

## Saginaw Bay Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes

May 22, 2010- Saint Albans Church, Bay City, MI.

**OPENING**—The Area Service Committee was called to order by the Co-Chair, at 1:35pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**NEWCOMERS**—Tim-Common Ground and Amy and Dianne from Caro.

**READINGS**—Tammy R. read The Twelve Traditions, Jenny R. read The Twelve Concepts, and Jodi read The Purpose, Function, and Responsibilities of A.S.C.

**ACCEPTANC OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES**— Bryan H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jodi

### **ROLL CALL**

TRUSTED SERVENTS	HOME GROUPS	
CHAIR--A	12 AT 12--P	JUST FOR TODAY--A
CO-CHAIR--P	A GATHERING OF MEN AND WOMEN-P	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--P
CO-TREASURER-A	COMMON GROUND--P	NEW ATTITUDES--R
RCM--P	COMMON WELFARE--A	NEW AWAKENINGS--P
ALT-RCM--P	CONSCIOUS CONTACT-R	LIGHT OF HOPE-A
	DESIRE TO CHANGE--A	NEW WAY OF LIVING--A
	EAST SIDE--A	NO FEAR--P
	FISHING FOR RECOVERY--A	PRIMARY PURPOSE--A
	FREEDOM GROUP--A	RECOVERY ZONE--A
	GRACIOUSLY FORGIVEN--A	RECOVERY ZONE II--A
	H.O.W.-P	STEPPIN STRAIGHT-P
	HOW IT WORKS--P	SURVIVAL--P
SUBCOMMITTEES	HUGS, NOT DRUGS--R	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-R	12 STEPS TO FREEDOM--P
PUBLIC RELATIONS-P	IN THE SOLUTION--R	UNITY--R
RETREAT--P	IT WORKS, HOW AND WHY--P	WE'RE NOT UNIQUE--R
	SURRENDER GROUP-A	WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT-A

## **GROUP REPORTS:**

**12 at 12:** Next business meeting Friday before Area. Group is going well, we now have 3 home group members. This meeting is now a candlelight every week. Donations are a little low, but we are making it work. The only concerning issue is noise! Before and after the meeting the volume is a little excessive. Neighbor has complained to the church. I have talked to the Pastor he asked if we could please just quite down. \$20.00 donation.

**Common Desires:** Next business meeting Thursday before area. Not much to report attendance has been relatively low with one newcomer. Hoping to see more people in the upcoming months. \$25.00 donation.

**Common Ground:** Next business meeting June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Steady attendance. Tim G new alternate GSR. \$20.00 donation.

**Common Welfare:** Next business meeting Thursday before area.

**A Gathering of Men and Women:** Next business meeting Sunday before area. Everything going well. \$20.00 donation.

**Clean and Serene:**

**Conscious Contact:** Next business meeting June 20<sup>th</sup>. Need members attendance low. \$10.00 donation.

**Fishing for Recovery:** Next home group meeting Saturday before Area.

**Freedom Group:** Next business meeting Thursday before Area. .

**H.O.W.:** Next business meeting Tuesday before area. Doing well!!!! Stay open minded to new idea for meeting direction. Hope that we can still have our annual picnic. \$20.50 donation.

**How It Works:** Next home group meeting Monday before Area. Meeting attendance is up. If enough men and women we are splitting up to separate meetings \$75.00 Donation.

**Hugs Not Drugs:** Next home group meeting June 18<sup>th</sup>. Discussed motion. Attendance has been fair since its warmed up, steps have been read, book passed around and each person picks a page to read.. \$10.00 donation.

**If You Want What We Have:** Next business meeting June 19<sup>th</sup>. All has been going well for us. Home group attendance has remained up, while active home group members are decreasing. Despite being a "treatment center" meeting, we have also maintained several members that are not currently in treatment. No problems financially. Our rent is paid, literature is available. NA approved literature for sale and plenty of white key tags. All is well in the neighborhood. \$20.00 donation.

**I Can't We Can:** Next business meeting June 21<sup>st</sup>. Attendance down but still good no problems on 15.00 in treasury.

