

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Minutes March 19, 2006

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

Rob O. read the 12 Traditions, Becky B. read the 12 Concepts

Attendance: Dave T., Rich P., Chad L., Nichole C., Becky B., Melissa B., Jay, Pat H., Taylor D., Adam W., Paul D., Sally, Rachel S., Terry S., Mike F., Rob O., Guy R., Bryan B., Kitty M.

Welcome New Groups: None

Open Positions: RCMA

Area Trusted Servant Reports

Secretary: Report given by Chad L., Secretary

Special Thanks to Jessica and Melissa for covering my duties last month. I am grateful for the prayers and support of the ASC and the fellowship. My apologies to anyone who received the minutes late last month. They were in the mail the first of the month. I am requesting a budget of \$10.00 for the upcoming month. Thank you for letting me serve.

Treasurer: Report given by Amanda B.

Starting Balance	Total Income	Total Expenses	New Balance	Prudent Reserve	Literature Subcommittee Account Balance	Retreat Subcommittee Account Balance
\$500.12	\$350.00	\$411.21	\$438.91	\$147.53	\$41.56	\$350.82

RCM: Report given by Paul D.

Not much to report because there was no Regional Meeting last month. The idea of a workshop for the CAR Motions did not work out. I have made up packets and a voting page to take back to your groups. I've done the best I can with the time given since the last Area Meeting. I need permission from this body to try and organize a workshop for this, and now we are out of time. GSR's can take these packets and try to get a number of votes and call me with the number before April 1st. The next meeting in Lansing with an H&I and PI meeting on April 1st. I am requesting the usual \$150.00 budget for room, gas, and food and also \$100.00 for a Regional Donation.

In loving service, Paul D.

Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports

Activities: Had a great open talk with Bryan B. and Game night on March 17th. In the process of trying to find out about Spring Clean-up weekend at Timber Ridge Campgrounds. Activities subcommittee meeting will start up again on the second Wednesday of April. Some possible activities that will be discussed are Dune Climb and Picnic, Kite flying, bowling, & dances. Activities is a fun place to start your NA Service work. Please show up at the meeting. Thank you for letting me serve. Rachel S.

No budget request, receipt for \$ spent handed in to treasurer (card night).

Hospitals & Institutions: Report given by Terry S.

Treatment Centers and Prison going well. Jail still having its ups and down. For last two women's meetings no inmates were interested in coming. There is a new sergeant in charge but we don't know who it is. Literature has been ordered but hasn't arrived yet. Thanks for letting me serve. Terry S.

P.S. no budget request this time. If I go to H&I regional meeting in Lansing I will bring back receipts.

Public Information: Report given by Guy R.

- Website - ? Dave H. stepped down as website coordinator – Chad L. was elected as new website coordinator at last P.I. Meeting.
- Phone line ok
- Drug Court getting started, program will be happening soon.
- Speaker meeting at Munson 2nd Sunday of month going well, 40 in attendance.
- Schedules are updated and here now. – Women in Recovery, still at 7:00pm?
- Community meeting successful, Need to make contact list for Males and Females.
- Need to make presentations at staff meetings.

Literature: Report given by Melissa B.

All is well. Currently waiting on the order to bring box up to stock level. No Sales this month.

Retreat: Report given by Chad L., Co-chair

NWACNA is fast approaching... There are only 14 weeks, slightly more than 3 months, until the retreat.

Thanks to everyone who came and had breakfast with us last weekend. We had solid turnout all morning long. The breakfast brought in \$225.46. Minus expenses, our net income is \$148.96. Special thanks to everyone who helped prep, cook, and tear down afterwards. It was a real team effort, and could not have been done without everyone's support.

Bids have been sent out for the Retreat T-shirt & Hoodie screen printing. The costs are inline with last year's, or slightly cheaper. The first printing of the T-shirts should be available at the next Retreat Sub-committee meeting [to be at Jacob's Well on Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30pm.

The Retreat subcommittee is planning an Open Talk, Karaoke, & Dance at the American Legion Hall off Hastings Street in Traverse City on Saturday April 8th. Pie in the Face and Refreshments will be sold. The open talk begins at 7:00 pm, with dancing and singing following. Suggested Admission donation is \$5.00, but no one seeking recovery will be turned away.

Start rummaging through your garages and basements to support the annual NWACNA garage sale at Dave & Cathy's. All proceeds will support the Retreat Committee. The Garage sale will be sometime in May, more will be revealed at the next Area meeting. Thanks for letting me serve, Chad L.

