

Regional Meeting Minutes- June 3, 2007

1. OPENING: The meeting opened at 9:10 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. TWELVE TRADITIONS: The Twelve Traditions were read by Rob L.
3. TWELVE CONCEPTS: The Twelve Concepts were read by Sally B.
4. ROLL CALL: Marybeth G.
5. CHAIR REPORT:

MRSCNA,

I am writing this letter to inform the members that due to a new job, I will no longer be able to fulfill my service position and therefore am resigning. Thanks for allowing me to service you.

ILS,
Jo D.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Hello Family,

First off, I am going to do everything I can to commit to a one week turnaround time on minutes. The longer I put them off, the more stress I feel, thus the cycle of unmanageability begins. Since we last met, I became a divorced person and the process of going through has been difficult on mind, body and spirit, however the healing has begun.

I completely brain-farted on the address listing, so I am passing around the last one for updating. Two members let me know they were not able to open the attachments on the last minutes, so I am assuming everyone else was able to.

I am submitting itemized receipts for envelopes, the cost of mailing, folders, and copying in the amount of \$57.08. Also, three of us had a pajama party to save money on the room. Yeah, that's why.

Thank you for your love and understanding and the privilege to serve.

Marybeth

UPCOMING MEETING LOCATIONS

Sunday, August 5, 2007 – in Southern Mid-Michigan

Sunday, October 7, 2007 – in Northwestern

Sunday, December 2, 2007 - Washtenaw

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Brian provided everyone with the Account Summary at the meeting. He said he would email it to me from now on so I could include it in the minutes.

8. RD REPORT:

Hello family I'm an addict called Mike

All has been fairly quiet, shortly after we last met I received my copy of the PR handbook, hopefully most of you have had more of an opportunity to look through it more than I have.

On May 10th I received an email from the HRP, informing us that a packet was mailed to all regions, zones and world board. This packet described your ability to forward potential candidates to be considered for nomination to various World Services trusted servant positions. They had followed up with the communication to a RD's and zonal contacts to ensure receiving.

ILS,
Mike T.

9. RDA REPORT:

Hello family, I attended the MZF meeting on Sun April 7th at DACNA there was supposed to be a workshop run by the mzf members on the issue discussion topics; however the DACNA committee was not as generous as the Metro Detroit Region in their accommodations for the workshop. The workshop location was of away from the other workshops and not clearly indicated on the program.

Consequently no one showed up and no workshop was held.

The MZF meeting was opened with the silence/prayer, attending was Ind. Metro Det. Mi and Chi. John, and the facilitator offered an agenda for the day which was later accepted as the standard agenda for future meetings. Our "registered agent" paper work has been updated and filed.

Secretary budget of \$233.92. Minutes of our last meeting were approved pending the receiving of Mike's report. Attending Regions as well as visitors will be noted in future minutes.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$734.66; however no numbers on income or outgo were made available. The new treasurer seemed unsure as to what he needed to report. Getting the signature cards signed has been a problem as well. The biggest topic for the web site committee has been is who the web servant is and should there be a web site inventory? Inventory questionnaires where to be

going out ASAP via e-mail. I have not received that or my minutes from the meeting for that matter.

The Ohio Region reported that their biggest area of concern was their treasury. The Regional treasurer passed away and no one at the rsc is currently a signer on the account.

Metro Det. reminded us of MDRCNA on Thanksgiving weekend.

Indiana proposed an events calendar on the mzf web site so people would not schedule events at the same time; also they have many unfilled regional service positions.

Chicagoland Says their next regional convention will be held at the Hyatt. However the dates were not known at that time. They have the RDA position open and have converted their H&I and PI into PR. Lois will try to contact the greater Illinois Region as to their attendance and participation in the mzf.

Service Profile Report looking to establish a pool of members with specific service experience to assist Regions with problems in service much like the world pool at the WSO. Blin created a questionnaire which will be in the minutes. Stuart from metro Detroit is to come up with a protocol for how this info will be disseminated.

History- Bob is collecting info by taping conversations with experienced members so the history of NA in the mid west does not die out as those members do. There was a questionnaire on local history that is also supposed to be in the minutes.

