

SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2019

Freeland, MI

OPENING: Meeting opened at 2:03 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

NEWCOMERS to AREA:

READINGS:

Twelve Traditions – Edward H.

Twelve Concepts – Eric H.

Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC – Chris S.

NA World Service Vision – Joe M.

ROLL CALL: 15 Voting Groups Represented

(See attached SBASCNA ATTENDANCE RECORD)

ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES: November minutes were approved

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:

Chairperson / Policy & Administration:

At P&A today we discussed having an event in conjunction with the Regional Meeting we will be hosting March 1, 2020. Our hope at this time is to have the Regional Delegate and Alt., with our RCM present the Conference Agenda Report and Conference Agenda Track (CAR/CAT) during the day. Hope to have an event that evening with a panel presenting Area Subcommittee responsibilities and other service positions in NA. Chair and Co-Chair will both be absent in January, Chair has appointed RCM Drae to chair the January meeting.

Secretary: If you have a Home Group or Sub Committee report please email to me, or fill out the appropriate form legibly. I have a few copies of the Area Guidelines here today for anyone that doesn't have the ability to print their own. I am submitting a request to be reimbursed for copy paper and printer ink for services over the last year in the amount of \$20.13. If anyone has an interest of becoming the Area Secretary or Co-Secretary in January please don't hesitate to get with me if you would like a deeper description of what the position entails.

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 December meeting. Previous balance was \$4,048.97 with assets of \$650.90 and expenses of \$761.77. This leaves us with a balance of \$3,398.10. In loving service, Mike H.

RCM & RCM-ALT:

ATTENDANCE: 11 AREAS OF 13 IN ATTENDANCE

From the RDA

The Cat and Car Survey workshop in January 24-26 in Grand Rapids there is a code to get a discount on the room.

MRCNA CHAIR REPORT:

JOHN W. – TRUST THE PROCESS THE THEME FOR MRCNA 36, LOOKING FOR A LOGO, REGISTRATIONS ARE AVAILBLE, BUDGETS ARE REASOABLE DUE TO HOPEFULLY HAVING A BETTER ATTENDANCE. ASKING THE REGION IF TREASURER FOR CONVENTION SHOULD HAVE THE REGIONAL DEBIT CARD. DID A WALK THUR AT THE HOTEL AND WE HAVE A PO BOX: 184, BELMONT, MI 49306. REGIONAL WEBSITE HOMEPAGE IN RED FOR EASY ACCESSIBILITY

MSO:

BOB J. ALL BANNERS HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM THE MSO. NAW'S REPAYMENT PLAN HAS BEEN REPAID AND CURRENTLY KEEPING UP ON ALL OTHER PAYMENTS. MY TERM IS UP AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM. MSO'S CREDIT CARD DEBT IS CURRENTLY @ \$20,000.00 NOT INCREASING SINCE WE ARE AT OUR LIMIT. CURRENTLY BEING STAFFED BY ONE EMPLOYEE AND REST IS BY BOARD MEMBERS, INTERVIEWING NEW OFFICE MANAGER.

Public Relations:

LIVINGSTON COUNTY WILL HOST A DRT/MAT IDT WORKSHOP IN FEBRUARY. Sponsorship behind the walls has been currently put on hold because it is felt that it is not being done right so take a step back and regroup possibly.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADHOC COMMITTEE FOR SPIRITUAL RETREAT: Things seem to be looking as if we are definitely moving forward with a Region ran spiritual retreat. Waiting on AJ to do some more research to find out what is the best way to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MSO REP IS UP FOR ELECTION; the body decided that Bob would continue to work as the MSO rep as for month to month but they wanted it brought back to area's to see if the continued support of the MSO is something that should be done. Need to put this in New business so that it can go back to groups so that by next region I can bring back this areas thoughts.
2. MINUTES Current Guidelines actually state that the current timing is 10 days after Region but it was when they met monthly and 30 days seems to be a better fit since we meet quarterly now.
3. Next Region will be held in our area on March 1st, 2020 it was decided to move out of the northwoods area because of the possible snow having it that far north. Have touched bases with the activities chair. Will be looking into hotels and spaces for an event the day prior and setup for the meeting beforehand. Attaching a copy of a gas receipt and hotel room bringing \$110 back to area from the prudent reserve
In loving Service, Drae R. and Pete S.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I:

Tri-cap -- Karen A., Tina G., Danny D., Shelly P. first and 3rd Thursday of the month 6 to 7 PM
D.O.T. -- Roy O., Greg W. Twice per month Monday evening 7-8pm
Bay Co. Jail -- Brandon K., Tom C., Drew B. -- 2nd Wednesday of every month 7 to 8pm
More will be revealed on a monthly H&I committee meeting
In loving service -Travis

Public Relations:

There is not a lot to report this month. I have changed the monthly meeting to a different day and time as after area does not seem to be working. We will begin to meet on the third Tuesday of month each month at the Survival Group meeting location, 1st Church of the Nazarene, 3000 Davenport, Saginaw. Meeting will begin at 6:00 pm, come on out and help us carry the message through PR. As for today there will not be a PR meeting as I cannot be in attendance. In loving service Karen.

