

MRSCNA Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2009

Hosted by Washtenaw Area

1. Opening

- a. Patty K. opened the meeting at 9:07am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- b. The Twelve Traditions were read by Les P.
- c. The Twelve Concepts were read by Al L.

2. Roll Call

- a. Absent – Co-Secretary, Battle Creek Area, Capitol Area
- b. Visitors – Willard (Sag. Bay), Bernice (Detroit), Richard (G. Trav), Doug (West Wayne Area), Jeff (West Wayne), Stuart, Mark (Monroe), Frank (Ann Arbor), Shirley G. (West Wayne Area), Dave C. (West Wayne)

3. Chair Report

No report

4. Secretary's Report – Minutes Accepted

- Snail mail meetings did not go out after last MRSCNA meeting. No excuse. I'm very sorry.

5. Treasurer's Report – Accepted

| | | | | Credit | Debit | Balance |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|-------|------------|
| MRSCNA Oct. 2009 Report | | | | | | \$2,713.31 |
| Deposits/Credits | | | | | | |
| Check | | | | | | |
| # | Source | Description | Dep.Date | | | \$2,713.31 |
| 5713 | Heavenly Express | Group Donation | 9/18/2009 | \$25.00 | | \$2,738.31 |
| 1649 | Washtenaw Area | Area Donation | 10/4/2009 | \$179.69 | | \$2,918.00 |
| 603 | SWMASCNA | Area Donation | 10/4/2009 | \$200.00 | | \$3,118.00 |
| 2646 | GGRASCNA | Area Donation | 10/4/2009 | \$100.00 | | \$3,218.00 |
| 956 | SMMANA | Area Donation | 10/4/2009 | \$150.00 | | \$3,368.00 |
| 290 | North Woods Area | Area Donation | 10/4/2009 | \$50.00 | | \$3,418.00 |
| 1163 | Saginaw Bay Area | Area Donation | 10/4/2009 | \$176.20 | | \$3,594.20 |
| | | | | \$880.89 | | |

Payments/Debits

| Check # | Source | Description | Chk.Date | Cleared | | |
|---------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|------------|
| | | | | | | \$3,594.20 |
| 3823 | Alan R. Wazny | 2008 accounting services | 10/4/2009 | Y | \$1,115.00 | \$2,479.20 |
| 3824 | Lizzy S. | Mileage | 10/4/2009 | Y | \$43.80 | \$2,435.40 |
| 3825 | Alan L. | Meeting room rent | 10/4/2009 | Y | \$174.00 | \$2,261.40 |
| 3826 | MZF | Donation | 12/5/2009 | N | \$100.00 | \$2,161.40 |
| | | | | | \$1,432.80 | |

Ending Bank Balance as of Oct. 30, 2009 was \$3657.10.

Ending MRCNA Bank Balance as of Oct. 30, 2009 was \$5253.55.

Greetings Family:

Since our last meeting, the MRCNA treasurer (Linda S.) resigned. I attended the November MRCNA meeting, where MRCNA co-treasurer (Lisa G.) was elected treasurer, and am in the process of getting her and Marybeth G added as signers to the MRCNA checking account.

I called Brian H. (treasurer before me) to ask about any notes Jo D. would have left regarding MRSCNA obtaining a license for holding raffles. He said the matter was discussed in the minutes 11/06 to 4/07, but voiced the concern several other in our fellowship have that we should not appear to endorse gambling.

This report is not complete as I have not yet seen the bank statements for November of 2009.

Our current balance is
\$2713.31.

Yours in respectful service,

Bob P.

6. RD Report – Accepted

RD Report 11/09

Hello family, I received the CAR last week and am in the process of reading it to be better prepared for the workshop in Feb. To give you an idea of the ways of NAWS there was a seven page buildup to the first motion.

Les was at MDRCNA and had the chance to purchase copies of the CAR. He called me to ask if he should and we made an executive decision to buy twenty copies for this body at \$8.00 per. If the Regional body doesn't want to incur this cost I suppose we could sell them to interested RCM's and other members present. It would be nice if those wanting a copy could cover the cost anyway.

