

SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2018

Freeland MI

OPENING: Meeting opened 2:18pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

NEWCOMERS to AREA: Todd H

READINGS:

Twelve Traditions- Mike B

Twelve Concepts- Tammi O

Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC- George S

NA World Service Vision- Janet C

ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES: No

NOMINATION and ELECTIONS: Elections held. Travis H is H&I, Karen A is Public Relations, Ryan L is Web Servant. Thank you for your service.

OPEN POSITIONS: Co-Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Alt-RCM, Activities, Literature, Outreach, and Retreat.

TRUSTED SERVICE REPORTS: **Chair:** All is well. **Secretary:** Hey family, life is getting better. I apologize again for the late distribution of the minutes. I will continue to do my best. I am asking for reimbursement of \$4.6. In loving service, Susan.

RCM: Hi everyone, this has been quite a learning experience. I attended the June Regional meeting in Battle Creek. I asked the one question you all wanted to know about the Regions website. This sparked much discussion. First, our regional web servant, Sheldon has stepped down. Discussed; should we open a co-web servant position, along with web servant position, or form a committee to get website update, up-to-date. We even discussed possibly hiring someone to work on the website. It was decided we would open a co-web servant position. Patti K. was elected as our new regional web servant. If anyone has the willingness, come to the next Regional meeting, which will be held September 9th in the Capital Area. We also elected a new RD and RDA. Marty our previous RDA was elected RD, and Sally S. was elected as our new RDA. The co-secretary position was still open, and Jennah expressed the willingness, there were no objections, and Jennah is our new Regional co-secretary. The region will be donating basic text to area libraries. 41 for Northwest area, 46 for Southwest, and 25 for Mid-Michigan area. We are continuing to work on updating the Michigan Regional Guidelines. The MSO is continuing to work on their ongoing problems. NAWS will be increasing literature pricing on July 1st, 2018 by 5% on basic text, and 6% on all other literature. Our Regional PR chair, Johnny attended the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals in Grand Rapids on March 13th and 14th. The event was a huge success. Johnny will also be attending the Michigan School counselor Association conference in Lansing in October. The Thumb area is continuing to struggle. They are having their annual picnic August 25th. The Region will be paying their balance of their phone bill to help them. Our RD and RDA attended

WSC 2018. They shared with us their experience. I will note some of the highlights in this report (see the CAR report included for details). The June Regional Minutes had the full RD and RDA reports. We were able to watch PSA's from a few different countries. There were participants from 39 countries attending. Out of 118 seated regions, 114 RD's were participating. Iran and New Zealand were able to participate in the WSC via Zoom and with motion 25 passing they were able to participate with full voting rights. Jane spoke at the WSC about PR efforts going on around the world. We can send Jane pictures of our community PR efforts to help get ideas from each other. They are continuing to work on the new Daily Meditation book from the Living Clean Book, as well as the Mental Health/Illness IP

Thanks for letting me serve
Lynn B.

Treasurer: **PLEASE CASH YOUR CHECKS IN A TIMELY MANNER.** Hello family. I will be bringing hard copies to our next Area meeting in October, please feel free to take one. Previous balance was \$2,809.76 with assets of \$395 and expenses at \$532.43. This leaves us with a balance of \$2,672.33. In loving service Mike.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I: We are currently waiting on final approval of a new volunteer for the Bay County Jail and have been told that a schedule for re-starting meetings in the Midland County Jail will be finalized in September. Support for the H&I meeting at Tri-Cap is also ongoing. This will be my final report as H&I chair as I have fulfilled the term and responsibilities of this position. I have no willingness to be any part of the **current** Saginaw Bay Area "service" Committee and will bear no responsibility for its actions (or lack of action). The H&I prudent reserve of \$200 has been mailed to the ASC post office box, and I will work with any new H&I chair and give the remaining supplies to them before their term begins in September. Good luck, Bryan H. Travis H was voted in as chair.

Public Relations: Greetings family. I am very disappointed that I cannot be there today as I have been exploring different options to carry the message of our helpline and get it out there to the public. I have created a handbill type piece of media out of our helpline poster that could be placed in a variety of locations for people to pick up and take with them. It is basically personal helpline posters without the flags and can be created at a very reasonable cost. I will bring a sample to present to the committee next month. In the process I am creating this I came to realize that our current helpline poster is obsolete due to the change's region made last year that led to the change in our website link. I have also addressed this by editing the helpline poster pdf with the current link, they can now be printed any time needed. This brings me to my reminder that if there are any homegroups seeking to do service and would like to do a poster drive the PR committee came provide them with the materials to do so. I received some interesting ideas from a member in another area and plan to do some research on a number of them before we meet in October and look forward to sharing with the group what I find out. One final task that I completed was to email Ryan L, the web servant and requested that he remove the Tuesday night 7pm Serenity is Now meeting in Saginaw. In loving service, Karen A

