

Saginaw Bay Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes

March 27, 2010- New Life Church of the Nazarene- Saginaw, MI

OPENING—The Area Service Committee was called to order by the Chair, at 1:31pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

NEWCOMERS—

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

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

ROLL CALL

TRUSTED SERVENTS	HOME GROUPS	
CHAIR--P	12 AT 12--P	JUST FOR TODAY-R
CO-CHAIR--P	A GATHERING OF MEN AND WOMEN-P	KEEP IT SIMPLE--A
SECRETARY--A	CLEAN AND SERENE--A	LEARNING TO LIVE--R
CO-SECRETARY--P	CLOSING OPTIONAL--A	LET GO, LET GOD--A
TREASURER--A	COMMON DESIRES--P	NEVER ALONE--P
CO-TREASURER--P	COMMON GROUND-R	NEW ATTITUDES--A
RCM--P	COMMON WELFARE--P	NEW AWAKENINGS--P
ALT-RCM--P	CONSCIOUS CONTACT--A	Surrender group-P
	DESIRE TO CHANGE--P	NEW WAY OF LIVING--A
	EAST SIDE--A	NO FEAR--P
	FISHING FOR RECOVERY--R	PRIMARY PURPOSE--P
	FREEDOM GROUP--P	RECOVERY ZONE--R
	GRACIOUSLY FORGIVEN--A	RECOVERY ZONE II-R
	H.O.W.--A	STEPPIN STRAIGHT--A
	HOW IT WORKS--P	SURVIVAL--P
SUBCOMMITTEES	HUGS, NOT DRUGS--P	THE CHANCE--A
ACTIVITIES--A	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--A	WE'RE NOT UNIQUE--A
	Light of Hope group-P	WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT-A

GROUP REPORTS:

12 at 12: Next business meeting Friday before Area. Had first business meeting on 26th, 2 home group members. Average 12 people at meetings. Just bought literature. Recently approved to be candle light every meeting. \$30.00 donation.

Common Desires: Next business meeting Thursday before area. As the temp has risen so has meeting attendance, we have had a full house all month with 4 newcomers. An average of 20-30 people. After paying rent and making a literature purchase we have a 50 dollar donation. We are in the process of adding some details to our meeting outline. Another request is going to be made to have minutes mailed to new GSR. **UPDATED MEETINGS DAYS/TIMES/FORMAT**—April 10th Saturday Common Desires will be held at the North Euclid Church of God, the location of the 12 at 12 meetings. \$50.00 donation.

Common Ground: Next business meeting April 28th. Good attendance. Last business meeting we decided to make Wed. and Sun. Common Ground 2 separate groups. \$20.00 donation.

Common Welfare: Next business meeting Thursday before area. Same as usual. Common Welfare meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30pm Tues. is a Step Study and Thurs a Traditions study. The group is doing well and I wish them all the best with no regrets or bad feelings. Thank you for everything in loving service Bryan M. Your retiring GSR \$20.00 donation.

A Gathering of Men and Women: Next business meeting Sunday before area. Attendance remains steady. Nothing new to report. \$21.00 donation.

Clean & Serene:

Conscious Contact:

Desire to Change: Next business meeting March 28th. The group has finally got a coffee pot big enough for the group. Attendance is growing. Everything is going good. \$10.00 donation.

Fishing for Recovery: Next home group meeting: April 10th. Meetings are small need support. No donation.

Freedom Group: Next business meeting Thursday before Area. Everything is going well. We average 1-2 newcomers a week. We met every Tuesday at Ricker at 6pm until June 24th 2010. We are in the process of finding a new meeting place for all Ricker meetings. However, our Thursday meeting at the neighborhood house at 10am will not change. Thank You. \$10.00 donation.

H.O.W.:

How It Works: Next home group meeting Monday before Area. Attendance has been good, a bit smaller. Meet every Monday and Wednesday @6:30 \$50.00 Donation.

