



Minutes July 18th, 2004

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

Lisa L. read the 12 Traditions and Jeff B. read the 12 Concepts.

Attendance: Cathy T, Jo D, Robin C, Brian W, Dave H, Wanette C, Jeff B, Nichole C, Rachel S, Don O, Terry S, Melissa B, Lisa L, Luke R, Tim C, Linda D, Leslie, Jay

Welcome New Groups: none

Open Positions: Secretary and Co-Treasurer

Area Trusted Servant Reports

Secretary: Report given by co-sec. Melissa B.

I spent \$5.55 on stamps to mail the June minutes. Budget request for this month is \$5.55 for stamps to mail minutes.

Treasurer: Report given by Wanette C.

Income			
Living Clean	\$175	Recovery First	\$50
JFTBTB	\$75		
Recovery First	\$50		
New Attitudes	\$50		
New Freedom	\$5		

RCM: Report given by Dave H.

MSO surveys are available - Southwest MI & Washtenaw schedules are available

Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports

Activities: Report Given by Cathy T.

The last activity meeting was very small – just 4 of us in attendance. It's a little frustrating to be having so many activities with so little help. We really need your help!! A recap of activities that have taken place since the last area meeting:

On June 26th we had a dance at the UAW Hall. Eric was the speaker. I hope you all got to be there for his powerful message of recovery. We had a pretty decent crowd for the dance, the weather was great and so was the music. Terry, the antique addict and Rachel did the "Pie in the Face" contest, raising over \$188.00!!! And in a rather historical moment, Rachel was the one who got the pie in the face. She tried to pawn the honor off to her young son but the group conscience decision was that she get the pie. She took it very well – with dignity and grace. The total income including door sales, food & pop sales and the pie in the face donations, was \$487.86; the total outgo was \$100.00 for the DJ, which gave us net proceeds of \$387.86, which I am bringing to the area.

The following day we met at the Open Space for some Kite Flying. There was a pretty good turnout, lots of sun and wind and colorful kites. A good time was had by all!

Last Sunday was our annual Canoe Trip. It was much warmer this year, although the water was still pretty cold. There were 12 of us and we all had a great time. Only one canoe got tipped – we're still not real sure whose fault it was, depends who you ask. But it was a beautiful day for a float down the Manistee River.

On July 31st, we are having a picnic at the Long Lake Township Park and Boat Launch. There will be swimming and volleyball and food. I have some flyers for those who don't have them at their meetings yet. We are hoping for a good turnout, so pass the word around. Bring your kids and your floaty toys and a dish to pass (people food please). We are asking for a budget of \$30.00 to buy bratwurst, hot dogs and buns.

Next month, August 15th, is the area meeting & elections day. We would like to have a picnic and softball game as we usually do. We were thinking of starting the area meeting/elections at 11:00 followed by softball and then food. We are asking the area for a budget of \$30.00 for hamburgers, hot dogs & buns and asking people to bring a dish to share. We are asking for this bodies approval to schedule the meeting for that time.

My total budget request is \$60.00 for the two activities.

Last year the activities committee planned some activities for the Retreat, for Saturday afternoon. We talked about that and thought a Kick ball game would be fun and something that everyone could play. Will be discussed further at the Retreat committee meeting.

That's about it for now. As always, we could use more support. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.
Cathy T.

Public Information: Report Given by Jo D.

Small meeting-2, then 4 people; schedules printed- took 100 schedules to MRCNA XX - all gone; talked to George in the Northwoods area - will try to get a hold of Lisa re: public service announcements - talk of sharing TV/radio with this area since we share the same stations; talk about making phone messages as simple (keeping it simple); all other info going well; could use more attendance; did get schedules to be printed in the future from another source - cost will be cut in over half.

Retreat: Report given by Melissa B.

Plans are going well. \$500 deposit check was mailed to Timber Ridge. T-shirts are done and will be available soon. We have speakers/ workshop speakers. Out of town speaker will be Jerry W. from Flint (Grant's sponsor). Dave T's getting food for Sat. picnic. All is well- please stay for meeting directly following this area meeting.

