

Off the Wall Area September Minutes

September 05, 2021

Off the Wall area opened at 9:00am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Meeting held in Zoom.

Birthdays:

Lyndsay M – 14 yrs

David D – 3 yrs

Minutes Approval: *Last month's minutes were not available for approval.*

Group Reports:

Addicts Seeking Sanity: Helen F (Written report)

ASC report 9/21

Addicts Seeking Sanity continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at 6pm at Twin Rivers Community Park 1501 65th Ave, Greeley, Co. We are an outdoor step writing meeting. We write for 30 minutes and then have an Open discussion on our writing. We anticipate being able to stay outdoors through the month of September and possibly part of October depending on the weather. We currently follow CDC guidelines for outdoor, in person gatherings regarding masking, etc.

We continue to host the Sunday, 4 pm meeting on the Zoom format. Login information is proved on the OTW area website. Addicts Seeking Sanity requests support for both of these meetings. We have a small group in attendance with a solid and clear NA message being shared.

Addicts Seeking Sanity collects a 7th tradition at the Wednesday meeting. Our donation this month is \$33 to Area, \$16.00 to The Co Region and \$16.00 to the NA World Services.

Addicts Seeking Sanity will be donating 5 Basic Texts to CRCNA. We will make arrangements to get them to Ernie S. when they're ready.

Our new GSR is Helen F.

We're continue to seek a Brick and Mortar location for meetings as we move into the cooler weather season. We'll be following CDC guidelines when that occurs. We'll keep everyone advised when or if that happens.

Drug Busters: Lyndsay M (verbal report) – Masks are required. \$20 donation. \$10 from last month and \$10 from this month.

Earned My Seat: (Written report sent after area)

Good afternoon,

Sorry I signed on so late today here is our report for this month.

Our attendance has been low and trying to find members to be of service has been challenging. Our average attendance has been about 12. Our donation to Area \$33 and a lit order \$86. Earned My Seat will be holding an event in October more will be revealed.

Thanks
Shelly R

Freed from Insanity: Dave L (verbal report): Looking to possibly starting a new speaker meeting.

Fun Addicts: Case (verbal report) – Starting coffee again. Monday nights will be a new men’s meeting at the same location. It will be at 6:30 not 7pm.

Hope Shot: Allissa B (verbal report) – \$120.00 donation to area. Plans for a Halloween activity will be brought to area next month.

Just for Today: No report given.

Meeting in the Park: Karl W (verbal report) - \$22.50 to area and \$22.50 to parks. Meetings will continue through September but not into October.

NA Secular Meeting: Britt B (written report)

A Secular NA Meeting

We meet online on Tuesday, 7pm MT. We are an international meeting with average attendance of 15-20 recovering addicts. We average 2-3 newcomers every week who are looking for an NA message of recovery as a Secular person. We share a clear NA message and all are welcome to come check us out on Zoom. Our meeting information Meeting ID # 89195180198, Password # 972698.

We are a meeting and have not formed into a Home Group at this time. We do not have trusted servants or take a 7th tradition at this time. We do have a Group conscience the last Tuesday of every month after the meeting for the principle of transparency. Anyone is welcome to join us for that meeting.

New Horizons: No report given.

Primary Purpose: Jim M (verbal report) – Masks are required per the church mandates. Meeting size is no longer limited.

Solutions: David (verbal report) – Large numbers of attendees comprising primarily of newcomers. Halloween event on October 30th at 6pm. This will include a meeting, a meal and costume contest. This has a \$5 suggested donation (See flyer below).

\$100 donation to area.



Stairway to Freedom: Sam H (verbal report) – No area donation. Attendance is steady at around 15 people. Masks are required. Some discussions of new meetings starting are taking place but they are not in the mediate future.

Steps and Traditions Roulette: (Written report)

Steps and Traditions Roulette Meeting

Kurt B

09/05/21

We meet in front of the church at 2700 S Lemay Ave Thursday at 6:46 pm

The month of AUGUST we had a consistent 9 to 12 people attending

Continue to receive 3 to 5 on ZOOM and plan to keep it going for Now

THE BALLS ARE BACK! In the month of September, we have started using the balls again to pick the topic.

We are maskless for those who are VAXED and ask that if you are not VAXED to please where a mask.

