

# Saginaw Bay Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes

December 19, 2009 – New Life Church of the Nazarene – Saginaw, MI

**OPENING** - The Area Service Committee was called to order by the Chair, at 1:38pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.

**NEWCOMER(S)** – Greg G. (Hugs, Not Drugs), Tom G (Common Ground), Will Z. (If you want what we have), Melissa C. (In the solution), Gene F., and Keaton D.

**READINGS** – Linda read the Twelve Traditions, Gene read the Twelve Concepts, and Keaton read the Purpose, Function and Responsibilities of A.S.C.

**ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTH’S MINUTES** – Chance did not receive November’s minutes, and Chance and Melissa C. would like a copy. Copies were handed out and minutes were accepted.

## **ROLL CALL**

Trusted Servants	
Chair	P
Co-Chair	P
Secretary	P
Co-Secretary	P
Treasurer	P
Co-Treasurer	P
RCM	P
Alt RCM	P

Subcommittees Chair	
Activities	P
Helpline	P
H&I	P
Literature	P
Public Information	P
Retreat	A

Home Groups			
A Gathering of Men & Women	P	It Works, How and Why	P
Clean and Serene	P	Just for Today	-
Closing Optional	-	Keep it Simple	-
Common Desires	P	Learning to Live	P
Common Ground	P	Let Go, Let God	P
Common Welfare	P	Never Alone	P
Conscious Contact	A	New Attitudes	-
Desire to Change	P	New Awakenings	P
East Side	A	New Way of Living	-
Fishing for Recovery	P	No Fear	P
Freedom Group	P	Primary Purpose	A
Graciously Forgiven	-	Recovery Zone	-
Him & Her Recovery	-	Recovery Zone II	P
Hope for Us	-	Steppin Straight	A
H.O.W.	P	Survival	P
How it Works	P	Together We Can Do It	-
Hugs, Not Drugs	P	Twelve Steps to Freedom	A
I Can't, We Can	-	Unity	P
If You Want What We Have	P	We're Not Unique	R
In the Solution	P	Willing to Make the Effort	R

**ELECTIONS** – Congratulations to Bryan as our new PR Chair and Jesse our new PR Co-Chair. They will begin their terms at next month’s meeting

## **NOMINATIONS**

**Chair:** Al L. was nominated by Rodney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bret K.

*Qualifications:* Was Activities chair for 2 ½ years. Is GSR for his home group. Currently is the chair for the Entertainment and Fundraising sub-committee for MRCNA. Has 6 years clean, is involved with sponsorship, and is involved with NA events.

**Co-Chair:** Jason G. was nominated by Melissa C., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty

*Qualifications:* Has 20 months clean, is involved with sponsorship (calls his sponsor once a week), has a home group, is working the steps, attends meetings, and is currently Area Co-Chair. Has the willingness to move forward as Chair at the end of new co-chair term.

**Treasurer:** Steve G. was nominated by Bryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jesse

*Qualifications:* Already treasurer.

**Co-Treasurer:** Melissa W. was nominated by Bryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa C.

*Qualifications:* Already co-treasurer. Has the willingness to attend more Area meetings this year.

**Secretary:** Linda G. was nominated by Julie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bret

*Qualifications:* Has been co-secretary for 9 months. Has 8 years clean, is involved with sponsorship, has a computer, willingness to prepare minutes in a timely manner.

**Co-Secretary:** Grant B. was nominated by Bret, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will Z.

*Qualifications:* Has 1 year clean, has a sponsor and a home group. Is involved with step work. Has the willingness to move up to Secretary at the end of this year's term, and has the willingness to cover for the Secretary as needed. States he does not have very good typing skills, but can type.

**Co-Secretary:** Melissa C. was nominated by Phil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bret

*Qualifications:* Has 1 year clean, is involved with service, is organized, has a sponsor, and can type.

**TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORT:**

**Secretary Report:** Good afternoon fellow addicted people; minutes from November were emailed and mailed out on December 5. Had to buy new envelopes and packing tape. Cost for copying was \$25.44, cost for envelopes and tape was \$11.97, cost for postage was \$17.08. I am left with \$9.03 in my prudent. I am asking for a check of \$90.97 to replenish my prudent reserve.

