

# SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2019

Freeland, MI

**OPENING:** Meeting opened at 2:02 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

## **NEWCOMERS to AREA:**

Steppin Straight – Caro. Group was welcomed to the Area with a round of applause.

## **READINGS:**

**Twelve Traditions** – Patrick B.

**Twelve Concepts** – Brenda B.

**Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC** – Karen A.

**NA World Service Vision** – Jeremy T.

**ROLL CALL:** \_\_\_\_\_ Groups Represented (See attached SBASCNA ATTENDANCE RECORD)

**ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES:** June minutes were accepted with no changes.

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:** All Area Positions are filled

## **TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:**

**Chairperson:** Discussion was held regarding RCM attending Mid West Forum. This will be discussed at the Area today. Discussion regarding continued monthly P&A meeting if needed. Discussion about the Literature order – info to be passed on at Area today.

**Secretary:** If there is anyone that isn't receiving the minutes please make sure to get your email address to me, printed very clearly. If you have a Home Group or Trusted Servant report please email to me, or fill out the appropriate form legibly. Also, if you would please pass on to your Home Group members or any other NA member; if anyone would like the Area Minutes emailed to them please send their email address to next month's meeting or email it to me. I'm still attempting to update our email list but with many personal things taking place right now I haven't had the time to commit time to it. If anyone else has the willingness to work on this your help would be greatly appreciated. If not, no problem it will be done sometime in the future. ILS, George S.

**Treasurer:** (Detailed Report Attached)

Hello family, I have attached this month's Treasury report to the minutes. I will also have hard copies at the June meeting. Previous balance was \$4,434.25 with assets of \$737.23 and expenses of \$2,412.57. This leaves us with a balance of \$2,758.91. In loving service, Mike H.

**RCM:** After doing a careful cost analysis for the Multi-regional service learning days in Racine Wisconsin which would cost around \$500 to attend. I decided that the area money would be spent in better ways such as a multi area learning event where the RD comes to this area. Mike H has been put in contact with the region treasurer to figure out how to get our donation to region. Will have more when I get region minutes. Should have those tonight.

**RCM-Ait:** Absent – No Report

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**H&I** Absent – No Report

**Public Relations:** Greetings, I compiled all meeting lists changes since February and sent them to Jim the Region Helpline Chair. I also sent a copy to Ryan for feedback on anything I may have missed. During this process I discovered "Let Go Let God" meeting was missing and had them returned to our list with their new, current location. I visited the meeting since last ASC meeting so I know this information to be up to

date. I had new meeting lists printed and am requesting a reimbursement to the prudent reserve in the amount of \$95.40. In loving Service, Karen A.

**Retreat:** I'm sorry about missing two months in a row. I thought we would have all 2019 retreat business wrapped up by June, so I made another commitment for today. The retreat committee would like to nominate Karen A. to be the retreat chair for 2020. Our donation for this year is \$369.57. Again, I'm sorry I can't be there to answer any questions. Thank you for allowing me to serve. ILS, Lisa

**Web Servant:** Please update the email address listed in the meetings from my personal email to [SaginawBayArea@Michigan-NA.org](mailto:SaginawBayArea@Michigan-NA.org).

Website has been updated with minutes and Unity Canoe Trip. There have been many meeting revisions this month so please review the meeting list. Website/meeting changes can be viewed here: [goo.gl/aHVK6M](http://goo.gl/aHVK6M) If anybody would like flyers, events, or meeting changes added to the website please email at [SaginawBayArea@Michigan-NA.org](mailto:SaginawBayArea@Michigan-NA.org) with the details. Preferred format is PDF. ILS, Ryan

As reported last month I've worked with region on a couple items:

- Getting an area email address ([SaginawBayArea@Michigan-NA.org](mailto:SaginawBayArea@Michigan-NA.org)) that is forwarded to my email address. This should help with the transition of web servant and provide more anonymity.
- Auto generated meeting lists from website and the BMLT database we already maintain. I've printed a number of these out for people to review and have worked to configure the layout to be similar to our current meeting list. There is some additional bits of information that came with the template and have worked with a few members to modify some of this as well as adding some of our service meeting information. Please review and provide any suggestions/feedback. This will vastly reduce the amount of effort to maintain our printable meeting list, currently this is a manual process that require maintaining a word document in addition to the BMLT database.

