



## Minutes June 20th, 2004

**Opening:** Facilitator, Linda D. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Joe D. read the 12 Traditions and Jeff B. read the 12 Concepts.

**Attendance:** Cathy T, Jo D, Rob M, Dave H, Wanette C, Wanda C, Jeff B, Nichole C, Rich P, Rachel S, Scott W, Don O, Terry S, Melissa B, Lisa D, Luke R, Tim C, Gene R, Linda D, Terry S

**Welcome New Groups:** "The Beach Meeting" Group meets at 7:30 PM at the West end of the volleyball courts

**Open Positions:** following Wanda's resignation, we now need a Secretary and a Co-Treasurer

### Area Trusted Servant Reports

**Secretary:** Report given by co-sec. Melissa B.

I spent \$5.50 on stamps to mail the May minutes. Budget request for this month is \$5.50 for stamps to mail minutes.

**Treasurer:** Report given by Wanette C.

Income

Living Clean	\$150
Recovery First	\$50
JFTBTB	\$75
Never Alone	\$31
New Freedom	\$10

**RCM:** Report given by Dave H.

The Michigan Regional Service committee held its bi-monthly meeting in Lansing Michigan on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**RD Report – Brian H. (RD)** Brian gave a 21 page report of his trip to the World Service Conference in California for the first 1 ½ hours. **Highlights:** The conference reps voiced that they were extremely tired of all motions submitted by regional service committees, being shot down at previous conferences. The "Sponsorship" book motion passed. They are now debating on how to add an index to this publication. No actual printing or distribution information is available.

Motion 11 passed. This allows 25% of WS documents to be reproduced on web sites.

NARANON reps were introduced at the NA World Services Conference ????

Whole pieces of NA literature reproduced on web sites are an issue.

There are 990 Areas, 97 Regions and only 80 web contacts.

NA.org had 380,000 unique web hits since the last conference. 11 Million total hits.

NAWS settled an embezzlement case. The Perp got off. The insurance company paid.

The WSO wants to change its prudent reserve from 90 days operating budget to 1 years operating budget ??? (More on hand to embezzle ????)

#### MRCNA Report

2 Open Speakers (Main Banquet) Both are from "Rocky Recovery"

45 workshops and 2 dances are scheduled. (Schedule attached)

The display of our old banners (19 of them) is still up in the air. They will be displayed but it is undetermined as to how.

The "official Logo" for MRCNA was displayed. It depicts an eagle over the Mackinaw Bridge.

MRCNA attendance has declined over the last 5 years, though last year was up from the previous year.

#### MSO report

The MSO web site was terminated for non-payment. It is now back up. This site will be rolled into the Michigan regional site so this stops happening. A downloadable order form will be added.

A new office manager was hired, welcome Fernando B. The MSO is looking for 1 FT or 2 PT employees.

MSO sold \$2000 worth of merchandise at MRCNA 19

#### Shared services

Dale V. attempted to resign. Nobody wanted the job. This is an intermediary position between the Michigan region and the Detroit Metro region.

## **H&I Report**

The H&I contact person (Andrew H.) asked about having an H&I workshop at MRCNA. It will be very difficult but the MRCNA committee people said they may be able to squeeze one in.

**NOTE:** The Michigan Region no longer has an H&I committee. Andrew H. is the entire H&I person for the Michigan region. NO PI committee or contact exists.

## **Elections**

RD – Brian H. (Incumbent – re elected)

RDA – Mike T. (Rotated from Web Contact position)

Shared Services – Dale V. ( will hold position until next meeting in Aug.)

H&I contact – Andrew H. (Incumbent – re elected)

Website Contact – Open Position (Nomination declined – Dave H.)