Hugs Not Drugs: Next home group meeting April 15th. Food location for visitors who vacation in area. Attendance has been steady. \$10.00 donation.

If You Want What We Have:

I Can't We Can: Next business meeting April 15th. Good attendance, no problems, many newcomers keep coming back. No donation at this time.

In the Solution: next home group meeting April 23rd. All is good. We have great attendance for Friday night meetings Still need more at Monday 12:30pm meetings. No donation.

Just For Today: All is well, attendance is up. New meeting starting Tues March 30th at 8pm at same location (back room of Alano Club). No donation.

Learning To Live: Next business meeting Thursday before Area. Nothing much group wise to report except we are holding our own and still have a range from 6-12. Never really sure how many the night is going to bring out. At least 1 newcomer a month. No donation.

New Awakenings: Next home group meeting April 17th. Attendance remains steady. Continue to have three breakout sessions which includes an IP, the "Just for Today", and a book study. We are currently discussing the 12 Steps. For February 2010 we had a total income of \$138.41 with

expenditures of \$113.32. We used our surplus income to purchase literature in order to meet our primary purpose. \$20.00 donation.

Never Alone: Next business meeting April 18th. 7th Tradition remains meager. Pass basket instead of setting them on table seems to be the remedy. Sandy R. New Treasurer and new GSR Denny B. No Secretary. Speaker meeting 4/18 Greg I. No donation at this time.

No Fear: Next home group meeting April 21st. The No Fear group has had good attendance. Our next business meeting is on April 21st. Our meetings are a book study, out of It works How and Why except the last ed. Of the month is a meditation followed by the topic meetings \$20.00 donation.

Primary Purpose: Next business meeting Wed before Area. Everything is going good. Attendance is excellent. We are finally getting a few more home group members. \$20.00 donation.

Recovery Zone: Next business meeting TBA. All is well. No donation.

Recovery Zone 2: Rent has been raised, meeting struggles. No donation.

Steppin Straight:

Survival: Next home group meeting Tuesday before Area. Everything is going well. We are trying to save money to see if we can save enough to send someone to retreat. We have not been receiving as much in the basket. No donation at this time.

12 Steps To Freedom: Next business meeting April 11th. Gratitude & Unity dinner April 24th 5:30 to 6:30 is dinner, 6:30 to 7:30 open speaker Willard Y. Sunday meeting attendance is 28-38 John R. is the open speaker in March and upcoming speakers will be Miley in May, Mike E. in June, and Julie T in July. These are all the last Sunday of the month at 7:30pm. \$26.88 donation.

Unity: Next business meeting April 20th. Attendance is good. Picnic will be Saturday July 10th. It is our 3rd annual Unity picnic. Speaker and workshops will be announced soon. No donation at this time.

Willing to Make the Effort:

Light of Hope: The Light of Hope group meets at St. John Episcopal Church located at 8271 Creasant Beach Road. This is just off route 25 between Bay Port and Caseville located in Huron County. We meet every Saturday night at 7pm and have a core group of about 4 addicts and range 4 and 14 addicts. We are a topic discussion group. We are looking to join Saginaw/Bay area and need the area support. We need group starter packet. Thank you.

Surrender Group: Hello Family! Surrender Group is in Port Austin MI. It is our hope that we can join this Area and become a greater part of NA as a whole. A little bit of information on us is as follows: The meeting was started February 4th, 2010. We met every Thursday at 7pm at Port Austin Bible Campus-8180 Port Dr. Port Austin Mi. 48467. We have been averaging 5-8 folks per meeting. We have been averaging 2-6 dollars donations per meeting. We currently have a GSR a GSRA A treasurer and a secretary. We are excited about spreading the message of NA in Port Austin and invite everyone to come and help support us in doing so! We would like to know if the Area could possibly help us with literature, mainly pamphlets, and Basic Texts to help with carrying the message. If we have to wait until we are an official part of the Area that is ok with us.

