with the goal of arranging schedules as where all clients can attend N.A. in the future. As of now level and drug court clients have attended. We will be discussing next month about expanding the budget a little due to having a new facility. We would like clarity on who is allowed to take literature from the subcommittee. Is it for panel leaders to take or can anyone take the literature?

We spent 124.85 on literature this month.

Thank you! Janene F.

Public Information Subcommittee: PI Report 5 Mar 17

Phone Line:

22 calls, 4 texts since 1/24/17, date of last report. As always, we are able to live-answer most calls. In the event that none of the volunteers are available to answer, all callers leaving a message have been called back, usually within the hour. Text messages are replied to immediately. There has been a decline in phonline usage over the last several months. This is probably due to most people using the internet to get information from our website. Safety and anonymity concerns have been brought up in regard to text contacts. Some volunteers not comfortable interacting with unknown contacts through text. Volunteers have now been asked to verify if they are ok with getting texts. Two volunteers have opted out, but will still receive voice calls as usual. From now on, any new volunteers will be asked their text preferences when being set up in the system. Several people have responded to blast and OTW Facebook requests for volunteers, they will be rotated in soon.

Members currently serving: Karen C., Stacia R., Karl W., Zach V.

The Phonline Coordinator has found that reducing the number of volunteers on the phonline improves the quality of the service so we may reduce the number of volunteers to two instead of six remembering that the previous phone service had only one volunteer answering at a time. also this is a free service.

I called Ladonna and asked if she still wanted to be on the phone line and she said she did but seemed ambivalent about it so if we want to rotate her out I don't see a problem with it. The Phonline coordinator has removed her from the phonline.

Website:

11 Facebook Posts thus Far in February.

2/20/2017 – Updated the Upcoming Activities page, removed links to activities survey.

2/15/2017 – Updated the Upcoming Activities page to include WRCNA Bingo and Tea Party Fundraisers; as well as URMRCNA and Sheridan Lake Campout activities.

2/09/2017 – Updated printable meeting list to latest version. Updated subcommittee dates on GSR Checklist.

2/06/2017 –GSR Checklist and Area Info page renamed to GSR Checklist.

2/2/2017 – New meeting starts 02/07/2017 in Loveland – Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm – Truth Through Proof – 556 N Lincoln Ave, At Dazbog Coffee in the private meeting room.

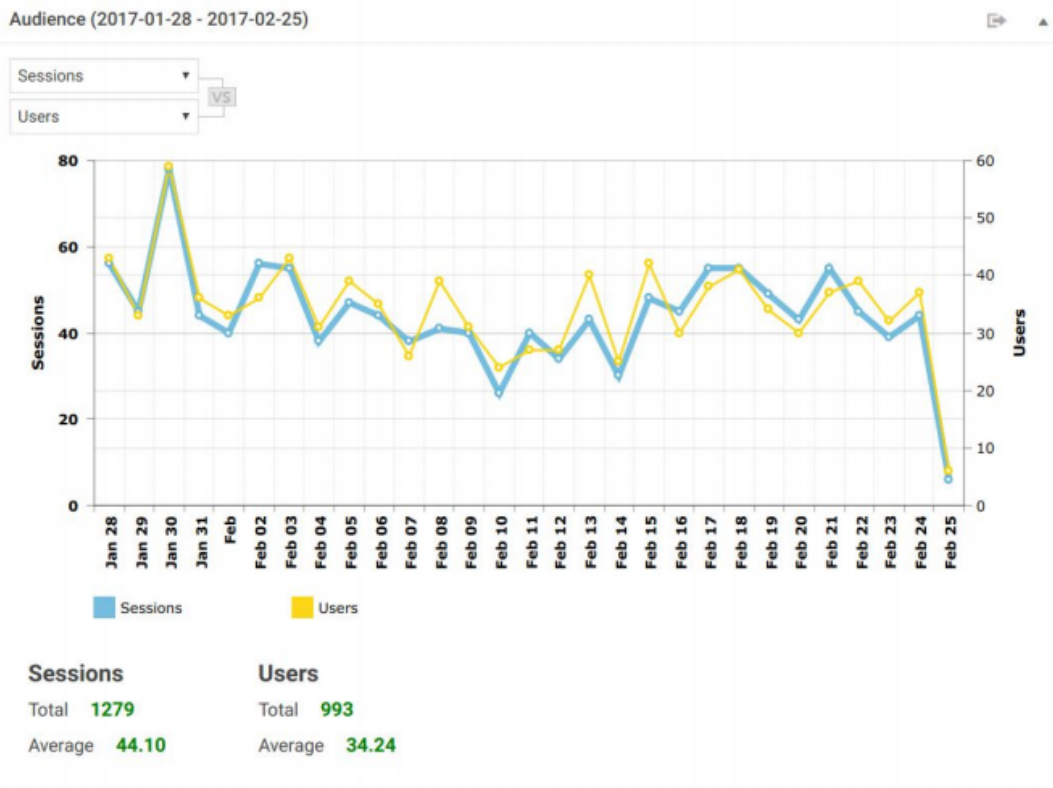
2/2/2017 – Ah, the memories! All Off The Wall Area event fliers from 2011-2017 (Download

