

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Minutes February 18, 2007

Opening: Rich P. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
Jesse M. read the 12 Traditions, Sally B. read the 12 Concepts.

Attendance: Sue K., Cathy T., Bryan B., Pat H., Chad L., Paul D., Sally B., Mike W., Brandon T., Jake T., Todd S., Shelley P., Jesse M., Paula W., Michael F., Taylor D., Rich P., & Zach W.

Welcome New Groups: None.

Open Positions: None.

Area Trusted Servant Reports

Secretary: Report given by Sue K., Secretary

- Correction to last month's minutes: meeting closed at 4:40 p.m., not 5:40 p.m. as reported. I spent \$1.56 in postage, will need another \$7.80 for the same. I am submitting a budget request for \$10.

Treasurer: Report given by Pat H. for 1/07 – 2/07

Beginning Balance	Total Income	Total Expenses	Ending Balance	Prudent Reserve	Literature Subcommittee Account Balance	Retreat Subcommittee Account Balance
\$621.33	\$372.00	\$559.62	\$433.71	\$143.27	\$523.36	\$1,259.84

RCMA: Report given by Sally B., RCMA

- Last regional meeting was held Feb 4 at the SWMACNA convention in k-zoo.
- Michigan NA website has been renewed for the next 7 years. Payment made by MSO.
- Year-end balance of \$10,865.82.
- \$25/month fee was agreed upon to ensure security of bank account: dual signatures.
- Digital Banners – will be available to download on website and at MRCNA convention on disk. Banner issues have been turned over to the MRCNA committee and will be handled by them in the future.
- PR/PI issue tabled until our area can discuss
- Elections – all positions filled except for Co-secretary.

To Discuss:

- Area Archives – history of our area is at MSO. They have the space, do we want to keep it there?
- MZF (Michigan Zonal Forum) – should we continue our presence @ the MZF? Should we continue funding for RD & RDA participation?
- Next Region: April 1st, Gaylord, MI
- Thanks for letting me serve. Sally Rose

Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports

Activities: Report given by Chad L.

- Turn out for activities has been really good. Thank you to Cathy for hosting the Sledding Party. I heard it went well. **We are in need of people to show up for the Activities meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5th & Oak at 6:30 p.m. No one attended last meeting.**

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, February 23rd, Game Night at 5th & Oak. Looking for a chance to get involved? Game Night follows the Friday night meeting. Requesting \$15 for pop. Potluck – munchies.
- Saturday, March 10th, Maple Syrup Making at 1663 Birmley Rd. Starts early at 7 a.m.; however, will go on throughout the day. Sledding and Snow Shoeing available at and around the Observatory Hill. Cards at night. Requesting \$15 for soda and coffee.
- Saturday, March 17th. St Patty's Dance at American Legion Hall. Open Speaker at 7 p.m. Dance at 8 p.m. \$5 at the door, no addict refused. Requesting \$100.00 for food and decorations.
- Flyers and calendars are out or can be e-mailed. Check the website for additional information.
- Thanks for letting me serve. Chad L.

Hospitals & Institutions: Report given by Todd S.

- Jail – Dave T. & Sally B. have been cleared. Room for two more men & three more women on the list. Meetings are going good and attendance is good.
- Dakoske – is going to be touch and go for awhile. Steve C. is taking on a new job and will need time off as chairperson for that meeting. We will be looking for members that have experience in H&I service that would be a good choice for filling in that position while Steve is gone. Chad L. will cover the meeting for the next two weeks.
- Munson – going great, new lead speaker format is working well. Lots of willingness from members to speak at that meeting. Good interaction from munson clients.
- Prison – Guy R., Brandon T., & Paul have been cleared, just waiting for prison to schedule orientation for them. We should be in good shape! Going good, good attendance.

Public Information: Report given by Bryan B.

- Website – Excellent condition
- Phone line – Being checked regularly, being answered adequately.

- P.I. Open Talk – Shelley P. next month. Concern: small surplus of money (\$37 before supplies purchased).
 - Donation \$20 to area.
- Munson Drug Class – Next meeting, March 8th. Taking in Bryan B., Mike W. Need women with willingness, 1 yr. clean time requirement.
- Posters –being taken care of. We have willingness, many schedules going out.
- Schedules – 2000 schedules being made the week of 19th.

Literature: Report given by Todd S. for Guy R.

- Sales this month – JFTBTB, \$58.20.
- Have two orders coming from World, they have assured me the order will be here by this Friday. Had problems with the orders because they no longer will take orders over the phone. They must be faxed from now on.
- Literature account balance is \$741.00

Retreat: Cathy T.