The church is converting the library to a Social Center, and they are building a new café and plan to expand the area. They would like to have more 12 step meetings. We have two NA meetings and one HA meeting currently.

We have a new file cabinet that is allowing us to go back to the old format.

We have a \$50 donation and have a VENMO account.

We are buying 7 books for the CRCNA newcomer fund and have a \$96 lit order.

Please let me know if you have questions. You can reach me by phone at 970 219-3771 or email at abaynard@yahoo.com.

Your humble servant Kurt B

Swag'd Out (Written report) –

We meet every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at 2700 South lemay and Sundays at 11:00 a.m. at Roland Moore Park we have an average of 10 to 20 people in attendance we will be having our end of summer barbecue on Sunday October 10th right after the meeting please bring a dish if you can we are looking into a location for the winter to continue our Sunday meeting and will report more on that when we find a location we are donating \$60 to world \$100 to area and Sarah will deposit the money this week and we have a literature order of \$169 Sarah will be picking up from Dave thank you for letting me serve Kenny H Swag'd out

When at The End of The Road (verbal report) - Michael – Masks are now required for inside meetings. The group can provide masks if needed. This fall, speaker meetings will resume. \$51.00

Windsor Lighthouse: No report given.

Inactive Groups (Groups that have not attended ASC for several months) – Dead without it, New Horizons, New Hope – No reports given.

Officer Reports:

Chair:

Good Morning ASC.

As summer draws to an end and autumn begins to fall I want to once again express my gratitude for this day clean, for each and every member of Narcotics Anonymous, for the entire OTW area and for the opportunity to serve this body. It is an honor and a privilege.

As we all- individually and as a fellowship- navigate these tumultuous times, may we pause and remember our obligation as standing members of Narcotics Anonymous to carry the message and apply Spiritual Principles in all that we do. May we be ever aware that our personal recovery depends on NA Unity and that Unity is rooted in the 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.

I welcome all suggestions and input as to how to best serve this body in serving the groups of the Off the Wall Area in fulfilling their primary purpose- helping the still suffering addict.

I have much to learn, and hope to give as much as possible of myself in the process.

In Loving Service,

Shane R

Vice Chair:

- ❖ I attended the H&I sub-committee (SC) meeting. There is a lot of great energy and momentum going on in the sub-committee. It was great to see.
- ❖ I attended PI as well.
 - The SC is working to get caller id added to the Google voice phone number.
 - Servants are going to be reaching out to the Food Bank and Vindeket in Fort Collins, to possibly place IP racks there in the future.
 - We discussed continuing to ensure current services are still functioning but not adding any new initiatives until we have a formal Chair. The SC felt this was reasonable.
 - Phone line numbers from August:
 - 30 phone calls
 - 4 texts
 - No voicemails
 - 6 people are taking calls at this time.
 - PI needs a Chair, Vice Chair, and web servant. Please talk to individuals about these roles. This is a low-key position but has a huge impact on our Area's ability to further our primary purpose.
- ❖ I am acting Secretary this month, so please send all complaints to Shane R, Area Chair.

Thanks for letting me be of service. Shawn H

Treasurer: Trino F – See treasurer report.

- ❖ Laptop having technical issues, but they did resolve. Work with Vice Chair to make sure cloud storage is utilized.

Assistant Treasurer: Dana L – met in person with Trino to review the bank account and PC access. Trained on accounting process for Area.

Secretary: See Vice Chair notes above.

Subcommittee Reports

RCM 1: Lyndsay M.

- ❖ The Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum discussion is on hold until questions can be better clarified.
- ❖ Next Regional meeting is September 18th at 9:30 AM on Zoom. Meeting ID: 832 8155 3796
Password: CRSCNA
- ❖ Region asked we give feedback on how to improve the GSR attendance and participation.
- ❖ Regional assembly will be virtual, and this assembly will have elections. GSR's encouraged to attend.
 - See upcoming assembly zoom info on the upcoming event page in the OTW area site.

RCM 2: Dave L

- ❖ Email address is shared for the RCMs. Email the RCM I address for any needs.