**In the Solution:** next home group meeting Friday before Area. We meet every Monday @12:30pm and Fridays @ 8pm. Monday's could use support. Also please do not forget we cannot use the church next month for Area the church is using it.

**It Works How and Why:** Next business meeting June 24<sup>th</sup>. Attendance has stayed steady, averaging about 20 people a week. We are pleased to announce that planning is under way for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual recovery picnic on July 24<sup>th</sup> at Emerson Park in Midland. More will be revealed as we decide what games to play and what prizes are to be had. Also, last month we sent in a report with a receipt attached for \$20 reimbursement for the Area meeting in July. The receipt did not come back to us and neither did the check, as we were told the treasurer left early. We are now asking for the \$20 check from Area to pay its rent for the July meeting. Also, we find it irresponsible that the check for last month's rent was not written out before the treasurer left. The church you used last month was the church for our home group and making the church wait a month without relaying this information to any home group member is unacceptable. We are asking Area to be on top of their responsibilities to itself and its member group. One last thing we are concerned because we mailed a check to the

Regional treasurer about 7 weeks ago, for our Speaker Jam donation, and that check has not been cashed yet. Not that Area can do anything about that, just wanted to voice a concern.. \$35.00 donation.

**Learning To Live:** Next business meeting Thursday before Area. A lot of young NA, could use some support for the newcomer. Attendance is good \$5.00 donation.

**Light of Hope:** Next business meeting Saturday before Area.

**New Awakenings:** Next home group meeting Saturday before Area. Attendance low related to other NA events. Continue to have three breakout sessions which includes IP, the “Just for Today”, and a book study. We are currently discussing the 12 steps. Previous months balance 39.23 with income of 170.41. Expenses were 107.00. Our ending balance was 63.41 \$20.00 donation.

**Never Alone:** Next business meeting Sunday before Area. We meet on Wed. and Sundays from 7-8pm I am the temporary GSR which will be AGSR by next Area. We need help in all things. No donation.

**New Attitudes:** Next business meeting May 25<sup>th</sup>. Took meeting lists to Roscommon Jail, CRAF Center, hung hotline posters at Jail and CRAF center. Getting involved with womens jail meetings in Gladwin. \$10.00 donation.

**No Fear:** Next home group meeting June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It Works How and Why Book Study on Wed. at 12:30pm \$20.00 donation.

**Steppin Straight:** Next business meeting June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hello Family, our group is doing well with attendance averaging in the 20's on Wed. nights. Still only 4 or 5 on Sundays. Congrats go out to Pat, for 2 years, Dawn G with 2 years, Deb W for 30 days, Tom for 8 years, and Sharon S for 11 years in May. We look forward to celebrating 1 year with Larry B coming up next week. Our open speaker for May will be Adel and we are still in the process of lining up our speaker for June. Supplies are stocked and we have a prudent reserve and a donation of 25.00. Out chair for June will be Richard H. and Diane T. will be making coffee for us.

**Survival:** Next home group meeting Tuesday before Area. All is good. We have started our meditation meeting. It was a great success, therefore we would like to add it to our meeting information. It will be the first Tuesday of the month. Thank you and God Bless.

**Surrender:** Next business meeting is the Thursday before Area.

**12 Steps to Freedom:** Next business meeting the second Sunday of the month. Our gratitude and Unity dinner was success over 160 addicts and families attended from Detroit to Grand Rapids, North to Traverse City, south to Capital Area and points in between as well as our own Sag/Bay Area. This event was put on with no use of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition funds. Thanks to all who attended, supported and Willard for speaking. Our wed. night meeting(7:30pm Healthsource) still could use some support-bodies-women to carry the message to newer female members and female detox patients. We continue to average about 8 addicts a day at our daytime meetings and about 30 on Sunday nights. Our open speaker this month is Miley S. and Next month is Mike E. \$26.40 donation..

**Unity:** Next business meeting June 14<sup>th</sup>. Everything is going well. Annual Unity picnic July 10<sup>th</sup> in Midland. \$20.00 donation.