Website Coordinator – No election – Dale V. retained for life

PI contact – Open Position

## **Issues to Areas**

- 1) Change the regions donation to World Services from 10% to 12%  
(Many areas bypass the region and actually donate more to the world than our region) ( \$ 1205.60 last year, increase by approx \$ 241.00)
- 2) Midwest Zonal Forum Workshop. Do we want the MZF to do any workshops in conjunction with our regional meetings ? ( H&I and PI ????)
- 3) Co-Host a New Years celebration in Southfield with the Detroit region \$ 1500
- 4) Link Michigan-na.org to www.naspeakers.com|  
(this is thought to be a southern California area web site but no confirmation to this point has been received.
- 5) Notify area/groups of open positions on the Michigan regional service committee

## **Notes / Summary**

The Washtenaw RCM has PSA's for both TV and radio. She will share freely.

There was no assistance offered with regard to a Literature committee or the pooling of resources for literature concerns.

The regional service committee did not respond to comments regarding this areas request to add buttons to the web site for H&I, PI and activities. The "Web Committee" did not schedule a meeting or give formal response to our motion.

When sitting through these meetings it occurs to me that the primary function of the regional committee is concerned with MRCNA and funding for MRCNA. There is no standing committee for H&I or PI. Carrying the message of recovery seems to be a 3 day event in Midland each year with no ongoing support for these activities or directly to the areas they serve. MRCNA has scheduled 1 "What is H&I and PI ?" workshop. MRCNA funding is raised through area fundraisers. Most of the area donations to region goes to pay for hotels, travel and lodging for the regional service Committee members.

Many of these members meet up at local hotels the previous day to socialize, play golf and schmooze one another. The primary purpose of Narcotics Anonymous seems extremely obscured to this service body. This service committee seems to be floundering on purpose, direction and willingness.

Please tell your groups that support is needed by willing members.

## **Documentation distributed**

- 1) 21 page RD report
- 2) Metro Detroit Regional Service Committee contact sheet  
Includes H&I and PI chairpersons
- 3) WSO donations by regions/areas report from WSC

Next Meeting August 1<sup>st</sup> - Flint

## **Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports**

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Report given by Jeff B.

Miracle Manor- Wanda C. by proxy, Renee F. still going, no success in getting them to buy basic texts

Munson- Paul D.- Steve C.and Pat S. still going, Paul B. sometimes. Paul D. moved and no longer able to be panel leader

Dakoske- Terry S. going well, Pat S. went a couple times. Mike F. not sure. Terry S. still willing

Pugsley- Tim C. still going, alternating every other wk with Jeff B., moved to a different building, still willing

Phoenix- Cathy T. Rachel and Cathy alternating weeks with Linda and Anna, big meeting, still willing  
Jail- Brandon C. no show, no report given  
Chair Report- Jeff B.- some meeting haven't happened due to no shows. process of clearing new people was moving forward until our contact at the jail got bumped. Have been unable to contact new Sgt. in charge, Smith. Pat S, Eric W, and Grant H. helping at Pugsley now. Orientation and first meeting with them went great! Mike O. - still pending orientation.  
Old business- Four basic texts donated to Miracle Manor. Rachel to update H&I phone contact list of volunteers.  
New business- Steve C. new panel leader at Munson per group conscience. Terry S. said Manistee and Benzie want meetings in their jails. Terry S. suggested that someone from Manistee come to H&I. Literature request for outlying jails- see budget request. Tim C. expressed concern with failing jail attendance, "no shows". Brandon C. resigns from jail, last two meetings happened but with only one volunteer going in. H&I guidelines changes complete. New copies to be ready by next H&I, per Cathy T.

Activities: Report Given by Cathy T.

The last activity meeting was pretty well attended. Seem to be getting a pretty regular group. Could still use more support.

We actually have not had any activities since the last area meeting. We were planning to go on a Nature Hike on June 12<sup>th</sup>, however, we had decided at the activities meeting that if it was raining in the morning we would cancel it. The morning of the hike it rained pretty hard so myself and a couple other addicts decided to cancel since it would be pretty wet out there and the forecast called for thunderstorms that afternoon. Of course, it turned out to be a really beautiful day. Oh well, we will try again later this summer.

