



MINUTES December 4th, 2016

Open: 9:01 AM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and readings by John B and Sjon.

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: APPROVED

Guests/ New GSRs: Levi

Birthdays: Sjon, Kim, Karen, and Paul.

Group Reports

Addicts Seeking Sanity: Ernie-" Meetings are all going well 89.20 lit order Beginning balance 23.79

Total donations- 382.91 Grand total -440.27 310.00 donation Next GC is December 18th "

Dead Without It: Richard-" Lit order, donation, no concerns."

Drug Busters: Garret- Attendance, good, women's facility sending people every week. !!!!###\$#!!?? Yo Yo Yo!!@?#@

Free at Last: **NO REP**

Fun Addicts: Zach-" Meetings going well, average 35 to 40 members per meeting. Dave A. has served his term as treasurer, Anthony B. new treasurer, Carrie A. new group secretary. Checking with church to see about having event in the gym. Potluck and speaker meeting December 11th, 6pm. See you all there! 30.00 Area donation "

Freed From Insanity: Chris- attendance 8 to 15 people, things are going well. No donation.

Just For Today: Sjon-\$55 donation, lit order, in need of home group members.

LIVE: Daniel- no grievances, AREA donation, lit order.

The Solution: Trino- "Good morning everyone we meet at 1322 31st Ave. Greeley Colorado on Wednesday at noon , Thursday at 6pm, Friday at 8:30pm, Saturday at 9am and Sunday at noon. We are doing good. We have our Dinosaur Day coming up March 18 2017. Our first of the new year. It is going to be a Italian pot luck. Please bring a side dish. We are still working on a new flag for our home group. We have an area donation of \$34.00."

No Matter What: **NO REP**

Never Alone: **NO REP**

Primary Purpose: \$5 AREA donation, 929 15th st.

Recovery SWAG'D Out: Paul- attendance good, b-day meeting going well.

Stairway to Recovery: Patrick- doing well, could use some home group members.

Steps and Traditions Roulette: Jacqueline- attending is steady, but small. Meeting in youth room with comfy couches.

When At The End Of The Road: Kim- Hosted a Thanksgiving potluck with a big turnout. Brainstorming on early morning meeting. Details to come.

XX Genes: Karen- Great meeting, paid rent, no concerns.

Miracle on Oak Street: John I-open meeting, 1st Thursday lit study. \$15 AREA donation, lit order.

Officer Reports

Chair: Ray- Assorted banking and keeping us on track.

Vice Chair: James- "I attended the ASC inventory and was glad to participate and see the attendance as strong as it was. Am looking forward to see the results of that, and see what changes we are interested in making to our guidelines. I was unable to attend the H&P and PI sub-committee as I was away for the holiday week and first part of the weekend. I called the Guarantee Bank (formerly Home State Bank) to check on their bank card signing policy, this has not changed, and they still need all people on the account to resign every time we have a newly elected position to replace the outgoing one. Does this mean we want to change the time we elect the signers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) instead of having the elections spread out?"

Secretary: Amy- see the minutes

RMC 1/RCM 2: John- "Hello NA Family,

I want to begin by apologizing for my absence last month. I had personal issues that made it impossible for me to attend. I know Daniel has a very informative report this

month so I just want to take a moment to thank you all for letting me serve as your RCM2 over the last couple of years. It has been a growing experience for me, as well as a pleasure getting to know you all a little more. With that, I leave you in the very capable hands of Daniel F."

Daniel- next time

Hospitals and Institutions: Janene- "Hospitals and Institutions: Janene F.

We currently hold meetings in 6 facilities, having 21 meetings a month with approximately 25 service members. We are needing members to be of service at Work Release immediately and T.R.T starting in January for Panel Leads. We will be closing Work Release after the next subcommittee meeting if the position is not filled. All other facilities are doing well. Summit Stone was called numerous times and still no response back. I would like to keep the budget the same at \$125.00. Thanks for letting me be of service."

Public Information Subcommittee: Mark M- 28 incoming calls, 2 SPAM. Call volumes down this month, expect increase during holiday season. Text works fine. Members currently serving: Karen C, Mark M., Karl W., Zach V, Amber S., LaDonna H.

