

Saginaw Bay Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes

November 21, 2009 – St Alban’s Church – Bay City, MI

OPENING - The Area Service Committee was called to order by the Chair, at 1:32pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.

NEWCOMER(S) – Sue (Never Alone) and Steffone (East Side)

READINGS – Al read the Twelve Traditions, Tammy read the Twelve Concepts, and Bryan M. read the Purpose, Function and Responsibilities of A.S.C.

ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTH’S MINUTES – Minutes accepted.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Home Groups			
A Gathering of Men & Women	-	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	-	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	P	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	R
Hope for Us	-	Steppin Straight	P
H.O.W.	P	Survival	P
How it Works	P	Together We Can Do It	-
Hugs, Not Drugs	-	Twelve Steps to Freedom	R
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	-

ELECTIONS – Congratulations Cody M., our new H&I Chair, and Tammy, our Literature Chair.

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORT:

Secretary Report: My sincerest apologies and heart felt empathy for those who experienced frustration and stress because I took so long to send out the minutes from October. Minutes were emailed on November 1, mailed via USPS on November 12, and directly handed to two (2) members on November 13. A total of \$14.64 was spent on postage and I am left with \$63.52 in my prudent. ILS, Captain McCarnicle and the Marvelous Three

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

Treasurer Report: the following is the October 2009 financial totals:

Home Group Donations	Amount
Common Desire	25
Common Welfare	20
Conscious Contact	20
Desire to Change	20
Fishing for Recovery	10
Freedom Group	10
H.O.W.	20
How it Works	35
If You Want What We Have	20
It Works How and Why	10
New Awakenings	5
No Fear	20
Primary Purpose	20
Survival	5
Unity	20
Total Group Donations	260

Expenses	Amount	Check #
Helpline	187.50	1166
King Communications	90	1167
Total Expenses	277.50	
Previous Balance	1861.11	
+ Donations	260.00	
- Expenses	277.50	
Ending Balance	1843.61	

RCM Report: Hello Family, it's the in between month nothing really to report, with the exception of the regional inventory. I'd like to suggest adding that to new business, so we could take 10 minutes or so to review 4 questions as a group. So Willard and I have something to take back from our Area. Requesting \$200 for next Region meeting: \$60 gas, \$80 food for both of us, and \$60 for motel. G.T.B.O.L.S., Matt F.

GROUP REPORTS:

Clean & Serene: Donation: \$5

Order forms for literature and etc. GSR Change: William D.

Common Desires: Donation: \$25

Meet in Essexville at St. Luke's every Thursday and Saturday at 7pm. Things are good thru new home group.

Common Welfare: Next business meeting: Dec 17 Donation: \$25

Area _____ us and getting some new comers. Meeting attendance is going well. We meet from 12:30 to 1:45 on Tuesday and Thursdays at Common Welfare is Bay City at the Holy Trinity Church on Wenona Street.

Desire to Change: Next business meeting: Nov 22 Donation: \$10

Everything is going good so far. Have no complaints about anything. Had a little fear at first, but anymore. Just glad to be into service.

Eastside: Everything is going great. Meetings are large. We have open speaker every 2nd Monday of the month and open podium every 3rd Monday of the month.

Fishing for Recovery: Next business meeting: Dec 19

Meeting small, 7th Tradition even smaller. Need more support. Starting Sat, Dec 5th, starting a step writing meeting before regular meeting 1pm to 1:45pm. Closed 2:05pm till 3:20pm.

Freedom Group: Next business meeting: Dec 17 Donation: \$10

Everything is going great. We have been getting many newcomers. We meet every Thursday at 10am at the Neighborhood House and every Tuesday at 6pm at the Ricker Annex. We will not have a meeting on Thanksgiving.

H.O.W.: Next business meeting: Dec 15 Donation: \$20

Meeting is doing great. Always looking for suggestions.

How it Works: Next business meeting: Dec 14 Donation: \$44

Meet every Monday and Wednesday at 6:30pm. Monday at Aldersgate Church, Wednesday at Eagle Ridge/

If You Want What We Have: Next business meeting: Dec 12 Donation: \$20

We meet every Saturday at 6:30pm at the First United Methodist Church, down town Midland. We are doing well, all bills are paid and we have gained 3 or 4 home group members. No changes. Things are good.