Project Hope- no one from project hope attended the mzf so we will wait and see if they want us to do anything at all for them.

Financial decisions- it was decided to send the \$8.70 received in the 7th Trad. Basket to NAWS instead of giving it to DACNA as the room was part of the package.

What are we doing here? Are we already moving toward a bi-annual meeting cycle? Bob suggested everyone bring back a written synopsis of when and how often we meet. What we are supposed to be achieving at the mzf. Lois suggested we not meet before the CAR workshop in K-Zoo in Feb. Indiana was worried they would miss their turn to host. Meanwhile the two regions next in line to host were not present. Lois was commissioned to ask greater Illinois if they wish to host the mzf in Nov. at their convention or maybe not at their convention and what about Minn. This discussion went on for one and a half hours before I commended the body for being the greatest beaters of a dead horse I had ever seen in my time doing NA service. I still do not know when or where the next meeting will be. I do know the Feb. meeting will be in K-Zoo there will be no 2nd quarter meeting, 3rd quarter in Minn. And 4th in Indiana.

ILS Dave T.

10. MCRNA REPORT:

Greetings again from MRCNA XXIII. This is the last time I will be reporting to you before the convention. The merchandise has been ordered and is as of last

week being printed and all other committees are right on track. The committee has decided not to let any one sell wearables until Sunday a.m. or we sell out. We now have 228 pre-registrations and that money is included in our total amount of cash on hand. The amount of cash we have on hand is \$750.00. If that is dispersed, we have to write checks. We started with \$2000.00 and now have 4477.89.

The Hugger Chair has resigned but we have a plan already in place. One more thing, we have to give the Sports Stop \$1500.00 deposit on merchandise. Do I get that here or have our Treasurer write the check?

Thank you,
Rich M., MRCNA XXIII Chair

11. SHARED SERVICES:

Hello All,
I hope this e-mail finds you all well. I will not be attending the Regional Meeting this weekend. I am fortunate enough to be swamped with work right now. I don't have allot to report. Recently, I have had a couple phone calls from some Area web servants within the Metro Detroit Region telling me that they don't have an Area or Regional Web Contact at the moment. I have agreed to update there Area pages, if they send the information to me in an e-mail, until they find someone with the willingness and skills to take the position.

Which leads me to our Michigan Web Servant who has been chasing his personal dreams for the past year and has been out of the loop of service himself. I have filled in when asked in his absence, as I said I would. As always, I am relatively easy to reach by phone or e-mail should you need something in this capacity just ask.

It's elections time once again and I feel that the Region could benefit from "New Blood". That being said, I am not pursuing a service position with the Region at this time. I have just celebrated 17 years clean and I am back serving my home group. It does me good to work with new comers. Thanks for letting me serve... See you, when I see you.

Love to Love NA
Dale V.
(616) 874-9219 h
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12. WEBSITE CONTACT:

Thanks for the minutes Marybeth.

Greetings from sunny Northern California!

My apologies for no website report for so long, but I AM checking NA emails - none received.

I guess all Area web people are doing ok. The sites appear that way.

I also keep the Flint site up to date; having updated it 2 weeks ago.

(Although I just heard though the NA grapevine of a burned up facility, so I'm waiting on details).

This temporary assignment to California is keeping me busy! But 90% of the time, I love it. It is due to complete at end of June. I should (& hope to) attend MRCNA. Not sure if I'll be asked for, nor accept another 3 month assignment out here. They wait until the last minute to even hint at such things.

Please send me the date, time & location info for the next MRSCNA mtg. I'll post to website.

Say "hello" to anyone you meet. I'm doing well, making a few mtgs out here & have a terrific sponsee (back in Flint) that I talk with every day - he just obtained 1 year!

((Hugs))

Woody L.

13. MSO REPRESENTATIVE:

Hello family, not very sorry I'm not there with you today; I've been looking forward to this trip for a while now. Lots of good things going on with the MSO. We are now current with NAWS, having paid off all our outstanding bills. We are moving forward in the direction of being able to go on line and purchase from the MSO off the Web. Also, we have a vision of some day meeting our prudent reserve and lowering our prices to better compete with the WSO. This is a long term goal, but a wonderful vision, just the same. There will be a number of Board members and our Office Manager attending a World Literature Distribution Workshop in Nov.