Retreat:

Things are moving along nicely with the retreat this year. To date the contract is signed and deposit is paid. We have registration flyers and merchandise flyers both of which we have started to put out and are available today at Area. They can also be found on a couple Facebook pages as well as the area webpage and the region webpage. We are currently working to prepare for our first financially impaired fundraiser in January, which will be a trivia night held in Midland. Flyers for that have also been posted and printed and we hope to see you all there. Our next meeting will be January 6, 2020. ILS, Karen

Web Servant:

The website has been updated with minutes, meeting updates, and many new flyers. Website/meeting changes can be viewed here: goo.gl/aHVK6M Happy Holidays, Ryan L.

Activities:

The last activities committee meeting was held on 12-6-19 at trinity church in Bay City. We had another strong turn out and a lot of people are getting involved. Final details were worked out for 2019 sanity bash which will be held 12-28-19 at St. Albans in Bay City. We also started working out details for the valentine's day dance and other upcoming workshops this winter. The next activities committee meeting will be held on 12-28-19 at 1:30 pm at St. Albans before we start set up for the sanity bash. In loving service, Chris S.

Literature:

Last month we sold \$636,88 worth of supplies, which were fulfilled before and after the ASC meeting. All funds were given to the treasurer that day. After discussion with the P&A subcommittee we requested and received a credit limit increase to \$1000. I placed an order for \$681.74 to re-stock items and for special order items (which will be purchased today). This most recent order cost reflects a discount of \$43.66 for orders over \$500. I would like to add 5 used 6th Edition (used like new) Basic Texts to inventory, and be reimbursed \$30.00.

We have order forms available today and the form is also on our website. I have sent an Excel version of the form to the web servant for posting, and this version will add the cost of your items for you (if you have Excel or an open source equivalent program). Please remember that orders can be placed via email using the form on the website and included with the minutes. I have been placing new monthly orders approximately 10 days after the ASC meetings, which allows the previous months literature payment to be received and processed by NAW\$ (and credited to our account).

Edward H has expressed interest and willingness to become involved in the literature subcommittee and we will be working together to improve the process of getting literature and group supplies to the groups of the Saginaw Bay Area. Thank you, Edward.

Input may still be submitted for the Spiritual Principle A Day book project by going to www.na.org/spad. The deadline for input on these items is March 2020. I have printed a copy of this material and have it available for review. I currently hold a prudent reserve of \$95, and with the direction I received today from Area to purchase the 5 used books from that amount I now hold \$65 in prudent reserve. We have one starter kit assembled and the literature to make more as needed. ILS, Bryan H.

GROUP REPORTS:

Survival: Next Home Group Business Meeting; 1/07/20 after the regular meeting. Group Donation: \$20.00. We have a meditation meeting each week as well as a closed meeting. The 2nd Tuesday of each month we have an open meeting, as well as a meditation meeting. We are currently reading from the Basic Text. Our Holiday Dinner date is December 17th, a few flyers here today.

A Gathering Of Men & Women: Next Home Group Business Meeting; 1/20/20. Group Donation: \$16.00. The group is going well and we have at least 5 or 10 people per week.

One Promise: Next Home Group Business Meeting; TBD. Group Donation: \$10.00. One Promise meeting at 215 N. Almer St., Caro, MI that meets on Tuesdays at 7 pm will be closing beginning on the 1st Tuesday of February, (2-4-2020). We just don't have anyone showing up.

Surrender Our Lives: Next Home Group Business Meeting, 1/6/20, Group Donation: \$20.00.

Steppin Straight: Next Home Group Business Meeting, 1/15/20, Donation: \$28.00. We've been averaging about 7 or 8 people.

Willing To Make The Effort: No report turned in, Donation: \$50.00..

Unity: Next Home Group Business Meeting, 1/13/20 after meeting, Group Donation: \$20.00. We will be holding a Christmas potluck, Monday December 16th. Food and fellowship starts at 5L30 pm with Open Podium starting at 7:00 pm.

