

SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2018

Freeland, MI

OPENING: Meeting opened 2:15pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

NEWCOMERS to AREA: Patrick B.

READINGS:

Twelve Traditions- Patrick B.

Twelve Concepts- Randy G.

Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC- George S.

NA World Service Vision- Not Read

Roll Call: See attached SBASCNA ATTENDANCE RECORD

ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES: Minutes were accepted with no changes.

NOMINATION and ELECTIONS: None

OPEN POSITIONS: Co-Secretary, Co-Treasurer, Alt-RCM, Literature

TRUSTED SERVICE REPORTS:

Chair: We had a P&A Meeting this afternoon and made some additional progress reviewing changes needed in the Area Guidelines. I meet with the past Activities Chair and will discuss that conversation under old business. I received \$284.37 from Verity P. and the Activities supplies. The next P&A Meeting will be before the next area meeting, December 16th at noon. **(SEE ATTACHED MOTIONS FOR GUIDELINE CHANGES FOR HG'S TO VOTE ON)**

Secretary: No Report / Absent

RCM: I will attend the Regional Meeting December 2nd in Flint. There is an event prior to it called, "Work the Steps or Die" Workshop. This Workshop will be held December 1st at 718 Oak Street, Flint Mi., with a Game Night to follow at 5:00 pm. Regional Meeting will be held at the same location on December 2nd at 9:00 am.

The question Region has asked me to bring to our group conscience is that the Michigan Regional Website will be unable to use Google maps unless we have a Google account with a \$200.00 deposit. This would affect every meeting location as well as events posted on the site. The Regional Treasure will be updated at the change of service positions in February. His Credit Card will be cancelled and a new one will need to be issued to Google. MSO has a business Credit Card not linked to an individual so it will always be active. Question I think is what card do we want the Region to use or/and do we want to continue Google Maps? ILS, Lynn B.

Treasurer: **PLEASE CASH CHECKS IN A TIMELY MANNER.** Hello family. I will bring hard copies of the financials to this month's meeting. Please feel free to take them. Previous balance was \$2,589.17 with assets \$1,097.37 and expenses at \$577.03. This leaves us with a balance of \$3,109.51. **PLEASE CASH CHECKS IN A TIMELY MANNER.** Thank you for letting me be of service. In loving service, Mike H.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I: Brian H continues doing the Midland County Jail meetings. Al L. is currently doing the Bay County Jail meetings. Danny D is currently doing the H&I Tri-Cap men & women meeting. I am requesting \$177.43 to replenish the H&I prudent reserve.

Public Relations: I put together and delivered a starter kit to the new Recovery on 6th Street meeting. I will request reimbursement next month when I am there. This is all I have to report this month as I have put seeking promoting the helpline on hold until area determines what direction they will go. In loving service, Karen A.

Retreat: RETREAT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT 11-18-18

Not a whole lot to report at this time. We're moving along as expected. We will have registration forms out in time to be taken to the Regional meeting in December. We're accepting credit cards this year and expect that this will lead to an increase in attendance. Our next meeting is Tuesday 11-27 at 6:00 pm at the Survival meeting place. In Service, Lisa G.

Web Servant: Hey Family, here is my November web servant report. Website has been updated with minutes and meeting list. As of today I've published a new meeting list that has the Friday Mt. Pleasant meeting removed. If anybody would like flyers, events, or meeting changes added to the website please email me at litwilrm@gmail.com with the details. I would prefer flyers to be in PDF format and it is suggested that the group hosting the event be listed on the flyer. Happy Holidays, ILS Ryan

Activities: Our next committee meeting will be November 26th at 6:00 pm at Unity Meeting location. The Halloween Dance was a success. Raised enough money to replenish our prudent reserve and donate \$528.00 to Area. The Sanity Bash has been planned and will be held December 29th at St. Albans Church in Bay City. Complete Ham dinners will be sold at the event and there will also be a one of a kind shirt auction. ILS, Tina G.

GROUP REPORTS:

Common Welfare: Next Home Group Business Meeting; 12/13/18. Group Donation: \$8.00. Common Welfare Group is maintaining stable attendance.

Surrender Our Lives: Next Home Group Business Meeting; 12/3/18. Group Donation: \$20.00. Monday night's book study in Living Clean and Saturday morning book study in Basic Text. Option #2: Eliminate Outreach with pre approval and fill financial accountability when monies are used for Outreach type activities/events.

Willing to Make the Effort: Next Home Group Business Meeting; 12/14/18 @ 7:15 pm. Group Donation: \$50.00.

12 Steps Forward: Present but no report turned into secretary.

Let go let god: Next Home Group Business Meeting; 12/14/18. Group Donation: \$10.00. The meeting is going along, we meet three times a week and have at least 4 people per meeting.

