

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Minutes June 19th, 2005

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

Cathy T. read the 12 Traditions and Brandon C. read the 12 Concepts.

Attendance: Amanda B, Wanette C, Rob, Adam W, Cathy T, Rob M, Dave H. Jeff B, Tim P, Dave T, Paul D, Brandon C, Rachel S, Terry, Guy R, Carrie R, Tim C, Kitty, M, Todd, Krista, Chad

Welcome New Groups: none

Open Positions: Co-Treasurer-no willingness, take back to groups

Area Trusted Servant Reports

Secretary: Report given by Carrie R.

A total of \$13.89 to copy and mail minutes; returning \$1.11 from \$15 budget. Budget request is \$15.

Treasurer: Report given by Amanda B.

There is a difference in what bank says we have and what we have as a balance. Amanda & Wanette have worked with someone at the bank to find this difference, but it cannot be found. So we'll go by what the bank says we have and make an adjustment.

starting balance \$853.44	new balance \$339.13
total income \$268.31	prudent reserve \$147.26
total expenses \$639.62	lit.com. Balance \$362.41
(Adjustment \$142.99)	

RCM: Report given by Paul D.

Regional meeting was on 6/5. Co-Facilitator was filled by Calvin L. from Kalamazoo. Regional Treasurer has been lengthened to a 2 year term. MRCNA is July 1-4, will be voting on what to do with the banners. Will have 3-4 options to choose from. If you want to see them all this will be your last opportunity. Also there will be H&I Workshops at 11:30-12:30 and 1:00-2:00 Saturday at MRCNA. The conference agenda report will have an official meeting in February 2006 in Kalamazoo. Regional made software for pin-up flyers. Stick the disc in, go to read text options, click on your area for your area to be displayed. Will have Regional minutes at next area.

Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports

Activities: Report Given by Cathy T.

I was not able to attend the last activities meeting as I was recovering from my surgery. Dave attended in my place. Unfortunately, the roller skating in Cadillac pretty much bombed. It takes people to make activity successful but no-one showed up for this event other than Dave and I and Jay, who rode with us, and Don from Cadillac.

The NA Variety Show on the other hand, was a huge success!! The speaker was great and so was the show, thanks to the 3 brave souls who actually performed. And then there was the MC who pretty much stole the show! Thanks to all who participated. The pie in the face contest was great! The contest was between Dave and Brandon and Dave ended up with the pie in the face, as usual. He was a good sport though and between them they raised over \$300! After all that we had Karaoke, which was fun too! All together we brought in \$648.41; our expenses were \$221.03, leaving us with a profit of \$427.38. I am returning to the Area \$648.41. As this was a MRCNA fundraiser, the committee suggests we give the MRCNA committee \$400, which is basically the profit we made.

We're going to be flying kites in the open space on Sun, June 26th. Bring your own kite and a sack lunch. And don't forget your kids. There is a retreat fundraiser dance on July 16th at the UAW Hall. There will be an NA memorabilia raffle so if you have any memorabilia you would like to donate, please see me. Otherwise just come out and buy some raffle tickets to help support your retreat! Budget request is \$225; \$150 for the hall and \$75 for food, pop and supplies.

Some other upcoming events include Canoeing on 24th at Chippewa Landing and Softball & Picnic at Cherry Bend Diamonds on August 28th.

We still have the Area T-shirts available, so show your pride in your area and buy yours now.

That's it for now. We can always use more help so come to the activities meetings and the activities.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve, Cathy T.

Hospitals & Institutions: Report given by Rachel S.

Pugsley & Treatment centers are going well. Jail's going well. Some meetings were cancelled due to jail chaos. Unfortunately all new trusted servants who were cleared are no longer able to serve. I am having a hard time getting new names cleared. I have left 2 messages for Sgt. Smith and finally talked to him last Sat. He said he didn't have time to talk and said he would call back, but never did. Will keep trying.

