

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Minutes April 9, 2006

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

Tom M. read the 12 Traditions, Mike F. read the 12 Concepts

Attendance: Todd S., Rich P., Mike F., Sally, Paul D., Melissa B., Cynthia J., Amanda B., Pat H., Chad L., Guy R., Tom M., Rob O.

Welcome New Groups: None

Open Positions: RCMA

Area Trusted Servant Reports

Secretary: Report given by Chad L., Secretary

All minutes should have made it out on time. If anyone failed to receive them, let me know. Still willing to serve. Chad L.

Treasurer: Report given by Amanda B.

Starting Balance	Total Income	Total Expenses	New Balance	Prudent Reserve	Literature Subcommittee Account Balance	Retreat Subcommittee Account Balance
\$438.91	\$325.00	\$497.12	\$266.79	\$147.53	\$41.56	\$148.89

RCM: Report given by Paul D.

Hello Family, I'm an addict named Paul. Region balance is at \$9750.00 Agreed to establish a prudent reserve of \$3000.00 for region over the next 6 months. MRCNA committee positions are filled. Fund raising for MRCNA is at \$2175.00. There are 132 people pre-registered for MRCNA. If your area wants to put in a bid for 2008 MRCNA, it needs to be in by June 11 to the MRCNA committee. MRCNA will be accepting credit/debit cards for registration and merchandise this year. The Co-facilitator and Web site contact positions are open at region. The 800 number is still in the process but moving slowly. We gave the Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate Alternate a vote of confidence for any issues that come up on the floor at the world conference. Paul D.

Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports

Activities: No report given.

Hospitals & Institutions: No report given.

Public Information: Report given by Guy R.

- Website – out of date, Chad is working on bringing it up to date.
- Munson Drug Class – covered by Tony S. and Bryan B., went well
- Phone Line – no calls this month
- Speaker Meeting – going well, is tonight (Tim C. is the speaker)
- Drug Court – get started, program on hold, waiting for room at the new courthouse building, Workshop at the Clean Up Camp Out on Saturday Morning.
- Still need more names on the contact list for Munson Emergency Room.
- Posters – working on forming a poster committee to check on posters that are out there, and put posters in new locations

Literature: No report given.

Retreat: Report given by Dave T.

Hello family, the Dance last night was a roaring success! The income breaks down as follows: Door \$373.00; Concessions \$144.76; Pie in the Face \$474.00; Pop Can refund \$8.00, for a total income of \$1000.16. The expenses break down as follows: Hall rental \$200.00; DJ \$100.00, Supplies \$126.81. For a total Profit of \$573.35.

The \$573.35 is the amount to go into the retreat account if this body decides we need to pay Area back for the start up money we received. With the tremendous job we did I don't care what we decide, however we are going to need a check for \$300.00 in May, to complete the \$500.00 deposit required by Ranch Rudolf. We are planning at least two more fundraisers, another pancake breakfast on April 22nd and the annual garage sale May 20th. I believe that we will be fine, moneywise, without the extra funds so I guess I'm suggesting that the retreat not keep the startup funds.

The T-shirts are in and they look fantastic. Sales have been brisk already and a second printing may be needed before retreat time. Great job Pat and Chad for making this happen. Hoodies will be sold on a pre-purchase basis only. Pat or Chad will be available to set people up for these.

Some of the supplies I bought for the dance will be usable at the retreat such as coffee cups, creamer, sugar, and pop.

I don't believe we will have to give back any campsites to the Ranch, however I do think we will be relasing some motel rooms to them as we do not want to be financially responsible for many \$92.00 a night rooms. I'm still waiting for someone to express an interest in the bunkhouse as well. More will be revealed on that. I.L.S. Dave T.

Group Service Representative Reports

Name of Group	Are all Trusted Servants Positions Filled, if no, which?	Average Attendance	Donation to Area	Decision on subject(s) presented to Group	Subjects brought to the Area from the Group	Comments
J.F.T.B.T.B.	Yes	15-20	\$50.00	More Clarity and specifics on tax issues.	For anyone holding facilitator position & a sub-committee position to have the co-facilitator chair area during while sub-committee report is being given.	None
Living Clean	Co-GSR, Co-Treasurer	Nights 65, Days 30	\$175.00	None	None	None
Living in Harmony	Yes	±10	None	None	None	None
Recovery First	Yes	30/ M&Th, 70+Tue	\$50.00	None	None	None
Southside Recovery	No report submitted	No report submitted	\$35.00			Suggest \$15.00 be donated to Literature Subcommittee budget

Sharing Session

None.

Old Business

- Retreat Account Money going to and from Area's Account
 - Where is Retreat sub-committee budget originate from?
 - Retreat sub-committee budget originated from money earned in '05 being reserved for '06.
 - Earned from last year's?
 - Yup.
 - The Retreat sub-committee is returning the seed moneys for the April Dance back to Area, it is not being kept in Retreat's account.
- Sales Taxes: If we purchase anything w/o paying a sales tax, we must collect a sales tax. Since everything Area purchases is paid with a sales tax, we are not required to charge sales tax on items we sell. This includes Retreat T-Shirts/Hoodies.

New Business

Budget Requests:

Rent	\$ 50.00
Phone	\$ 19.62
Secretary	\$ 15.00
Activities	\$ 100.00 (for Clean-Up Campout vittles)
Retreat (reimbursement)	\$ 24.05
Literature	\$ 30.00 (\$15.00 from Southside and due to a Double Bonus Pledge period, an additional \$15.00 from Area)

RCMA Election

- Sally still willing, decision held off until she has 6 months in May.

Facilitator/Sub-committee Chair Issue

- Motion brought by JFTBTB: For anyone holding facilitator position & a sub-committee position to have the co-facilitator chair area while sub-committee report is being given.
 - DECISION: Not needed to be brought to Groups, Facilitator agrees not to facilitate while giving Sub-Committee report.

Request of Area to Groups

The Issue: Since the last revision to the Area Procedures in 2003, there have been disagreements that have come up repeatedly dealing with Area's authority. Since the final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups, Area is asking that the Groups to look at how Area is structured, to ensure it remains harmonious with the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts to NA service. As the Northwestern Area continues to grow new opportunities and problems present themselves.

- Issues recently brought up that have been recurring are, but not limited to:
 - Clean Time requirement for Area positions.
 - Facilitator holding additional positions at Area
 - Sub-committee bank account issues
 - Scope of services provided by the Area subcommittees to addicts and the community at large
 - Any other issue that your group has?

The Request: Area is requesting the groups consider taking a fresh look at how Area is run, and if necessary look at forming either an ad hoc committee*, as was done previously, or have the groups offer other solutions.

Ad hoc in Latin means "this purpose." An ad hoc committee, for example, is created with a unique and specific purpose or task and once it has studied and reported on a matter, it is disbanded.

Attention GSR's

- RCMA position is open at Area level

- Please discuss the Request of Area to Groups