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, we're having a dance at the UAW hall with DJ Paul. Eric is going to be our speaker. We're having Sloppy Joe's and chips and popcorn. There's also going to be a "Pie in the Face Contest" featuring Terry, the antique addict vs. Rachel and we decided to do it a little differently this time. Terry and Rachel will be collecting money before the dance and then at the dance too. So depending on who you want to see with a pie in the face, give the other person money. The money will benefit the area so support your area! We'll be setting up around 5:30 if you want to help. I am requesting \$225.00 for the dance - \$150.00 for the hall and \$75.00 for the food.

Following the dance on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be flying kites at the Open Space. So bring your kids and a kite and a sack lunch and meet us at the open space at 2:00 for some good old family fun in recovery.

Next month, we are planning a canoe trip on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and a picnic on July 31<sup>st</sup> - more will be revealed.

That's about it for now. As always, we could use more support. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.  
Cathy T.

**Public Information:** Report Given by Jo D.

5 present last meeting; 2 new volunteers; Munson going good; court classes going well-all 3 groups presented; received information from Dave regarding Washtenaw having PSA's- made contact, waiting for response; contact from Kym- was to call me back- no response, finally got phone number from Scott; recently received info from place in Brighton that is requiring surveillance of members - looking into clearing that up; regarding literature committee- PI declined to lead this committee, not PI business, suggestion was made that an individual be in charge rather than a committee (too many hands in the "cookie jar")

I apologize for my tardiness at the meeting- had some major health emergencies and my mind was preoccupied.

**Retreat:** Report given by Melissa B.

Overall, retreat plans are going well. The big news is that we are holding the retreat at Timber Ridge again. After visiting Turtle Lake Campground, we decided that Timber Ridge better serves our needs as a group. We had a discussion with Timber Ridge and ironed out some of the problems we had last year. The one bummer is that there are no cabins available that weekend. And the deposit check needs to be changed!

We are holding a car wash at Pit Row on Sat. 26th for fundraising.

At the retreat meeting directly following this area meeting, we will be discussing t-shirt color, etc. plus talk about workshop themes, speakers, etc. We are in need of a registration person as well.

## Group Service Representative Reports

### **Women in Recovery:** Oral Report given by Linda D.

Group Conscience is the second Mon. of each month - 6pm, Grace Episcopal Church basement  
Average attendance this month - 26 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - GSR, Secretary & Treasurer positions are open

Area Donation - none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - the group likes the idea of a literature committee and would like Area to further explore how this would work

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments- none

### **Living Clean:** Report given by Scott W.

Average attendance this month - 30 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - Sunday night chair position is open

Area Donation - \$175

Decision on subjects presented to the group - We want Area to explore establishing a literature committee

Suggestions brought to the area from the group- We suggest that the website include maps to meetings

Comments- none

### **Growth Through Recovery:** Report given by Nichole C.

Group Conscience is the last Saturday of each month - 11am at the Alano Club.

Average attendance this month - 5 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - ?

Area Donation - none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - We did discuss the area literature idea, however we came to no specific decision on this subject. We feel we need to know more details of how this will work.

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments- This group could use support! The group has agreed to keep me in this GSR position on a month to month basis.

### **Recovery First:** Report given by Rich P.

Average attendance this month - Tue.60/Mon&Thur.25 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - yes

Area Donation - \$50

Decision on subjects presented to the group - Yes to literature committee (bookstore)

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments- none

### **Just for Today By the Bay:** Report given by Rachel S.

Average attendance this month - 25 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - need all co-positions

Area Donation - \$75

Decision on subjects presented to the group - literature committee sounds good, but need more information

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments- none

### **Never Alone:** Report given by Scott W.

Group conscience is the second Tuesday of each month - following the meeting

Average attendance this month - 13 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - no

Area Donation - none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - good idea on literature store or committee

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - send a letter to Region saying that they do not dictate to Area

Comments- none

### **Living in Harmony:** Report given by Luke R.

Average attendance this month - 12 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - no

