

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Minutes October 16, 2005

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

Mike F. read the 12 Traditions, Brandon C. read the 12 Concepts

Attendance: Dave T., Rich P., Bryan B., Melissa B., Taylor D., Ryan C., Brandon C., Amanda B., Pat H., Paul D., Guy R., Chad L., Terry S., Mike F., Rob M.

Welcome New Groups: None

Open Positions: Secretary

Area Trusted Servant Reports

Secretary: Report given by Chad L., Co-Secretary

Requested and received check for \$15.00 from September ASC. I have not yet spent funds. Requesting Committee allow me to retain check and use for expenses for next month.

Treasurer: Report given by Amanda B.

Starting Balance \$906.02

Total Income \$340.82

Total Expenses \$664.62

New Balance \$582.22

Prudent Reserve \$147.34

Literature Subcommittee Account Balance \$382.58

Retreat Subcommittee Account Balance \$540.37

RCM: Report given by Paul D.

- Infrastructure / Public Image: Bad Language being used in Churches. This is really a Big issue.
- Raffle issue: Any type of raffle requires a license. We are operating illegally. Since we are going to improve our public image we will obtain a Grandfather license. Then all areas can operate under Region's license. Let Groups know that any raffle held without a license is illegal. Committee appointed to look into this issue.
- M.S.O.
 - Fall merchandise will be available.
 - M.S.O. owes back taxes and been fined \$10,000 per year for failing to file them over the past 3 years. M.S.O. owes \$30,000 in fines to the I.R.S.
 - Requesting help in paving parking lot.
 - M.S.O. moving again, new rent to be \$1,000 per month.
- M.R.C.N.A.
 - MRCNA XXII has a name and theme: "Freedom XXII" & "Back to Basics"
 - MRCNA XXII will be having a live band
 - MRCNA planning committee requesting help
 - February 26, 2006 MRCNA planning a Unity Dance in Lansing
- Banner Preservation: Saginaw Bay Area has concern with the way the Banners were voted upon at MRCNA XXI (Ann Arbor). Believes issue never went to the groups. Issue was dealt with 6 months to a year ago.

Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports

Activities: Written Proxy submitted by Ryan C.

Activities Meetings are going very well. Attendance is 10-15. Game night on Oct 1st was a lot of fun. Good turn out. Tim & Tony won the "tourney". Dance coming up on Oct 29th. Budget had been requested & approved [see Sept. Minutes]. Lots of new activities are being planned. Bring your activities ideas to next meeting! Still willing and thank you for letting me serve.

Hospitals & Institutions: Report given by Terry S.

Treatment centers going well. Women's Jail had new willingness. Toni S. & Sue K. have been approved and are going in. Men's Jail needs more help, but meetings are happening. Prison is also looking for more support. Lots of positions open. Need co-chair and panel leaders. Please encourage your sponsees to become involved.

Terry attended H&I region workshop and feels from what he hears, our area is doing a great job. See budget request for Literature needs.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Public Information: Report given by Guy R.

- Website up & running ok.
- Phone line working ok.
- Drug Class on Oct 18th will be covered by Bryan B & Taylor D.
- Will be getting a date on Drug Court presentation to the judges this week.
- Poster Drive was a success. 12 people in attendance. Will be ongoing for two months.
- New Schedules are here.
- Attended the P.I. workshop in Ann Arbor. [**GSR's** talk with groups about public image.]

Literature: Report given by Melissa B.

Nothing new happening since last month except the Literature Committee will be raising funds with a "Pie in the Face" contest at the Oct 29th Dance. I'm hoping this will raise enough to get the Committee going.

Retreat: Report given by Dave T.

Hello Family, This month was attended by 5 addicts and we primarily discussed the where and when of the next retreat. We decided to have the retreat at Ranch Rudolf the weekend of July 28th. If this weekend does not come available the fall back weekend is Sept. 15-16 or 22-23. I tried to contact the lady at the ranch, but she just had surgery and was unavailable for about two weeks. The weekend in July was penciled in, but no deposit was made, so we are unsure yet if it's available. I am asking for a deposit check in the amount of \$200.00 to secure whichever date comes open.

We held elections and the following positions were filled: Chad L., Co-Chair; Melissa B., Treasurer; Cathy T., Secretary; Pat H., Merchandise. Still need willingness for programming.

We do have a commitment from Patrick C. from K-zoo to be one of our speakers.

~~We will be starting the "Name the Retreat" contest after our next meeting, which is Tuesday, Jan. 3rd at Jacob's Well @ 6:30pm.~~ ***note: see New Business for change in next meeting date & time**

Group Service Representative Reports

Growth Through Recovery: Report given by Brandon C.

Average attendance this month – 5-10 Are all trusted servant positions filled? – No, co-positions are open.

Area Donation – Ø

Decision on subjects presented to the group – none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group -- none

Comments – none

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

Average attendance this month – 10-25 Are all trusted servant positions filled? – No, co-treasurer open.

Area Donation – \$40.00

Decision on subjects presented to the group – none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group -- none

Comments – none

Living Clean: Report given by Rob M.

