

Saginaw Bay Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes

April 24, 2010- New Life Vineyard Church, Midland, MI.

OPENING—The Area Service Committee was called to order by the Chair, at 1:34pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

NEWCOMERS—John.

READINGS—Jesse U. read The Twelve Traditions, Greg read The Twelve Concepts, and Dave read The Purpose, Function, and Responsibilities of A.S.C.

ACCEPTANC OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES—Rodney accepted the minutes and Dave second it.

ROLL CALL

TRUSTED SERVENTS	HOME GROUPS	
CHAIR--P	12 AT 12--P	JUST FOR TODAY--A
CO-CHAIR--P	A GATHERING OF MEN AND WOMEN-R	KEEP IT SIMPLE--A
SECRETARY--P	CLEAN AND SERENE--A	LEARNING TO LIVE--P
CO-SECRETARY--P	CLOSING OPTIONAL--A	LET GO, LET GOD--A
TREASURER--P	COMMON DESIRES--P	NEVER ALONE--R
CO-TREASURER-A	COMMON GROUND--P	NEW ATTITUDES--P
RCM--P	COMMON WELFARE--P	NEW AWAKENINGS--P
ALT-RCM--P	CONSCIOUS CONTACT--A	LIGHT OF HOPE-P
	DESIRE TO CHANGE--A	NEW WAY OF LIVING--A
	EAST SIDE--A	NO FEAR--P
	FISHING FOR RECOVERY--P	PRIMARY PURPOSE--A
	FREEDOM GROUP--P	RECOVERY ZONE--A
	GRACIOUSLY FORGIVEN--A	RECOVERY ZONE II--A
	H.O.W.--R	STEPPIN STRAIGHT-A
	HOW IT WORKS--P	SURVIVAL--P
SUBCOMMITTEES	HUGS, NOT DRUGS--P	THE CHANCE--A
ACTIVITIES--P	I CAN'T, WE CAN--P	TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT--A
LITERATURE--P	IF YOU WANT WHAT WE HAVE-A	12 STEPS TO FREEDOM--P
PUBLIC RELATIONS-P	IN THE SOLUTION--P	UNITY--P
RETREAT--P	IT WORKS, HOW AND WHY--R	WE'RE NOT UNIQUE--R
	SURRENDER GROUP-P	WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT-P

GROUP REPORTS:

12 at 12: Next business meeting Friday before Area. Average 12 people per meeting. Friday nights @ midnight N. Euclid Church of God. Need more home group members. Candlelight meeting \$20.00 donation.

Common Desires: Next business meeting Thursday before area. Attendance has been good a little low in the beginning of the month but leveling out towards the end. We have 2 new home group members and 0 newcomers this month. After paying for rent and supplies and an unforeseen expense we have a 10 dollar donation for Area. . .

Common Ground: Next business meeting April 28th. Steady attendance. Lots of members serious about recovery. Because our group business meeting falls after Area this month we have no donation.

Common Welfare: Next business meeting Thursday before area. Meeting has been going very well. Tuesday step study, Thursday tradition study. Both are going very well. 12:30 Holy Trinity Church on Wenona in Bay City. \$16.00 donation.

A Gathering of Men and Women: Next business meeting Sunday before area. Attendance has been on the increase. Construction has been completed. Moved from overflow room back into Dining Room B, which is the normal location.. \$25.00 donation.

Clean and Serene:

Conscious Contact:

Fishing for Recovery: Next home group meeting Saturday before Area. Meetings small still going strong. \$15.00 donation.

Freedom Group: Next business meeting Thursday before Area. Everything is going great. We met every Tuesday at 6pm at Ricker and will remain at Ricker throughout the summer we will meet at the Unity Club sometime. We also meet at the neighborhood house every Thursday at 10 am. \$10.00 donation.

H.O.W.: Next business meeting Tuesday before area. HOW is doing well. Will catch-up donation next month.

