

MRCNA 25 Planning Committee Meeting

April 17th, 2009

The meeting was opened by Pablo P. with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer. The Definition of Purpose was read by Cat L., the 12 Traditions was read by Sally B., and the 12 Concepts by Sabrina J., Angela took roll.

Reports

Chair

Greetings Family:

We have the checks for Program and for Merchandise. From here on out things are going to start to kick into high gear. I won't waste your time and mine trying to tell you what to do. Those of you who are here today know your jobs and what needs to be done. Life shows up for everyone. In spite of that you are all still here today. All I can say is any issues that your committee has or needs help with now is the time to speak up.

The Region will next meet on June 7th in Midland. Subcommittees you have this month and next to get me and Barb a list of check amounts and to who for the convention. It would help a lot if you gave me a more or less itemized list to hand to the treasurer. I know this is a very cumbersome process but it is what it is. We can and have worked with it up to this point. It just takes more thinking a head on our parts.

Finally I wish to congratulate members of this committee who have recently celebrated clean time. Congratulations to Vonee 20 years, Eric & years, and Josh 5 years. These are all significant achievements. We are counting down to the big show and God willing this will be the best show in 25 years.

In Loving Service
MRCNA XXV Chair

Co-Chair

Secretary

Report was given verbally.

Treasurer

Additional Needs

Additional Needs Report: April 19, 2009

Hello Family,

We are moving along with getting all the resources put together. Jeff K will be sending me an email today with information about the nearest pharmacies, urgent care centers and hospitals, etc. He has let me know today, that everything except the hospitals are located within a mile of Crown Plaza. The hotel has four wheelchairs that were donated last year and will be available for the convention this year.

We are still waiting to hear from the person who does the American Sign Language interpretations. After phone calls and emails, he has not replied and we are looking to find another group.

Rita let us know after my report that someone has asked if they could do this service for the convention. She took my email address to give to this person and I will be in contact with him, hopefully this next month.

Thank you for letting me serve

ILS

Margaret F

Arts And Graphix

Hi Family, April 19, 2009

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SILVER SERENITY

MRCNA

**FREEDOM
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*GRAND RAPIDS, MI.
JULY 2ND-5TH, 2009*

Convention Information

Convention Information Subcommittee Report - April 19, 2009

Not much activity this month. The Web site was updated, and I returned a call from a prospective convention vendor to whom I referred to Donna S, our MRCNA 25 Merchandise Chair.

We need to receive a file of the convention logo so we can update the Website and the convention registration form. Until these are updated, our plans to send a mass e-mail are on hold.

Last month, Rita suggested that we recognize past chairs. The announcement was posted on the MRCNA Website. Since then, the following information has been e-mailed to me:

MRCNA Convention Chairs ordered by the MRCNA convention on which they served:

1. 1985 Willard Y., Saginaw Bay
(Convention was in Midland)
2. 1986 Sharon K., Macomb County
(Convention was in Detroit)
3. 1987 Jim B., Flint (Convention was in Flint)
4. 1988 Carl D., Northwoods - deceased
(Convention was in Muskegon)
5. 1989 Tom W., Lansing (Convention was in Lansing)
6. 1990 George S., Saginaw Bay
(Convention was in Midland)
7. 1991 Alain P., Detroit (Convention was in Detroit)
8. 1992 Ron H., Grand Rapids
(Convention was in Grand Rapids)
9. 1993 Pauline S., Oakland (Convention was in Dearborn)
10. 1994 Rachel H., Lansing (Convention was in Lansing)
11. 1995 Dave C., Western Wayne County
(Convention was in Flint)
12. 1996 Ronnie H., Western Wayne County
(Convention was in Flint)
13. 1997 Steve S., Western Wayne County
(Convention was in Midland)
14. 1998 Mark D., Western Wayne County
(Convention was in Midland)
15. 1999 Doug H., Western Wayne County
(Convention was in Midland)
16. 2000 Chuck S., Lansing - lives out-of-state
(Convention was in Lansing)
17. 2001 Kim S., Flint (Convention was in Lansing)
18. 2002 Dave S., Lansing (Convention was in Kalamazoo)
19. 2003 Linda V., Western Wayne County
(Convention was in Midland)
20. 2004 Tom T. Lansing (Convention was in Midland)
21. 2005 Lisa G., Saginaw Bay
(Convention was in Ann Arbor)
22. 2006 Frank C., Jackson (Convention was in Lansing)
23. 2007 Rich M., Jackson (Convention was in Lansing)
24. 2008 Cat L., Grand Rapids
(Convention was in Grand Rapids)
25. 2009 Pablo P., Lansing (Convention will be in Grand Rapids)