**We are not Unique:** Next business meeting Monday before Area. Could use more home group members. Everything else okay. \$40.00 donation.

**Willing to Make the Effort:** .

**TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORT:** The following is the April 2010 financial totals:

Home Groups	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Common Desires	10	Quest	9.77
Learning to live	2	King Communications	74072

Common Welfare	16	Area Rent	
H.O.W.	20	Secretary	
Hugs, Not Drugs	10	RCM or Alt	70.2
Freedom Group	10	Public Relations	196.05
I Can't We Can	5	Literature	
How It Works	75	Activities	
No Fear	20	Region Donation	40
It Works How and Why	84		
New Attitudes	10		
12 Steps to Freedom	23.08	Previous Balance	2112.97
Unity	30	Donations	670.88
We're Not Unique	50	Total Balance	2783.85
Willing to Make the eff	100	Expenses	467.55
Fishing for recovery	15	Ending Balance	2316.3
A Gathering of men &	25		
12 @ 12	20		
Desire to Change	10		
In The Solution	20		
Surrender	5		
RCM	89.8		

**RCM -ALT Report:** Next Committee meeting is June 6, 2010 in Lansing. Expense request is 1) \$54.00 printing costs for March (CAR copies), April (Regional Report) and May (WSC Results)=2500 pages total @ 2.3cents per copy as paper was donated. 2) \$60.00 for RCM expenses at June Regional meeting. Thanks Willard. Hand outs and Review 1)WSC Motion results 2) WSC Summary of event 3) NAWS financial report.

**Secretary Report:** Hello Family-The April minutes were sent out e-mail and USPS on May 7, 2010. If you did not receive minutes for April please see me or write your information on the bottom of your Group Reports. I am asking for \$92.75 to replenish my prudent reserve. I used \$37.71 for March's postage and copies and \$55.04 for envelopes, postage and copies for April. I have receipts and a breakdown of costs below. ILS Linda G. March Prudent \$100.00Copies\$21.96=\$78.04 postage \$15.75=\$62.29 left in prudent. April Prudent \$62.29, copies \$26.04=\$36.25, postage \$20.74=\$15.51, envelopes \$8.26=\$725 left in prudent.

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

#### **Activities:**

**Public Relations:** Next committee Meeting May 24<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, and June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm at Aldersgate Church in Midland. Next H& I specific meeting is 7pm Wed. May 26<sup>th</sup> at Tim Hortons on Michigan in Saginaw. Our main topic of discussion was reviewing th proposal for a Statewide Helpline. Next Monday (May 24<sup>th</sup>) at 5:30pm there will be a Powerpoint presentation of the proposal at the Aldersgate

United Methodist Church, 2206 Airfield Ln, Midland. Also discussed was the request by a local treatment center for a PI presence at this evening's performance of a recovering comedian in Midland. The plan is to have volunteers at a table with some informational IP's and meeting lists. A member of the subcommittee has volunteered to contact a member of the Huron County group regarding their request for an informational presentation to their local court referral sources. Base on the information gathered, a presentation will likely be given to confirm the legitimacy of Narcotics Anonymous as a program of recovery and a resource in the community. Thanks Willard. A webservant transition is progress, and the website is current to the best of our knowledge. Thanks Jason. A member has re-confirmed his willingness to serve as the H&I contact/focal point for the subcommittee. Thanks Cody. The local Helpline number exchange change is complete, and the Helpline appears to be functional. A volunteer has contacted all of the women volunteers to confirm their willingness and times of availability.(Thank You Jody) New volunteers are always needed. A Helpline workshop is still in the future. H&I meetings at the 1016 House, Pathways, Kairos, Dot, and the Freeland Prisons are going well. Meeting lists and IP's were requested for some of the meetings, and meeting lists have been printed. IP's will be ordered next week. More will be revealed at the H&I meeting in Saginaw this Wednesday night. Thanks to Chance for helping to round up the troops. The PR subcommittee has a lot of great ideas that can only become reality with the help of NA members who have the willingness to get involved. Thaks to all who have expressed willingness to get involved, especially to those who are adding the necessary ingredient of ACTION to their willingness. We are seeking reimbursement of \$77 for meeting lists (for PI and H&I efforts), in addition to the \$100 that was requested but not received (through my own fault) at last months ASC meeting. The total fund requested today are \$177, which will bring our prudent reserve back to the \$300 allotted us under our guidelines. Finally, it the PR subcommittee would like to that Jesse U. for his years for his service to the SBASCNA. Jesse has certainly been an inspiration to me in my personal recovery as well as my involvement with service. The Public Relations Subcommittee is always looking for members. We can't carry the message without your help. ILS Bryan H, PR Chair