I realized as I was typing the November minutes, that we did have a few new faces in the crowd last month; unfortunately I didn't have any new contact information for these new faces. So if you were new, your group's previous GSR got the minutes. If you are a new GSR or representative for a group, please see me. Probably right about now would be good. Just go ahead and wonder on up here and I will get your contact information. Don't be shy, just mosey on up. ILS, Me Myself and I

Date	Expense	Cost	Left in Prudent
9/26/09			100.00
10/2/09	Postage	21.84	78.16
11/12/09	Postage	14.64	63.52
12/5/09	Copies	25.44	38.08
12/5/09	Envelopes/Tape	11.97	26.11
12/5/09	Postage	17.08	9.03

**Treasurer Report:** the following is the November 2009 financial totals:

Home Group Donations	Amount
Clean & Serene	5
Common Desires	25
Common Welfare	25
Desire to Change	10
Freedom Group	10
H.O.W.	20
How it Works	44
If You Want What We Have	20
Let Go, Let God	10
No Fear	40
Steppin Straight	5
12 Steps to Freedom	35.10
<b>Total Group Donations</b>	<b>249.10</b>
Activities Return	117.62
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>366.72</b>

Expenses	Amount	Check #
Quest	1.73	1168
King Communications	139.19	1169
PO Box	44.00	1170
RCM/Alt RCM	200.00	1171
MRCNA	50.91	1172
New Life Vineyard	20.00	1173
St. Alban's	20.00	1174
Literature	50.00	1175
Activities	500.00	1176
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,025.83</b>	
<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>1,843.41</b>	
+ Donations	366.72	
- Expenses	1,025.83	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>1,184.30</b>	

Activities turned in \$400 in prudent reserve, which was deposited in our account, and a check was made out to Rodney S. for activities prudent reserve for \$500. Total deposit was \$766.72.

**RCM Report:** Thank you everyone for your participation on the Regional Inventory, I have handed out copies of the outline from last month's regional meeting (see attached). Grateful to be of loving service, Matt F.

### **GROUP REPORTS:**

**A Gathering of Men & Women:** Next business meeting: Jan 17

Everything's good. Wasn't able to get a home group meeting for the group donation.

**Clean & Serene:** Supposed to have home group meeting last Thursday, but I was sick.

**Common Desires:** Next business meeting: Jan 21 Donation: \$10

All is well. We have several new members. It's good to see new home group members getting involved with service in or with MRSCNA, Area and home group events, always wanting to or willing to be of service.

**Common Welfare:** Next business meeting: Dec 23

Good attendance, more involvement, new GSR.

**Common Welfare:** Next business meeting: Jan 21 Donation: \$20

**Desire to Change:** Next business meeting: Dec 20 Donation: \$10

The group is growing, and it's focus is on carrying the message. The meeting is drawing interest of the residents in the building, as well as the community. Our prudent reserve is low, and we are still working on getting a coffee pot.

**Fishing for Recovery:** Next business meeting: Jan 9

Meeting going good. Started step writing, meet before the meeting 1-1:45, regular meeting 2:05-3:20 no donation at this time. We don't understand why they got overnight money when both the RCM and Alt went, they should have split the driving time, saving money.

**Freedom Group:** Next business meeting: Jan 21 Donation: \$10

Everything is going great. Our meeting is still large. We average 1-2 newcomers a week. We have book study every Thursday at the neighborhood house. We also meet at the Ricker Annex Center every Tuesday. However, due to Christmas break, as of Tuesday we will meet at the Unity Club.

**H.O.W.:** Next business meeting: Jan 19 Donation: \$25

Nothing. Please don't park on the lawn.

**How it Works:** Next business meeting: Jan 18

Meet every Monday and Wednesday. Voted on the nominations. Meeting attendance has increased. Purchased key tags.

**Hugs, Not Drugs:** Next business meeting: Jan 15 Donation: \$40

Meeting attendance has been good. Out of towners have shown up. Good lively group. Elected a GSR.

**If You Want What We Have:** Next business meeting: Jan 16 Donation: \$34.04

We meet every Saturday at 6:30pm, downtown Midland, across from the courthouse. Meeting is going well. Happy to report we are talking to the church about a bigger meeting space. We have an abundance of home group members with rotating service positions. With that, I am passing on my responsibilities as GSR. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. – Grant B.