In the Solution: Next business meeting: Dec 18

Friday meeting going good Monday 12:30, needs support.

It Works, How and Why: Next business meeting: Dec 17

We continue to carry the message of recovery to those who seek it. Attendance averages at about 30 addicts a meeting. We are able to pay for supplies and our meeting facility, unfortunately we don't have a group donation this month. We will be open on the Thursday of Thanksgiving at 7pm as usual.

Learning to Live: Next business meeting: Dec 17

Open Thanksgiving. In need of trusted servants.

Let Go, Let God: Next business meeting: Dec 15 Donation: \$10

Our annual Gratitude Dinner was a success. We had over a hundred people to come and fellowship with us.

Never Alone: Meeting attendance has been good. Open speaker 3rd Sunday of the month (more will be revealed). A few new comers.

New Awakenings: Next business meeting: Dec 19

Struggling financially. Attendance steady. Children are welcomed if supervised.

No Fear: Next business meeting: Dec 16 Donation: \$40

Our group is currently completing the Regional Inventory. We will summarize our results on November 25 prior to our regular group meeting. We will give our results sheet to the SBASCNA RCM prior to the Regional meeting in December.

Recovery Zone II: Next business meeting: Dec 15

Poster drive starting turkey week for Alma, Harrison, Mt Pleasant.

Steppin Straight: Next business meeting: Dec 16 Donation: \$5

Getting some Wednesday new comers each week. Steady support from home group members.

Halloween party was a success. Sunday step meetings going good but small only 4 or 5 people in attendance regularly.

Survival: Next business meeting: Dec 15

Everything is going well at this time. We were in a deficit last month, therefore we don't have a donation this month. The little we had left after rent and other products used for meeting we are using to put on Christmas Dinner.

12 Steps to Freedom: Enclosed are 3 checks representing Aug, Sep and Oct 2009 area contributions. Please read our GSR report into the next Area minutes. Recovery is alive and well at the 12 Steps to Freedom group. We meet Wed & Sat nights at Health Source at 7:30 and 7pm respectively, these are both closed meetings. We also meet at noon at Holy Spirit Church on River Road on Sunday nights at 7:30pm as well. All the above are closed meetings except the last Sunday of the month which is a open speaker or open Podium. Our meetings range in size from 6-12 members at the noon meetings and the Wednesday night Health Source meeting to upwards of 30 folks Saturday night at Health Source and Sunday night at Holy Spirit. I hope to see some of you all out there. Love and service, Michael E.

Unity Group: This home group is doing well. We need to stock up on some literature etc. Rent is paid and we have some activities coming up; the Christmas meeting with dinner was discussed and more will be revealed. We are passing the 2nd basket around for our Annual Unity Picnic which will be held in July. More will be revealed. Thank you, Al L.

We're Not Unique: Next business meeting: Dec 14

Still in need of more home group members to do service.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Next committee meeting: Tuesdays in Saginaw, Survival meeting, from 6:15 to 6:50pm

Al's Final Report: This is the last event we "the activities committee" put on, once I would like to express the gratitude I have to do this kind of functions as a group conscious and not govern. I would like to thank the committee for a job well done because without them, not one event would have been successful. Thank you for your willingness. The Halloween dance was a "once again" successful event. Phil W. did a very good job on carrying the message. His theme "Removing the Masks". There's nothing like seeing kids have fun knowing that they are safe from active addiction, just for today. There were some great costumes and it was a tough decision, but unfortunately there was one. The winner was Ella the bumble bee, congratulations. She received a \$10 gift certificate from McDonald's. The adult's winner was Will, as the 12 Steps. Great costume, he received a \$20 gift card from Meijer's. Congratulations Will. Also we has plenty of food, thanks to those who brought a dish to pass and the dance and fellowship was priceless. That's what its all about. In the envelope I have the prudent reserve and \$117 made for this Area. Thank you for letting me serve and I will be back. ILS, Al L.