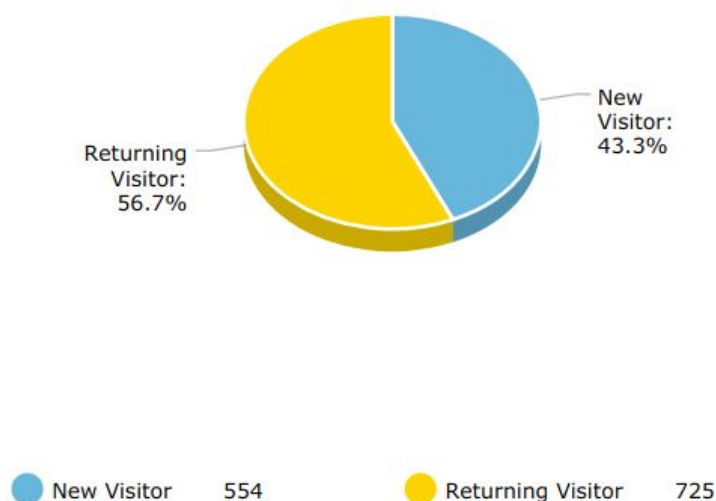
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2/1/2017 – The Off The Wall Area Literature order form spreadsheet that totals your items

based on quantity has been updated to print on two pages.

Some of the Ad Hoc Committee suggestions for the website have already been done including the Guide to Local services and the GSR checklist are on there now as well as the fillable OTW Lit order form and the GSR report form. We are working on getting printable current posters on there. Since the OTW Facebook page in invite only we decided not to put a link on the website. Instead there will be a notice to contact the webmaster to request access. As far as links in the public Facebook and Twitter or other sites we have found that this requires a contract at many sites as it would be considered advertising space and would be expensive so we decided to shelve that for now.





Sessions

Total **1,279**

Average **44.10**

Meetings:

James reported that he had gone to the Never Alone meeting in Sterling a couple of times and no one showed up. I called Ladonna and she said that the meeting is still happening that she sometimes has to work and cannot attend. I don't know if she coordinates this or if her sub just doesn't show up. After bringing this to the committee the consensus was to take the Never Alone meeting off the meeting list for now.

There is a new meeting at the Dazbogs on Cleveland in Loveland on Tuesday nights called Truth Through Proof that starts at 6:30 PM. It is on the meeting list at this time.

Outreach:

I went to The Edge with a fellow addict to present NA literature and discuss the possibility of a panel and/or starting a meeting at the facility in response to a request on the phone line for assistance. This is a program run through the Loveland Housing authority for homeless Veterans. I have a couple of leads for panel members but am open to any volunteers as I see this as an ongoing opportunity. There is plenty of room in two clubhouses on the property. Possible panel day is Saturday 1:30 till ?. This will take place either late March or early April. We are currently in the process of putting together a panel. We are going

to have a rehearsal meeting this month before the Fun Addicts meeting on Sunday March 12th at 5PM. Format will be a short statement of non-affiliation followed by our readings. Then our panel members will share their stories for about 10 minutes each then we will open the floor for a question answer segment. Any suggestions on how to do this are welcome. Anyone may attend either the rehearsal or the panel in the audience. This is suggested in our PR handbook as a means to facilitate discussion.