Changed meeting list as needed. 5 Facebook posts, 668 hits, average 22 each day. All requests are within budget, went to Stamp Out Stigma, despite feeling stigmatized. (opinion)

Literature Sub-Committee: Peggy- big orders, doing well.

Merchandise Sub-Committee: Shane- Merchandise available, already in the black. Might add pics to website. "We will not be requesting any dispersement at this time. Merchandise will be available at the FunAddicts potluck on Dec 11th, the OTW Christmas event in Greeley as well as the Tri-Area New Year's Eve event in Lakewood. Please spread the word at your meetings. If members of your home groups are interested in purchasing merchandise please reach out and we can try to coordinate something. The merchandise subcommittee will meet next on Jan 8th, 2017."

Activities Subcommittee: Ronnie- "The Thanksgiving event went well, although sparsely attended. We collected \$10.00 for the 7th. I have receipts totalling \$125.54. I am giving \$25 to the church for giving us the space. There was damage done to the pool table. One of our members volunteered to fix them, so I gave him the 10 dollars from the 7th to do so. We went over budget by .54 cents.

I spent \$6.44 of my own money to print flyers for the Christmas and new years eve function. I put in a request for a \$250 disbursement, and motion for \$150. That will cover snacks, food, coffee, and rent for the Christmas event. \$100 goes to our portion of the rent for the space on new years eve. Our area owes the mile high area for printing costs on banquet tickets, which is 102.62. Plus any additional items for new years eve. Val, James and I each have banquet tickets for sale at 10 dollars each. The subcommittee met this morning to discuss the plans for Christmas and new years. My communication has been limited with the mile high and boulder activities chair. However, a representative from each area will meet this month to get on the same page."

Treasurer: Danny- sent an email, I lost it. Sorry, but here is a balance. **\$738.28**

CRCNA Liaison: John B newly elected

For anyone interested in being of service for CRCNA 31... the remainder of the Subcommittee Chairs- Hotels, Web, Programs, Registration, F&E and Merchandise will be elected on January 14 th at 11:00 at the Englewood Public Library.

Old Business-

Ad Hoc Notes from Trino~ Service Body Inventory 11/12/16

Attendance: John B., Zack V., Patti B., Janene F., Jennifer C., James R., Shawn H., Jim M., Kurt B., Dave A., Trino F., Karen C. and the moderator Bob D.

1. How does the work of this body support NA's primary purpose? Do we have other purposes as well?

Consensus was that we do a good job to carry the message of recovery. Sometimes we fall short communicating between the area and our groups and vice versa. When we had a group recently that was struggling with disruptive members we shared our experience, strength and hope. We can be more welcoming to the newcomers to area. We need to let the new Trusted Servants know what acronyms stand for and what their role is. To that end it is suggested the area create a welcome kit for new GSR's, or anyone wanting it, containing the ASC guidelines, a list of acronyms and what they mean, how to sign up for the blast, other? In addition maybe create a position of GSR Trainer to have a workshop every 2 months prior to the ASC to teach new GSR's and others what their duties are and answer any questions, explain acronyms, etc. Do we have other purposes such as working with the churches/places where we meet with can drives or painting or other? Do we do a good job of ensuring our trusted services keep coming back? Should all subcommittees have written reports for GSR's to follow along and reinforce what is being said and done?

2. How well is the Area communicating with those in the community who interact with addicts?

PI is not here because the chair was invited to do a presentation to professionals. Most thought we do a decent job communicating with the public but that was not unanimous. We sometimes drop the ball when it comes to letting the public know that NA is here. Our phone line