How It Works: Next home group meeting Monday before Area. All is well, attendance is up on Mondays, down on Wed. We are going to try separate mens and womens meeting starting Monday the 26th. \$75.00 Donation.

Hugs Not Drugs: Next home group meeting May 21st. Attendance has been steady. Some out of towners showed up when visiting Area. Had a newcomer last night and a long time member returned. \$10.00 donation.

If You Want What We Have:

I Can't We Can: Next business meeting May 17th. Good attendance spent 89.00 on literature and supplies had 97.00 in treasury No problems. \$5.00 donation.

In the Solution: next home group meeting May 21st. We had a newcomer and a person returning . Attendance is high all is well. \$20.00 donation

It Works How and Why: Next business meeting May 21st. On Saturday, April 10th our home group put together a 12 & 12 Speaker Jam. We had 25 speakers and close to 60 people in attendance throughout the day. We would like to thank everyone who had helped with planning, set-up, service work and clean-up. We have divided the total donations from the event into three-equal piles. We sent money to World, the Michigan Region and have donated to Area with our report today. We are now working on our 5th Annual Recovery Picnic on July 24th same day as Area that month. We will be sending around 2nd basket at our meeting to raise a small amount of donations to help put on the picnic. We have found when planning previous picnics and the speaker jam that it only takes a little to make a big impact. Also, enclosed is a copy of the receipt for the pavilion in July for Area's meeting. Area's rent is only \$20 of the amount. I am asking for a reimbursement check from Area to cover their rent. Our meeting

is going very well. Attendance varies from week to week; on average we have around 25 people at a meeting. This month we will be celebrating our 6th year as a NA meeting. Also speaking of celebrations, one of our home group members, Bret K. is celebrating 3 years clean today, April 24th. \$84.00 donation.

Learning To Live: Next business meeting Thursday before Area. Going steady average 6-19 members. \$2.00 donation.

Light of Hope: Next business meeting Saturday before Area. Group meets Saturday at 7pm We need support 4-12 addicts in attendance. Thanks for everything.

New Awakenings: Next home group meeting Saturday before Area. Attendance remains steady. Continue to have three breakout sessions which includes and IP, the “Just For Today”, and a book study. We are currently discussing the 12 steps. Donations have increased since we have been passing the basket when discussing the 7th Tradition. Previous months balance 148.93 with income of 143.66. Expenses were 253.36 related to a large literature order consistent with the 5th Tradition. Our ending balance was 39.23 \$25.00 donation.

Never Alone: Next business meeting May 16th. Doing OK. No donation at this time.

New Attitudes: Next business meeting April 27th. Problems with attendance. Need support. Thinking of closing meeting. \$10.00 donation.

No Fear: Next home group meeting May 19th. The group is going well we have a book study every week at 12:30 except the last wed. of the month when we have a guided meditation. Attendance has been good. \$70.00 donation.

Steppin Straight: Next business meeting May 19th. Our group is doing well and continuing to grow. Our average attendance this month has been in the mid 20's on Wednesday nights but still only 4 or 5 on Sunday nights. Our rent is paid and we have a prudent reserve. Unfortunately, we do not have a donation for Area this month. We still have an open position for GSR alternate. Larry K. celebrated 2 years this month. We now have an open speaker on the last Wednesday of each month. Richard H. who recently moved to the area from Virginia, shared his experience, strength, and hope with us on March 31st. Our speaker for April 28th will be Dawn D. from the Flint area. She has an awesome message. Come and show some love and support.

Survival: Next home group meeting Tuesday before Area. Everything is good. Meeting attendance is great. We saved enough money to send an addict to retreat. We are so excited about helping them. We are also going to start a meditation meeting. We are going to see how it goes before adding it to the meeting list.