I will be filling out the RD Report to NAWs soon so I will need the number of groups, meetings, and H&I meetings in all of your areas. I know this is part of every RCM report but I just ask that you give me time to make note of it during your reports.

I will be making my travel plans with the NAWs approved travel agent in Jan. and my hotel arrangement later this month. Les will be able to room with me but as you will hear in his report it aint free by any means.

There is a worldwide workshop in Japan next weekend and I'm thinking we should be represented so if you want to send me I would be willing to go I guess.

The living clean project will be releasing 3 more chapters for review and input early in 2010 but they would like to get input before the chapters are created by logging on to their discussion board at <http://www.naws.org/lc/>

The world convention numbers are not yet available but they believe that their projected numbers were on par with reality so they think they only lost as much money as they expected to.

The deadline for the membership survey has been extended to allow addicts more time to respond. That address is <http://questionnaire.disc.na.org> please take the time to fill out this survey as it generates the numbers needed to present NA to professionals as a viable recovery option for their clients.

I have a budget request for travel and lodging for the treasurer. The room was \$48.88 and the mileage was 500 miles @ .15 per for \$75 total so I am requesting \$123.88. I reserved a room for the CAR workshop in Chicago and that will cost \$178.54 for the room for both Les and I.

I hope to see many of you at the CAR and look forward to facilitating any workshops I am asked to and as always in loving service Dave T

7. RDA Report – Accepted

RDA Report

Greetings Family, glad to be together with my Regional Family again. Hope all is well with each and every one of you. I've requested being moved up on the agenda because I have a funeral to attend today in up near Cadillac, Mi. A cousin of mine just ended a 4 year battle with cancer. It won.

I've been getting ahead on my Conference budget. I found what I thought was a good deal on my flight and booked it well in advance. Being a senior saved us over a \$100. I'm requesting \$312.40 for my plane ticket today. I've brought a copy of my receipt. This will allow me to pay it off before acquiring interest fees. I talked with World and they are only paying Dave's half of the room. Nine nights at \$79.30 a night. That leaves nine nights at \$79.30 each. \$713.70. Then there's \$50 shuttle fee, \$25 each way. If per diem is \$50 a day, as other RD's say it is in L.A., that's \$450. I'm only budgeting it that high on others recommendations. I'll receipt everything and bring back the difference. That's \$1,213.70 I'll need in April, plus the \$312.40 today. That's a total of \$1,526.10. I'll be staying with Dave in Chicago, so the only money I'll be requesting is for 540 miles worth of gas. \$50 will cover that. I'll ask for that in February, minus any shared expense, if anyone rides with me. I have also talked to Dave and we thought it best to have the MSO order our CAR's. \$8 a piece times 20 would be \$160. We ordered 20, one for each Area and one for each admin member. This is what I remember our responsibility as the Region is. I think when they come in we should mail them out. If I have an up to date mailing list, I can accomplish that. I'd like to set up a way for Bob to be able to pay for them when they get here. I've registered myself on line for the Conference. As you can tell, I'm very excited about attending my first Conference.

After requesting all this money, I wish I had something to report, but have not been asked to perform any RDA service's, so I really have nothing to report on in that capacity. I did sit in on 3 separate Group business meetings, and not much was known about Regional Services for the Regional Inventory. That alone suggests we have some work to do, or at

least our RCM's do. I hope all are reading the Naws News and NA Way, and keeping there Area's up to date as much as possible as to what's going on. It's a very exciting time to be involved with NA Service with the Conference coming up and all. Anyhow, wish I could stay for the whole day, but will have to wait till tomorrow for the minutes to come out. Trusting Lizzy's efficiency, they may be there tonight. Love ya all. Les

8. MRCNA Report – Accepted

Good morning family,

We've had a few good months of planning since my last report. All the sub committees are moving along nicely. We're still waiting for the two committees to submit budgets. The planning committee turned down the request to increase the registration another five dollars. So as it stands pre registration \$20 after June 1st, \$25. That cost will include entertainment for the entire weekend.

The ad hoc committee is plugging away at revising the convention guidelines and doing a good job at it.

