

# Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Minutes October 15, 2006

**Opening:** Facilitator, Rich P. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Cathy T. read the 12 Traditions, Brandon C. read the 12 Concepts

**Attendance:** Wanette C., Sue K., Cathy T., Michelle C., Todd S., Brandon C., Bryan B., Zach W., Pat H., Chad L., Bryan B., Rich P., Sally B., Rob O., Rich P., Shelley P., Chad L.

**Welcome New Groups:** None

**Open Positions:** Co-Secretary, RCM

## Area Trusted Servant Reports

**Secretary:** Report given by Sue K., Secretary

Supplies needed to be purchased—envelopes and stamps, which will be covered from last month's budget allocation of \$20. All groups received minutes, no changes. Bryan B. motioned to approve minutes, Brandon C. seconded, minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer:** Report given by Pat H. for 9/6/06 – 10/6/06

Starting Balance	Total Income	Total Expenses	New Balance	Prudent Reserve	Literature Subcommittee Account Balance	Retreat Subcommittee Account Balance
\$540.14	\$497.06	\$512.83	\$524.37	\$142.71	\$87.19	\$1000.00

**RCMA:** Report given by Sally B., RCMA

- October region minutes have yet to be sent, a full report will be given next month.
- Concensus has been reached on banners for MRCNA.
  - They will be hung at the 2007 convention in Lansing and photographed.
  - This is the last time they will be hung with exception to big anniversary conventions.
  - In lieu of hanging the banners, a slide show will be shown.
- Region P.I. contact talked about changing to Public Relations. A handbook is available on online at NA.org. These guidelines are more up-to-date than the previous published H&I and PI guidelines.
- Region will be held in our area in February, so if we want any workshops, they need to be planned.
- Thanks for letting me serve.

## Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports

**Activities:** Report given by Chad L. – Activities is cruising along, thanks to all the continued support. Lots of things going on.

- Game night was a smashing success! We had a lot of fun and fellowship. Unfortunately, the golf scramble / pot luck was cancelled due to weather and illness.
- Oct. 22nd we are going to have a Pumpkin Carving at 2:00 pm in the basement of 5th & Oak. B.Y.O.P. (Bring your own Pumpkin), cider and donuts provided.
- November 4th, we are hosting a Halloween Dance at the American Legion Hall on Hastings St in Traverse City. There will be a Speaker at 7pm and dance to follow. There will be door prizes, and an NA memorialbia raffle to support the Literature Committee. Anyone willing to set up, please come between 5:30-6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11th there will be a Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Retreat. Anyone willing to help set up, come at 7 a.m., breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- November 17th we will be having an indoor black-light putt putt golfing outing at the Horizon Outlet on US-31 near the Mall, beginning around 9 p.m. The exact cost will be determined shortly with flyers coming.
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Day after Thanksgiving, Leftovers Dinner at 5<sup>th</sup> & Oak. The dinner will be at 5 p.m. prior to the meeting at Living Clean. All are welcome.
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Bowling at Timberlanes from 2 p.m. – til? The price has gone up to \$3.15 with \$1 for shoes
- Since the Kalkaska golf outing was cancelled, I'm returning \$50. I am requesting a check for \$200 for the hall and \$75 for food for the dance. I am requesting \$45 for the pancake breakfast. Thank you for letting me serve.

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Report given by Todd S.

- Jail – going well –good support from both men and women; Todd S., Brandon T., Terry S. are going in for the men; Rachel S., Sue K., Mary S. are going in for women. I've been going every week.
  - There was a fight between two men inmates, guards will not let instigating inmate back in the meeting.
- Dakoske – going good, support from both men and women--Terry S., Russ M., Chad L. & Cathy T.
- Munson – going good – getting good support from men and getting better support from women, the # of NA members at one meeting not exceeding the ideal amount. Steve L.

**Public Information:** Report given by Bryan B.

- Munson Drug Class – Sept. 19th
- Website –
- Phone line –
- P.I. Open Talk – Munson is very pleased, scheduled us out for another year. Toni S. next month.
- Miracles Happen Group – P.I. Meeting Nov. 2, 6:00 p.m.

**Literature:** Wanette C. for Guy R.

- Need help for Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Halloween dance fundraiser. Will be auctioning off a 25<sup>th</sup> Annual NA Text and two framed NA posters. Contact Guy R. or Chad L.
- Starting Tuesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 5th & Oak at 6 p.m., Wanette C. will be having a workshop reviewing the new information for the revised basic text. Will be held every other Tuesday. ?
- Order this month totaled \$79.25. Literature Committee balance is \$46.11. Expecting an order with step guides, IP's and medallions.