- Unfortunately, I spaced the last retreat meeting but several other people showed up and we ended up having the meeting via speaker phone. Sorry for that.
- We have several people in mind for main speakers but no concrete decisions yet. We are going to get together and listen to a couple speaker tapes before we decide. We decided on two workshops: “Let Go and Let God” and “What Can I Do?” We’re also going to do a special workshop on the “History of NA.” There were a lot of ideas given for workshops. Thanks everyone for your participation. We will be looking for workshop speakers so be prepared for an opportunity to do some service!
- During the SWMACNA Convention, we spoke to the person who does the taping for conventions who had indicated that he would be interested in doing some smaller workshops or retreats. I gave him my e-mail address but have not yet heard from him. It would be nice to have all of our workshops and speakers recorded but we will have to see if it would be feasible or affordable for us.
- Our next fundraiser will be a Pie in the Face Contest during the St. Patrick’s Day dance. It will be between Brandon and Michelle, whom I believe are already forming alliances! We will also be having another Pancake Breakfast in March. Watch for flyers.
- We will hopefully be finalizing the T-shirt design today after this meeting so we can order the T-shirts.
- The next Retreat meeting will be on March 6th at 6:30. I promise to be there. Please come and show your support.
- Thanks for the opportunity to serve, Cathy T.

Group Service Representative Reports

Name of Group	TS Positions filled?	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.	No	25-45 F, 15 Sa, 2-5 Su	\$125	See comments	None	We still have T-shirts for sale. Need a Sat. chairperson .
Growth Through Recovery	Yes	10	\$0	None	None	None
Living Clean	Yes	30-40 nite 30 noon	\$0	See comments	None	Wed. chairperson open next month. Attendance leveling off, literature & supplies adjusting accordingly.
Beach Group	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	We will see you next on May 26 th , 2007 at Bryant Park, Aloha!
Southside	No	8	\$30	See comments	None	Thursday night chair - open.
Living in Harmony	Yes	10	\$40	None	None	None
Miracles Happen Recovery 1 st	Yes	15	\$40	None	None	None
Never Alone						Report given during meeting, no written report for minutes.
Men in Recovery	Yes	11	\$0	None	None	No Report.
Women in Recovery						None
Kingsley Group		6	\$0	None	None	No Report.
						None

Sharing Session

- Cathy T. reported information on Youth IP's is available.
- Jesse M. asked why no Naranon in area. Sally B. reported that it must be started from a Naranon member, not an NA member, as that would be violating our Traditions.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Area Archives (see RCM report). A discussion was held and the group agreed to keep the information where it is currently being stored.
- Should region continue to fund the RD & RDA to attend the MZF? The group would like to hear from the RD & RDA about the value of attending the MZF prior to making a decision. Issue was tabled.

Budget Requests:

Activities	\$143.11	Game night, Maple Syrup activity & St. Patty's Dance
Secretary	\$10.00	Postage

- Budget requests were approved.

Open Forum

- A concern was brought to the table regarding recent literature issues. Suggestion was made to those concerned to attend the next Literature Committee meeting and issue was tabled until Literature Chair present.

Meeting closed at 5:40 p.m.

GSR Task List

- Upcoming Activities:
 - Fri. Feb. 23rd Game Night – potluck 5th & Oak
 - Sat. March 10th Maple Syrup making & other activities 1663 Birmley – Chad L's
 - Sat. March 17th St. Patrick's Day Dance American Legion Hall
- Public Information – Next meeting, Thursday, Mar. 1st at 6:00 p.m., 9th & Wadsworth, Miracles Happen.
- Retreat Sub-committee – Next meeting, Tuesday, Mar. 6th, at 6:30 p.m. at Jacob's Well.
- H & I – Next meeting, Wednesday, Mar. 21st, at 6:30 p.m. at 5th & Oak.
- Activities – Next meeting, Wednesday, Mar. 14th, at 6:30 p.m. at 5th & Oak.
- Literature Committee – Next meeting, Tuesday, Mar. 13th, at 6:30 p.m. at Jacob's Well.
- **Please announce: Activities Sub-Committee needs support. Please come to the monthly meeting & help Chad L.!**
- Help is needed to organize the St. Patrick's Day Dance. Attend the Activities meeting on Mar. 14th to find out how you can help.
- Drug Class—need women for next class, March 8th. Contact Bryan B. for more info. at 313-0612.
- Area is looking for our area's NA History for the next Michigan Zonal Forum. If you have information regarding our history, contact Sally B. at 675-0601.

Next Area Service Meeting, Mar. 18th, Basement of 5th & Oak at 4pm.
All are welcome! Come and see how **service works!**