Area Donation - none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments- The group is not happy with the Area's decision to allow Activities Committee to hold on to some funds. Living in Harmony & Recovery in the Valley to hold another Campout Retreat and Car Wash July 9-11 for more information contact Gene or George or Luke

### **The Benzie Group:** Report given by Scott W.

Average attendance this month - 5 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - no

Area Donation - none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - yes on a literature committee

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments - all is well

### **New Attitudes (Manistee):** Report given by Greg S.

Average attendance this month - 8 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - yes

Area Donation - \$50

Decision on subjects presented to the group - Yes to an Area Literature Committee and Yes to writing a letter to Region defending our website

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - asking for willingness from H&I to send members into the Manistee

County Jail  
Comments - none

**New Freedom (Cadillac):** Report given by Don O.

Average attendance this month - 5 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - yes

Area Donation -\$5

Decision on subjects presented to the group - All liked the idea of getting literature from Area

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments - none

### Sharing Session

\*regarding sharing activities with the Northwoods Area - all of our activities are posted on the website and the Northwoods members are encouraged to come to any of our events

\*Wanette has some experience with a literature committee

### Old Business

\*Public Service Announcements - there was no PI person at Region, but the Washtenaw Area will give us copies FREE for both radio and TV

\*groups overwhelmingly support the idea of forming a literature committee, but more information is needed. There was much discussion regarding the best way to go about this whole project, whether it would be like a store with inventory vs. simply pooling orders from the groups. A motion was introduced to take this question back to groups for further discussion. Plus, do the group's authorize Area to make the guidelines for a literature committee? Plus, we need a willing person to facilitate this literature committee. It will be a new position at Area elections in August.

### New Business

#### Budget Requests:

A motion was passed to delay some of H&I's budget request one month to cover all the other requests this month.

Secretary	\$5.50	approved
H&I	\$60	approved
PI	\$50	approved
Activities	\$225	approved
Retreat	\$500	approved

\* We have run into budget problems for the last couple of months and there was concern expressed over this, wondering if we need to better prioritize our spending or what. The group was reminded that this is a somewhat normal situation in the summer when meeting attendance is down and the retreat and other activities demand a lot of money to put on. There was discussion regarding whether there should be a change in our Area Procedures to allocate a set amount of money each month to the subcommittee's, but it was decided to table this issue until after elections in August.

### Attention GSR's

**Announce**  
open positions:

Region needs willingness for many positions.

Treasurer

August Area Elections are coming up! The Area needs a Secretary & Co-Plus, the new Literature Committee will need a facilitator

Living Clean Group needs a Sun. night Chair

Women in Recovery needs a GSR, Sec, & Treasurer

The Benzie Group, Living in Harmony and New Attitudes also have

positions open

**Other Announcements:**

**Welcome to our new group** - "The Beach Meeting" Group meets at 7:30 PM at the West end of the volleyball courts

"Recovery on the River II" is the second annual campout put on by the Living in Harmony & Recovery in the Valley Groups. There will be primitive camping available on July 9-11, see flyers with map or call Gene 536-3062, George 536-2115, or Luke 564-0775

Activities really needs support in putting on these great summer activities. Please plan to attend the subcommittee meeting on Wed. June 14th @ 6:30pm at 5th & Oak.

The NWACNA retreat committee visited Turtle Lake Campground, and decided that the retreat will remain at Timber Ridge after all. Timber Ridge better serves our needs as a group. Call Timber Ridge 947-2770 to make your reservations before July 31st.

**To Vote at Groups:**

A motion was introduced at Area to take the question regarding a literature committee back to groups for further discussion; whether it would be like a store with inventory or pooling orders from the groups into one large order?

Do the group's authorize Area to make the guidelines for a literature committee?

Do we want a one-year operating fund at the WSO?

Do we want our Zonal Forum to bring us an H&I workshop?

Do we want to increase our regional donation to world from 10% to 12%?

**Next Meeting July 18th, 2004 at 4:00pm**