**Retreat:** Cathy T.

- We had pretty good attendance at the first meeting. All positions are filled: Pat H., Co-Chair and Treasurer; Dave T., Secretary; Chad L., merchandising; and Sally B., programming.
- We have Rudolph Ranch reserved for 6/22- 6/24. We will need to deposit \$500 in March or April of next year.
- We are starting the "Name the Retreat" contest now and will choose a name at the December retreat meeting. You will see "Name the Retreat" ballots at meetings and there will be collection boxes at 5<sup>th</sup> & Oak, Jacob's Well and the Alano Club. Submissions need to be recovery related. Winner gets a free NWACNA 11 Retreat T-shirt.
- After we pick the name, we will have a contest for the artwork and hope to have the name and design by February, 2007. The winner of the design will also get a free T-shirt.
- We are having a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on November 11<sup>th</sup>. We are working with the Activities Committee.
- We're off to a good start, but will definitely be needing more help so please show up at the next Retreat meeting on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Jacob's Well. Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Cathy T.

### Group Service Representative Reports

Name of Group	Are all Trusted Servants Positions?	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	30-40 F, 8-15 Sa, 2-5 Su	\$100	None	None	Group T-shirts are in the works. ?'s, comments?, design?, purchases?, see Todd S.
Growth Through Recovery			None	None	None	No report
Living Clean	Yes	40-50	\$40	None	None	None
Beach Group	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	We will see you next on May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 at Bryant Park, Aloha!
Southside		8	\$50	None	None	None
Living in Harmony			None	None	None	No report
Miracles Happen	Yes	18-20	None	None	None	New meeting – Thursdays @ 7:30 p.m. Church seems happy with group.
Recovery First Group	Yes	25ish	None	None	None	None
Women in Recovery	Yes	10-15	\$20	None	None	New meeting location starting 11/6/06. Moving from Grace Episcopal to First Baptist located on 244 Washington St. Still Mondays from 7-8 p.m. Please announce new location has a play room for children.

### Sharing Session

- Sue K. asked for a copy of the area policies and guidelines and posed a question about how the area establishes quorum, votes and conducts business (Sue commented her prior experience with service structure, only GSR's vote and a quorum of GSR's must be present at area to conduct business).
  - Chad L. added the area had passed a service structure based on "consensus" voting which is reflected in the area's policies and procedures (contained in the Secretary's folder).
  - A discussion ensued about NA service structure and area history with regards to the same.
  - Sue was asked to include a copy of the area's policies and procedures with the minutes for groups to discuss and bring questions, comments, or concerns, if any, back to the next area meeting.

### Old Business

- Bank Account Signature Card – necessary signers (and those needed to be removed) agreed to meet Sat., Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at the bank at 10:00.
- Elections – Co-Secretary, no willingness, still open; RCM, Sally B. is willing and will be eligible next month, still open.

### New Business

**Budget Requests:**

Activities	\$320.00	\$200 Dance Hall dep., \$75 dance food, \$45 pancake breakfast
Facilitator	\$10.00	Paper

NOTE: No figures for monthly expenditures, ie: phone, p.o. box., will amend minutes next month if necessary

## GSR Task List

- Anyone wanting to receive e-mailed fliers of all activities, send your e-mail address to [nwmichiganactivities@yahoo.com](mailto:nwmichiganactivities@yahoo.com). Or contact Chad L. (231) 392-4311.
  - Taking nominations for open area positions – Co-Secretary and RCM.
  - Taking suggestions for workshops during Region's February meeting, being held here, in our area.
  - Upcoming Activities: (refer to Activities report for more details)
    - Sat. Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Halloween Dance Am. Legion Hall, 7 p.m.
    - Sat. Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast 5<sup>th</sup> & Oak, 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
    - Fri. Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Indoor Putt Putt Golf Horizon Outlet Mall, 9 p.m.
    - Fri. Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Leftover Dinner 5<sup>th</sup> & Oak, 5 p.m.
    - Sun. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Bowling Timber Lanes, 2 p.m. - ?
- Activities needs volunteers to help set up for both the dance and pancake breakfast.**
- Public Information – Next meeting, Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m., 9<sup>th</sup> & Wadsworth, Miracles Happen.
  - Retreat Sub-committee – Next meeting, Tuesday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Jacob's Well.
  - Submit your entries for "Name the Retreat" contest in the ballot boxes at 5<sup>th</sup> & Oak, Jacob's Well or the Alano Club.
  - Announce new Miracles Happen meeting, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., 9<sup>th</sup> & Wadsworth.
  - Announce new location for Women in Recovery, starting Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> is moving to First Baptist church, 244 Washington St. with a play room for children. Still meeting from 7:00 – 8:00 on Mondays.
  - J.F.T.B.T.B. is designing and will be selling T-shirts. See Todd S. for more information.
  - Review area policies and procedures concerning establishing quorum at area, voting and decision making. Bring any questions, comments or concerns to the next area meeting.

Next Area Service Meeting, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, Basement of 5<sup>th</sup> & Oak at 4pm.  
All are welcome! Come and see how **service works!**