

# Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Minutes

## Sept. 22 , 2008

**Opening:** Jake T. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Ben E. : read the 12 Concepts

Caleb G : read the 12 Traditions.

**Attendance:** Jake T., Brandon T. ,Jason R., Ben E., Todd S., Chad L., Pat H., Caleb G., Cherie L., Bill L., Wayne C., Jeff K., Bryan A., Shelly P.

**Welcome New Groups:** None.

**Open Positions:** Secretary, Retreat Chair, Activities Chair.....All are One year clean time requirement

**Co-Secretary:** Report given by Shelly P.

Thanks for letting me serve.

**Treasurer:** Report given by Pat H. for /08 – /08

Beginning Balance	Total Income	Total Expenses	Ending Balance	Prudent Reserve	Literature Subcommittee Account Balance	Retreat Subcommittee Account Balance
\$623.08	\$228.64	\$501.65	\$350.07	\$144.47	\$427.55	\$1000.00

**RCM:** Report given by Jason R.

There is no report from Region. The next Region meeting is October 5, 2008.

The MRCNA feedback requested at last months Area wasn't an official Region request therefore the former R.C.M. feels it is prudent to disregard the request from the group level.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

### Sub-Committee Trusted Servant Reports

**Activities:** Report given by Jake T.

As of today there is no Activities Chair, though John W. is Co-Chair. He does not have clean time requirement for Chair, therefore no activities with large amounts of money.

Budget \$270.00 We paid \$200.00 for the venue and \$70.00 for the startup of the concessions.

The door brought in \$ 206.00, we paid the DJ \$150.00 out of that leaving \$56.00. The concessions brought in \$126.00. I paid Pat H. \$14.00 out of that for door prizes leaving \$ 112.00.

Total after pay outs \$168.00 plus the \$211.00 Pie in the face brought in. for a grand total of \$379.00 giving back to area.

The dance was a huge success, but we can no longer have the venue for the \$200.00 we have been paying. She would now like \$70.00 an hour and a \$100.00 deposit. So this well exceeds any activities budget I have ever seen. So in the future we need to find a different spot to have our dances at.

The home group challenge went very well also with the Living Clean Group winning very handely.

The golf outing was a big success this year I just suggest to whomever runs activities next year to not schedule it on a day along with area . LOL.

Thanks so much for allowing me to serve, it has been fun and done wonders for my recovery

Bowling Oct. 18 at 2:00 p.m. Timberlanes

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Report given by Ben E.

Please announce at ALL meetings the need for chair people and other members to go into the jails. With an area our size there should never be an H & I commitment unfulfilled. Please Raise Awareness.”

Traverse Jail – Still need men and women for chair and co-chair .

Leelanau Jail- Still need men and women .

Kalkaska Jail- DESPERATELY needs men and woman.

Dakoske – Going well for men and women.

Munson – Chair at Munson open

Prison- Going Well.

**Public Information:** Report given by Cherie L

P.R. Handbook has been very helpful and informative. Would like to suggest that all trusted servants and chair people read it. Pertains to many different areas of service that are currently being discussed.

Change over from Mike went nice and smooth. Need support in our sub-committee meeting.

1. Phone Line: Needs to updated unless Regional phones will be up and running soon. Several calls on it, mainly from probation officers and people needing meetings.
2. P.I. Open Talk: October 12, next one is a “Guy”
3. Munson Class (I.O.P): Success! Need a volunteer to go with Mike on Nov.11th
4. Posters: Considering an event focused around a poster drive. Maybe a potluck/gamenite or suggestions.
5. Website: Going well

**Literature:** Report given by Todd S.

Last Month Balance \$483.37

Deposit: \$427.45

Total: \$910.27

MSO Order: -\$483.27

New Balance \$427.55

RETREAT: Pat H.

WE Need A Chair for this position.

### Group Service Representative Reports

Name of Group	Service Positions Filled	Average Attendance	Donation to Area	Decision on subject(s) presented to Group	Subjects brought to the Area from the Group	Comments
Growth Through Recovery	Yes	15	\$0	None		Have already started announcing need for H& I in jails.
J.F.T.B.T.B.	No	20 FRI 3-5 SAT	\$40	None	None	Need support on Sat. Night
Living Clean	No	40	\$200	None	None	None
Living in Harmony	Yes		\$0	None	None	Monday night needs support
Southside						No report
Miracles Happen	NO	23	\$56	None	None	Saturday noon needs chair person
Recovery 1st	Yes	30 M & Th 12p,	\$0	None	None	None
Never Alone			\$0			No report
Women In Recovery			\$0			No report
Drug Free In the Dunes						No report
New Freedom						No report
Clean in the County						No report

### Sharing Session

Pat H. - Need to meet at the bank with Rich P. Jason R. Rob M., Jake T., and myself to get checking account fixed. Rich P. and Rob M. need to sign off and Jason R. and Jake T. need to sign on. Pat will call bank to find out if everyone needs to be there at same time and work with arranging this.

### old Business

NONE

### New Business

Todd S. - The New Basic Text is coming out sometime Mid-October and should the Area buy books in advance for our members?

After much discussion it was decided to let the GSR's take this to it's group members and take orders with payment by next month Area meeting.

If a person expresses a desire to become a Trusted Servant they need to be at the Area meeting in order to do so.

**Budget requests**

1. Co-secretary--Shelly P. \$ 5.30 Supplies

**OPEN FORUM**

None

**GSR Task List**

1. New Basic text--get orders and money from members to bring to area for an order to go in next month.

Public Information – Next meeting, October 2, 2008 Thursday, 6:00 p.m. at 5th and Oak

Retreat Sub-committee – Next meeting, October 7, 2008 ,Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. at Jacob's Well.

H & I – Next meeting, October 15, 2008 , Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. at 5th & Oak.

Activities and Literature – Next meeting, October 8, 2008 , Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. at 5th & Oak.

NEXT AREA SERVICE MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2008

Basement of 5th & Oak at 4pm

ALL ARE WELCOME! COME AND SEE HOW SERVICE WORKS!