

**MCANA**  
**MACOMB AREA SERVICE MEETING**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**ASC ADMIN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairperson-Mark W, Co-Chairperson-Anthony P, Secretary-Mike N, Co-Secretary-Open  
Treasurer- Ryan R., Co-Treasurer- Mitch G

**ASC ADMIN BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT :**

**1. OPENING PRAYER**

Chairperson Mark W. called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**2. READING OF THE TWELVE TRADITIONS OF NA**

Chris K Read the twelve traditions.

**3. READING OF THE TWELVE CONCEPTS**

Brandon S Read the twelve concepts.

**4. READING OF THE DEFINITION, PURPOSE & VOTING PROCEDURES OF AN ASC**

Mike N read the above stated.

**5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW GSR'S**

**Brandon S.** – Coffee Shop Recovery, **Jim D** – Closer To The Heart

*Thank you for your willingness!!*

**6. GSR SHOW OF HANDS TO DETERMINE IF QUORUM IS MET**

Quorum met by show of hands

**7. GSR ROLL CALL AND REPORTS**

**8. 7<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION BREAK**

**9. ASC & SUBCOMMITTEE OPEN SERVICE POSITIONS**

A) Chair- Ryan R nominated

B) Co-Chair- Anthony P nominated

C) Secretary- Frank K nominated

D) Co-Secretary- Marc A nominated

E) Treasurer- Mitch G nominated

F) Co-Treasurer- Brandon S nominated

G) RCM- John P nominated

H) Alternate RCM- Chris K nominated

I) Literature Chair- Mark W nominated

**GSR'S please take the above information regarding vacant service positions back to  
your groups , as we are in need of members to fill these positions!**

**10. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**11. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Group subtotal: \$608.00 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$25.00 Last months bal: \$294.77

Total income:\$927.77

**12. RCM REPORT –John P gave a verbal report**

**13. MSO REPORT – Mary B gave a verbal report**

**14. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

All subcommittee reports are read aloud during the meeting and submitted into record as indicated.

**Activities:**..... Charles C and Mark J gave a verbal and written report

**Administration:**....Mark W gave a verbal report

**Helpline:**.....Absent

- H & I:**..... Mark G gave a verbal and written report  
**Literature:**.....Open  
**Newsletter:**.....Kathy M gave a verbal and written report  
**Outreach:**.....John D gave a verbal and written report  
**P R:**.....Member Marty K gave a verbal report  
**Web Servant:**.....Member Frank K gave a verbal and written report
15. **OLD BUSINESS:**  
Guideline changes, See motion 10110A
16. **NEW BUSINESS:**  
*Motion 10110A-* Motion to take new guidelines back to groups to be voted on as a whole -  
*Passed*  
*Motion 10110B-* Motion to suspend all activities of the activities sub-committee until the \$600  
is returned to the MCASC-*Failed*  
*Motion 10110C-* Motion for Area Treasurer to handle Activities funds until they can prove  
financial responsibility and to change Area Treasurer Guidelines temporarily- *To Be Voted On  
By Groups*  
*Motion 10110D-* Motion to have the Area Treasurer do a monthly audit to oversee the  
activities funds- *To be voted on by groups*  
*Motion 10110E-* Motion to have Activities Treasurer pay \$50 per week to pay back the money  
stolen from the Activities funds- *Passed*  
*Motion 10110F-* Motion that restitution payments from Ex-Activities Treasurer be made  
directly to Area Treasurer- *Passed*
17. **TREASURERS BALANCE**  
Group subtotal: \$633.00 General Fund Total: \$927.77 Expense Total: \$491.53  
Regional Donation: \$0
18. **NEXT MEETING**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 10:30 a.m.**  
Administration sub committee meeting @ 10:00a.m.
19. **OPEN FLOOR**  
GSR's Please download the guideline changes document for voting at your business  
meeting. It can be found on the website homepage: [www.michigan-na.org/macomb](http://www.michigan-na.org/macomb)
20. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn meeting @ 1:30 pm. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The minutes are submitted in loving service by Mike N.*

