

Chicagoland Regional Service Committee Minutes

January 22nd, 2017

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by "the Service Worker's Prayer" and reading of the "Twelve traditions of Narcotics Anonymous" and the "Twelve Concepts of NA Service".

Open Balance: \$4,329.75

The following CRSC members were in attendance: BOD, COS, CRC, Facilitator, H&I/P.R., Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Regional Delegate, Regional Delegate Alternate,

The following areas were in attendance: Joliet, Lake Borderline, Mid-City, North City, North Suburban, Joliet, North City, South City, South Suburban, and SWANA

Regional Committees and Areas not in Attendance: Fox Valley (2), IVANA (4), Near West (2). North Suburban, Small Miracles, West Suburban.

Vacant Regional Positions: Co-Secretary.

Secretary's Report – The Minutes were approved with the following changes: Under RD Team the reimbursement was for \$198.60

BOD – Convention figures Cash received- \$6,720.00, Credit Cards - \$3,520.00, Television Raffle - \$690.00 Convention events scales - \$10,930.06, literature sales \$713. Total for the Weekend - \$11,643.06. CSO on line went live at the end of December. Total of approx. of 8 orders for a total of \$301.10. CSO on the Go attended the Speaker-thon on the Westside. \$767.00 in total sales. The CSO on the Go has been invited to other events. Several Areas are not represented on the BOD support is needed. THE CSO will be at the Circle of Sisters Convention and ISNAC as a vendor. All NAWS bills are current. Financial managers Report – The BOD Capital Fund Checking account beginning balance of \$265.42. \$20 was paid in bank fees for November and December. \$59 was paid to our attorneys for review of the 2015 tax information. The office of the Attorney general has not reviewed out 2015 financials. The BOD Financial Manager talked to them about expediting the process, the check for that process #1019 for that process has not cleared. All three insurance policies will need to be renewed, Approximate cost and dues dates are as follows: 03/06/17 Hartford Workman's Corp for \$359 (there is a \$30 late fee if we pay after 03/06), 03/26 AM Trust North American Liability Insurance for \$1,002.00 and 03/26 to Chubb-- Officer, Director, and Employment Practices Insurance for \$1800'

COS – (At the time of this meeting) - *Fundraising* – They last CCOS pre-convention events was 01/23. They do not have the final numbers but at this time the book brought in \$360. \$800 worth of registrations were turned in, \$155 in Golden Giveaway tickets were sold as well as T-shirts. *Financing* – As of the December bank statement they had \$45,694.82 in the bank. They generated \$1393.18 in income and paid out \$3,349.84. The hotel was given a deposit of \$15,000. Approximately \$6,000 was spent on registration packet materials. About \$5000 was spent on merchandise. *Registration* – 1,016 women has registered for COS at this point. Registrations were \$25 until 01/31 after that they could only be bought on-site for \$35. *Hotels* - The room block is nearly full and there was a waitlist worked out. They were anticipating a 10% cancelation and those on the wait list get first pick of those rooms. The rate was \$116. Because the convention is the final week in February the convention final report will not be available until March.

CRC- Pre-Convention Balance -\$10,084.36. Post-Convention \$34,122.25. The hotel bill has not come yet. The convention was a huge success. On 01/09/2017 the Chair and Events Manager deposited \$18,000 in cash, \$20.15 in coins, and \$1,070.00 in checks. Totaling \$21,000. \$2,000 in tips was given to the hotel staff. Total \$19,000 deposited in the bank. Registration breakdown – Onsite registrations - \$8,010, Newcomer Donations – 779, Early Bird Registrations - \$7,965, Ticket Sales - \$2,120, Vendor Payment - \$200, PayPal(Onsite) - \$5,155.32 and Convention T-Shirt sales - \$1,360. Many members said that our program was the driving force of the convention. Our main speakers were a high light for many members. Many members commented on the speakers sticking to their topics. Thanks to Programming committee for delivering a great convention.

Post-Convention reports – Registration – for CRC XXIX had a rough start the 1st hour but soon was running smoothly and quickly. Registration still had to deal with members reporting they registered but their name was not on the list/ CRC registration will continue to work on the registration spreadsheet. Process. *F&E* – There was difficulty with the Fashion Show being a paid event. They are encouraging everyone to pre-register as the CRC XXX as with the pre-registration you get every event except the banquet. The comedy show comedians needs to be informed in contract as well as on stage that this is an NA event and try to use language consistent with recovery in addition to their regular act. *Hospitality* – Was outstanding in making convention goers feel welcome. *The Health Pavilion* – was a success and our members would like to see that added to our convention program. *The Banquet* – despite low attendance it was good and the food was great. There was some issues with the hotel sound system. Due to an oversite the Rock River area was not mentioned at the Saturday Speaker meeting. The convention chair apologized for the incident and assured the RCM from that area it will not happen again. The hotel was advised and the committee was offered some solutions for next year. Overall the message was clear that it was an outstanding convention and all that attended stated that they had a great time and the speakers this year were exceptional. **CRC XXX January 18th-21st 2018.** The event is later in the month in 2018. Pre-Registration is \$20 until The Last Bash!