We've had a great deal of success thus far with our fundraising. There will be a total of 6 fundraisers. Oct 15th profited \$257, Nov 21st profited just over \$450. Congratulations for planning and pulling off solid fundraising. All the fundraisers have a pre-registration table and pre-convention merchandise available. I have a list of the future four, still yet to come.

January 30 @ Valley Plaza – Volley Ball Tournament 3-2 or 2-3. Music, dance, video and Guitar Hero competition. \$5/person. Speaker. Bring snacks. Contact Co-Chair Josh.

March 6th. Chrissie Burns, comedian Lansing Location. 5:30 potluck. Speaker 7pm. Rosco E. from Saginaw. Dance to follow. More will be revealed.

May 22nd – Traverse City, Motorcycle Run, Camp out and softball fund raiser, \$5/person. John R. speaker.

June 12th – it is going to be the big one.

Grateful to be of loving service,

Matt F.

MRCNA Chair

- There seems to be a lack of communication regarding information/flyers for MRCNA fundraising events.

9. Webservant Report - Accepted

MRSCNA Webservant Report, Dec 6, 2009

Progress has been made toward migrating the websites to a new host company. Thanks to Jeff S. (MDRSCNA), Paul (MSO), and Nick (Westshore Area) for input and research.

Jeff and I decided on Just Host for our new provider, with Fat Cow as a second choice in case Just Host does not measure up.

The cost will be under \$100 per year. We are asking for funding up to \$200 per year in case we have to go with another provider. MSO has agreed to cover the cost of web hosting and domain services up to \$200 per year. But even if that were not the case MDRSCNA has agreed to cover ½ yearly cost so our obligation should be \$50-\$100 per year maximum. The requested funding is to cover unexpected costs in case they pop up.

Timeline for migration to the new web host is about 60 days. A week or so may pass before we confirm a contract with Just Host that is satisfactory. Then we can copy the current websites to their server. We will maintain both servers for at least 30 days to test the new service. And we will maintain email addresses with i2k.com for some time to be sure we don't lose any emails sent to the old server (may be moderate cost involved in this from i2k.com). We have chosen not to notify our current host service of our decision to move until we are already up and running on the new host's server. They really don't need to know.

BMLT meeting list web search will be deployed as soon as possible after moving to the new host service. As I stated before, when BMLT is deployed each Area will have a choice whether to use it or maintain their current meeting lists.

We continue to have problems with our Area trusted servants being able to access files and update pages. This should be solved by moving to the new host service.

In Loving Service to NA,

Jim B

10. MSO Representative Report

Hello Family,

The Michigan Services Offices is moving forward. The MSO is now online with orders being shipped out daily. Sales are slow online and walk-in sales are slow as well. The economy is not helping, we all hear that. The Metro Detroit Convention was over Thanksgiving weekend. The sales totals are not yet in, but it was steady the time I was there. We just received some of the 25th Anniversary edition basic text for an area out of state. This would be a nice holiday gift for some one. The MSO has approved \$200 for a website server.

In Loving Service,
Chris B.

11. PR Report

- Had an addict named Doug from Kalamazoo area connect for some PR information.
- Also had another addict (Terrance) interested in putting on an H&I Workshop that will also be getting back to me so that I can give him contacts from Region to help him
- PSA Project – Dave C. – We met on Halloween to plan and discuss the scenarios sent in by members. Thanks to all who sent in their ideas.

Public Relations – PSA Ad Hoc Report

Well we have chosen what we want the PSA to say and what the scenes would be. But we have run into a bit of a snag as far as the locations that we needed to use. Also in getting volunteers to participate in the PSAs. We're confident that this can all be worked out soon. We may have to change our idea for the 4th PSA. We are doing more research on how to accomplish that task, briefly we would need to get about 100 different faces/profiles within the 30 seconds. Which may prove to be impossible as we don't want to use members of any fellowship in the PSA. Time will tell as we move forward with the project. Attached are the 4 scripts we have chosen.

Peace and Hugs,

Dave C., Adhoc PSA Coordinator

1. **Scene:** Camera on addict as they are being processed into jail (finger printing). Camera would continue to follow addict's back as they walk through hall, camera would become addict's eyes as they are placed in their cell.