Looking into a FB page for the area for an additional place for public information to be found ie flyers/meeting list. Kim P. has volunteered to maintain this page and the Admin's of this page can remain anonymous, more will be revealed. Again: Website/meeting changes can be viewed here: [goo.gl/aHVK6M](http://goo.gl/aHVK6M)

**Activities:** Next meeting August 12, 2019 @ 6:00 PM @ Monday night Unity Group. The beach party held in June had a low turnout. The expenses were \$167.18 and it was a free event. Therefore, I am asking for reimbursement of \$167.18. We are having a Special Olympics Event on August 24<sup>th</sup> at Monitor Twp. Park in Bay City. Flyers are posted on the NA Website and groups. This event will be a lot of fun and I hope a lot of members participate. In Loving Service, Tina G.

**Literature:** Starting with the bad news first, our initial order of supplies will not be delivered until the Tuesday after this meeting. NAW\$ was not accepting orders for a couple of weeks, and I didn't place the order soon enough after they began accepting orders again. I will be submitting the invoice from NAW\$ for reimbursement today. The invoice total is \$2005.43, but it includes \$10.20 for three tokens for my home group which drops the ASC's cost of the order to \$1995.23.

I have the first draft of the Literature order form with me today to be distributed to any interested groups or members. If groups would like to order items which are not on the order form but are currently part of the NAW\$ inventory those items may be legibly hand written in the spaces provided on the back page of the order form along with the NAW\$ price. I did not order tokens beyond 1 year as there was discussion at last month's ASC meeting about the possibility of groups donating some of their coins back to the ASC for redistribution. Used (unmarked) basic texts are listed on the order form and when available will be \$6 for 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> editions.

We are still working on the storage location and locker for the supplies, so until those details are confirmed I will retain the inventory (when received later this week). **The official email address for literature ordering and general use by the Literature Subcommittee is [SaginawLit@gmail.com](mailto:SaginawLit@gmail.com).**

The first “batch” of new literature for the “Spiritual Principle A Day” book is available for Review and Input, and all input is due September 1<sup>st</sup>. The information can be view and reviewed at <https://www.na.org/?ID=medibook&ID=medibook>.

I have one complete group starter kit (minus meeting lists) and hold a prudent reserve of \$ 100.

ILS, Bryan H.

**GROUP REPORTS:** (**13 Home Groups Present** / those who turned in reports below)

**Steppin Straight:** Next Home Group Business Meeting; 8/11/19, Group Donation: \$110.00. Since the Thumb Area recently dissolved, we are asking to join the SBASCNA. We meet on Sunday from 5 - 6:15 and Wednesday from 7 - 8:15.

**How We Recover:** Next Home Group Business Meeting, TBD, Group Donation: \$20.00. Low attendance, needs help.

**Let Go Let God:** Next Home Group Business Meeting, TBD, Group Donation: \$10.00. The meeting is possibly going to have to close due to having to change location and the cost of new location. We're going to hang in there and keep it open for another month and see how it goes.

**Circling the Square:** Next Home Group Business Meeting, 7/23/19, Group Donation: \$0.00. Successfully continuing Literature study of Living Clean. In need of Keytags and Home Group Members.

**Gratitude Not Attitude:** Next Home Group Business Meeting, TBD, Group Donation: \$0.00. The meeting is going well with 8 – 10 member average attendance, hold are own.

**Hope In Hale:** Next Home Group Business Meeting, TBD, Group Donation: \$0.00. Two Home Group members, can use help with attendance.

**Survival:** Next Home Group Business Meeting; 7/30/19 after the regular meeting. Group Donation: \$50.00. We have a meditation meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday as well as a closed meeting. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month we have an open meeting, as well as a closed meeting. We are currently reading from the Living Clean Book and will complete it the end of July.

**Willing to Make the Effort:** Next Home Group Business Meeting: 8/16/19 @ 7:15 pm. Group Donation: \$50.00. Group conscience voted yes on motion 037-19. We have a new GSR – Camille N.