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORT:

Treasurers Report:

The following is the February 2010 financial totals:

Home Groups	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Common Desires	38	Quest	
Common Ground	20	King Communications	127.9
Common Welfare	10	Area Rent	20
H.O.W.	10.1	Secretary	

Hugs, Not Drugs	10	RCM or Alt	160
If you want what we have	30	Public Relations	
In The Solution	10	Literature	
New Awakenings	25	Activities	230.09
No Fear	20		
Conscious Contact	1	Group Starter	
Clean and Serene	5		
12 @ 12	10	Previous Balance	1509.53
A Gathering of Men and Women	20	Donations	759.19
Steppin Straight	20	Total Balance	2268.72
Willing to Make the effort	40	Expenses	155.75
How It Works	75	Ending Balance	2112.97
New Awakenings	25		
Learning to Live	5		
Fishing for Recovery	20		

RCM Report: In between months. CAR presentation. Grateful to be of Loving Service Matt F.

Secretary Report: Hello Family. February minutes were e-mailed on March 11th and sent out USPS on Friday March 12th. Some people could not open their e-mails because of the program I used this will not be a problem starting now. I am installing a word program onto my computer. Also if you did not receive your e-mail it is because I either do not have your e-mail address or there were a few e-mail addresses that did not go through. Please re-submit them. Thank you. Here is Jennies last secretary report w/receipts and check w/balance of remaining prudent reserve. She had \$3.91 left. I just found this after last Area. So I was left with only \$3.91 in a check made out to Area. I had to pay for the postage and copies of minutes out of my own pocket so I am asking for my \$25.05 that I paid and \$100.00 for my prudent reserve. Here are all my receipts, Jennies receipts and the check for \$3.91.

Date	Expense	Cost	Left in Prudent
12/19/09			100
01/12/10	Postage	19.46	80.54
02/15/10	Copies-Minutes/Forms	44.1	36.44
02/15/10	Ink Cartridge	15.89	20.55
02/17/10	Postage	14.64	3.91
03/12/10	Postage	16.88	-12.97
03/12/10	Copies-Minutes	12.08	-25.05

Also I made a mistake when doing Activity minutes. I put down that Activities mad \$353.00 on Mardi Gras but it was only \$3.53. Sorry :(Due to a funeral I was unable to attend today, but I will get

everything from Grant and get the Minutes out. ILS Linda G.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Next committee meeting ?. March Madness planning went well, and is today at St Andrews in Saginaw. Planning for April 17th activities going good. Famous People past and present, costumes, speaker, dance, and potluck in Midland Fliers will be out soon. In Loving Service Rodney.

Public Relations: Next Committee Meeting April 19th at 6pm at Aldersgate Church, Midland. The Public Relations subcommittee meeting was held on 3/22/10, with three members in attendance. We discussed our area's lack of Outreach, and the possibility of a PR "Road Rally" in the near future. Poster drives were discussed. Especially in outlying areas. The existing H&I meetings are operational, as is the Helpline. We discussed purchasing more copies of the Intro Guide to NA distribution at H&I meetings. The state website transition is functionally completed, though I'm still getting comfortable with using FTP to update our portion of the site. As a result of the website transition I now have complete backups of our site, which was difficult through our old hosting company. We are seeking male volunteers for a level 1 meeting at the Freeland Prison on Friday nights at 6pm. Additional volunteers are always welcome to support all existing H&I meetings, and will be required before we can commit to any NA H&I meetings. Please contact Jesse U. Coty M. Chance R. or myself (Bryan H.) if you have the willingness to help with any aspect of Public Relations. New Meeting lists next month. ILS Bryan H.