H.O.W.: Next Home Group Business Meeting, 1/14/20, Group Donation: \$25.00.

Recovery Zone: Next Home Group Business Meeting, 1/13/20, Group Donation: \$20.00. We continue to meet every Thursday at 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm @ 400 S. Main St., upstairs. We still average 5 – 7 addicts and continue to have a good recovery message. We would love to have visitors and out of town members.

Never Alone: No report turned in, Donation: \$10.00.

Common Welfare: Next Home Group Business Meeting, 1/16/20, Group Donation: \$10.00.

Let Go Let God: Next Home Group Business Meeting, TBD, Group Donation: \$20.00. Remember we now meet at (**1205 5th Street, Saginaw, MI**). We meet every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Clean and Serene: Next Home Group Business Meeting, 1/9/20, Group Donation: \$0.00. Meeting is going, but struggling. Thursday's 7 pm meetings approx. 15 – 20 people, Saturdays 7 pm approx. 10 people.

The House: No report turned in, Donation: \$0.00.

How It Works: No report turned in, Donation: \$0.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

a.) **RCM Money** – As discussed at the November ASC Meeting George sent the past RCM on last text in an attempt to retrieve the \$150.00 she owes. I am currently not receiving any returned calls or texts and as we discussed this issue will now be dropped. The hope of those in attendance is that recovery will prevail and the money will be returned at some point and that this member doesn't use over it.

b.) **Sub-Committee Goals** – Again we are asking that Sub-committee chairs complete their goals sheet and return to the P&A Committee. Any chairperson that would like assistance in this process, please don't hesitate to get with a P&A Committee member.

NEW BUSINESS:

a.) **Outreach** – Katie L. shared that she talked to other areas and retrieved their Guidelines on how they run their Outreach Sub-committee. She would like to see the Area to reinstate the Outreach committee to reach our Groups in outlying areas. Katie L. was appointed to Chair an Adhoc Outreach Guidelines Committee. Her current goal is to create guidelines for this committee and to present to P&A committee for review to be introduced to the ASC.

b.) **Regional Meeting Minutes** – Per our RCM Drae's report the Michigan Regional Secretary now has 30 days to complete and distribute the minutes from the Regional Meeting. After discussion and input from several members we felt that that is no nearly quick enough. We have asked our RCM to report to Region that we feel 10 days to distribute the minutes after the meeting is more than adequate time. It is our feeling that when the Secretary accepted the position at Region they understood what the guidelines expected of them.

c.) **MSO Rep.** – In our RCM Drae's report we are asked by the Regional Committee; do we still want or need to have a Regional Representative attend Michigan Service Office (MSO) meetings? There was much discussion that took place over this issued. Most of what was shared was the Regional Committee is asking to vague of a question without providing enough information. Drae did share about the struggles of the MSO and that the Regional Committee for now will continue to send the MSO Representative on a month to month basis. The consensus today was to follow the process

that is currently taking place at the MSO and let's see if they are able to recover. We are asking our Home Groups to discuss this and we will also review what the Regional Minutes report when they are distributed.

OPEN FLOOR:

- a.) **Per Area Guidelines "VIII, 2 - Elections"** Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Co-Secretary, Treasurer and Co-Treasurer shall be nominated and elected each January and begin their duties in February. Discussion: Bryan H. asked the Co's if they were prepared and had the willingness to move into the Chair position in January if elected. Co Chair and Co Treasurer both shared that they were ready and had the willingness. George shared that the Co Secretary didn't have the willingness to move into the Secretary position, as she shared with she took the position. Current Secretary George shared that he had the willingness to continue as Secretary for another year if elected, but would like to have someone step up with the willingness to learn the position and take it over the following year.

If those positions are filled by the Co's and current Secretary then we will be looking to fill the following positions: **Co-Chair / Co-Treasurer / Co-Secretary**. Remember Nominations and Elections will take place in January for those positions.

Meeting adjourned with the Serenity Prayer @ 3:23 pm.

FLYERS & MEETINGS: If any committees have flyers or meetings they would like posted to the SBASCNA Website send to 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

Home Group Announcements

NEXT Policy & Administration MEETING

January 19 in Freeland @ 1:00 pm

NEXT SBSCNA MEETING

January 19, 2019 in Freeland @ 2:00 pm

Home Group Action Items **December 2019**

- **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.

- **Nominations & Elections in January:**
 - Chairperson / Co Chairperson
 - Treasurer / Co Treasurer
 - Secretary / Co Secretary

- **Address Issues in New Business of these Minutes:**
 - a.) Outreach
 - b.) Regional Meeting Minutes
 - c.) MSO Representative