Surrender: Next business meeting is the Thursday before Area. Everything is good in Port Austin! Anticipating group attendance to grow as summer approaches. Currently average 5-6 per meeting. Thursday 7pm. Would like to know how or what we need to do to get an NA PI presentation to the Huron Count Court System. Thank you to Area again for donation last month for literature. \$5.00 donation.

12 Steps to Freedom: Next business meeting the second Sunday of the month. Gratitude dimmer tonight. We may begin planning a summer NA auction to showcase workmanship/talents of our NA fellowship members, art items, crafts, services we discussed as Auction items. Our Wednesday night 7:30 meeting at Health source is in need of support. We sometimes have problems with members on drug replacement therapy wanting to share or disrupt our Sunday meeting. We are handling this on a “case by case” basis. We continue to do our group inventory at each business meeting. \$23.08 donation.

Unity: Next business meeting May 17th. Everything is going well. Unity picnic is Saturday July 10th, location to be determined. \$30.00 donation.

We are not Unique: Next business meeting Monday before Area. Everything is going good. \$50.00 donation.

Willing to Make the Effort: Next home group business meeting is May 21st. We still do not have a

GSR, but we're trying to at least get a representative to show up at ASC. \$100.00 donation.

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORT: The following is the March 2010 financial totals:

Home Groups	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Common Desires	50	Quest	10.88
Common Ground	20	King Communications	80.33
Common Welfare	20	Area Rent	20
H.O.W.		Secretary	125
Hugs, Not Drugs	10	RCM or Alt	200
If you want what we have	20	Public Relations	
In The Solution		Literature	
New Awakenings	20		
No Fear	20	Group Starter	31
Primary Purpose	20	Group Starter	31
Survival			
Together we can do it		Previous Balance	12112.97
Unity		Donations	329.66
We're Not Unique	50	Total Balance	1937.97
Willing to Make the eff		Expenses	478.21
Fishing for recovery	20	Ending Balance	1964.42
A Gathering of men &	21		
12 @ 12	30		
Desire to Change	10		

RCM Report: Please see attached

Secretary Report: Hello Family-The March minutes were sent out e-mail on April 8th and USPS on April 9th. Hopefully everyone was able to open their e-mails this time. I received my prudent reserve of \$100.00 and I used \$15.75 for postage and \$21.96 for copies of the minutes for a total of \$37.71 leaving me with a balance of \$62.29 in my prudent reserve. ILS Linda G.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Next committee Meeting not sure yet. Report for March madness March 27th everything went well small turnout but we all had a good time. Expenses \$287.17, event take in was \$207.00 with a \$80.17 loss. 50/50 included Denny B won \$36.00 George's talk was great. Famous people past and present April 17th went well very small turn out about 40-50 people Amanda B. open talk was also great. Expenses were \$204.64 event take in was \$213.00 for a profit of \$8.36 no one came dressed so will return the donated 20.00 gift card. Asking Area to replenish prudent reserve which is \$71.81 March \$500.00

- \$287.17 expenses

\$212.83 prudent balance
\$207.00 take in
\$419.83 new prudent
\$80.17 Loss

April \$419.83 prudent
\$204.64 expenses
\$213.00 take in
\$428.19 new prudent

I'm asking for \$71.81 & check written to SBSCNA \$5.00 for a total of \$76.81 ILS Rodney

Public Relations: Next committee Meeting May 17th 5:45pm at Aldersgate Church in Midland. The PR subcommittee meeting was attended by the chair, co-chair, and additional members. A brief overview of topic discussed follows:

