

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Minutes December 11, 2005

Opening: Facilitator, Dave T. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Scott S.. read the 12 Traditions, Carrie R. read the 12 Concepts

Attendance: Dave T., Carrie R., Guy R., Terry S., Mike F., Chad L., Jessica S., Paul D., Amanda B., Melissa B., Scott S., Kitty M., Scott W., Taylor D.

Welcome New Groups: None

Open Positions: None

Area Trusted Servant Reports

Secretary: Report given by Chad L., Secretary

Expenses for copies & postage ran +/- \$16.00, all receipts and change returned to Treasurer.

Treasurer: Report given by Amanda B.

Starting Balance \$665.11

Total Income \$549.17

Total Expenses \$658.85

New Balance \$555.43

Prudent Reserve \$147.43

Literature Subcommittee Account Balance \$350.58

Retreat Subcommittee Account Balance \$28.54

RCM: Report given by Paul D.

Region has a balance of \$11, 398.91. The C.A.R. will be coming up in February. RCM & RCMA are required to go. There are 3 motions to be discussed. Also there was a lot of discussion on a new Public Relations handbook in the making. Brought to region that the chapters after #4 are not that good and maybe this handbook is being rushed along. Region had copies made and willingness to read them and decide ourselves on the chapters at question. Hopefully we can voice our opinions at the C.A.R. meeting. MSO (Michigan Service Office) had successfully moved their location. There is still a H&I contact person position open at Region. Still working on statewide 1-800 number, and are talking to Metro Detroit region [there are significant costs involved with having 800 numbers that split across area codes... cost savings for having the 800 numbers cover an entire area code]. MRCNA (Michigan Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous) XXII up front costs are \$27,298, with a total cost of \$43,586. Paul D.

Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports

Activities: No report given.

Hospitals & Institutions: Report given by Terry S.

Ordered and received Literature needed for prison & Jails. Order was \$1.06 more than requested. Rachel will donate that. All meetings are happening on a regular basis except women's Jail. Cindy B. has been cleared to go into Jail so hopefully those meetings will be held every week again. No budget request this month. We will have one next month. Thanks for letting me serve. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year and all that flappy stuff that goes with it. Terry S.

Public Information: Report given by Guy R.

- Meeting Schedules – need any changes or new meetings, in writing please.
- Phone line – calls have been coming in and are getting answered.
- Drug Class Munson – Tuesday Dec. 13th will be covered by Bryan, Taylor, and Guy.
- Drug Court – will be getting a call the first of the week from the probation dept, it will be starting. – need help.
- Open Talk – will be a N.A. open speaker talk the 2nd Sunday of the month at the conference room at Munson put on by Public Information Sub-committee – need help.
- N.A. Community meeting – will be held in Munson Conference room in basement Wed. March 8th, 7pm to 8pm. Need panel members. Help, help.

(budget request - \$110.00)

Literature: Report given by Melissa B.

Still waiting on large order that was placed with W.S.O. (World Service Organization) on 11-29-05. I'm looking forward to having the Literature Committee up & running. I've put together an updated order form which includes only the items that will be in stock. Additional items can be special ordered & available at the following area meeting. I've also included a place for donations. Several folks & groups have said "Keep the change" so this will be the appropriate place to note those additional funds. Total Sales for this month \$51.00. At the Literature Committee meeting we will be discussing moving that meeting's location to 5th & Oak for better access to the box containing the inventory. Melissa B.

Retreat: Report given by Dave T.

Hello Family, There were four members at the Dec. meeting. The \$200.00 deposit was made to hold the dates of June 23rd - 25th. The cut off date at which we have to decide how many sites to release back to Ranch Rudolf was moved back to May 8th instead of April 23rd. This gives us two more weeks to fill the spots to ensure that we have the entire facility to ourselves. That is the same time that we will need to give them the rest of the deposit, \$300.00 more. We looked into the possibility of having the ranch cater the Sat. banquet, but the cost was prohibitive.

The name the retreat contest has begun and GSR's can take copies of the entry forms to your home groups. Also please take copies of the retreat flyer if your group doesn't have any yet. The search for graphics will begin in Jan. after the theme is decided.

The need for fundraisers that we can do during the winter months is a big topic as we won't have as much summer to work with this year. Any suggestions can be brought to the committee meeting or just see me anytime. The idea of putting on a dance instead of just doing something at an Area dance was discussed. We don't want to continuously take fundraising away from activities at their dances. We will be working closely with the activities committee to find ways to get things done.

We are checking into the possibility of hosting a pancake breakfast, and maybe auction off the personal services of some of our members. More will be revealed. ILS Dave T.

Group Service Representative Reports

Group	Report give by	Positions filled?	Attendance	Donation to Area	Decisions on subjects presented to the Group	Subjects brought to Area from the Group	Comments
J.F.T.B.T.B.	Mike F.	Yes	20	-	-	-	none
Living Clean	Mike F.	No, Secretary	45-55	\$175.00	-	-	none
Living in Harmony	Taylor D.	Yes	10	\$40.00	-	none	none
New Freedom	Kitty M.	Yes	2-6	\$10.00	none	none - \$1	\$2
Recovery First	Paul D.	Yes	15-20 M-R, 40-60 T	\$50.00	none	none-will be having an all night event Christmas Eve	\$2
Southside	Proxy by Guy R.	Yes	8	\$20.00	-	-	-
§1 [New Freedom Cadillac]: Some of us are preparing to start another N.A. meeting at another location after the New Year. I will continue to attend Area meetings and provide updated information.							
§2 [New Freedom Cadillac]: We have officially cancelled Monday & Friday meetings. Our current meetings are on Wednesday and Sunday at 6:30 pm.							
Secretary's note: No reports given for Growth through Recovery, Never Alone, New Attitudes, or Women in Recovery.							

Sharing Session

Nothing was brought to the table during the sharing session.

Old Business

- Co-Secretary Election: Jessica S. elected to fill the term through August 2006.

New Business

Budget Requests:

Rent	\$50
Phone	\$19.62
Secretary	\$10.00 approved
PI	\$110.00 approved

Attention GSR's

No issues brought to groups.