Rodney's First Report: Meetings on Tuesday Survival group meeting place at 6:15 – 6:50pm. Nov 10th – one person, Nov 17th – 14 people. Discussed plans for Sanity Bash on Sat Dec 26, in Saginaw. Theme is Living in the Present. Still haven't secured a location, hoping St. Andrews will have their new boiler installed so we can have it there. I'll know by Dec 1. Will be having a potluck dinner 6-7pm, speaker from 7:15-8:15pm (Garfield L., Eastside group), asking to talk past and present, and Tradition one. Dance from 8:15-11:45pm. More will be revealed with flyer out on or before Dec 1. Thank you, ILS, Rodney S. and committee.

P.S. Requesting \$100 for coffee pots in addition to the \$500 prudent reserve. Received stuff from Al. L., no cash or cashboxes. Lost activities meetings place due to unsatisfactory cleanliness and door left open in Bay City, St. Albans.

Comments: It was mentioned that there was a miscommunication between the St. Albans and N.A. members when concerning the clean-up. The church was going to be waxing the floors and members thought that the church didn't want everything completely picked up; and that the bathrooms were unclean and the back door was unlocked. The church was not happy and does not want anymore activities there. Jesse and Rodney will work with the church to smooth over and hopefully restore the good working relationship we had with the church.

Helpline: Next committee meeting: Dec 14, 6pm at Aldersgate Church in Midland.

Wiedman meeting has folded. Website is current to the best of our knowledge. Please contact Bryan H. or other members of the Helpline or Public Information subcommittees with meeting changes, as the King Communications (our Helpline provider) will not make changes without approval of subcommittee chairperson. Please send information regarding holiday events and/or holiday meeting closures or time/location changes so that we can keep the website current. Bryan H.

Public Information: Next committee meeting: Dec 14, 6pm at Aldersgate Church in Midland.

Due to prior commitments, the poster drive will be conducted on a monthly rather than weekly basis. Also, literature turned over to PI/Helpline will be disbursed to elected H&I chair. Anyone interested in PI, Helpline or H&I, please contact Jesse U or Bryan H, or our new H&I chair (Cody M.). Also, effort was made to determine contact person for Bay County jail. Any possibility of NA meetings, contact is possible after 11/23. ILS Jesse U.

Retreat: Next committee meeting: December 6 at 5:30pm - 2087 Durham, Saginaw, MI

Minutes from October 18th meeting are included. Save the Date flyer promoting fundraiser activities for financial impaired is also included. Meeting on November 14 – finalized dates for fundraisers. Design will be finalized at next meeting.

2010 Retreat Committee –October 18, 2009 – Meeting Minutes

Members attending the meeting include. Patti D., Greg W., Cathy H., Martha N., Mary H., Scott C., Roy O., and Lisa C. Cathy H. called the meeting to order.

Minutes form last meeting – Distributed minutes from previous meeting.

Treasurer Report – Jay unable to attend meeting. There was \$4,134.70 in the checking account.

A Deposit of \$1,567 was mailed to the DNR. The remaining balance should be \$2,567.70.

Price for Retreat – The price for the retreat was increased by \$2.50. The cost for 2010 will be \$142.50. Financial impaired will be \$70.00.

Ideas for Theme – Committee voted on the theme. Conscious Contact is the theme. The design will be shaped like the NA symbol. Each side of the symbol contains a prayer including: Grant me the serenity, Take my will and my life, Our gratitude speaks, and Show me how to live.

Fundraising Ideas – Card Party – January 9 or 16 on Center Road. Bowling – March 6.