**Attitude of Gratitude:** Next Home Group Business Meeting; 8/15/19. Group Donation: \$0.00. Our meeting continues to move forward carrying a strong message of NA recovery and providing free books for newcomers. This month we have two members celebrating clean time; one with 3 years and one with 6 years.

**Common Desires:** Next Home Group Business Meeting; 8/15/19. Group Donation: \$10.00.

**A Gathering Of Men & Women:** Next Home Group Business Meeting; 8/18/19. Group Donation: \$20.00. Book study group – NA Step Working Guide / Step 4 – Guilt and Shame. Janet C.

**How It Works:** Next Home Group Business Meeting, August 12, 2019. Group Donation: \$0.00. Our picnic yesterday was a success, and there was much food, fun, and fellowship. In the future we'll try to improve our communication with other groups to avoid planning our event on the same day as other groups or subcommittees in the Saginaw Bay Area. Our group continues to use our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition funds to make books available at prices significantly below our cost.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Past RCM money of \$150.00. George contacted Lynn B. on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and she informed him that she didn't yet have the money but as quick as she got her refund we would get the \$150.00. George will continue to make contact with her.
- b. Motion: 19-037 Fliers to be posted on our Area Website must have which Sub-Committee or Home Group the event is being hosted by. Flyer must also include NA symbol and physical address of the event on the flier. Passed with 7 yes votes
- c. Sub-committee Goals Sheets – none were turned into the Secretary and will be sent out in the minutes again this month for Groups or any member to provide input.
- d. Sub-committee Annual Budgets – As we will be having nominations in August and elections in September for new Sub-committee Chairs the budgets will be put on hold until September.
- e. RCM Budget to attend Multi-Regional Service Learning Day – Drae reported that it would cost over \$500.00 for him to attend and felt that he could get all the information from others that were attending. He felt that our money would be better spent in our Area to further carry our message of recovery.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Retreat Chair was nominated and elected for our 2020 Annual Retreat. A paper vote was taken and Karen A. was voted in unanimously.
- b) Hospitals & Institutions Chair has not attended the last two meetings and has not submitted a report. Per our Area Guidelines that position is now open. Nominations will be taken at the August Area meeting.
- c) RCM-Alt has been absent the last two months, however, did submit a report in June. Area Chair will contact him and express the need to be at the meeting.

### **OPEN FLOOR:**

- a) Absences in August – The following will not be attending the August Area meeting; Chair, Co-chair, Secretary & Co-secretary. Drae will Chair the August meeting and Patrick B. will take minutes for the meeting.
- b) Brian informed everyone the meeting that was in question on the APP actually was on the APP after he checked it today.
- c) Patrick B. said his employer is “addict friendly” and could offer extremely discounted materis for promotional items such as t-shirts.

**CLOSE:** Meeting closed at 2:59 pm with we version of the Serenity Prayer.

**FLYERS & MEETINGS:** If any committees have flyers or meetings they would like posted to the SBASCNA Website send to [SaginawBayArea@Michigan-NA.org](mailto:SaginawBayArea@Michigan-NA.org) (PDF FORMAT)

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**LITERATURE ORDERS:** The official email address for literature ordering and general use by the Literature Subcommittee is [SaginawLit@gmail.com](mailto:SaginawLit@gmail.com)

## **Home Group Announcements**

### **NEXT SBSCNA MEETING**

August 18, 2019 in Freeland @ 2:00 pm

### **Nominations for the following at August ASC**

Activities / Literature / Hospitals & Institutions  
Public Relations / Web Servant

## **Home Group Action Items – July 2019**

- **Review the Goals Sheets** for the Literature, Activities, Hospitals & Institutions and Public Relations committees and offer any and all ideas you have. Bring to next ASC meeting.
- **Home Groups:** please keep the most updated meeting list in your meeting. Many have meetings that don't exist, new meetings that aren't on the old lists, and any meeting list prior to March 2019 has the wrong phone number. Please, go to our Area Website and print off the new/current meeting list.
- **Review and discuss** all New Business & Open Floor items for discussion at next ASC Meeting in July
- **Nominations:** Literature / Activities / Hospital & Institutions / Public Relations / Web Servant