CRCNA Liaison: (Written report below)

- ❖ Please utilize Regional calendar as well because activities are happening all over the state that can detour people from attending.
- ❖ CRCNA volunteers will be higher than this due to restrictions. Please reach out to Ernie S for info.
- ❖ Books purchased for CRCNA also need to go to Ernie S. Please reach out to him for information on how to get those to CRCNA.

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Ernie S- OTW CRCNA Liaison

CRCNA November 12th-14th 2021

BOOK DRIVE -Home Groups purchase basic texts, sign inside with pertinent info.

- Home Group Name
- Meeting days and times... online info as well
- Group Members can sign.
- As many as you each group wishes.
- Areas can also purchase and donate
 - So far, we have 26 Basic Texts donated

Merchandise & Registration

Online Merchandise sales and Registration is happening

Activities

Pikes Peak Area & CRCNA

Saturday, September 25th 5PM-9PM

2221 N Wahsatch Ave Colorado Springs, CO

Hotels/Hospitality

Rooms at the convention hotel are sold out

Overflow Hotels-

Marriot Suites or Springhill Suites in Loveland

Marathon Meeting Signup - is available on the website

Hospitality Room Signup – Is available on the website with updated rules and expectations set by the hotel.

nacolorado.org/crcna

Hotel Walk Through

Saturday, September 11th @ 9AM.

Embassy Suites

4705 Clydesdale Parkway

Loveland, CO 80538

Volunteers are needed!

Please attend the walk through if you would like to help us out

CRCNA XXXVI Committee Important Dates

CRCNA XXXVI Administration Elections

[Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer](#)

Elections for CRCNA XXXVI Admin positions
will occur at Colorado Regional Assembly
9:30AM MDT Saturday September 18, 2021
at

ZOOM ID 832 8155 3796

Password CRSCNA

CRCNA XXXVI Sub-Committee Chair Elections

[Merchandise, Program, Registration, H&I, Hotels & Hospitality,
Information/Web, Fundraising & Entertainment, Print & Display](#)

Elections for the Various Sub-Committee Chairs
will occur at the October CRCNA Committee Meeting
9:00AM MDT Saturday October 2, 2021
10451 Huron St Northglenn, CO 80234

Thanks

Ernie S.

970-590-4136

Activities: Lauren C

- ❖ Kickball event was a successful event.
 - \$200 budget.
 - \$289 spent on the event.
 - \$160 from activity donations.
 - \$77 returned to area.
- ❖ Discussion took place, that the allotted budget was not adhered to. The variance was approved by the ASC. It was noted that in the future if the Emergency Expenditures process is not followed for overages, money spent beyond budget will be considered donations to the area.
- ❖ No activities in the short term are being planned due to group activities taking place in October and November.

Hospitals & Institutions: Jess B

- ❖ Hybrid meeting took place.
- ❖ Slowing down on bringing in new meetings. Working to ensure new meetings are executed well from a panel member standpoint.
- ❖ Jess may have to step down depending on how life continues to go. She is going to take a month and see how things proceed.
- ❖ True Point reached out to the Area about having a meeting. Shane R. will reach out to the facility and then communicate with Jess on what is discussed.
- ❖ SC needs panel leads and members. Also, SC need a vice chair.

Public Information:

- ❖ See Vice Chair report above.

Merchandise: Amy K

- ❖ Solid response to purple hoodies.
- ❖ \$405 in August. Hoodies are \$35. Sizes still available.

Literature: (Written Report Below)

- ❖ Discussion on the opportunity of our area selling lit at CRCNA took place. Dave will create a budget and give more information at the October ASC of what will be proposed.

Sept Literature report to OTW ASC

Filled lots of orders. With in person meetings growing and more newcomers attending it has been necessary to increase the size of the monthly order. In August we spent \$1,155.09.

A discount of \$73.97 helped offset shipping charges of \$91.04. Current inventory is \$1350.00 with several more orders expected. (we have \$451 in books, \$200 in IP's, \$250 in Medallions, \$282 in tags, etc) There are 2 new items available – IP #30 Mental Health in Recovery for \$.35 and a Sponsorship coin for \$5. There will also be a special edition to honor the 60th anniversary of the little white book offered soon.

