

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Minutes November 20, 2005

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

Rachel S.. read the 12 Traditions, Bryan B. read the 12 Concepts

Attendance: Dave T., Rich P., Mike F., Paul D., Amanda B., Pat H., Terry S., Rachel S., Melissa B., Jessica, Chad L.

Welcome New Groups: None

Open Positions: Co-Secretary

Area Trusted Servant Reports

Secretary: Report given by Chad L., Secretary

Expenses for copies & postage ran +/--\$13.00, all receipts and change returned to Treasurer.

Treasurer: Report given by Amanda B.

Starting Balance \$582.22

Total Income \$540.00

Total Expenses \$457.11

New Balance \$665.11

Prudent Reserve \$147.43

Literature Subcommittee Account Balance \$622.56

Retreat Subcommittee Account Balance \$340.58

RCM: Report given by Paul D.

Hello Family, not much to report due to there hasn't been a regional meeting since the last area meeting. The next regional meeting will be in Battle Creek Area on Sunday, December 4th. Loving Service, Paul D.

Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports

Activities: Written Proxy submitted by Ryan C.

Halloween Dance was a lot of fun and we had a pretty good turn out. Without the raffle or pie in the face money we did not have a large take in, but I believe we did OK. Total take in for the door and concession was \$332.00 after paying DJ Paul and the bottle return money. We are left with \$215.00 to return to area. I have all of the receipts with the money. We have a game night planned for Nov. 25th here at 5th & Oak. We are planning a New Years dance with the Northwoods Area. It has been suggested that we split the cost and profits. I am requesting a budget of \$200.00 for this event. Attendance for committee meetings have been good. Thank you for letting me serve. I am still willing. Nikki S.

Hospitals & Institutions: Report given by Terry S.

All meetings are happening. Need lots of willingness for Prison, Jail, and Dekoski. Get your sponsees involved. Thanks for letting me serve, Terry S.

P.S. Happy Thanksgiving!

Public Information: Report given by Guy R.

- Munson Drug Class Dec. 18th-covered by Guy, Bryan, Taylor
- Website-Dave H. attended and said he would make corrections
- Drug Court-still on hold.
- Phone Line-working, no calls
- New Schedules changes needed at next area meeting in December.
- P.I. Subcommittee will be having a community meeting, health care workers and so on will be invited. Will need people for a panel.

Literature: Report given by Melissa B.

I have an order to place for \$604.02. I had the wrong bank account #, so the pie in the face money was put in the prudent reserve by accident. Now that this was cleared up, I am requesting the \$604.02 for the literature committee order. Sales this month = \$10.00.

Retreat: Report given by Dave T.

Hello Family,

This month's meeting was attended by 8 addicts and we primarily discussed the where and when of the next retreat. We decided to have the retreat at Ranch Rudolf the weekend of June 23rd -25th. The committee felt that the June date might be better in the long run as Aug. seems to be very crowded with NA activities. I did receive some concerning info from the contact lady at the ranch. Due to their 2 month cancellation policy they say any motel room, or campsite not booked by April 23rd will have to be released for them to book elsewhere. Anything not released will be our responsibility. I plan on going out there to check out the lay of the land, and try to negotiate a more favorable compromise. She also said they need a \$500.00 deposit when she previously said \$200.00. I will definitely get a clarification on that. We are going to have the "Name the Retreat Contest" during the month of Dec and the artwork contest in Jan. We are looking into different fund raising ideas as we will need to generate funds during the winter months. Any ideas will be gratefully accepted at the Dec. 6th meeting. ILS Dave T.

Group Service Representative Reports

Growth Through Recovery: Report given by Brandon C.

Average attendance this month – 5-10 Are all trusted servant positions filled? – No, co-positions are open.

Area Donation – \$25.00

Decision on subjects presented to the group – We are OK with 2 positions being held that are "executive and subcommittee"

Suggestions brought to the area from the group -- none

Comments – none

Just for Today By the Bay: Report given by Mike F.

Average attendance this month – 10-25 Are all trusted servant positions filled? – No, co-treasurer open.

Area Donation – \$50.00

Decision on subjects presented to the group – Leave it area to make decision on – holding area position and trusted servants subcommittee position. We do not see a problem with this as a group, we elected them to the seats. Change guidelines.

