

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Minutes May 15th, 2005

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

Adam. read the 12 Traditions and Amanda B. read the 12 Concepts.

Attendance: Amanda B, Adam W, Pat H, Don O, Jeff B, Tim P, Cathy T, Tim C, Guy R, Carrie R, Dave T, Rich P, Paul D, Brandon C, Dave H, Jay S, , Rob M, Melissa B, Wanette C, Taylor D

Welcome New Groups: The Whiting Group, which doesn't have an official name yet, is meeting on Friday's at 6pm. They have contacted PI to be put on the next updated schedules. They hold their group conscience on the last Fri. of each month at 7pm.

Open Positions: Open Area Positions— RCM— Paul D. expressed willingness and received a unanimous "yes" vote. Treasurer— Amanda B. expressed willingness and received a unanimous "yes" vote Co-Secretary—Carrie R. expressed willingness and , and received a unanimous "yes" vote Congratulations to all of them!

Area Trusted Servant Reports

Secretary: Report given by Melissa B.

I spent a total of \$10.07 to copy and mail minutes; returning \$5.93 from \$16 budget. Budget request is \$15.

Treasurer: Report given by Amanda B.

starting balance \$961.00

total income \$211.67

total expenses \$319.23

new balance \$853.44

prudent reserve \$147.26

lit.com. Balance \$106.54

RCM: Report given by Paul D.

Budget request of \$150 for the RCM and RCMA to attend the next Regional Meeting.

Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports

Activities: Report Given by Cathy T.

Very small group at the meeting this month. Could definitely use more support.

The bowling was lots of fun. We had a great turnout, friendly competition, another fun-filled event in recovery. I'm sure we'll be bowling again soon! The Clean up Campout this year was a huge success!!! We had a great turnout, lots of fun and fellowship, good food and even pretty decent weather. Thanks to everyone who helped out and everyone who showed up. Hope you had as much fun as I did. I'm returning \$2.38 from the \$40 budget I requested.

Some upcoming events in our area to put on your calendar: Roller skating in Cadillac is coming up next Sat. , May 21st. It will be at the Cadillac skating rink from 3-5pm . Hopefully, we will see some Cadillac people there. Hope to see all of you there too! No budget request.

The NA Variety Show is coming soon to the UAW Hall near you! We're hoping that Marsha from the MRCNA committee will speak for us. This event is a MRCNA fundraiser. Please sign up for an act or talk to Paula. We have one more activities meeting to plan this so please show up and get involved. I will need lots of help for this event as I am having surgery earlier that week. I am requesting a budget of \$225; \$150 for the hall and \$75 for food and supplies.

More upcoming events: Kite Flying at the Open Space on June 25th Retreat Fundraiser Dance on July 16th
Canoeing on July 24th (tentative date) Softball & Picnic at Cherrybend Diamonds on August 7th (tentative date)

We still have the Area "Hugs Not Drugs" T-shirts for sale for \$10 or \$12 for XXL. Show your pride in your Area and buy yours now! That's it for now. As always we can always use more help so come to the activities meetings. Thank You for the opportunity to serve, Cathy T.

Hospitals & Institutions: no report given

Public Information: Report given by Guy R.

Attendance— 5

Website— up and running ok

Munson Drug Class— attended by Dave T. and Bryan B.

Poster Drive— will be discussing at the next PI meeting

Currently putting together a four-week format to present to drug court for the probation dept. and district court.

World Service is asking for input on revising the PI handbook.

Budget request of \$25 for schedules.

Literature: Report given by Dave H.

The literature committee's activities have been extremely limited for several weeks pending the outcome of group motions and

other controversies. At this time it seems reasonable to again move forward toward completion of a sustainable stock of literature.

Stock on Hand - 10 It Works, How & Why Books, 10 Just For Today Books, 10 Step Working Guides, 10 Sponsorship Books, 50 Introductory Guides, 100 White Keytags, 100 Orange Keytags, 50 each all other Keytags, 1 Basic Text, Assorted Informational Pamphlets

Still Needed- Set of 100 all Info Pamphlets \$ 360.00 approx., 9 Basic Texts \$ 87.30, 40 Medallions, years 1 - 20 \$94.00, Materials for storage box \$250.00 approx. Funds Required \$792.30 Funds on Hand \$289.96

Accounting Detail

\$ 33.36 starting balance

\$ 96.50 deposited from New Freedom 3/20/05.

\$ 50.00 deposited from Living Clean 4/5/05

\$ 110.10 raised at "Movie Night" 4/13/05

\$ 289.96 total balance

Current Activities:

Building materials for the storage box will be purchased this week. Todd S. has volunteered to build the storage box. The inventory will be moved to the 5th & Oak church basement as soon as the box is finished.

The Recovery First Group is donating \$ 50 to the Literature Committee and donations cans will be put out at the anniversary party as well as any activities that are OK'd by the Activities sub-committee.

With a car wash and garage Sale planned by the Retreat Committee, a variety show planned as a MRCNA fundraiser, we had difficulty planning a formal fund raising event this month. We welcome any suggestions and/or support offered by area trusted servants and the general membership. We ask that meeting chairpeople continue to make announcements in support of the donation cans.

Retreat: Report given by Rich P.

attendance 20

Paul D. won the "Name the Retreat" Contest. This years retreat theme is "Spiritual Crossroads"

Design the T-shirt Contest now on; will choose at next retreat meeting on June 7th; 7pm at Jacob's Well

Fund Raising \$1000

-Garage Sale at Dave & Cathy T.'s house on June 18th. Grant will make flyers.