Narrator: You don't have to wait for a jail sentence to get help from Narcotics Anonymous. This doesn't have to be your bottom. It is possible to stop using drugs. Call Narcotics Anonymous...we can help you.

*Note: we may want to produce both a male and female version, of several different ethnic backgrounds and English/Spanish/Arabic versions.

2. **Scene:** Location is kitchen area of a home. Mother sees NA pamphlets on top of backpack/school books sitting on the counter as the daughter/son is passing through.
Mother: Hey Joni, where did this Narcotics Anonymous stuff come from?
Daughter: Oh, that...Mrs. Owens asked some people from Narcotics Anonymous to come and talk to our class about meetings that help people stop using drugs. Some of the people were even my age.
Scene Change: This time the mom is sitting in the family room on the couch and has picked up the phone and is holding the "Am I an Addict?" pamphlet. She sees the Narcotics Anonymous helpline number on it.
Mother: Hello, is this Narcotics Anonymous? Yes, I think I need help.
Announcer: Call Narcotics Anonymous. We can help.
3. **Scene:** A couple of college students are standing outside of a school or park where there is a kind of bulletin/announcement kiosk with NA poster and tear off help line numbers.
Student #1: standing at the kiosk, reads the NA poster and tears off the helpline number.
Student #2: yells from a bit of a distance dribbling a basketball "Hey come on...what's taking you so long? The game's gonna start!"
Student #1: "Just getting this number for my brother. He's wasted all the time."
Scene change: Student #1 is shown calling the NA number from his cell phone in his car. "Hi, can you tell me about NA?"
4. Screen shows various faces of NA...female, male, African American, Hispanic, young, old, professional person, student, etc...
Announcer: "Addiction doesn't discriminate...If you are sick and tired of being sick and tired, call Narcotics Anonymous. You may be an addict too." English/Spanish/Arabic versions.

12. Regional Inventory Ad Hoc Committee Report

Dave reminded everyone that the Regional Inventory results will be discussed at February's regional meeting.

13. Area Reports

a. **Battle Creek Area**
absent – no report

b. **Capitol Area**
absent – no report

c. **Flint Area**



M.R.S.C.N.A.

*Michigan Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report*

Name: Ron W
Date: 12/6/09
Area: Flint

Area Meeting Location: _____
 Area Meeting Day / Time: Last Sun/month @ 1pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 38
 Number of Meetings..... 58
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 11
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... _____
 Region Donation..... _____

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

| | <u>NAME</u> | <u>PHONE</u> | <u>EMAIL</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| RCM | Ron W | | |
| RCM alt | Heidi D | | |
| Area Chair | Kip P | | |
| Treasurer | Pam | | |
| H&I Chair | Ben | | |
| PI Chair | | | |
| Web Servant | Gary R | | |

Since our October RSC meeting, Flint Area Service Committee has met twice. We have begun discussing the cost v benefits of continuing to operate our helpline using a contracted answering service. This is the same manner as we have operated for the past 25 years and the same way many areas in our region operate theirs. We question whether this pre-internet formula has kept up with the times and changing patterns in how individuals access information. Specifically:

- We question how many addicts find our meetings or learn more about NA via the Helpline.
- We are concerned about our lack of ability to maintain any quality control when a non-member dispenses information might be a better alternative.
- We have discussed whether using a Voice over IP system and a computer driven answering device might be more cost effective and produce superior consistency.
- We are interested if other areas have contemplated these options and what their experience has been.

