

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Minutes August 21, 2005

Opening: Co-Facilitator, Dave T. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
Brian W. read the 12 Traditions.

Attendance: Melissa B., Cathy T., Brian W., Jeff B., Tim C., Dave H., Paul D., Rich P., Guy R., Dave T., Chad L., Amanda B., Brandon C., Richard, BJ, Cindy B., Adam W., Nikki, Ryan C., Grant, Terry S., Rachel S., Cyndy M., Hollie S., Todd S., Nichole C., Cheyene, Mike F., Pat H., Wanette C., Les, Melissa L.

Welcome New Groups: none

Open Positions: Co-Treasurer - no willingness, still open

Area Trusted Servant Reports

Secretary: Report given by Melissa B.

I spent \$10.07 on copies and stamps to mail last month's minutes. Budget request is \$15. All info, forms, etc. are organized for new Secretary. Plus made disks with all [info] on it. It has been a pleasure serving our Area as Secretary.

Treasurer: Report given by Amanda B.

Starting Balance \$564.38

Total Income \$503.94

Total Expenses \$553.76

New Balance \$514.56

Prudent Reserve \$147.34

Literature Subcommittee Account Balance \$367.58

Retreat Subcommittee Account Balance \$41.61

RCM: Report given by Paul D.

Hello Family, I am an addict named Paul. Region meeting was in Jackson this month Aug 7. The C.A.R.R. workshop will be in Feb. Region filled taxes with an accountant which cost us \$990. The total in our account right now is \$18,487.00. Donation to World is on hold until we have the totals from MRCNA done. MRCNA had 917 at registration with 148 indigents. The vote from the Banners is in, we will keep the current 5 and Raffle off the rest. We will do this by selling tickets next MRCNA and putting the ticket in the corresponding can. Then one banner per MRCNA after. You don't have to be an RCM for a region position. The H&I contact position is open, The MSO position was filled by Liss. The Web site chair was combined with shared services chair and filled by Cal.

R.D. Report: September is National Recovery Month. If your Area wants to hold an infrastructure or a P.I. workshop, contact the R.D.

MRCNA will be held in Lansing the next two years at the Holiday Inn. Next Region meeting will be in Battle Creek

Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports

Activities: Report Given by Cathy T.

We didn't have an activities meeting this month. We had decided at the last meeting that since we only had 2 activities left in my term, the canoe trip and the softball/picnic, there was going to be nothing to plan. I apologize to anyone who didn't get that message and showed up anyway.

The canoe trip in July was a lot of fun. It was the biggest turnout we have ever had for a canoe trip and the weather was great – hot and a little overcast. We canoed, we tubed, we swam, we picnicked and I hope everyone has as much fun as I did.

We have one more event planned, which is the Annual Picnic and Softball Game at Cherrybend Ball diamonds, which is happening next Sunday beginning at noon. We had a little chicken and some hot dogs left over from the retreat but that was about it. We are asking people to bring a dish to share but I am requesting a budget of \$40.00 for hamburgers, buns and pop.

I have \$184.05 in merchandise money to return to the area. I have already turned in my inventories of supplies and merchandise. I also have put together a list of contacts for the new activities chair to make it a little easier.

This past year has been a blast! We have had dances, bowling, game nights, canoeing, kite flying and sledding, not to mention a variety show and karaoke! I have had so much fun as the activities chair – I hope you have had fun too! I want to thank everyone who helped over the last couple of years. I certainly did not do it alone.

If you are looking for an area service to get involved, consider chairing the activities subcommittee. It is fun and so rewarding. And I don't know about you, but having fun is vital to my recovery. I hope someone will step up and keep it going.

I love our area and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve. [Contact list attached]

Hospitals & Institutions: Report given by Rachel S.

Treatment centers are going well with lots of help. Jails and Prisons need more support but meetings are happening. Toni S. & Beverly K. names have been turned in to Sgt. Smith for clearance. Hopefully we will hear back from him. I will continue to try and call him.

No budget request. Thank you for letting me serve this past year.

Public Information: Report given by Guy R.
Attendance: 6

Website up and running ok.

Munson drug class covered by Bryan B. and another person.

Posters are being printed. Poster drive day will be discussed at next P.I. meeting, Sept. 1, 2005

Drug court format presented to probation department. Waiting for presentation date to Judges.