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
Growth through Recovery	GSR, GSRA, Secretary, Co-Secretary	10	None	None	None	None
J.F.T.B.T.B.	Co-Treasurer	15-20	\$30.00	None	None	None
Living Clean	Co-GSR, Co-Treasurer	Nights 60, Noon 30	\$150.00	None	None	None
Living in Harmony	Yes	10	None	None	None	None
Never Alone	Yes	12	\$45.00	None	None	None
New Freedom	Yes	6-8	\$10.00	All CAR motions, not adopted	There is a new NA group in Cadillac on Thursday. 12:30pm at Catholic Human Services. One of the Counselor's at the agency has requested a Starter Kit for the group.	None
Recovery First	Yes	30/ M&Th, 70+Tue	\$50.00	We did vote on Issues Brought to our Group and results were turned into our RCM.	None	We are looking for a new Location.
Southside Recovery	Yes	9	\$40.00	None	Thursday 6:00 group happening. Would like on the Schedule when possible	CAR votes are in RCM. Question about L.C. stock Medallions.

Sharing Session

- Melissa: Literature Subcommittee will coordinate with groups and other subcommittees to ensure its resources are properly being utilized.
 - Rich: Recovery First wants to start using the Literature Subcommittee
 - Possibility of additional \$ be added to increase stockpile.
- New Group in Cadillac
 - Kitty: Meeting is being held at Catholic Human Services. Meetings was originally started by an addict out of treatment. Originator of meeting has since left and taken the literature with him. Counselors at CHS have tried to facilitate the meeting in the meanwhile. An addict attending this group contacted Kitty. She is fully aware of the traditions issues that this group needs to work through. The important point is that addicts are meeting together and are in need of support and guidance.
 - Decision: Kitty should direct them to World Services for a starter kit. We should introduce them to Area. Maybe PI consult the Counselors?

Old Business

None.

New Business

Budget Requests:

Rent	\$ 50.00
Phone	\$ 19.62
Secretary	\$ 10.00
RCM regional donation	\$ 100.00
RCM	\$ 150.00
Retreat (Pancake reinbursement)	\$ 77.50
Retreat (April Dance)	\$ 90.00

RCMA Election

Sally willing – only has 5 months clean time requirement.

ELECTION RESULT = TIED.

- Won't have 1 year in August for possible RCM position.
- Concerns regarding prior service commitments
- RCMA is not automatically a shoe in for RCM, can serve a full term next year.
- Would be a disservice to Sally to let her serve, should gain solid foundation in service at the Group level, then the Area, and then the Regional level, need learn to disagree without being disagreeable.
- Could Ride down with Paul to see how Regional Service functions. Idea approved.
- Decision: Table election until next month when Sally has 6 month requirement fulfilled.

Retreat funds coming out of Area Budget as opposed to Retreat's Budget

- Terry S.: taking money out of Area's account rather than Retreat's, should be brought to the groups. Concerned of the inconsistency from year to year on this issue.
 - Mike: Make Donation an automatic donation to Retreat?
 - Dave: in the past, Area has funded Retreat for that, that Retreat could not cover.
 - Rich: Last year we agreed to have left over funds kept with Area. The money is Area's, not the Group's.
 - Nichole: Area supports the Retreat. Prefer to have 7th tradition fund the Retreat than fundraising outside of the fellowship (ie. Garage Sale and Car Wash)
 - Bryan: Retreat is going to spend the money no matter what. End result will be the same anyway. Why not now?
 - Terry: Nichole is wanting no Garage Sales or Carwashes. He understands it is going to come from Area. Direct funding of the Retreat is not written in the Area Guidelines, has trouble understanding how it can be done without the consent of the Groups if it isn't in the Guidelines.
- Decision: being that consensus was achieved, approval for \$77.50 pancake reimbursement come from Area's account rather than from Retreat, and that the seed money for the Dance come from Area's account, but the decision about repaying the seed money back be tabled until April's ASC meeting.

Attention GSR's

- Regional Committee Member Alternate position open at Area level.
- Retreat Fundraiser to be held at American Legion Hall off Hastings Street in Traverse City on Saturday April 8th. Open Speaker at 7:00 pm, Karaoke & Dancing to follow. **Retreat T-Shirts will be available to be purchased and Hoodie pre-ordering will be available.** Pie in the Face and Refreshments sold.
- Activities Subcommittee to start meeting again at 5th & Oak on 2nd Wednesday of April. Co-Chair position open. Come help plan spring & summer activities.