We have a modest donation for the RSC today.

d. Greater Grand Rapids Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

*Michigan Regional Service Committee
 of Narcotics Anonymous
 Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report*

Name: Fred S
 Date: 12/05/09
 Area: Greater Grand Rapids
 Area Meeting Location: 2740 Fuller Ave. Grand Rapids
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Wednesday of the month 7:00 PM

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 20
 Number of Meetings..... 35
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 4
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... est. 600

Region Donation..... not at this time

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>PHONE</u> | <u>EMAIL</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| RCM Ryan M | | _____ |
| RCM alt Open | | _____ |
| Area Chair Fred S | | _____ |
| Treasurer Cat L | | _____ |
| H&I Chair Terence P | | _____ |
| PI Chair Mike B | | _____ |
| Web Servant Linda S | | _____ |

Hello Family,

Its good to back here at the region meeting our RCM gas family stuff today so I came in his place. Our area is doing fine we finally have our service committee positions filled and our area meeting is going well. H & I is growing every month. Our Activities chair and H & I chair are working on putting together a workshop to get interest from the fellowship and knowledge for the current members of the committee. I have one group that returned a survey form even though we have brought it up at the last few area meetings. Lastly our activities committee is also really starting to get things going so if you are visiting our area please check out the activities page on our web cite and join us for some fun fellowshiping. I.L.S. Fred S.

e. Greater Muskegon Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: Michelle T

Date: 12/6/09

Area: Greater Muskegon Area

Area Meeting Location: Bethany Parrish House

Area Meeting Day / Time: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 10

Number of Meetings..... 30-35

Number of H&I Meetings..... 16 yearly

Total 7th Tradition Collected..... unknown

Region Donation..... _____

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

| | NAME | PHONE | EMAIL |
|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| RCM | Michelle T. | | |
| RCM alt | | | |
| Area Chair | Pat J. | | |
| Treasurer | _____ | | |
| H&I Chair | _____ | | |
| PI Chair | Randy D. | _____ | |
| Web Servant | Jeff C. | _____ | |

Hi Everyone,

The Greater Muskegon groups are still struggling to function as an area. We will be having our annual elections on Dec. 20th so hopefully we will have both new and renewed willingness for members to be involved in trusted servant positions. Financially our bills are current and we are stocked with literature. There are only 2-3 groups that regularly provide donations to the area so as this increases we will share this with a region donation. Activities – Architects of Adversity has a new Sunday meeting at 7pm at White Lake Depot. The Bi-Weekly Friday Game Night continues at Bethany in Muskegon. We are hosting a New Years Eve Party at the Comfort Inn in Muskegon, 1675 E. Sherman from 7pm – 2am. For more information go to the Greater Muskegon Area Website linked through Michigan-NA.org.

In loving service to all addicts,

Michelle T.

f. Livingston County Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: Rob B

Date: 12/6/09

Area: Livingston

Area Meeting Location: Livingston County Alano Club

Area Meeting Day / Time: 3rd Sunday/Month 5:30 pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 13
Number of Meetings..... 13
Number of H&I Meetings..... 4/month
Total 7th Tradition Collected..... n/a
Region Donation..... n/a

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

| NAME | PHONE | EMAIL |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| RCM _____ Rob B | | |
| RCM alt _____ | | |
| Area Chair _____ Marty D | | |
| PR Chair _____ Chris B. | | |
| Web Servant _____ | | |

g. Northwestern Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.
Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: Tim C
Date: 12/6/09
Area: Northwestern
Area Meeting Location: 5th and Oak, Traverse City
Area Meeting Day / Time: 3rd Sunday @ 4pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 17

Number of Meetings..... 35
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 7
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... ?
 Region Donation..... \$100+\$100 = \$200

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

| NAME | PHONE | EMAIL |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| RCM _____ Tim C | | |
| RCM alt _____ Guy R. | | |
| Area Chair _____ Jake T. | | |
| H&I Chair _____ Zack W. | | |
| PI Chair _____ Ben E. | | |
| Web Servant _____ James B. | | |
| Retreat Chair _____ Dave T. | | |

We welcomed 2 new groups a step study group in Brethren, MI. and Steppin in the Dunes is back in Empire, MI. Our Annual Retreat NWACNA will be held @ Ranch Rudolph June 18,19,20 2010. Our Halloween Dance/Costume Contest was a whopping success; Uncle Fester won best costume and we made a profit of \$611 including \$215 from the Pie in the Face Contest – Couples. Our local ARM cancelled their dance and supported ours. Thank you. Upcoming Activities are Bowling December 13th. A new year’s eve potluck game night midnight “bowl burning” ceremony. The Recovery First Group is hosting a marathon meeting on Christmas 12am on Christmas eve till 3pm Christmas day. Only 4 of our 7 H&I meetings are happening due to lack of involvement. H&I Chair was not @ Area. Co-Facilitator will contact H&I Chair to see whats up? Our area wants to know whats up with the 800 #. Info on camping @MRCNA. Input about liability Insurance. How to start a new meeting. Would area’s or region helth the cost? One of our groups have calendars monthly w/meetings and NA events. We also are coming out with a list of when group consciences are held for each group. Thanks, Tim C.