Les called to let me know about H&I Workshops at MRCNA. Both are on Sat. The first is a round table and the second is a speaker who found NA in prison.

Budget request is \$398.14

Public Information: Report given by Guy R.

Attendance- 4
New schedules are here.
Munson Drug class June 28th-covered by Brian B.
Website- up and running ok
Poster Drive- will be discussing at the next PI meeting
Phone Line-on hold, waiting for region to make a decision on 1-800 number\
No budget request

Literature: Report given by Dave H.

The literature committee's activities have been focused on the completion of the storage box to be housed at 5th & Oak. The box is now complete and delivered there.

Status Report

In Stock		Still Needed	Cost
8 It Works, How & Why Books	\$ 64.00	Set of 100 all Info Pamphlets	\$ 429.50
10 Just For Today Books	\$ 77.00	10 Basic Texts	\$ 97.00
10 Step Working Guides	\$ 73.00	2 It Works How & Why	\$ 15.40
9 Sponsorship Books	\$ 63.00	5 Intro Guides	\$ 8.50
45 Introductory Guides	\$ 76.50	40 Medallions, years 1 - 20	\$ 98.70
341 Keytags	\$ 126.17	1 Sponsorship Book	\$ 7.00
		220 Booklets	\$ 115.40
		559 Keytags	\$ 206.78
		Total	\$ 978.28
		Discount	- \$ 58.70
		Shipping	\$ 55.17
		Funds Required	\$ 974.75
Total	\$ 479.67	Funds on Account	\$ 362.41
Storage Box (Fixed Asset)	\$ 250.00		
Total Committee Assets	\$ 729.67		

Accounting Detail

\$ 250.00 Allocated for Storage Box (\$ 385.07 actual)

Current Activities

Building materials for the storage box has been purchased. This box is now complete. The inventory is now housed at the "Friends Meeting Place" at 5th & Oak

Fund raising efforts will continue: \$ 612.34 needed

We would very much like to continue the fundraising efforts and commence operations only after the base inventory has been secured. This will alleviate confusion and minimize the potential for accounting or procedural errors. The Literature Committee guidelines are in progress and based on a fixed inventory which is replenished once a month. Dave H.

Retreat: Report given by Dave H.

attendance 16

Design the T-shirt Contest won by Toni S. Rich will speak with Dave H. to make it camera-ready

- Fund Raising
 - Garage Sale at Dave & Cathy T.'s house on June 18th from 8-5
 - setup on the 17th at 6pm
 - sign up sheets going around
 - Car Wash June 25th at Bill Marsh Pit Row from 1-4pm
 - Dance on July 16th at the UAW Hall with DJ Paul
 - raffle off a painting and a "Miracles Happen" jacket
 - Raffle a campsite-1st place, T-shirt-2nd place, speaker tapes-3rd place
 - Rich will get raffle tickets and begin selling right away
 - \$1 each or 6 for \$5
 - Donation Cans have raised \$42.27

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

Dave T. will price out and present a budget at next retreat meeting
60lbs. of Chicken, 20lbs. of Burgers, and 15 lbs. of Hot Dogs
plus potato salad, cole slaw, beans, buns, condiments, Sara Lee Cakes

Speakers- What are the camping needs of our speakers?

Brandon will find out if we need to reserve them a cabin, campsite, etc

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

Next Retreat Meetings—July 5th at 6:30pm and July 19th at 6:30pm, Jacob's Well

Group Service Representative Reports

The Beach Meeting: Report given by Guy R.

Average attendance this month - 17

Area Donation - none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments— meeting going well

Growth Through Recovery: Report given by Brandon C.

Average attendance this month - 7-15 Are all trusted servant positions filled? - no, need Secretary

Area Donation - none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - Our group has reversed it's decision to not send a GSR to Area. We will be sending our GSR for full participation.

Comments— None of my trusted servants showed up for group conscience so I have no information or \$ or anything, sorry.