Many thanks to Willard Y., Dave C., and others who helped assemble this list.

I am working with the Registration subcommittee and have volunteered to take money during registration. I am organizing a list of other trusted people so that there will hopefully always be two people at a time who are responsible to take in funds. Cat and Leon may have their hands full getting everyone registered, and since I need to be seated with them to answer questions about the convention we thought this would be a good use of my time and talents. I love counting money, and I have never misappropriated NA funds.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Vonnee K.

Entertainment and Fundraising

April 19, 2009

E & F Report

Hi family my name is Heather and I am an addict.

I am happy to say that ALL entertainment is booked for the convention!

Thursday Night:

I have nothing planned at this point, but am looking into NA Jeopardy. I just got the program, so I will let you know if I can get it to work.

Friday Night:

9:30pm – 10:30pm will be the Magic/Comedy Act in the Grand Centennial Ballroom.

10:30pm – 2am will be a Rock N' Roll Band, Park Side Wes in the Grand River Ballroom.

Tony T. is the leader of the band and has been clean for 20 years.

(One Room, One Registration and \$500)

DJ Thom S. will spin tunes in between sets for a complimentary room.

Saturday Night:

9:30pm – 10:30pm will be the Magic/Comedy Act in the Grand Centennial Ballroom.

10:30pm – 2am will be a DJ Thom S. He has been clean for 3 years and DJ's at most of the dances in the Bay City Area.

(One Room, One Registration and \$350)

I purchased some more decorations for the banquet, vases and will decorate them with our logo. This is the item that members on the committee will be able to take home if they choose to.

UP COMING FUNDRAISERS:

May 9th: Washtenaw Area will host a Pancake Breakfast at 10am.

Flyers attached.

May 16th: MRCNA will host a Comedy Film Festival at 6pm. Flyer Attached

June 20th: Lansing Area will host a brunch from 10am –noon. Flyer Attached

June 20th Saturday Night Candlelight meeting in Grand Rapids is hosting a picnic fundraiser for MRCNA. Noon – 5pm Flyer Attached.

ILS, Heather M

Hotels and Hospitality

As of today (April 19th 2009), our room pick up is 46 (out of 325) with an additional 18 reservations already made. This is better than our standing at this point last year. The Hotels and Hospitality chair has been speaking with Events and Fund Raising regarding their needs for comped rooms for entertainers. Any issues in this area have been resolved. H+H has also been working with Programing regarding the locations of their work shops. They will be getting back to us with their exact need by the end of May. We are planning on having an executive planning between the hotel and this committee during our second June convention planning meeting. Lastly, the contract for MRCNA 2010 and 2011 is due to be signed at the next NA Michigan regional meeting, also penned to take place in June.

[During "New Business" the H+H subcommittee chair, Shamari M, requested that the following be included in this months minutes. These are his words, however paraphrased, as written by the H+H co-chair, Joshua S.]

Regarding the contract put forward by the Valley Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Midland, MI: I will negotiate with the hotel to reduce the banquet ticket guarantee from 150 to 100 tickets sold. I believe this an achievable goal. Beyond that, I do not believe that the hotel will make any further concessions on the contract at this time. I will call the Valley Plaza representative on this issue tomorrow (Monday, April 20th, 2009) and will leave negotiations beyond that point to the people from Midland to handle themselves. I recommend that no one from this committee attempt to negotiate any other terms from the contract, as it is my opinion that the hotel is unmovable on these issues.