h. Northwoods Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

***Michigan Regional Service Committee
 of Narcotics Anonymous
 Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report***

Name: _____ George S
 Date: _____ 12/6/2009
 Area: _____ Northwoods
 Area Meeting Location: _____ Rotating
 Area Meeting Day / Time: _____ Third Sunday / 3:00 pm Lunch – Meeting Follows

AREA INFORMATION

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| Number of Groups..... | 11 |
| Number of Meetings..... | 19 |
| Number of H&I Meetings..... | 2 |
| Total 7 th Tradition Collected..... | |
| Region Donation..... | \$50.00 |

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

| | <u>NAME</u> | <u>PHONE</u> | <u>EMAIL</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| RCM | George S. | | |
| RCM Alt. | Open Position | | |
| Area Facilitator | Mike W. | | |
| CO-Facilitator | Page S. | | |
| Treasurer | Gene R. | | |
| H&I Chair | James C. | | |
| PI Chair | Robert M. | | |
| Web Servant | George S. | | |

Hi Family its good to be back at Region, clean and having the opportunity again to serve the fellowship and in particular the Northwoods Area. Most Groups have good attendance with the exception of a couple. The Cheboygan Group is seeking speakers to help bring the message of NA from other areas. We don't hear much from the UP Groups be know that they are still in existence and carrying the message. We are gearing up for our Annual Sledding Party, Potluck & Game Night, Saturday, February 6, 2010. We have completed the Regional Inventory and overall feel that the Michigan Region serves the NA Fellowship Outstanding in some areas but is in need of some improvement in other areas. The Northwoods Area was pleased that the Region was taking the initiative to ask the Groups and Areas to take their inventory to help carry the message at a higher level.

In Loving Service & With Gratitude

George S.

i. Saginaw Bay Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: Matt F.

Date: 12/6/09

Area: Rotates Saginaw Bay/Midland

Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Sat/month (non Holiday)

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 38
 Number of Meetings..... 50
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 6
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... \$260
 Region Donation..... \$50.91

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

| | NAME | PHONE | EMAIL |
|------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| RCM | Matthew F. | | |
| RCM alt | Willard Y. | | |
| Area Chair | Rob M. | | |
| H&I Chair | Cody M. | | |
| PR Chair | Jesse U./Brian H. | | |
| Activities | Rodney S | | |

1. SBASCNA has restructured its standing committees: PI, H&I, and Helpline have been assimilated into a single subcommittee: Public Relations.
2. At our last area meeting, we took 10-15min to let the GSR's fill out the Regional Inventory. We have 11 completed Inventory forms to submit. That seemed to be a pretty effective way to go about it.
3. On December 26th (Saturday), SBASCNA will hold the oldest, continuous NA activity in Michigan...the Sanity Bash...it began in 1980.
 Saturday, December 26, 2009
 5:30pm Open, Potluck @ 6pm
 Speaker @ 7pm – Garfield L. – Saginaw
 Dance @ 8pm – 11:15pm
 Donation: \$5
 See Flyer....

j. Southern Mid-Michigan Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.
 Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: Marianne G.
 Date: 12/6/09
 Area: Southern Mid-Michigan

Area Meeting Location: Rotates, Tri-City in area

Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Weekend of month

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 10

Number of Meetings..... 17

Number of H&I Meetings..... 9

Total 7th Tradition Collected..... ?