2010 Retreat Committee- Next business meeting tonight March 27th at 2087 Durham Saginaw. The committee did not meet last month. The next meeting is being held tonight. Decisions on financial impaired recipient will be made at the meeting. Registration is low with 30 people registering and 8 for financial assistance. Need to have all registrations in by April 16th. Also need volunteers for speaking. Please take registration forms back to home groups and encourage participation. Fliers are available and also on website. ILS Cathy H.

Literature Committee-Next Committee Meeting April 10th at 10am St. Albans Church. There will be a standing literature committee meeting @ St. Albans Church on the 2nd Saturday of every month starting at 10am, before the 11 am meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. The first meeting will be held on April 10th. We will be discussing the new text Living Clean. We will begin with Chapter Three. **Input for chapters 3-5 is due in June. Please see attached document for three options for Group 'Start up Kits. \$50.00 prudent reserve remains, and the check was cashed. ILS Tammy r.**
Option #1—Michigan Service Office Version—Keytags--*-Welcome, 5-30 Days, 5-60 Days,5-90 Days, 3-6 Months, 2- 9 Months, 1-One Year, 1-18 Months, 1-Multiple, 1 Set of group readings, 1 Pack Metro Detroit Area Meeting Directories, Plus the WSO Starter Kit which includes: 1 Treasurers Workbook, 2-NA White Books, 1 Group Booklet, and 2 each of the following IP's, #1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 22, & 25. \$29.99

Option #2--@ used Basic Text \$10.00, IP Rainbow (100) \$21.00, Just For Today \$16.90, Key Tags (20/group) \$18.00, Total \$32.95/group, \$65.90/2.

Option #3—1 used Basic Text \$5.00, Just for Today \$8.45, Key Tags (20) \$9.00, IP's (30) \$6.90, Total \$29.35

These prices do not include sales tax or shipping charges.

.OLD BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Start-up Kit Option 2 by Matt F. and and by Julie. Motion to Amend Start-up Kit to include 2 Start-up Kits by Tom S. 2nd by Dave E. Tammy suggested that when one packet is given out

that we order 2 more packets so we will have 2 or 3 on hand at all times.

PROS_Carrying the message by keeping them in stock.

CONS-Spending more money. Each group does not get to pick what they want in Start-up Kits.

VOTE-14 in favor—Motion PASSED.

Start Up Kits for new Groups. Tammy has the willingness to order the startup kits and keep them at her home and bring them to Area.

Willard-Motion 9 discussed in RCM report.

Con-Take a lot of resources.

Pro-None of the sources in the book would be wrong or misleading.

NEW BUSINESS

Tammy-Suggest RCM work in a more timely fashion so groups have more time, suggests we add a bullet point in guidelines to do so.

Chance Question s who's responsibility is it to get this information from Region. Is our RCM too busy to perform his responsibilities as RCM?

Brian H-Mentioned how the CAR report comes every 2 years and should not sneak up on us.

Willard-says he is equally responsible.

Julie-why wasn't we informed it has been on the Internet?

Matt-It has been and everyone was informed for 3 months now it is on NA.org.

Brian H.-Regional information is on Michigan/NA.org—links for minutes for our Area, other Areas, and Regional.

Matt-Explained this has happened year after year.

Motion to table this discussion.

OPEN FLOOR

Suggested to cut checks for Start-up Kits to 2 new groups.

Cut check to Secretary for \$125.00 for prudent reserve and money owed for out of pocket last month.

Tom-Does this body have an issue with Area Chair for Activities assisting Regional Activities for MERCNA on putting on a fundraiser.

Melissa-table motion until Rodney is here.

Tracy-Expresses appreciation for helping new group get starter kit and asked how many times group has to attend Area to become a part of Area.

Brian H.--2 times in a row. Should we put these 2 new meetings on the next new meeting list because we are printing out new ones for next month.

Rent: A check was written for \$20.00 to New Life Church of the Nazarene .

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CLOSING/NEXT AREA MEETING

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

Next meeting is Saturday April 24th at New Life Vineyard Church, Midland.

In Loving Service,

Linda G. Secretary