Misc Issues – Coin for Bench – in process

Next meeting November 14, 5:30 at 2087 Durham Dr, Saginaw

BREAK 2:23-2:33pm, opened up with the Serenity Prayer

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion 909 – Votes were tallied, motion passed. Questions were asked why the 2 year clean time requirement for Chair and Co-Chair of the new sub-committee, it was answered that it's because with the combination of 3 sub-committees, there would be more responsibilities on the shoulders of the new chair and co-chair. Also, it was added that one group had voted 'no' to the motion unless H&I was removed from the motion, because H&I can be more involved and with more responsibilities. Until nominations/elections are done for this sub-committee, the already standing chairs for Helpline, PI and H&I may continue their service work.
2. Last Month's Rent – \$20 check written to New Life Vineyard Church.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Step Study Group – A new group has been started that is for step study, and the group representative is unable to attend Area, as it is on a Saturday. Amy F. was asking if she could be a representative for the group so that they can be on the meeting list. It was clarified that a group can be added to the meeting list if a representative is involved with Area for 2 consecutive meetings.
2. Region Inventory – Matt F handed out the regional inventory questions, and is asking that GSRs present please answer the questions so that the RCM Alt RCM can have something to take back to region. The inventories were attached with the October minutes, although no finished inventories were handed in today. Approximately 10 minutes were spent filling out the forms.
3. Additional Money for Activities – Activities was asking for an additional \$100 on top of the \$500 prudent reserve for the purchase of an activities coffee pot. Rodney found a 60 cup coffee pot for \$33.71, he would like to buy 3; 2 for regular coffee, 1 for decaf. It was asked why the money couldn't be taken out of the \$500 prudent, Rodney answered with that most churches ask for us to purchase insurance which would be \$100 each activity, on top of rent and deposit for the facility, so the prudent reserve would be used for those expenses. It was suggested that if the prudent reserve money was used this month, then next month bring receipts and the prudent can be replenished. So in short, buy the coffee pots if needed, bring back receipts and the Activities prudent reserve can be replenished in time for the Sanity Bash, or vice versa.
4. Literature Prudent – Tammy has asked for \$50 of her prudent reserve today. A check was written.
5. Missing Money – Steve has an envelope (\$617.62 was written on the front), which was taped shut, with money from the last activity, and now \$100 is missing out of the envelope. It was suggested that a second person count the money, and another member has volunteered to call Al. It was pointed out that the previous Activities Chair has made reports then left immediately, and as a solution a member stated that maybe the new Activities Chair can learn from this and stay till the end of the meeting if it is so important to do so. Matt and Melissa recounted the money, the total after the recount was \$517.62. Al came back to the meeting, and stated he spoke with his co-chair and that he kept the money in his safe and may have forgotten \$100 of it. Al has said that he will have the remaining \$100 at the next Area meeting, as well as bringing the cash box.

6. PR Nomination – Bryan nominated Jesse U. as Co-Chair of PR, seconded by Cody.
Qualifications: Been clean over 6 years just for today, has a home group and a sponsor, currently on the 7th step, also has a sponsee. Has the willingness and the time to work with Public Relations. Has had 5 year continuous service.
7. PR Nomination - Jesse nominated Bryan H. as Chair of PR, seconded by Linda.
Qualification: meets clean time requirement (14 years), been PI chair for about 4-5 years, been helpline chair for about a year, has a sponsor (who currently has a sinus infection) and sponsee, has a home group, works the step and has knowledge of the 12 traditions.

OPEN FLOOR

1. Using St. Albans Again – Greg L. suggested we, as Area body, write a formal apology and earn the trust back from St. Albans, maybe we can use the facility again. Tammy offered to write up a letter. Matt suggested we use members who have a good working relationship with the church, and let them speak with the church representatives. Right now, Jesse stated, we have one woman who he speaks to at the church, and she, as acting on behalf of the church, had sternly let us know that we cannot use the church for activities, per the church ‘elders’. It was suggested to give the church some time to calm down and maybe we can work on a better relationship for the future.

CLOSING/NEXT AREA MEETING

Meeting closed at 3:25pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Next meeting is Saturday, December 19 at 1:30pm, at New Life Church of the Nazarene
1278 S Center Rd
Saginaw, MI 48638

In loving service,
Jennie R., Secretary

Information after the meeting:

It was reminded of me that in December we will entertain the nominations for the following positions:

Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Co-Secretary, Treasurer, and Co-Treasurer.

Please bring nominations and willingness to next month’s meeting, so we may have a smooth transition when the time comes. Thanks.

ILS. Jennie R.