-Car Wash at Bill Marsh Pit Row. Kristy will contact them and make arrangements

-Dance with a retreat fundraiser raffle. July 16th at the UAW Hall. Paul D is available to DJ. We will raffle off a painting and a "Miracles Happen" jacket

-Donation Cans; Dave H. will make them

Pens will cost approximately \$54. Kristy has info and will place order after receiving money to do so.

Speakers:

Jim B. - Friday night open Speaker

Grant H. and Tricia D. -1st Workshop

George S and Willard Y- 2nd Workshop

Charles L.-Saturday night open Speaker

Rob M. - Sunday Spiritual Speaker

Just a reminder to please call Timber Ridge at 947-2770 to reserve your campsite or cabin for this years retreat, which is August 19,20,21.

Group Service Representative Reports

The Beach Meeting: no report given

Growth Through Recovery: no report given

Just for Today By the Bay: Report given by Tim C.

Average attendance this month - 20-35 Are all trusted servant positions filled? - no, need co-gsr, co-secretary & co-treasurer

Area Donation - \$50

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments- Attendance at Friday night's meetings has dropped significantly.

Living Clean: Report given by Jeff B.

Average attendance this month - 48 Are all trusted servant positions filled? - need co-treasurer

Area Donation - \$100

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group- none

Comments- Congratulations to Pat H, new Co-GSR; Carrie R, new Co-Secretary; Larry R, new Chair; and Rob O, new Chair

Living in Harmony: Report given by Taylor D.

Average attendance this month - 10-15 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - yes

Area Donation - \$20

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments-none

Never Alone: Report given by Adam W.

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

Area Donation - \$20

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): Report given by Don O.

Average attendance this month - 6 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - yes

Area Donation - \$20

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments-none

Recovery First: Report given by Rich P.

Average attendance this month - Tue.60-70/Mon&Thur.20-30 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - yes

Area Donation - \$50

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments-donating \$50 to Retreat Committee and \$50 to Literature Committee

Women in Recovery: Report given by Cathy T.

Average attendance this month - 10-12 Are all trusted servant positions filled? - need GSR & Secretary

Area Donation - \$20

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments-none

Whiting Group: Report given by Tim P.

Average attendance this month - 9 Are all trusted servant positions filled? - need Secretary and Chair

Area Donation - \$20

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - to be added to meeting list

Comments-world is only able to send us a very limited start-up kit

Sharing Session

Regarding donations from groups directly to specific subcommittees

Is generally not done.

So richest groups cannot monopolize

Largest voices come together at Area so God's conscience is heard

Area works for groups— how can Area dictate what the groups do with their money?

This Area represents the groups, the groups voice is here among the GSR's

Sub-committees are part of Area

Money flows up, Services flow down

The money did flow up, maybe it's not specifically how it should be done, but really it's not about the money

Who are we to shame a group or tell a group they can't do that.

Old Business

PI letter to authorities— After speaking to authorities, it was deemed unnecessary to send them a letter regarding anonymity and our traditions. They do have an understanding of our traditions and will not intentionally walk into a meeting. Nonetheless, it is not realistic to think that our anonymity will protect an officer from entering a meeting if it is necessary.

New Business

Budget Requests:

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| Rent | \$50 | |
| Phone | \$19.62 | |
| Secretary | \$15 | approved |
| RCM/RCMA | \$150 | approved |

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| Activities | \$225 | approved |
| PI | \$25 | approved |
| Startup Kit for Whiting | \$55 | approved |
| Regional Donation | \$100 | approved |

Literature Committee and the Treasurer have a discrepancy with the LitCom totals in the bank. It appears to be a problem with the Bank not placing the LitCom money into the right S22 savings account. The LitCom Chair and the Treasurer will hash out the details and also check into a way with the bank to specifically label the LitCom Savings account.

Jo needs to sign off on the Area Bank Account and the new signers will wait until August elections to sign on.

Start Up Kit for Whiting Group– get through the Literature Committee, will cost approx. \$55. Jeff B. will contact Scott from the Benzie Group to see about getting readings and anything left over from that group.

We need a blurb in the Area Procedures for the Literature Sub-Committee and the Retreat Sub-Committee. Rob will consult the sub-committee chairs and write up something for review at the next Area meeting.

Open Forum

(no notes)

Attention GSR's

-A new group is meeting at the Whiting Hotel downtown on Friday night's at 6pm. The group will be deciding it's official name hopefully at the next group conscience on May 27th at 7pm. Come on over at check it out! This group also needs a Chairperson and a Secretary.

- Women in Recovery needs a GSR & Secretary
- JFTBTB needs a Co-GSR, Co-Secretary and Co-Treasurer
- Living Clean needs a Co-Treasurer

-On June 11th is the NA Variety Show! This will be at the UAW hall and will begin with a speaker. The Karaoke people will be there. Please sign up for an act or talk to Paula. Any kind of act would be great – singing, dancing, juggling, comedy; whatever your talent is! Get your kids involved too. This event is also going to be a MRCNA fundraiser so they will have people from their committee here and we will donate a portion of the proceeds to them. We're also having a pie in the face contest, featuring Dave T. and Brandon so you don't want to miss that! The Activities subcommittee needs help putting on the NA Variety Show so please come to the next Activities meeting on June 8th, 6:30 at 5th & Oak.

-PI subcommittee will be discussing a new Poster Drive at their next meeting on June 2nd, 6:30pm at 5th & Oak

-This year's retreat theme is "Spiritual Crossroads." The "Design the T-shirt" Contest is in full swing and will run to the next retreat meeting, which is June 7th; 7pm at Jacob's Well. Creative ideas needed. Call Rich P. for details 883-2305

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Next Meeting June 19th, 2005 at 4:00pm