H&I/PR – the Region needs an H&I/P.R. Chair. 6 Areas were in attendance at the last meeting. Support is needed in committees though out the region. Gwen M. reached out to eh members at the Regional H&I/P.R. About hosting a workshop at CRC XXIX. The event did attract some interest. We also had two booths at CRC. One for anyone interested in doing H&I/P.R. And the other was where members could buy Basic Texts and they were get divided evenly amongst the areas for various programs. The booth sold 87 books. (They were distributed at this Regional Meeting). Jose the previous H&I/P.R. Chair created a binder full of info for the upcoming Chair. Following up on an email Jose received from a WSO rep, he contacted Gwen M about expose done by CNN's Lisa Ling about the heroin epidemic in Chicago. The piece which was comprehensive did not shine a light on our work here in NA. The WSO feels this is a good way to promote awareness of NA and the Chicagoland Region in particular. Jose, with the assistance of Gwen M., has requested permission to reach out to CNN and Lisa Ling and request a follow up piece focusing on the benefits of 12 step recovery through NA. They details will hashed out later. It was approved. Gwen M. will lead an ad-hoc to develop our efforts in the jails in the Chicagoland Region.

RD Team – The December visit to North City went well. Next area visits: Near West, SWANA, and North Suburbs. Date to be announced. Requesting invites from Chicagoland Areas for RD team visits for updates and Issue Discussion Topics (IDT). The RD Team received two requests to start meetings from the WSO (in the Small Miracles and The Lake Borderline Areas). The RD team held multiple pre presentations at CRC and everything went great. Jim B the World Service member from Lake Borderline presented a workshop about local fellowship services through the work of World Services. The RD team and he presented workshops on our latest Issue Discussion Topics: Atmosphere of

Recovery in Service, Applying Our Principles in technology and Social Media, and How to use our Guiding Principles book. Chris B also gave a presentation on the history of NA and our Basic Test which was well received. Three surveys were available at the workshop and from the RD team complete to guide our fellowship. One is on the new Mental Health i.p., the other was on the new is for developing our new meditation book and the final once is about our atmosphere of recovery topic. For detailed info about the surveys please contact the RD team. The RD team requested a review of their 2017 budget.

Area Reports –

Joliet – Area has several open positions please come out and support.

Lake Borderline – Meeting attendance in the Area is at an all-time low and the RCM is seeking support and ideas for the area. Well discussed this issue at the CRSC meeting and offered suggestions.

Mid-City – The Mid-City Area needs support and sent a member to get elected to the BOD Pool.

North City Area – North City wanted to know about sponsoring the Hospitality Room at CRC for a day. They also wanted to if members could bring outside food into the hospitality suite. It was suggested the North City talk to CRC and see if that can be accomplished.

Rock River – Doing well. Looking for alternate treasurer. Rock River was asked about purchasing literature from the CSO and much discussion was had.

Small Miracles – Express concern about the elections at CRC

South City – Financially the area is fine however, it has several open area positions, Please support

South Suburban – South Suburban continues to purchase it's lit from the Wisconsin Region. This was discussed on the regional floor. The SSASC has some open positions and is looking for support. The RCM has submitted a financial statement which will be added to the archives.

SWANA- the Area is having a Step Sister's retreat and the flyer has gone out. They are looking for H&I support. .

Old Business – The financial ad-hoc has not met yet, so has no report to give. No one to represent CHANA was in attendance at this CRSC Meeting so Chana will removed from the website and the directories. The Rock river/Rockford Area was in attendance for a second time and was voted in as a participating member of the CRSC and part of The Chicagoland Region

New Business – A topic was presented to the CRSC requesting the region pay for the room nights for the Regional Treasurer and Co-Treasurer to attend, where they will preforming their treasurer duties, COS Convention in Chicago. The cost was \$339. Motion was approved. .

A member from Mid-City was presented for election into the BOD Pool. Some voting irregularities occurred doing the election process and the election was tabled until the February CRSC.

Closing Balance - \$4,329.75

With business concluded the body adjourned.

Submitted in a Spirit of Service

Charles G. CRSC Secretary.