ILS,
Joshua Sadowski
H+H Subcommittee Co-Chair

Huggers and Serenity Givers

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Hello Family,

This month we will be selecting the logo for both serenity givers and huggers t-shirts. After we do so next month I will contract a screen-printer to create our final product. As soon as I have samples I will bring them for your viewing. It is my intention to have one shirt colored black and the other be silver

(grey), if there are any other suggestions please let me know.

Again I still need a schedule for the merch. room and time frames for Saturdays main events so I can make sure I have enough serenity givers to serve both committees.

Lastly I noticed that in the proposed budgets that were given in the region report mine was not included. I hope this was just an oversight and there still is a plan for me to be able to purchase and pay for t-shirts.

Thank-you for allowing me to serve in this convention and if any committee needs help from me prior to the convention as always just ask.

In Loving Service,

Fred S.

Merchandise

CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING MEETING MINUTES – April 19th, 2009

Attendees: Donna S. Vonnee K. Sally
Lora V. Abby A. Linda
Eric S. Sue R. Jessica

We turned in \$651.50 from pre-convention merchandise sales.

The merchandise committee has turned in a total of \$5,386. We purchased \$3,676 worth of merchandise. Right now we have a net profit of \$1710. Way to go Mdse. Committee... We rock!!

Lora & Eric will be attending the MRCNA fundraiser on May 16th.
Abby & Sue will be attending the Prom Night on May 23rd.
Heather took MDSE with her to sell at their Pancake Breakfast in May.
Lora & Pepe will attend the Lansing picnic on Memorial Day.

We all picked the colors we would like to see for the coffee mugs, travel mugs and tshirts.. Donna will be tallying them and we will go with the majority as to what colors we use.

Items that we are looking at selling: t-shirts (men, womens, juniors), coffee mugs, water bottles, beanie hats, travel mugs and ball caps. We will make a final decision within the next few weeks, based on the budget.

Donna will put together a blank schedule for the MDSE hours. She will bring that to the next planning meeting so we can figure out what hours we want to work and recruit people as needed.

Hours we will be open are as follows:

Thurs. 3:00pm-5:00pm
9:00pm-11:00pm

Friday- 10:00am – 1:00pm
2:00pm – 6:00pm
9:30pm – 11:00pm

Saturday – 10:00am – 1:00pm
2:00pm – 5:00pm
10:00pm – midnight

Sunday 10:00am – 12:00pm

We decided where we will be located and have some awesome ideas to make the store fun and inviting.

There will be two MRCNA meetings in June. June 14th and June 28th.

Rob will be emailing Donna the logo as soon as he has it cleaned up. Then we can get that to the Vendor.

We ordered directional and the hours of operation signs from Rob. Once we sure up the items we'll be ordering we will get the pricing to Rob so he can have a sign made up for pricing.

Parable Designs was selected as the jewelry vendor. Donna will contact them to sure up the contract.

Thanks to everyone for their participation.
Lora V.

Merchandise Price List

Tall Latte Coffee Mugs \$8
Men's Short Sleeve Shirts \$12
Women's Short Sleeve Tee Shirt \$12
Winter Beanie Hats \$12
Men's Long Sleeve Tee Shirts \$15
Men's Crewneck Sweatshirts \$20
Men's Hooded Sweat Shirts \$30

Programming

Tickets and Registration

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Hello, Family,

We are preparing to send out the confirmation cards for the pre-registrations next weekend.

We are turning in \$476 for registrations thanks to the help of another recovering addict with willingness for the Bay City function.

We attended the Grand Rapids newcomer Appreciation event yesterday. Everything went well.

Leon is taking the logo for the convention to the vender so they can get started on the T&R items for the **Welcome Bags**.

We will attend some up-coming events as well.

In loving service,

Sabrina J, Cat L, & Leon M, Jr

Summary Of Discussion

- 1.** A logo was chosen for the Huggers and Serenity Givers T-Shirts
- 2.** Two meetings will be held in June on the 14th and 28th.
- 3.** List is attached to this report with names in info for Chairs for MRCNA 1-24.