**Literature:** Next Committee Meeting June 12th at 10am St Alban's Church. The meeting was called to order @ 10am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. There were three trusted servants in attendance. We began to review Chapter Four and a group conscious was made determining that we should perform this individually and discuss our recommendations at the next meeting. 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 15<sup>th</sup>. This will allow me the time to organize the feedback everyone has provided. You can find the rough draft @ [http://www.na.or/?ID=Living\\_Clean\\_Project](http://www.na.or/?ID=Living_Clean_Project). When providing feedback, please include the Chapter and line number. You can contact me via e-mail @ [tammyramon@delta.edu](mailto:tammyramon@delta.edu). Literature for New Groups: The literature order was received from WSO, and two starter kits are on hand. The literature purchase included 2 gently used basic text purchased from Brian H. for \$10.00. Our WSO order was \$52.40 with freight charges of \$7.86. Therefore, I am requesting a check for \$70.26 to replace my prudent reserve and monies spent. I have included an itemized receipt from WSO, and no receipt is available for the used basic texts. ILS Tammy R

**Retreat:** Next Committee Meeting TBD. There were 122 participants at the retreat. The final financial report will be presented after the bill is received from the DNR. The next committee meeting will be scheduled when the final bill is received so the committee can review the bill for accuracy. The committee will also be enhancing the time line based on information obtained from this past retreat. The committee is reviewing a change of date for next year's retreat and will report back to area in June. ILS Cathy

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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.”  
Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion #113:** Maker-Willard Y. To add the reading “A Vision For NA Service” to our Agenda following the readings of the !2 Traditions and !2 Concepts. Intent: To Align the vision for SBASCNA with the NA service system worldwide. **Cons:** The extra reading will add 55 seconds to the reading section of the Area Meeting. **Pros:** 1) to incorporate the vision for NA Service that was approved at the World Service conference in May 2010. 2) Aligns SBASCNA;s vision with that of the world wide NA fellowship. 3) Provides a vision and foundational principles for our service efforts.

### **A Vision for NA Service**

**All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed. Our Vision is that one day: Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life; Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experinces spiritual growth and fulfillment through service; NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery; Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.**

The vote passed.

**Motion #113:** Maker Matt F. Second Julie T. That no Sub-Committee Chairs hold a position for more than one consecutive term. Intent: Is to allow the spiritual principle of rotation to be complied with, so as not to allow anyone person to monopolize on any one position for more than that position term.

**Con:** 1) not having consistency in a chair to learn position one year may not be enough. 2) no faith it won't be filled. **Pro:** 1) If positions won't come open then there's no need to be filled and the spiritual principle of rotation won't be used. 2) Gives chair an opportunity to appoint people to get things done in absence of chair.

We are taking Nominations for RCM and Alt-RCM. Take to groups.

## **OPEN FLOOR**

It is important that GSR's go back with a positive message about Area. Are groups allowed to take 7<sup>th</sup> tradition money for dances events ect.? Each group is autonomous to spend their 7<sup>th</sup> tradition how they see fit to best carry the message to the addict that still suffers. June 5<sup>th</sup> in Lansing there is a Service learning day?H&I learning day at St Micheals Church on Edgewood and Cedar St. Regional Event starts Nominations.

## **CLOSING/NEXT AREA MEETING**

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

Next meeting is Saturday June 26th at 1:30pm, at 1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Nazarene Saginaw, MI.

In Loving Service,

Linda G. Secretary