We are looking for another office worker. I have passed out applications in the past, but if anyone is interested, call the office to find out more. Please announce this position throughout the fellowship. We are making plans to set up at MRCNA. Communication is ongoing between the MSO and MRCNA. These are the highlights of what is going on. Hope you all can see the MSO as an entity trying its best to serve the fellowship as I do, and give up any old negativity anyone may be holding on to. See you all at MRCNA, I hope.

ILS Les P.

Hello Family,

I have had no communication with Michigan Regional Shared Services Chair. I have suggested to Metro Detroit Region that perhaps we could attempt to have some learning days together, to start the process for having joint events with the two regions. I invited all members of Metro Detroit to attend last night's events and today's meeting. Mostly what needs to happen is that more members need to

get involved in the idea of having a joint convention. It has been suggested that to give the process a chance that instead of just having the one convention in 2010, we should try for two years. Also, perhaps, we can look at other states that have 2 regions but one convention, like Ohio.

In Service,
Dave C.

14. H& I: Present with no report.

15. PI:

Good Morning Family! I must say I've sincerely missed my Regional Service Family members. Four months is a long time to go without seeing all of you! I have new contact info; my new permanent email address is juliasgrowing@gmail.com (afterthought: growing as in spiritual, not width, I hope). Please make a note of it especially because the old address is now completely closed. I am sorry I did not attend last night's PI, HI Helpline Activity. This was not a Region PI requested activity and unfortunately I am temporarily on a very fixed budget and could not afford the out of pocket gas expense to and from Midland 4 times (2 round trips).

As reported in my last report, I have visited with a few Areas and have tried to be prudent. That is about it. I heard the topic of an 800 phone line was brought up again. I went through my reference files and pulled all related info in case the group has decided to make a go of the topic again. I will say I do not see this being neither a prudent or useful tool at this time. Our Area's must generate more 7th Tradition funds and maintain consistent phone lines. If we are going to explore this great idea of a state wide number, these 2 areas must be explored first. I am our humble servant so instruct me today and I will follow through.

If and when is the PR/PI Workshop slot at MRCNA?

I believe SMMANA is our next host in August. Would your Area like the PR/PI and/or H&I Committees to participate in an activity for that weekend? If so, please inform Jeff and/or myself ASAP (minimum 2 weeks in advance) so that plans and arrangements can be made properly. Thank you so much! If there is anything I can do for this body or any Area, please contact me anytime! I believe that is all for now.

ILGS,
Julia O

16. AREA REPORTS:

a. Battle Creek Area

Groups: 12
Meetings: 24/week
H & I: 1
Region Donation: 0
RCM: David S.
RCMA: Cathi M.
Area Chair: Andrew H.
H & I: Shirlene S.
PI: Rob H.
Web servant: Rob H.

Hi Family,

My name is Cathi M. and I am a grateful recovering addict. Battle Creek Area is alive and well. We are having lots of activities to raise funds for our retreat in October. We are also planning for our annual picnic in September. Groups are growing, lots of newcomers.

Battle Creek will go with whatever the Region does concerning the PI/PR point of contact. We currently have a PI, no PR! The addict who is the PI Chair holds the position month to month until someone steps up to take the position.

Battle Creek is moving right along. David S. could not attend as RCM this month, but we are looking forward to our turn to host the Regional Committee when it comes around. Thanks for letting me serve.

Cathi M.

b. Capitol Area

Good Morning Everyone! Addict named Leon. Lansing has 26 Groups, 32 meetings and we voted yes to Region motion. All is well in Lansing! There are a few meeting lists for Lansing.

In loving service,
Leon Jr. Temp. RCM

c. Flint Area – No report.

d. Greater Grand Rapids

Good Morning,

At our most recent Area Meeting, there was a motion to bring back our P & A meeting to precede the Business meeting. It was voted on and passed. There was discussion as to the apparent lack of participation by GGRA's addicts in this year's convention, and the ability to host the convention next year.