**It Works, How and Why:** Next business meeting: Jan 21

We are planning a 12 & 12 Speaker Jam for April 10, 2010. More will be revealed.

**Learning to Live:** Next business meeting: Jan 21 Donation: \$5

Meets at the TriCounty Workshop Center on Thursday night, doors open 7pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's eve for regularly scheduled literature meeting. In need of trusted servants, and home group members. We recently were able to purchase additional Basic Texts for our literature study.

**Let Go, Let God:** Next business meeting: Jan 19 Donation: \$10

At present, our treasurer, activities treasurer/chair and secretary positions are being considered for new trusted servants. No volunteers at this time.

**Never Alone:** Next business meeting: Jan 20 Donation: \$20

**New Awakenings:** Next business meeting: Jan 16

In order to focus on our primary purpose, there will be our regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 26.

**No Fear:** Next business meeting: Jan 20 Donation: \$10

It Works How and Why book study each week, except the last Wednesday of the month when we have a meditation meeting. Our Area donation for this month is reduced as we used our funds to purchase a larger coffee urn.

**Recovery Zone II:** Next business meeting: Jan 19

**Survival:** Next business meeting: Jan 19

Everything is going great. Planning our Christmas dinner on December 22, 2009, at 6pm with dinner and music. We don't have a donation at this time due to the cost of the dinner, rent, and supplies. Merry Christmas and God bless you all.

**Unity Group:** Next business meeting: Jan 18 Donation: \$10

Things are going well here. We have a Christmas meeting on December 21 starting at 5:30pm. The group will provide a dish to pass and if anybody wants to bring a dish would be great. We will have an open podium meeting at 7pm, also we are still passing the 2<sup>nd</sup> basket around for our annual Unity Picnic which will be held in July.

**We're Not Unique:** Next business meeting: Jan 18

We meet every Monday night at 7:30 at the Swan Valley United Methodist Church at 9266 Geddes Rd.

**Willing to Make the Effort:** Donation: \$13 and some type of Mexican money

Everything is going well. Meetings are some place some time. Still need a GSR. After reading the RCM report we have concerns about the amount of money being spent to go to region. We feel that if the drive is 2 hours or less, the RCM and Alt should drive down, eliminating the hotel cost. Also, \$80 for food seems excessive. We are asking the RCM and Alt. to be prudent with our funds. In the future, we would like to see a break down of the expenses to be included in the treasurer's report.

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities:** Next committee meeting: Jan 4, 11 & 18 in Midland from 5:45- 6:20pm, Aldersgate Church  
Sanity Bash is December 26 at St. Andrew's Church in their parish hall, Hayes Street entrance. Plans are in the works for next event in Midland. The activities committee meeting for that event start December 28 (Monday), at 5:45-6:20pm, to be held at the 6:30pm meeting place Midland How it Works group., 2206 Airfield Lane, Aldersgate Methodist Church, then January 4, 11, and 18<sup>th</sup> for Madi Gras in Midland, on January 23. Flyer to be out soon!! I have made Bob L. my co-chair, for he has made every activities meeting and he is willing to serve. I went to get those coffee pots at Sam's, sold out. So I purchased what they had, 2 – 60 cup urns at \$69.88 each, for a total of \$148.15. Asking for reimbursement, sorry for the added cost, but this was a necessary buy I took out of the prudent reserve. Thank. ILS, Rodney.

**Helpline/Public Information (combined report):** Next committee meeting: January 18, 2010

Meeting commenced at 6pm. Helpline and PI chairs were in attendance. Poster drives were conducted 12/5 – 12/11 and 12/18 in Midland, Bay City, and Saginaw respectively. Meetings Mondays in Harrison and Thursday in Gladwin have closed effective immediately. More poster drives will be done in the next couple of weeks. Requesting \$53.52 reimbursement for posters and supplies. Please let me know of any holiday meeting closures or changes. ILS, Jesse and Bryan.

**H&I:** Next committee meeting: January 18, 6pm

I was sick the last week and was unable to attend the meeting with PI and Helpline. The Freeland Prison is still going strong and the two treatment center meetings continue with support. The meeting at the 1016 continues to go very well with much outside support. I wasn't able to meet the people in Saginaw involved in H&I the past week, but understand that there is a lot of support there as well as through out our Area. Many people want to get involved with H&I, both men and women for whatever can be done. Loving service, Cody M.