## **MSO REPORT**

Good afternoon everyone I hope everyone had a safe holiday. First of all I want to let the GSR's know I am giving a few copies of the Regions insurance policy to the secretary and hope he could make additional copies needed. I will also email him a copy and he can send to the GSR's when he emails the minutes. We may want to consider putting a copy in the new GSR packet. Due to the content of the document, the office asked that we refrain from putting it online and have it available for distribution through the area only. The office will be cutting their hours by closing on Fridays starting February 2010 thru May 31<sup>st</sup> 2010. the office will extend their Saturday hours from 10:00am until 4:00pm. We are trying to be proactive to offset the decline in revenue. After reviewing business activity over several months, this day seemed to be the slowest. We apologize for any inconvenience to the groups and members but feel this is a business decision that is necessary to insure the future of the office. I am hoping that our newsletter chair can post this in the next printing of the document. Building Renovations – we will be redirecting some of the heating from the helpline room to the meeting room by adding some additional duct work from that room to the back meeting room. This should be welcomed by the helpline volunteers since it gets extremely warm in that part of the building. Paul D , our ad-hoc Technology chair, passed out the “MSO Business Impact Analysis” which was the result of a meeting held earlier in the year. This is a business continuity plan that puts policies and procedures in place for backup plans to get the office up and running due to fire, water damages, tornadoes, etc. we will continue to build on this plan as needed. January will be the annual elections of the Administrative body for the MSO BOD. I currently hold the secretaries position and since no one is hanging in the background to jump into the position I will volunteer for this last of my 3 yr term. The annual inventory took place on New Years Day January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 at 12 noon. There were only 4 board members who participated plus the office manager. I will have the year-end inventory report at the next meeting. DACNA Proposal- several ideas were put on the floor to try and attract the DACNA board in letting the MSO be their primary vendor. The office manager said this convention has proven to be profitable and if we can sell more merchandise earlier during the convention (normally we are limited to what items we sell in the first 3 days) we feel it could be very lucrative to the office. After much discussion it was agreed that the office would offer \$1000.00 and a case of basic text. Financials- November proved to be a large decrease in sales and they were down 24% . 2009 November sales were \$18,046 vs. the previous year of \$22,954. I would like to note that part of November 2008 sales included a large amount of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary basic text, t-shirt and mug sales from MDRCNA (\$2800) which accounts for all but \$900 of lost sales. After all expenses our profit and loss statement for the month was a net loss of \$437.97. not a good thing to happen but the office manager thought it was better than she had anticipated. I am sure the next several months will have a lot of buzzing going on about MDRCNA 2009 and how it was financially handled. Many questions arose at the Regional meeting regarding free and discounted rooms, who received them etc. There were “Standing Rules” put in place for the convention to adhere to but the committee did not seem to follow the policy. I could probably discuss this and take up another hour so instead, I am going to give copies of bank statements for MDRCNA and a detailed letter from a concerned member who attended the Regional meeting, to be included with the minutes. At this point I feel I have kept you all hostage to long with my report so I will not put anything further for my year end portion other than it feels good to serve this fellowship. I believe serving the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous enriches your recovery and truly makes you feel a part of. I would like to remind all of you who are sponsors that if your sponsees are not serving, show them the way and if you are a sponsee and your sponsor isn't serving then it is up to you to be the example.

Thank you, in loving service,

Mary B.

## **ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Hello family, first of all we would like to thank Ryan R for getting our banking on the internet, with our annual audit. Well this last month has been a very knowledgeable month, but as for the month of January we will not be having a dance due to lack of funds in the account. We will be putting the rental fee for the pavilion at metro beach for the annual picnic in August instead. But as for the lack of funds, our treasurer Mark will address that issue. But as far as our next function, it is scheduled on

February 26<sup>th</sup>. This date may change due to having to cancel this months dance, more will be revealed on this, so stay tuned for fliers to come out. The bowling is doing well, we did have some people last Thursday some how slip through the cracks and not pay but it was all taken care of. This coming Thursday however, will be handled much differently. Most likely myself will be taking care of the funds at bowling with the unraveling of the most recent events.

In Loving Service, Charles C.

Hello family, I am Mark and im an addict. I have been the Macomb Area Activities Treasurer for 6 or 7 months. I feel a great deal of sadness to say when I became treasurer I took \$600 out of the account that was not mine. I tried for so long to dig myself out of the hole but ended up getting deeper inside it. I am going to repay the Narcotics Anonymous Activities Committee in full but I do not have the money today so I brought proof of my income with me today in hopes that you will let me set up a weekly payment plan. Id also like to apologize to everyone involved especially the Activities Committee because I know I let them down.

Sincerely, Mark J

### **H&I REPORT**

We had our business meeting last month where we discussed the fact that Macomb County jail is running smoothly but is always in need of volunteers. If you are interested and meet the 2 yr off paper requirement please call me at 586-843-7331 and I will personally take you down to get your application completed. The Macomb Correctiobnal facility is running smoothly and have just welcomed numerous new volunteers. If you are interested and meet the 1yr clean & 1yr off paper contact me. The Sunday Harbor Light open talks are doing great and the new Thursday meeting at Harbor Light is doing really good but we could use more volunteers. We have a minimum of 5 people going into the facility at a time. If you are interested and have 90 days clean and off paper contact me or Mike G and we will get you an application. The next H&I business meeting will be on Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup> at St Gabriels church on Stephens west of Gratiot at 6:30. We will be voting on the Blue Book Banquet speaker among other things so please show up and let youe voice be heard.

In loving service, Mark G.

### **LITERATURE REPORT**

Mark J resigns.

### **NEWSLETTER REPORT**

The total cost this month for the copies after acquiring a discount came to \$51.68. I have been able to get discounts the past 2 months, saving the area over \$50. I cant guarantee this savings each month but I will continue to work on obtaining the discounts. Again, this month very few anniversaries are published. I am asking again that GSR's inform your home groups where articles and anniversaries can be submitted and to encourage your group members to share their clean time anniversaries. In addition, committee chairs should be sharing information on their committees. Please email information on meetings and events. Groups that are struggling please let me know the meeting day and time, so it can be put in the newsletter. There is so much information about our area that is not getting to all our members; we need to utilize the newsletter better. Open speakers and closed meetings should be in the newsletter.

Submitted by Kathy M.

### **OUTREACH REPORT**

Big thanks to all GSR's in attendance today. This month I sent out a mass text to all of the GSR's (I have contact information for). I've decided to make it simple and target 2 meetings a month and ask help from all of you.

1)Get A Life- 7pm Wednesdays Metro Pkwy and Prentiss

2)Primary Purpose- 8pm Wednesdays Main St at Church 2 blks north of 32 mile rd 1<sup>st</sup> Congr Church

Also we are trying to get a few people to come to a meeting at 3pm "A New Beginning" 10 mile rd between Gratiot and Kelly St Luke. There is a question whether this meeting is being run in line with our traditions. Any help we can get with these meetings would be gratefully appreciated. Thanks again everyone for being here.

In loving service John D.

### **WEB SERVANT REPORT**

They are changing the web host for our site and I have to learn the new way to edit it. It is current as of this meeting. I will be attending the Regional Web Meeting and will find out about modifying the site to change the format. In Loving Service, Frank K.