Retreat: The DNR Center has been reserved, the dates are May 10-12, 2019. I will be stepping down as retreat chair, to further my education. The committee will nominate a new chair at the next mgt. Thank you for allowing me to be of service for this brief moment, in loving service, Bill M

Web Servant: Meeting list and website have been updated to reflect closed Gladwin meeting. Have not received any flyers this month. If anybody would like flyers, events, or meeting changes added to the website please email at litwi1rm@gmail.com with the details. I would prefer flyers to be in PDF format and is suggested that the group hosting the event be listed on the flyer. ILS

GROUP REPORTS:

A Deeper Level: Next HG Business Mtg: Group Donation: \$0. Increasing attendance every week. Many newcomers, 4 active HG members. Still doing meditation and step writing, alternating weekly. Started talking about planning meditation event- "learning day".
A Yes to both proposals.

A Gathering of Men and Women: Next HG Business Mtg: 10-21-18 Group Donation: \$20. Working out of the 12 Step Guide, Step 2, Came to believe. No to both proposals

Acceptance is Freedom and Serenity: Next HG Business Mtg: 10-16 or 18-18 Group Donation: \$0. No to both proposals. No other correspondence at this time.

Addicts Helping Addicts: Next HG Mgt: 10-8-18 Group Donation: \$0. 21 Members, 14 in attendance, struggling financially. A Yes to both proposals.

Attitude of Gratitude: Next HG Business Mtg: 10-18-18. Group Donation: \$0. All is going well, we will soon be moving our mtgs back inside as the weather cools. Our attendance continues to be strong and we continue to give away a free basic text to the person with the least amount of clean time each week, sometimes two. No to both proposals.

Common Welfare: Nest HG Mtg: 10-18-18 Group Donation: \$10. The Common Welfare group has been rocky as far as HG member participation but attendance has been strong and the meeting is stable at this time. Abstain on both proposals.

The House: Next HG Mtg: 10-9-18 Group Donation: \$0. We want to have a literature fundraiser, with cards and selling tacos and pop.

H.O.W.: Next HG Business Mtg: 10-16-18 Group Donation: \$20. No correspondence at this time.

Keep It Simple: Next HG Business Mtg: 10-19-18 Group Donation: \$20. Attendance starting to pick up. 81 for August with 3 newcomers.

Let Go Let God: Next HG Business Mtg: 10-19-18 Group Donation: \$10. The meeting is going well, we have five to ten people a week. It is a step study out of the flat book.

New Awakenings: Next HG Business Mtg: 10-20-18 Group Donation: \$5. Yes to the proposal.

Stepping Stones: Next HG Business Mtg: 10-10-18 Group Donation: \$0. 21 members, 14 avg attendance, struggling financially. Yes to both proposals.

Survival: Next HG Business Mtg: 9/24/18 Group Donation: \$0. The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, Survival offers a meditation meeting as well as a closed meeting. The 2nd Tuesday is an open meeting. No on both proposals.

Surrender Our Lives: Next HG Business Mtg: 10-1-18 Group Donation: \$20. No on the proposals.

Unity: Next HG Business Mtg: 10-10-18 Group Donation: \$0. Attendance is good. No on the proposals.

Willing to Make the Effort: Next HG Business Mtg: 10-19-18 Group Donation: \$50. We vote no on both motions. Rather than provide Basic Texts to HG, we'd rather see the money go to H&I to provide books to libraries, treatment centers, jails, etc.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Proposed that Area time and place be moved. Area service meeting to be moved to Saturday following the 11 am meeting at St Albans. Area would start immediately after (12:30) and end when business is completed. It will change to the first or the last Saturday of the month- this will be determined once it is voted on. Please vote yes or no

2. It is proposed that \$800 of Area funds be used to purchase basic texts. These basic texts will then be evenly distributed to any home group that wishes to have them. There will be a date and time set for pick up with notification well in advance. These books are for donation to people who need them only, not for resale. Any extra books will be kept with area literature. Both proposals were denied. Proposal 1: yes-3, no-10, abstain-2. Proposal 2: yes-6, no-7, abstain-2

WSO was called and asked if proposal 2 broke any Traditions. WSO stated that it did not as the Basic Texts were being given away and not sold. If any HG were to sell the ones they were given, that would break the 7th Tradition. Proposal 2 can be voted on again after this information is given to the HG's.

NEW BUSINESS: none

OPEN FLOOR: What can we do to get people here. This discussion was about placing principles before personalities. Spiritual principles need to run our Area. People need to come to Area and voice their concerns, so solutions can be had. Putting problems on social media does nothing to find solutions.

CLOSE: 4:45pm

NEXT SBSCNA MEETING: October 21, 2018 in Freeland at 2:15pm & P&A will be at Noon on October 21, 2018