Suggestions brought to the area from the group -- none

Comments – none

Living Clean: Report given by Rob M.

Average attendance this month – 20-40 – Are all trusted servant positions filled? No, co-treasurer & secretary open.

Area Donation - \$175

Decision on subjects presented to the group – Our group does not see anything wrong with a member holding two positions. No feedback regarding the retreat date. We ran out of time.

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – none

Comments – Monday Night meeting format had been changed to a Step Study meeting.

Living in Harmony: Report given by Taylor D.

Average attendance this month – 10 – Are all trusted servant positions filled? Yes.

Area Donation - \$0

Decision on subjects presented to the group – 2 position issue: we have no concern; Retreat: no opinion

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – none

Comments – none

Never Alone: no report given.

New Attitudes (Manistee): no report given

New Freedom (Cadillac): Report given by Kitty M., new GSR

Average attendance this month 2-6 - Are all trusted servant positions filled? -

Decision on subjects presented to the group – n/a

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – n/a

Comments – We will most likely discontinue our Monday & Friday meetings until attendance increases. Wednesday & Saturday will continue. Start time 6:30, smoking.

Recovery First: Report given by Rich P.

Average attendance this month 30 on M. & Th., 70 on Tu. - Are all trusted servant positions filled? yes

Area Donation – \$50.00

Decision on subjects presented to the group – we did not have a group conscience, therefore this group brings no new decisions or subjects to the area.

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – no new subjects brought to area

Comments – none

Women in Recovery: no report given

Southside Recovery: Report given by Bryan B.

Average attendance this month 8 - Are all trusted servant positions filled? Yes.

Area Donation - \$10

Decision on subjects presented to the group – OK with having 2 chair positions at area, if it's a questions of amending the guildlines its fine the way it is.

Suggestions brought to the area from the group – none. | Comments – none.

Sharing Session

Nothing was brought to the table during the sharing session.

Old Business

- Secretary Election: Chad L. elected to fill the term through August 2006.
- Bank Account signators: Please show up at Credit Union One on 14th & Veterans December 3rd @ 10:00am.
- Rob M. has finished working on Literature & Retreat blurbs for procedures, will present to the Area in December.
- 2 Positions at one time issue: No two Area Trusted Servant positions may be held at the same time (i.e. Facilitator & Treasurer), however an addict may hold an Area trusted servant position (i.e. Facilitator, Treasurer, Secretary or RCM) **and** a Sub-committee trusted servant position (i.e. PI chair, H&I chair, Activities chair, Retreat chair, or Literature chair).
- Retreat date: NWACNA X will be held June 22-24, 2006 at Ranch Rudolf.

New Business

Budget Requests:

Rent	\$50	
Phone	\$19.62	
Secretary	\$20.00	approved
RCM	\$150.00	approved
H&I	\$419.23	approved
Activities	\$0	\$200 request on hold until December due to lack of funds.

- T-Shirts – look into the possibility of selling previous year retreat T-Shirts at Region's Dance.
- AREA to meet 1 week earlier than normal... Area to meet the **SECOND** Sunday of December, the 11th at 4:00pm at 5th & Oak.

Attention GSR's

PLEASE NOTE: AREA MEETING TO MEET 1 WEEK EARLIER THAN NORMALLY SCHEDULED IN DECEMBER. DECEMBER 11th, 2005 at 4:00pm, 5th & Oak.

Open Positions at Group Level:

Growth through Recovery needs all Co-positions
Just for Today By the Bay needs a Co-Treasurer

Living Clean needs a Co-Treasurer & Secretary

Open Position at Area Level:

Co-Secretary (6 month clean time requirement)

Issues being sent to Group:

Activities to have:

- [next meeting 6:30pm, 5th & Oak on Wed. 12/07/05]

H & I needs:

- Men's Jail & Prison meetings need support
- Asking sponsors to encourage your sponsees to get involved with H&I service
- [next meeting 6:30pm, 5th & Oak on Wed. 12/20/05]

PI needs:

- [next meeting 6:30pm, 5th & Oak on Thurs. 12/01/05]

Literature needs:

- [next meeting 6:30pm, Jacob's Well on Tues. 12/13/05]

Retreat needs:

- [next meeting 6:30pm, Jacob's Well on Tues. 12/06/05]