Elections: Area Chair – Bobby A., Co-chair – Richard H., Treasurer – Dan, Co-Treasurer – Cat L., RCM – Michael B.

Open Positions – Secretary, Co-secretary, RCM Alt., PI Chair

June 23 we are hosting a MRCNA Fund Raiser 6:30-10:30 “Area Feud”
Treasury – As of May 21, ending Balance \$1048.37 – donation \$146.38.

In loving service,
Michael B.

e. Greater Muskegon

Area Meeting Location: Bethany Parish House/MRC
Meeting Day/Time: Every other 3rd Sunday @ 1:00 p.m.
Groups: 13
Meetings: 33
H & I: 0
RCM: Lizzie S.
RCMA: open
Area Chair: Jeff C.
H & I: Holsey
PI: Open
Web Servant: Jeff C.

Hello Family. Things are going well in the Greater Muskegon Area. We are looking forward to our Annual White Lake Campout which is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year. It will be held August 10-12. We are also planning our 2nd annual Retreat in Hastings, MI which we expect to be a great success. We have a few newer meetings which are doing well and will be included in our next batch of meeting lists. Elections were held – open positions co-facilitator, treasurer, co-treasurer, RCMA, and PI.

In loving service and gratitude,
Lizzie S.

f. Livingston County

Area Meeting Day/Time: 3rd Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.

Groups: 7

Meetings: 7

RCM: Marty D.

Livingston County has 7 active meetings that are doing well. Our PI Committee is now going to become the PR Committee. We currently have an information line that has a list of meetings, the Metro Detroit Helpline number and you can leave a message for information. We hope to get a mailing out to local professionals soon. We are having a picnic August 4th at noon at the Island Lake Recreation Park in Brighton.

Thanks,
Marty D.

g. Northwestern Area

Area Meeting Location: 5th and Oak, Traverse City

Meeting Day/Time: 3rd Sunday @ 4:00 p.m.

H & I: 6

Regional Donation: 0

RCM: Sally B.

Hello Family, I'm an addict named Sally. We currently have 34 meetings and 15 groups. A spaghetti dinner was held as a MRCNA fundraiser for which I have a \$200 donation. A dance/karaoke was held this past Friday night and was a huge success. Over \$500 was raised with our pie in the face competition alone for our activities committee. Our annual Garage Sale Retreat fundraiser earned upwards of \$400, the greatest earnings and participation to date. Speaking of which, NWMACNA XI is approaching quickly. The big weekend in Traverse City is June 22, 23 and 24. A few campsites and hotel rooms are left, but they are going fast. I have fliers with the number to Ranch Rudolf. There is no fee for this Retreat and plenty of extra camping room for those who cannot afford to pay. Hope to see you there. Willingness for our poster drive has increased and so has our schedule production, doubling our printing. Our literature committee has been making large orders and has had a few problems with shipping from World (late or sent to the wrong place). We would like to know if there are other Areas having these problems. One of our Groups had an issue with the police coming into meetings looking for people. One of our PI Contacts went and talked to the police and we have not had an occurrence since.

Funds were just enough to cover Area services this month, so we have no donation, but will have one next month. Thanks for letting me serve!

Sally B.

h. Northwoods Area

Area Meeting Location: Moving
Meeting Day/Time: 3rd Saturday of every other month
Groups: 16
Meetings: 26
H & I: 3
Regional Donation: \$100.00
RCM: Gene R.
RCMA: Robert M.
Area Chair: Robert M.
H & I: Open
PI: Open
Web Servant: Mike

Recovery on the River V will be July 13, 14 and 15. Activities include two Speakers on Friday night, Canoe Trip on Saturday morning at 10:00am, Speaker Saturday night (including free hot dogs).

We do seem to have a little trouble getting groups to come to Area. We have a little improvement in that most groups are sending in reports. Our Area elections for RCM, RCMA, H & I and PI will be held at our June meeting.

i. Saginaw Bay Area

Area Meeting Location: varies
Meeting Day/time: 4th Saturday at 1:30 pm
RCM Alt: Bunny B.
Area Chair: Jennie R.
H & I Chair: Margaret F.
PI Chair: Bryan H.
Web Servant: Bryan H.