- 1) Effective April 29th 2010 the exchange portion (695) of our local Helpline number will change from 695 to 698. According to King Communications (our contracted answering service), after 4/29/2010 the 695 exchange will be considered a “foreign exchange”. The President of King Communications assured me that they will contact the local phone companies (Bay City, Saginaw, Midland) to have the number listed correctly in the next directories. The phone company will place an intercept on the 695 line for 6 months letting callers know that the number has been changed. The PR subcommittee will be responsible for changing the forwarding of our 800 number to be directed to the new local number. The 800 number will not change.
- 2) King Communication was informed of a recent instance when a Helpline employee attempted to connect a male helpline caller to a female volunteer. The resulting discussion led to the ongoing confirmation of all current volunteers continued willingness and times of availability. More volunteers are needed ...so...
- 3) We are planning a Helpline workshop/volunteer orientation to precede or follow an NA meeting, hopefully in the next month. Interested volunteers please contact Jesse, Bryan, or any member of the subcommittee.
- 4) Two additional members will receive orientation/training to update our portion of the website. Website is current.
- 5) We are supporting a new H&I meeting at the Freeland Prison for the Level 1 inmates. Two soft cover BT's and on JFT book were given to the facility for the new meeting. We are working to leverage some of the existing BT's and Step Working Guides from the Level 2 meeting to the Level 1 meeting. Two volunteers are still waiting to receive clearance to attend correctional meetings. This Thursday night is “Volunteer Appreciation Night” at the Freeland facility, and the activities director at the facility made the decision to cancel the NA meeting because she wants the volunteers to attend the appreciation pony show.
- 6) All H& I meetings are still being attended by volunteers. Thank God for H&I volunteers.
- 7) We discussed summertime “road trips” to outlying meetings accompanied by poster drives in the accompanying areas where NA exist. Contact Tim R. or Ron W.
- 8) The PR subcommittee discussed localized sub-subcommittee meetings for H&I and PI efforts. Contact persons for geographic areas were discussed. Saginaw H&I volunteers have found this an effective way to share experience, strength and hope, and we hope to extend this practice to other efforts and cities.
- 9) The request made at last months ASC meeting for support of two meetings at Health Source (Wed. and Sat.) was discussed and the PR subcommittee is communicating with

- members who are currently attending those meetings. More will be revealed.
- 10) A new member of the subcommittee has committed to chairing the 1016 Wednesday night speaker meeting. Thanks for stepping up to the plate.
 - 11) The plan to have Introduction to Narcotics Anonymous booklets available for participants and recipients at H&I meetings was discussed. The Intro guide contains the entire text of 10 newcomer orientated IP's as well as the entire chapter 4 "How it Works" from our basic text, all for the same approximate cost of 8 IP's.
 - 12) Last month it was reported that Ricker would not be allowing NA meetings/groups at the facility after April of the year. Contact with members/GSR's for the meetings at the Ricker center indicate that they feel confident that they will be staying at Ricker. Based on those discussions all of the meeting that meet at Ricker remain on the new meeting lists

We are requesting reimbursement for \$177.55 for today's meeting lists, \$8.50 for a new JFT book, and \$10 for two used-but-like-new soft cover BT's that were donated to the Freeland Prison Level 1 meeting. I am also asking for the addition \$100 prudent reserve funds allotted to the PR subcommittee (above the \$200 prudent reserve held by the former Public Relations subcommittee.) Total of \$296.05 The Public Relations Subcommittee is always looking for members. We can't carry the message without help. ILS Bryan H, PR Chair

Literature: Next Committee Meeting May 15th at 10am St Alban's Church. The meeting was called to order at 10am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. There were three trusted servants in attendance. The background of the Living Clean Project was discussed, and information related to the project was distributed to the committee members. A time line for review of the project was developed. Chapter three and four will be reviewed at the May meeting and chapter five will be reviewed at the June meeting. This will allow us to provide feedback to World before the June 30th deadline. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45. The Living Clean Project: If anyone would like to get involved, but they cannot attend the Literature Committee meeting then please review the material and provide me with your feedback before June 15th. This will allow me the time to organize the feedback everyone has provided. You can find the rough draft @http://www.na.org/?ID=Living_Clean_Project. When providing feedback, please include the Chapter and line number. You can contact me via e-mail @ tammyramon@dele.edu. Literature for New Groups: I attempted to order from MSO several times; however, many of the needed items continued to be out of stock. In order to carry the message to the addict who still suffers, I ordered from World on 4-14-2010. Unfortunately, I have not received the order at this time: however, I have received verification that the order has been sent. ILS Tammy R