Region Donation..... \$150.00

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

| | NAME | PHONE | EMAIL |
|-------------|---|-------|-------|
| RCM | Marianne G | | |
| RCM alt | Linda S. | | |
| Area Chair | Kenny | | |
| Treasurer | Don D | | |
| H&I Chair | Russ B | | |
| PI Chair | Lisa B. – Jackson, Linda S. – Adrian, Karen C. - Hillside | | |
| Web Servant | Guy R. | | |

Hello Family,

- \$150 donation
- January elections
- Discussions concerning “Lack of Unity” have been a theme of late again in our area. Since our area is so spread out, we find that addicts tend to stay in their own geographical area and not travel to events within the rest of the Tri-County area. Consensus and experience shared suggests or reminds us that participation is really a personal recovery program thing and it has to stay with the individual member.
- We recently held an H&I panel in Jackson to encourage participation and give info about serving in the capacity. Went well, lots of attendance and experience shared.
- We would like to get on the MRCNA fundraiser event calendar and sponsor a Texas Holdum Tournament or other card game.
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k. Southwestern Michigan Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee

of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Al L.
 Date: December 5, 2009
 Area: Southwestern Michigan
 Area Meeting Location: South County Community Center, Vicksburg, MI
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Sunday , 3:00pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....36
 Number of Meetings.....73
 Number of H&I Meetings.....12
 Total 7th Tradition Collected.....404.00
 Region Donation.....\$0

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

| | <u>NAME</u> | <u>PHONE</u> | <u>EMAIL</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| RCM | Al L. | | |
| RCM alt | Dave W. | | |
| Area Chair | Maxwell M | | |
| Treasurer | Charlene L | | |
| H&I Chair | Eric S. | | |
| PI Chair | Benium J. | | |
| Web Servant | Jim B. | | |

Hello family. Our Area meetings were held on October 25, and November 22, 2009 in Vicksburg, MI.

We held elections for Area trusted servants in October, and all positions have been filled.

Home Group 7th traditions were down in each of the last two months. We are currently \$400.00 below our established prudent reserve, and are not able to make a donation this meeting.

I have received one Regional Inventory form from a home group so far. I will bring the results to this body as soon as I have some more information to tabulate.

For those of you who wish to submit speaker tapes for our convention, SWMACNA V, or know someone who does, the cut-off date has been changed to June 30, 2010. The convention will be held October 29-31, 2010. Convention Committee would like to request that all Areas in this region please download some registration forms from the Southwestern Michigan Area website and distribute them to home groups. I have also brought some hard copies for anyone who would like to take some home from this meeting.

In Loving Service,

Al L.

I. Washtenaw Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Jim E.

Date: Oct. 4, 2009

Area: Washtenaw

Area Meeting Location: Peace Neighborhood Center, 1111 N. Maple St., A², MI 48103

Area Meeting Day / Time: 5:00 pm. Second Sunday of the month, except May

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 22

Number of Meetings..... 28

Number of H&I Meetings..... 6

Total 7th Tradition Collected..... \$396.23

Region Donation..... \$1,004.17

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

| POSITION | PHONE | EMAIL |
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RCM _____

RCM-Alt. Jim E.

Area Chair Nicole W.

PR Chair Brett W.

Activities Chair Thomas J.

Web Servant Rick D.

REPORT:

Hello Everyone, I am an addict named Jim. Again I waited to the last minute to do the report and ended up doing it here. Washtenaw area has been doing fine.

Our event at the Local 735 turned out to be a great success, with a good turn out from all surrounding areas. With a total profit of \$302.00. Also with two fund raisers for MRCNA in the near future.

Our audio ad-hoc website is up for viewing and input. Submitted recordings will not be posted without a signed consent form.

We had a couple meetings that were not open for Thanksgiving, and a couple open as well. We will discuss next Sunday at area about Christmas and The New Year.

Area Planning Tool Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee has completed the project for which it was instated and has been disbanded.

There was a discussion on non-NA members doing open talks at NA meetings; The Group was read for information to the groups from IP#2 'Speaker; The NA member chosen to speak at a meeting needs to be someone who is working and living the NA program of recovery, which is The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. And so on.

There was some misunderstanding last month with the RCM and RCMA. So will be voted on again this month at area.

We have passed out the Regional Inventory to GSR's. A few have been filled out and returned in.