Saginaw Bay is doing well. I forgot to get our donation from our Treasurer, so I will have extra next month. Our Area forgot to vote on the motion 2006-12-1. Our H & I Chair has requested 10-15 copies of the Basic Text.

In Loving Service,
Bunny

j. Southern Mid-Michigan: No report

k. Southwestern Michigan Area

Area Meeting Location: Buchanan
Meeting Day/Time: 4th Sunday of month
Groups: 25
Meetings: 29
H & I: 10/week
RCM: Patti K.
RCMA: Dave H.
Area Chair: Jack B.
H & I Chair: Al L.
PI Chair: Lisamarie R.
Web Servant: Jim B.

Greetings Family,

Things are what they are in South West.....lots of meetings and lots of good recovery with the revolving door for newcomers and wannabes fully functional, although we remain ever optimistic and grateful for the ones who do stay. Our financial woes seem to have subsided for the time being with the introduction of a more accurate treasurer's report and the infusion of cash from our Home Groups. As is usually the case, the Home Groups purse strings tend to loosen up when things get tight at Area. Perhaps we can even get the Area to let go of some and pass it on to this body at our next meeting.

Our Policy Committee is currently working on new Area Guidelines...or should I say...reworking. As it is most likely the case in many Areas...one can never have too many Guidelines.

We recently had an H & I and PI Learning Day. Attendance was poor, with the panel, the 2 committee chairs and 6 other people. Our PI Committee is working hard to get more people involved and would welcome any suggestions to help motivate people.

That's about it for the South West. Grateful to have the opportunity to serve.

Dave H.

l. Washtenaw Area



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

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

Name: Bob P.

Date: Jun.2, 2007

Area: Washtenaw

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

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

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....18
Number of Meetings.....24
Number of H&I Meetings.....4
Total 7th Tradition Collected.....?
Region Donation.....\$1135.24

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

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REPORT:

Hello Family, Greetings from the Washtenaw Area, my name is Bob and I'm an addict:

Things are going very well. Our ASC meeting continues to be well attended and all positions are filled. Since the last regional meeting we have adopted a new set of consensus based guidelines for the WASCNA. Nicolle W., our new Activities Chair, has been successful in organizing several events including a bowling night. This time of year its difficult to keep up with all the picnics/BBQ's that are organized by individual groups in our area. In response to the Livingston Area's request for contact #s for their newer female members, we have compiled a list to give them. We have an \$1135.24 donation to region today.

Yours in service,

Bob P.

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17. OLD BUSINESS:

All issues tabled.

18. NEW BUSINESS:

MZF – As there was no workshop, the meeting consisted of report readings and 1 ½ hours of next meeting location. Dave T. not encouraged on attendance of MZF. Brian understood Dave’s feeling but also feels the sharing of information is necessary. Dave H. feels 7th Tradition is sacred but also “personal recovery depends...” and so both sides have merit. At next MZF, RD and RDA should express desire for bi-annual meetings. Dave T. feels Regions need to utilize MZF and Mike T. reminded us we are already in the space that we are sending on a case by case basis.

Elections: H & I – Jeff C., PR/PI – Julia O. Shared Services – Julia O.
Facilitator – **TAKE BACK TO AREAS.**

Brian will get a total from Les for H & I book donation.

Michigan Region sending 264.22 to WSO.

Dave H. concerned that upwards of \$7000.00 is sitting in the bank and feels WSO donation should be larger. Body decided last meeting that we would wait until after MRCNA to make ample donation.

Michigan Region sending quarterly donation of \$159.80 to MSO.

Brian H. concerned that RCM’s really need to liaison from Areas to Region. Capitol Area is really struggling with diversity issues and could use Regions help.

CAR will be the first weekend in February.

19. TAKE BACK TO AREAS

Open Service Positions
Remember to carry the message!

20. MEETING CLOSED AT 11:45 a.m.