Retreat: Next Committee Meeting April 25th at 6pm at 2087 Durham in Saginaw. Currently have 90 participants registered for retreat. Registration will remain open until 120 people register. All 12 applicants who applied for financial aid by the deadline will be attending the retreat. Finalizing speakers and topics. The merchandise order has been submitted. The treasury report as of March 27th is \$8,561.95. **2010 Retreat Committee April 11, 2010 Meeting minutes:** Members attending the meeting include Greg W., Cathy H., Martha N., Mary H., Jay A., Roy O., and Lisa C. Registrations to date-Total registrations 60 including financial impaired. Committee will work on increasing registrations. Lisa will send out additional registrations to old participate lists. Speaker Ideas-Worked on ideas for speakers. Committee will make contact to finalize at next meeting. A) 2 Main-Saturday evening-Sunday Conscious Contact. B) 3 Spiritual-Friday Night Beth-My Gratitude, Saturday Am, Saturday noon, C) 1 Meditation Martha will do meditation. Shirt order will go in on April 19th Misc. Issues-Coin for bench, Completed, Name Tags design-Use the logo, Names for Plaque, Greg to work on Next Meeting April 25th at 6pm ILS Cathy

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Bryan H. and 2nd by Julie **Motion #111:** To amend Saginaw Bay Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (SBCNA) guidelines to state that SBCNA “chair, treasurer, secretary, RCM, Activities chair, Literature chair, Public Relations Chair, or Retreat chair **shall NOT** also serve as chair or facilitator, treasurer, secretary, or subcommittee chair of any other area, regional, zonal, or world NA service body or committee.” **Intent:** To avoid potential conflicts of interest in service to the area members and groups who elected these trusted servants to serve the Saginaw Bay Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous. To allow SBCNA trusted servants to remain directly accountable to those they serve at the area level, and to the groups who elected them to serve. To ensure that sometimes limited resources of time, energy, and willingness are spent serving the SBCNA and not other service commitments that are farther removed from the highest level of service; the NA group. **Cons:** 1) many represented by few-not enough people to serve. 2) Some positions listed are valid, some are not financial of emotional conflict. **Pros:** Having a position filled, and having the job filled are two different things. 2) When people lack of time and resources prevent the job from being performed. 3) To allow our trusted servants to serve in the capacity that they were elected

OPEN FLOOR

Discussion on how a County can get recognition with the courts-would like to take something to the courts. Go to PR meeting May 17th at 5:30 in Midland @ Aldersgate Church. Also there are Judges in the 74th district with experience with the 12 step programs and has seen the value in them and maybe a letter from them to the other county could carry some weight. Or we could possibly work out some members coming down there to talk to people about NA. It would help to keep meetings literature based and just keep plugging away. Maybe posters could help. There are flyer's out. Also discussion on how to handle people who come in high on medical marijuana or saboxin. Treat them as a member and we are all welcome to be here. Also most meetings state in the beginning to “please refrain from sharing if you have used in the past 24 hrs”. Is there any format for those who decide to share under the influence? Ask them to please not share and get with someone after the meeting. There is literature to help support and for answers in this area “Disruptive behavior” and “Medications in Recovery”. Take a group conscious as to how your group wants to handle it. Tradition 4 states each group is Autonomous and has the right to decide how to handle it.

Treasurer had to leave early to go to work. Paying rent for this month is being tabled. Also tabled is paying for our rent for July's Area to Jenny.

CLOSING/NEXT AREA MEETING

Meeting closed at 3:30pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Next meeting is Saturday May 22nd at 1:30pm, at St Alban's Church Bay City, MI.

In Loving Service,

Linda G. Secretary