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

Average attendance this month - need support Are all trusted servant positions filled? - no, need GSR, co-GSR

Area Donation - \$100

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments— Group conscience for July will be on the 2nd Friday due to MRCNA

Living Clean: Report given by Pat H.

Average attendance this month - 50 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— none

Living in Harmony: Report given by Taylor D.

Average attendance this month - 10-15 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—none

Never Alone: Report given by Adam W.

Average attendance this month - 17-20 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - yes

Area Donation - \$10

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 Kitty M.

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

Area Donation - \$10

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments—none

New Outlook (Whiting): Report given by Tim P.

Average attendance this month - 9.75 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - need Secretary and Chairperson

Area Donation -none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments—last month's minutes reported that we donated \$20 to Area. We are not yet big enough to donate. We came up with a

name— it's the New Outlook Group. Thanks you to Area for the donation to start our group.

Recovery First: Report given by Dave H.

Average attendance this month - Tue.55-80/Mon&Thur.25-35 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-Monday chair-Laura B., Tues.-Chad, and Thurs.-Derek All supplies are stocked. \$200 Literature order placed. \$50 Rent

Donation to Faith Reformed Church was paid

Women in Recovery: Report given by Cathy T.

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

Area Donation - none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments— This group is struggling again— We could use more support— especially women with experience to share.

Sharing Session

Why doesn't Activities just hold on to money instead of revolving all the time?

-Clean time requirement for Activities is one year. Should someone with one year clean be holding onto and responsible for that amount of money?

-Primary reason monies from all committees being returned to Area is to track the money and have accounting records.

It is to safeguard current and future trusted servants.

Where did the \$853 balance in the account last month go? Well 853.44 plus income of 268.31 minus 639.62 in expenses is 482.12, then minus the 142.99 accounting adjustment leaves a balance of \$339.13

Why do we have less money?

-Donations from groups is down.

-Are groups making decisions where their money goes instead of bringing it to Area?

-Groups do make purchases of things like chairs, literature, coffee, etc

-Budget fluctuates from time to time.

Old Business

Literature Committee discrepancy with Area bank account has been resolved and account is now labeled with it's name.

Whiting Group got their start-up kit.

Jo still needs to sign-off on Area bank account.

New Business

Budget Requests:

Rent	\$50	
Phone	\$19.62	
Secretary	\$15	approved
RCM/RCMA	\$150	approved
Activities	\$225	approved (from Retreat sub-account)
H&I	\$254	approved (amended from \$398)
Regional Donation	\$100	approved

Suggestion from Treasurer to accept the \$339.13 balance which the bank says we have. All in agreement.

Suggested Donation to MRCNA of \$400 from the Dance. All in agreement.

Retreat Garage Sale money \$311.07 will be deposited into a sub-account earmarked for Retreat Committee.

Open Forum

(no notes)

Attention GSR's

Area Co-Treasurer position is open. Clean time requirement is one year. Duties are to assist the Treasurer in keeping full and accurate records for the Area Service Committee.

Group Open Positions

-Growth Through Recovery needs a Secretary

- Women in Recovery needs a GSR

- JFTBTB needs a GSR and a Co-GSR
- New Outlook needs a Secretary and a Chairperson
- Living Clean needs a Co-Treasurer

The Women in Recovery group is really struggling. In particular need of women with experience to share.
The New Outlook group is the new group meeting at the Whiting. It could really use support.

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Next Retreat Meetings—July 5th at 6:30pm and July 19th at 6:30pm, Jacob's Well

Please call Timber Ridge at 947-2770 to reserve your campsite or cabin for this year's retreat, which is August 19, 20, 21. Flyers are circulating.

Upcoming events: Canoeing on July 24th at Chippewa Landing

Softball & Picnic at Cherry Bend Diamonds on August 28th.

Next Meeting July 17th, 2005 at 4:00pm