**Literature:** Next committee meeting: To be determined

No activity this month, nothing to report. \$50 prudent reserve. Tammy R.

**Retreat:** Next committee meeting: January 6, 2010 before the Card Party (See Flyer)

Minutes from the last meeting are attached. Working on raising money for the financially impaired. Design reviewed and being finalized. Shirts selection being reviewed. Please promote the card party scheduled for January 6, 2010. All money raised goes to send financially impaired members to the retreat.

November 14, 2009 - Meeting Minutes

Members attending the meeting include: Patti B., Greg W, Cathy H, Martha N, Mary H, Scott C, Jay A., and Lisa C.

Cathy H. called the meeting to order.

Minutes from Last Meeting – Distributed minutes from previous meeting.

Treasurer Report - Jay had no new report. The remaining balance should be \$2,567.70

Review of Design - Roy was unable to attend the meeting. The Committee will review the design at the next meeting. The specialty shirt will cost \$25.00.

Fund Raising Idea - Save the Date Flyer reviewed and modified. Flyers sent to area.

Activities for the fund raisers will include 50/50 drawing, selling pop, selling baked goods and door prizes.

Retreat Flyers - Patti to get supplies from Gloria. The goal is to have flyers out in January

Misc. Issues - Coin for Bench – Scott going to remove the bench and work on securing the coin.

Next Meeting – December 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 at 2087 Durham Dr, Saginaw

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Activities' Missing \$100 & cash box – Al brought the \$100 and Rodney has received the cash box a few weeks ago.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. RCM/Alt RCM Prudent: Questions arose about the amount of money that our RCM and Alt RCM had used at the last Region meeting. The Alt RCM stated that he used a minimal amount of money on his trip, as he got a ride with his sponsor, and did not pay for gas. The RCM and Alt RCM had turned in their receipts for last month's Region meeting, and those totals can be found in the Treasurer's December report, although it was stated that it is not the treasurer's responsibility to report on the expenses for the RCM or Alt RCM, these detailed expenses need to be in their report.

The question was brought up, why does the RCM and Alt RCM need to attend the workshops that occur on the Saturday before the Regional meeting? In response, the Alt RCM stated that the workshop time was when a lot of Region business was discussed before the actual Regional meeting the next day.

When asked if the RCM or Alt RCM may be willing to drive to the Regional meeting the day of, that way we could save on the cost of a hotel room and half the food cost. It was explained as, Regional meetings start at 9am, and if the meeting itself is a 2 hour drive away, then they would have to leave by around 6:30am, meaning they will have to wake-up that day real early in the morning in order to make it on time.

As a point of clarity, our RCM is also the Chair of MRCNA, and does not get reimbursed from Region to attend its meetings as the MRCNA Chair.

2. Activities Replenished: Rodney asked for \$148.15 to replenish the Activities prudent reserve.
3. Rent: \$20 cash was given to Marty W. to give to the church. A receipt was given to the treasurer.

**OPEN FLOOR**

1. Area Prudent: Members were questioning if Area itself needed a prudent reserve. Currently we do not have anything specific in our guidelines, although in the duties of the Treasurer, it states:

*No moneys will be disbursed without a proper receipt. Checks will be written only at the A.S.C. meeting except in emergency situations with the approval of the Chairperson. Disbursements are prioritized as follows:*

- a. Basic operational expenses (i.e., rent, copies, banking fees, PO Box, etc.)*
- b. Helpline*
- c. Other Subcommittees*
- d. Area Trusted Servants*
- e. Donation to Region*

In previous years, a monthly average on Area spending was done, although nothing came of it. As the discussion ensued, a motion was brought forward and after some more talk, it was tabled as the meeting became to “heated” about the topic.

2. New Meeting: A new meeting: Fridays at midnight, called *12 at 12*, at the North Euclid Church of God, 3430 North Euclid Ave, Bay City

### **CLOSING/NEXT AREA MEETING**

Meeting closed at 3:34pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Next meeting is Saturday, January 23 at 1:30pm, at New Life Vineyard Church  
1014 E Ashman St  
Midland, MI 48640

In loving service,  
Jennie R., Secretary