H & I is doing OK with 6 H & I meetings, we have 8 racks for P.I., and 3 facilities for P.R.

Washtenaw had an event last night at the Alano Club with 3 panel speakers. We had a great turn out and a good time by all.

Washtenaw Area will donate \$40.00 to Light House, Inc. for the use of this building for the Regional Meeting.

Washtenaw Area has a \$1,004.17 donation to Region this month.

Thank You for letting me be of Service,

Jim E.

m. Westshore Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

***Michigan Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report***

Name: Sandy P.

Date: 12/6/09

Area: Westshore

Area Meeting Location: Manna Church, 9th and Central

Area Meeting Day / Time: 3rd Sun/month @ 4:30pm

Regional inventory results

AREA INFORMATION

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| Number of Groups..... | <u>5</u> |
| Number of Meetings..... | <u>12</u> |
| Number of H&I Meetings..... | <u>0</u> |
| Total 7 th Tradition Collected..... | <u>n/a</u> |
| Region Donation..... | <u>\$50</u> |

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

| | <u>NAME</u> | <u>PHONE</u> | <u>EMAIL</u> |
|---------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| RCM | <hr/> | | |
| RCM alt | <u>Sandy P</u> | | |

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| Area Chair | Josh R. |
| PR Chair | Open |
| H&I Chair | Chris D. |
| PI Chair | Dave G. |
| Web Servant | Nick S. |
| Activities Chair | Marybeth G |

Nominations in December, elections in January. GSRs filled out Regional Inventory Form @ last Area Meeting. Results have been submitted to MRSCNA Secretary. Next Regional meeting will be held on Feb 14th due to a scheduling conflict with CAR. The meeting place is still TBA. We will be hosting an event Saturday.

14. Old Business

none

15. New Business

- a. Discussion as to whether or not to send both RD and RDA to WSC. Our monies are tight.
 - Les will be in terrible position two years from now
 - \$3000 prudent reserve, we are well below that at \$2161
 - Les has already purchased the the plane ticket for \$312
 - LES WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR THE TICKET
- b. This body will pay for \$180 for CAR – order through MSO, 20 copies @ \$8/copy.
- c. Liability insurance? Many groups have lost their meeting place for lack of insurance. Metro Detroit Region carries insurance for entire region and will pass along information.
- d. Flint Area asks if any other areas have experience with computer driven phone line information.
 - Grand Rapids Area has effective phone line with options for meetings, live addict, voicemail.
 - Metro-Detroit phone line is through Comcast.
 - extensive discussion regarding helplines in general which gravitated toward the Michigan Regional state-wide helpline status. Plans have been halted due to the illness of the man contracted to do the work. Although, it was noted that the line would be up and running were this body to have decided to pay for the phone-line up front as a region and bill to individual areas rather than each individual Area being billed by the provider. Jeff K. has put a lot of work into this plan and many refuse to believe that the phone line plan will not come to fruition eventually.
- e. Information offered by Stuart regarding excellent power point presentations as well as information regarding an WSO recognized conference call meeting. Emails will be forwarded to Secretary and then distributed to MRSCNA mailing list.
- f. Lack of communication regarding region and its function, service structure in general, phone line, etc...
 - How do we properly mentor trusted servants? Service Workshops are typically only attended by service junkies. How do we get more people there? Trick them! Game night, potluck, etc...
 - GSR's often don't even know their role – Saginaw Bay Area has a GSR training manual and other training tools. Will email to secretary to be forwarded to MRSCNA email list.
- g. Western-Wayne Area is unhappy with Metro-Detroit Region. Considering a transfer to MRSCNA. Committee has been formed regarding this issue. MRSCNA Body welcomes the idea.
- h. Is the Regional meeting the place to bring Area problems and concerns from RCMs? YES this is exactly where they should be bringing questions, concerns.
- i. Willard has offered to host a conference call in order to help foster communication. Will email info to secretary. More will be revealed.
- j. "Profanity-Free Meetings"? Several areas have implemented these meetings with success.

16. Take Back to Areas

- a. Member survey results due back next mtg.

17. Meeting closed at 12:45pm

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Lizzie S.

Secretary

MRSCNA