James checked and reported the lit rack at UNC Behavioral Health building was virtually untouched so he took some of that literature to North Range Behavioral Health in Greely.

Literature Sub-Committee: Peggy reporting. Thanks to Alyssa for the wonderful job she's doing, thanks to everyone for using online form, speeds things up for us. People, please put your names on the forms. Sold 914.18 cents in literature, backordered on a couple of the 8 pocket racks. Gave Ray L 720.15 in cash and checks. 918 ordered. If anyone is interested, special JFT numbered edition, will try to get more if anyone is interested. \$35 if anyone wants them.

Merchandise Sub-Committee: Greetings ASC.

The Merchandise Subcommittee met on March 5th at 8:00 AM with 3 addicts in attendance. Thank you for your service.

We made \$140 in sales via the Square account and \$120 in cash sales for a total of \$260 in sales for the month. We are returning \$134.65 to the ASC via Square (\$140 - \$5.35 in fees) and \$120 in cash for a total of \$264.65. The Jimmy K hoodie continues to sell strong. Summer Tour T shirt sales have been sluggish. The Subcommittee has decided that we will drop the price of that T shirt to \$15 apiece or 2 for \$25 in the interest of freeing up area funds. Please spread the word and buy T shirts for your spouses!!! We ask for no disbursement from the ASC at this time. Our next Subcommittee meeting will be on April 2nd. Please join us. We will be finalizing design on our next T shirt.

In Loving Service,

Shane R

Activities Subcommittee: No report at this time, many upcoming activities, visit the homepage. Have yet to receive reimbursement for New Years Eve from Mile High, no check issued, no funds returned. Ronnie trying to get it handled, he's going to reach back out to MH asc chair today.

Treasurer: Didn't get anything until Friday, Made nice spreadsheet to keep it electronic, Income last month 1697, received 556 today, haven't done lit or disbursements yet, doesn't have Jan or Feb statements, Peggy put lit on her own credit card for one invoice, one invoice sent balance due, have almost \$1600 lit all alone. Writing receipts for donations, come and get them after meeting.

CRCNA Liaison: The committee met on 2/11/17.

Here are the updates: Activities should be added to the regional website to avoid conflicts with CRCNA events. We elected an F and EPA Chair Morgan Stanley. Old merchandise from prior CRCNA will be for sale at Unity days at Rock bottom prices... CRCNA pretty registration will begin at the pancake breakfast. There will be a unique convention item available for purchase and we will have samples of pre-registration merchandise available... This year will be different in that all merch available at the convention will be available for Pre-order. Hotel registration is open and is 99 per night .

Do we have any thoughts on a CRCNA business facebook page?

Please submit any logos in this next week as we will be choosing one at next committee meeting.

No venue yet for pancake breakfast, coming out soon, meeting next Saturday will get info to area. Also needing speaker tapes, let John or Val know because they're needed before May.

ILS,

John B

Old Business-

New Business-

Daniel – reached out to activities last year – if any groups need a soundsystem he has that at read for the groups and activities to use, so come this summer speak to him and he'll loan you his stuff.

John B – needs feedback from area re: business Facebook page to take back to committee

Daniel – looking for a theme and logo for convention, he has the information on where to send it – Send it to CRCNA@NAcolorado.org. PO Box 1437 denver 80201 has to be in before this Saturday. Once submitted to CRCNA becomes property of CRCNA. We have one as of last month.

Elections: Activities chair – Sarah A nominated and elected unanimously

PI chair – Mark M. nominated, accepted. Needs a vicechair, GSRs take that back to your groups. Elected unanimously.

Written Motions-

Donate \$400 to Region by John B, seconded by Lindsay H. – motion passed unanimously

Disbursements

1597.09 literature

Closing balance 1955.89

Rent is due on August 1st, check to Oddfellows at that time

Region: \$400 donation

April is merchandise chair election month

**Next ASC Meeting:
4/2/17 @ 9:00am
The Majestic Gathering Place
315 East 4th Street
Loveland, CO. 80538**

Closed