I would ask the body to okay that I attend the next CRCNA mtg and ask if literature may be sold there in November. It is not in CRCNA's purview to sell literature and members are always asking where books can be purchased. Setting up a table on Saturday afternoon would be a good way to carry the message. If they ok it, then the October order will be larger to have more inventory on hand. After that it is hoped that we can settle into a post covid normal for purchases and inventory.

Next Saturday the 11th, we are holding a review and input session for the SPAD – Spiritual Principle a Day book. Starting around 12:30 p.m. at 301 E. Drake downstairs in room 15, we will break into small groups of 3 to 4 members and pick some pages/topics for review. It is unknown how many members, if any, will show for this event but it is a vital part of the Literature committee to do this kind of work if possible. I would ask the body for \$20 for rent and for another \$30 for water and snacks. Whatever is left over would be donated to activities.

Elections:

Secretary

- ❖ Shell H nominated – Elected.
- ❖ No other nominees

PI Chair

- ❖ No nominations. Please spread the word.

Unfinished Business:

- ❖ Ad Hoc Inventory – tabled until we can meet in person.

New Business

- ❖ Discussion on if Paypal should be the standard for donations to area rather than accepting Venmo as well. This was tabled and will be brought up for further discussion at the October ASC.
- ❖ **Proposal – Assistant Treasurer guideline changes** – Being sent back to groups for review before vote.

CURRENT ASC RESPONSIBILITIES & QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASC STEERING COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS

6) OTW ASC Treasurer

- a) Is responsible for the maintenance of the OTW ASC bank account.
- b) Accurately records all financial transactions of the OTW ASC, presenting a report at each meeting.
- c) Collects and maintains financial reports from ASC participants.

- d) Disburses funds in a timely fashion per ASC decisions.
- e) Collects all funds provided to the ASC by donations, SC activities, etc, and deposits them in the ASC bank account.
- f) Presents an annual report and budget to the ASC as described in Article VII.
- g) Updates signer cards every June and whenever necessary.
- h) Maintains the ASC P.O. box and brings the mail to each ASC.
- i) When treasurer position is rotated, works with new treasurer to ensure proper signatures on bank accounts, PO Box, and any other necessary ASC business.

7) OTW ASC Assistant Treasurer

- a) Works side by side with treasurer learning above tasks.
- b) Reviews checking balances and transactions for accuracy and reports any concerns to treasurer and chair.
- c) Performs annual audit of the previous year's financial transactions to ensure accuracy and to assist treasurer in budget planning for coming year.
- d) Creates costs calendar for coming year including rent, web-site costs (if applicable), and any other standard costs occurred for the ASC.
- e) Collects all funds provided to the ASC by donations, SC activities, etc, and deposits them in the ASC bank account.
- f) Performs tasks of treasurer at ASC when the treasurer is absent.

ARTICLE V: RESPONSIBILITIES & QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASC STEERING COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS

7) OTW ASC Assistant Treasurer

Point f) states "Performs tasks of treasurer at ASC when the treasurer is absent."

PROPOSAL:

Treasurer proposes to the ASC body to amend the current Off the Wall Area Guidelines to have Assistant Treasurer as a signer on the ASC bank account. Current qualifications of Asst Treasurer, point 'f' states that Assistant treasurer "performs the tasks of treasurer at ASC when the treasurer is absent." This is currently not 100% possible as Asst Treasurer is not authorized to be a signer on the ASC checking account.

It is understood that Chair & Vice Chair are also signers on the ASC checking account, however adding Asst Treasurer will:

- 1) Allow for proper, required backup support in treasurer's absence (short or long term), without having to seek out a Chair or Vice Chair to do business at a branch
- 2) Allow for smooth transition from Asst Treasurer to Treasurer at end of term

- ❖ **RCM** - Region wants information in how to improve GSR's attendance and participation.
 - Feedback given at ASC:
 - Meetings can take too much time for attendees to schedule around.
 - Stay pertinent to what the homegroups need to be involved in. Topics are too broad.
 - Regional service can be overwhelming to newer members and if we could narrow the focus to the audience, it would really help.

- GSR's please give feedback to the RCM's to take to Region. Next Region meeting is on the 18th.

Disbursements and balance:

Regional Disbursements: \$250.00

Ending balance \$2,108.57

Meeting closed. Next meeting is October 03, 2021 @ 9am.