needs to be simplified but we did work with other regional P.I. members to change from a flip phone to Google Voice. We need to do a better job of having updated meeting schedules at facilities and to work on our communication with facilities. We can't make people want us. We need to look at our technology for the younger generation and to adapt to new ways of communication. Are poster drives still relevant, listings in newspapers, etc? How could we use social media to better reach young people? Facebook ads? Why were there no "young" members at the inventory event? Why don't we have PSA's on TV or radio? Do we tap enough into regional sources? Ensure that position training is done from the outgoing person to the incoming. Perhaps our name of Off The Wall does not serve us well. However, it is fair to note that there was already a Northern area when OTW was formed. When some addict's Google search northern Colorado NA we come up third on that list. We did work with Google to change a mis-leading entry. You have to do a little bit of reading to know that we are the cities of Greeley, Loveland, Fort Collins, Sterling and Estes Park. The website could use some updating. Working with drug courts, universities, libraries, treatment facilities, halfway houses, jails, professionals, and schools all takes members willing to help. With the number of groups we have are there more members willing to serve that we are not reaching or that don't "graduate" from group to area service? How do we make area service attractive? Try not to bash the ASC at meetings and make it sound useful and worthwhile. The OTW ASC is safe and supportive compared to some other areas in Colorado or NA as a whole. When working with the community we need to ensure that our NA message is carried, not an individual's message.

3. How does remembering our primary purpose focus our service priorities? How do the roles and efforts of our boards and service committees relate to the primary purpose?

Keep in mind when we vote, "How does this further our primary purpose?" Don't leave your recovery at the door. We have to ask ourselves, "Why am I at the ASC?" "Why are we at the ASC?" We agree that our roles relate to the primary purpose but that our efforts sometime fall short. GSR's need to carry the conscience of the group, not their ego, when voting. Our efforts are excellent related to man power, but more people are needed to fulfill rotation of positions. Make newcomer packets for new GSR's. Are H&I and P.I. the most important subcommittees? Is my service helping the newcomer? Read our mission statement from the guidelines before we start the ASC and after break. Do we need to do a better job of listening to what the groups want us to do? Keep our priorities in order and stay focused on the issue at hand without getting sidetracked. Slow down – we have the room until noon so no need to rush to get done.

4. What more can we do to bring the principles of our traditions into our service efforts? What could we do differently to better carry out our services?

NA principals before our personalities always. As an individual what am I practicing? Do we hold trusted servants accountable? Value our new members? Ask hard questions? Value the member that asks hard questions? We could adopt a "bring a sponsee to the area" movement to get more members involved and really aware of service opportunities. We need to slow down and not get in a hurry to wrap up the ASC. Be more forward looking so as to not be surprised that H&I is suddenly up for election and there is no vice-chair (as an example). Don't assume everyone knows what you know. If it is not simple it is not spiritual. We would like GSR workshops at activities. Mentoring those who show interest by taking time to answer questions a newcomer might have as some are afraid to ask questions. We need to allow the minority opinion to share their concerns. Change is hard and the process is slow, it does not happen overnight. As we grow in our NA communities, we could look at every city having an LSC (local service committee) and investigate moving towards the service system and away from the service structure. At the same time, LSC's and LSU's work great in large cities but is it necessary/useful for us? Do we maintain a sense of stewardship for the ASC along with the principles of integrity, unity, autonomy, anonymity, and using our 7 th tradition money in accordance to the 5 th tradition?. We read the concepts but do members understand what they mean? Have area trusted servants ever worked the traditions? Do we need a timed (maybe 15 minutes) tradition of the month discussion at the ASC?

{Now take issues to groups and go from there in new business next AREA}

Disruptive and violent behavior from an addict participating in NA at several meetings at 220 East Oak in Fort Collins. Explored solutions from restraining order from the facility to calling law enforcement as well as asking the individual not to attend and taking them aside before and after with several members to discuss objectionable behavior. HANDLED FOR NOW

New Business-

Rotations discussed, again.

Move AREA meeting from 1st Sunday in November to October 29th before CRCNA 2017.

ELECTIONS: JOHN B. CRCNA

Written Motions-

\$150 ABOVE THE \$250 BUDGET FOR THE NEW YEAR'S EVENT.

H & I submitted budget to purchase literature at \$125.00.

Motion to create position of GSR trainer- table to next AREA.

Next ASC Meeting:

January 1st, 2017 @ 9:00am
The Majestic Gathering Place
315 East 4th Street
Loveland, CO. 80538

Closed @ 10:45am