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

Area Donation - \$200

Decision on subjects presented to the group – none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – none

Comments – Requesting that \$50 of our donation be granted to the Literature Committee.

Living in Harmony: Report given by Taylor D.

Average attendance this month – 10 – Are all trusted servant positions filled? Yes.

Area Donation - \$0

Decision on subjects presented to the group – none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – none

Comments – none

Never Alone: no report given

New Attitudes (Manistee): no report given

New Freedom (Cadillac): no report given

New Outlook: Report given by Tim P.

Average attendance this month 5, - Are all trusted servant positions filled? N/A

Area Donation – 1 starter kit

Decision on subjects presented to the group – none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – none

Comments – We had fun, but ran out of willingness

Recovery First: Report given by Rich P.

Average attendance this month 20 on M. & Th., 60 on Tu. - Are all trusted servant positions filled? yes

Area Donation – none

Decision on subjects presented to the group – none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – Concern about trusted servant holding more than one position such as Facilitator & Retreat Chair at once.

Comments – none

Women in Recovery: no report given

Southside Recovery: Report given by Bryan B.

Average attendance this month 10 - Are all trusted servant positions filled? No, Need Co-chairs.

Area Donation - \$0

Decision on subjects presented to the group – requesting Starter Kit

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – none

Comments – Donations will be made, probably next month. Prudent reserve needs establishing, prior to donation.

Sharing Session

- Website is falling out-of-date. Web servant is going through illness. Ask Web servant if he needs assistance.
- Jo D. signed off Area account. Rob M., Melissa B., & Wanette C. are required to sign off prior to new Trusted Servants being added to account. Credit Union requires new signers bring Area minutes with them showing their election [Aug 2005 & Nov 2005 – for Secretary].

Old Business

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

New Business

Budget Requests:

Rent	\$50	
Phone	\$19.62	
H&I	\$81.49	approved
PI	\$56	approved (reimbursement for Regional PI workshop in Ann Arbor)
Retreat	\$200	approved*-note: [if July date not available see New Business Fallback issue]
Literature	\$50	approved*-note: [see New Business]

- Living Clean requested \$50 of it's \$150 donation to area be earmarked to Literature Committee to help them stock inventory.
- Retreat Fallback issue:
 - Sept. 15-17 or Sept. 22-24 both of which have been penciled in by another group at Ranch Rudolf, are have been selected as fallback dates if the July 28th-30th is not allowed. The July date was reserved by a separate group a year ago, but R.R. has not heard from them since, and no deposit has been received by R.R. for the July date. R.R. has been unsuccessful in contacting the July group.
 - Northwoods 2006 is the weekend of Sept 8-10
 - Possible options mentioned if July date is not available:
 - Explore Timber Ridge. 3rd weekend in August is not available. Deal with daypass issue with management
 - Explore Cycle-Moore in Interlochen (was checked last year, has no amenities).
 - [Explore other locations]
 - July 15th-18th at R.R. is available, but 4 of campsites & the bunkhouse is already booked...some concern with this option expressed as to the closeness of the weekend to MRCNA XXII
 - Dave T requested check to secure July 28th weekend. If July 28th is not available, will void check . Next meeting on November 8th at 6:30pm at Jacob's Well.
- Two positions being held at one time for Area Service
 - Issue was discussed 2 years ago & August during area elections
 - Concern is with the possibility of conflict between both positions
 - Decision: bring this issue to Groups

Attention GSR's

PLEASE NOTE: RETREAT COMMITTEE TO MEET 1 WEEK LATER THAN NORMALLY SCHEDULED IN NOVEMBER. RETREAT & LITERATURE SUBCOMMITTEES TO MEET AT JACOB'S WELL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th AT 6:30PM.

Open Positions at Group Level:

Growth through Recovery needs all Co-positions
Just for Today By the Bay needs a Co-Treasurer

Living Clean needs a Co-Treasurer
Southside Recovery needs all Co-positions

Open Position at Area Level:

Secretary (1 year clean time requirement)

Issues being sent to Group:

- Retreat Fallback issue [see New Business]: request ideas or options to explore, if July 28th date not available.
- A Group has asked that the issue of one person holding two positions at the area level (specifically an administrative position & a subcommittee position) be addressed [see New Business]. Area is requesting the groups decide if one person can hold two positions.

Activities to have:

- Halloween Dance on **October 29, 2005 at 7pm at 3 Mile & Garfield**. "Pie in the Face" contest to raise funds for Literature inventory drive. Flyer posted to website, Flyers distributed to groups.
- [next meeting 6:30pm, 5th & Oak on Wed. 11/09/05]

H & I needs:

- Co-chairs & Panel Leader
- Men's Jail & Prison meetings need support
- Asking sponsors to encourage your sponsees to get involved with H&I service
- [next meeting 6:30pm, 5th & Oak on Wed. 11/16/05]

PI needs:

- [next meeting 6:30pm, 5th & Oak on Thurs. 11/03/05]

Literature needs:

- [next meeting 6:30pm, Jacob's Well on Tues. 11/08/05]

Retreat needs:

- [next meeting 6:30pm, 5th & Oak on Tues. 11/08/05]