The House: Next Home Group Business Meeting; 12/11/18. Group Donation: \$5.00. Attendance has been well, we had a fundraiser for literature we made \$15.00.

Living the Dream: Next Home Group Business Meeting; TBD. Group Donation: \$0.00 New GSR is Danny D.

Survival: Next Home Group Business Meeting; 11/27/18. Group Donation: \$80.00. Our Groups annual holiday dinner will be held on December 18th @ 6:00 pm before the meeting. We voted yes to all the guideline motion changes.

Unity: Next Home Group Business Meeting; 12/10/18. Group Donation: \$10.00. Our group thinks that the Outreach Committee should be terminated and made an activities duty. We are having a Christmas Potluck on Monday December 17th from 5 pm – 7 pm. We will have an Open Podium from 7 pm – 8:15 pm. This will be an Open Meeting to allow family and friends to attend. Our new GSR is Tina G.

Common Ground: Next Home Group Business Meeting; 10/17/18. Group Donation: \$20.00. Due to people moving and a couple passing away we have only 4 – 6 in regular attendance. We do get out of town visitors often. We juggle our meeting opener and chairperson often and always keep our doors open. So if you are in West Branch Area please stop by. Also, both West Branch meetings are now Common Ground and located at 100 East Houghton Ave., West Branch, MI.

Attitude of Gratitude: Next Home Group Business Meeting; TBD. Group Donation: \$0.00. All four of our regular meetings are going well. This coming Thursday we will be open all day with our regular closed meeting at 1:00 pm, Thanksgiving dinner after and our 7:00 pm meeting will be an open meeting. We look forward to seeing lots of friends. Group Vote; we vote no on joining the region phone line.

OLD BUSINESS: Al L. reported that Verity returned \$286.37 and all the Activities supplies. A straw vote of groups present was to let it go, three groups did not vote to let it go with some concerns of being accountable. It was discussed with consideration of sending a message that we would be setting precedence and we would like the remaining balance to be reimbursed. Matt F., Co-Chair will send a letter to Verity to let her know what our expectations are, and we would like the \$213.63 to bring the Activities Prudent Reserve back to the \$500.00 she had when she was Activities Chair.

Mike H., reported that he contacted the previous Outreach Chair about the \$125.00 prudent reserve. The past chair said she is willing to pay it but has yet to make any effort to do so. She also informed Mike that she was willing to make payments. Al L. said he talked to her and she said she would repay after the New Year. After discussion the area would like her to make a minimum of \$25.00 payments per month until the \$125.00 has been recouped. Co-Chair, Matt F. will contact Bree and make the arrangements with her for payments.

Outreach Committee – do we need it? Should it be part of Activities Committee? According to our Guidelines it's the responsibility of the Co-Chair and RCM to reach out to groups when they haven't been to area or have made no contact with area. There was lots of discussion on what we need to do with Outreach, was it actually a Standing Committee or was it only an Adhoc Committee? It was determined that it was a Standing Committee. A vote was taken with 9 GSR's voting to disband and 1 abstained from the vote.

Helpline – George shared the information that was in the October Area Minutes. Per Jeff who takes care of the regional phone line, he can set up the system any way we want it to be set up. We can continue to allow addicts to talk to someone, but the PR Chairperson will have to be very organized in getting the names and having members scheduled and willing to take calls. Group consensus was to drop King Phone line Service and use only the Regional Phone line Service. This will be a process, so we will stick with King until they are no longer needed and the conversion has been completed. We discussed if this might be a committee all by itself and take the responsibility from PR. It was determined that it could be handled within the PR Committee and not to created a new committee just for helpline. While it is a duty of the Co-chair to contact the PR Chair of the change, George S. volunteered to talk to the PR Chair to let her know we will be working with region for this transition.

NEW BUSINESS:

Topic 1: Activities Reports; it was discussed that their report should include a breakdown of income and expenses. It was shared by the Activities Chair and Treasure that that is the way the reports are with supporting receipts. It was shared and agreed upon that this process applies to all Trusted Servants who deal with any of the SBASCNA money.

Topic 2: From Region – re: Google Maps requires a \$200.00 deposit for us to continue the use of it once the current Regional Treasure's term is up in February. Our consensus was that if the MSO is willing to place the \$200.00 deposit on their Business Credit Card then we think that is how to proceed. If they are not willing to do so, then we suggest that the Region apply for a small amount Business Credit Card for this purpose.

OPEN FLOOR: No open floor discussion

CLOSE: 4:02 pm

NEXT SBSCNA MEETING:

December 16, 2018 in Freeland @ 2:00 pm

NEXT P&A MEETING:

December 16, 2018 in Freeland @ 12:00 pm (NOON)