Literature: Literature sub – committee meeting on hold until Retreat fundraising over.

Retreat: Report given by Rich P.

The retreat went well even though the campgrounds had new owners and we weren't on the same page about the rules of the campground. We left on good terms, and they actually expressed that it was nice working with us.

It's been a pleasure to serve this area. I want to thank everyone for all their help. This was by far a team effort. Thanks for letting me serve.

Group Service Representative Reports

The Beach Meeting: Not Represented – meeting still happening

Average attendance this month – unknown

Area Donation – none

Decision on subjects presented to the group – none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – none

Comments – none

Growth Through Recovery: Report given by Brandon C.

Average attendance this month – Are all trusted servant positions filled? – no, all co-positions, group leader, & representative for Alano Club open

Area Donation – none

Decision on subjects presented to the group – we are cool with activities and merchandise being split into 2 committees. We were wondering if it would be easier to just have Cathy sit on the activities committee as a merchandise Rep.

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – Is there or could we have a P.I. adventure to give more information to the Medical Profession about addiction?

Comments – none

Just for Today By the Bay: Report given by Mike F.

Average attendance this month – 20-25 Are all trusted servant positions filled? – No, co-treasurer open.

Area Donation – \$50.00

Decision on subjects presented to the group – Abstain on splitting the Activities committee—wondering why?

Suggestions brought to the area from the group -- none

Comments – none

Living Clean: Report given by Jeff B.

Average attendance this month 55- Are all trusted servant positions filled? No, co-treasurer open.

Area Donation - \$225

Decision on subjects presented to the group – Due to group business volume, we didn't have time to discuss splitting activities duties into a merchandise sub-committee.

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – Not going to support World speaker event

Comments – none

Living in Harmony: no report given

Never Alone: Report given by Adam W.

Average attendance this month 17-22- Are all trusted servant positions filled? Yes.

Area Donation - \$30

Decision on subjects presented to the group – none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – none

Comments – none

New Attitudes (Manistee): no report given

New Freedom (Cadillac): no report given

New Outlook: no report given

Recovery First: Report given by Rich P.

Average attendance this month 25-35, 70 on Tues.- Are all trusted servant positions filled? Yes.

Area Donation - \$50

Decision on subjects presented to the group – we addressed group etiquette and the suggestion of how our group conscience of how our meeting should be conducted

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – none

Comments – none

Women in Recovery: Report given by Cathy T.

Average attendance this month - 15 Are all trusted servant positions filled? - need GSR & Secretary

Area Donation - \$20.00

Decision on subjects presented to the group – Splitting Activities & Merchandise: No – we don't feel we need another committee

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – none

Comments – Cyndy M. is our new GSR

Sharing Session

None.

Old Business

Jo signed-off Area bank account.

Rob M. is still working on Literature & Retreat blurbs for procedures.

Splitting Merchandise & Activities:

Unless planning heavy merchandising, committee not needed

Trouble with willingness

Groups basically said no

Next Activities chair can get willingness from a committee member to help with merchandise

Just For Today By the Bay would like to organize World Speaker Event

Living Clean says no to co-sponsorship of World Speaker Event

Decision: recommend to try and get a copy of speech to distribute

New Business

Budget Requests:

Rent	\$50	
Phone	\$19.62	
Secretary	\$15	approved
Activities	\$40	approved
P.O. Box	\$48	approved

Area Elections:

(in bold selected as 2005-2006 term)

Facilitator:

Rich P. – not willing

Dave T. – willing

Paul D. – not willing

Co-Facilitator:

Rich P. – willing

Secretary:

Melissa – not willing

Nichole – not willing

Ryan C. – willing

Co-Secretary:

Adam W. – willing
Chad L. – willing
Mike F. – willing

Treasurer:

Amanda – willing

Co-Treasurer:

Brandon C. – not willing
Todd S. – not willing
Pat H. – not willing

Position remains open.

RCM:

Paul D. – willing

RCMA:

Brandon C. – willing

H. & I.:

Terry S. – willing
Tim C. – not willing
Grant – not willing
Cindy B. – not willing

P.I.:

Guy R. – willing

Retreat:

Dave T. – willing
Jeff B. – not willing

Literature:

Dave H. – not willing
Melissa – willing

Activities:

Nikki – willing
Grant – not willing
Mike F. – not willing
Pat H. – not willing