Hospitals & Institutions: Report given by Jeff B.

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Group Service Representative Reports

Women in Recovery: Oral Report given by Linda D.

Group Conscience is the second Mon. of each month - 6pm, Grace Episcopal Church basement

Average attendance this month - 26 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - GSR & Secretary positions are open
Area Donation - none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - abstain

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments- this group is in desperate need of support both with trusted servants and financially

Living Clean: Proxy Report given by Jeff B.

Average attendance this month - 35 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - yes

Area Donation - \$150

Decision on subjects presented to the group - 1. WSO should keep 90 day prudent reserve, not one year 2.Zonal Forum is not needed to present a PI/ H&I workshop 3.Region should up World donation from 10% to 12% 4.Region should co-host the New Year party in Southfield at a cost of \$1500 5.Yes on consolidating literature orders with area working out the bookkeeping details.

Suggestions brought to the area from the group- none

Comments- all is well

Growth Through Recovery: Report given by Nichole C.

Group Conscience is the last Saturday of each month - 11am at the Alano Club.

Average attendance this month - 8 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - co positions are all open

Area Donation - none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments- This group could use support!

Recovery First: Proxy Report given by Dave H.

Average attendance this month - Tue.50/Mon&Thur.25 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - yes

Area Donation - none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - Yes to literature committee, Yes to up WSO donation to World, No to region co-hosting New Year's Dance

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments- none

Just for Today By the Bay: Report given by Rachel S.

Average attendance this month - 20 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - need all co-positions

Area Donation - \$75

Decision on subjects presented to the group -none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments- Could I please get minutes earlier to I have them for our group conscience?

Never Alone: no report given

Group conscience is the second Tuesday of each month - following the meeting

Average attendance this month - 13 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - no

Area Donation - none

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 Luke R.

Average attendance this month - 16 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - yes

Area Donation - \$20

Decision on subjects presented to the group - No to increasing regional donation to world (\$\$ to better serve our area)

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - get suggestions from region on areas who are already doing literature the in-stock store way

Comments- Need tax id # in writing for bank acc't please

The Benzie Group: no report given

Average attendance this month - 5 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - no

Area Donation - none

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

Average attendance this month - 8 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - yes

Area Donation - none

Decision on subjects presented to the group - none

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments - none

New Freedom (Cadillac): Report given by Don O.

Average attendance this month - 5 Are all trusted servants positions filled? - yes

Area Donation -\$5

Decision on subjects presented to the group - Yes to getting literature from Area

Suggestions brought to the area from the group - none

Comments - none

Sharing Session

no sharing

Old Business

*Group decisions: Yes to literature committee
Yes to increasing regional donation to 12%
Yes to region co-hosting New Year's Eve party in
Southfield at a cost of \$1500
workshop
No, don't need zonal forum to host an H&I/ PI

No to raising WSO's prudent reserve to 1 year
*Literature Committee: Dave has a handbook on Literature Committee, but it is quite dated, and only nominally useful. He did some research and came up with a cost study based on 11 groups. A basic starter set including 20 books each, 100 IP's each, 100 Keytags each, and 5 medallions each would cost about \$1600 from the WSO (about \$1900 from MSO+more in shipping). So that brings up the questions of how to come up with money to get this starter set - Do we pool our money? Do fundraisers? Open up the literature committee position at Area next month and let them decide the best way to begin. After discussion, we decided to wait until new position is filled and allow them to discuss and decide.

New Business

Budget Requests:

Secretary	\$5.55 approved
RCM/RCMA	\$75 approved
H&I	\$260 approved
Activities	\$60 approved

* Area Meeting and Elections will be held 11:00am. This meeting will be followed by picnic and softball.

Attention GSR's

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Area Elections are next month! All positions will be open, including the new position of Facilitator for the Literature Committee. If you are unable to attend, you can send a letter of proxy expressing your willingness and qualifications.

**Next Meeting August 15th, 2004 at 11:00am
Picnic & Softball afterward**