

SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
Freeland, MI

OPENING: Opened at 2:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

NEWCOMERS to AREA:

READINGS:

Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC - Linda
NA World Service Vision – Don M

The 12 Concepts of NA Service: Janell K

ROLL CALL: groups represented

(See attached SBASCNA ATTENDANCE RECORD)

ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES: APPROVED

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:

OPEN POSITIONS-PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR HOMEGROUPS: Co-Chair, Co-Treasurer, Activities

TRUSTED SERVANTS' REPORTS:

CHAIRPERSON/POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION:

See below

SECRETARY: The report is in the minutes. Thank you for letting me be of service, Amanda M

TREASURER:

August SBASCNA Treasurer Report

Available Funds \$6878.41

Donations in June \$125.00

Retreat Donation \$212.15

Literature Sales \$933.50

Activities PR \$500.00

Total Credits \$1770.65

Expenses In June \$1412.30

Outstanding Checks 2031 12.50

Total 12.50

Thank you Patrick.

Grateful to Serve, Roy O.

RCM & RCM-ALT: MZ Service Symposium-October 13th-15th at Double Tree Detroit/Deerborn. 5801 Southfield Fwy. Detroit, MI 48228. Region is sending a representative. We need a response from rea regarding individual groups regarding travel expenses of 0.40 cents per gallon on gas to 0.655 per gallon. Please note, this is for regional committee members ie. Chair, Treasurer, etc. MRSCNA Next meeting 10/8/2023. ZOOM code for next MRSCNA meeting is 83201875742, Password is MZF1987. In Loving Service, Don M.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

H&I: I've been announcing at meetings that H&I is in need of help, so we would appreciate your service. I've had 2 people join H&I. I need help ordering the paper key tags for Tri-Cap. I believe the H&I Meeting will be held on the last Thursday of the month on ZOOM and in person for those who want to attend. – Kim S

POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION: No report

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report. Open position

RETREAT: The committee held a meeting to discuss the scholarship fund. Here are the comments from the meeting: Over the last 8 years averaged, 25 people under financial scholarship. If full scholarships were provided, the committee would have only been able to send an average of 12. The contract requires a minimum of 100 participants. If only an average of 12 people were sent under financial scholarship, Area would have owed additional funds. (For example, in 2023 we had 104 participants and 22 were scholarship. If we could only send 11, we would have owed the DNR over approx. \$2,000) Another contractual concern, is not having the total use of the facility. If we do not meet the minimum attendance requirements, there is a possibility that other groups could be booked on the same dates. We would lose control of what happens during that weekend. Over the last 8 years, we have struggled to meet the minimum requirements and would fall short each year if we did not send an average of 25 people on scholarship. The retreat committee currently sponsors 3 activities to raise money for financial scholarship. This is not a fundraising committee. The committee does not want to sponsor additional events to raise necessary funds to send 25 people under full scholarship. Other committees have offered full scholarships only to have members not show up. By requiring half the cost, members have a vested interest in being apart of the event. The committee has been running the retreat for over 36 years and feels the financial scholarship has been managed effectively to allow many people to attend while balancing the contractual agreements with the DNR center. New membership of the retreat committee is highly encouraged. Anyone who wants to help in the committee decision making is encouraged to attend and participate in the committee. There are 2 homegroups who consistently send a newcomer. The committee works with anyone who can't afford the scholarship to help find a way to send to the retreat. Committee recommendation: Continue to allow the retreat committee to review all applications. When all members can't be sent under the financial scholarship, the committee will review the applicants and allow members to attend based on the following considerations. – Newcomers sent first, Has the member previously gone under the financial scholarship? Has the member attended the retreat in the past?

ACTIVITIES: No report, Open position

LITERATURE: Report to SBASCNA: I received the order Bryan H. places for \$720.06 and have added it to inventory. I fulfilled the orders placed by email or over the phone for this month. I'm working on taking a full count of everything in inventory in order to keep a consistently updated record. As the previous chair requested, I also ask that all literature orders be placed before the day of area each month. The form can be found on our website or may be picked up here from area. Please fill out the form and email it to saginawlit@gmail.com. You may also call me and I will be happy to complete a form for you and it filled at the following area meeting. After today, I will not fill orders that haven't been sent or requested before 1pm the day of area each month. I'm firm on this, as doing so may allow me to play favorites or may cause others to be resentful if their order isn't filled while somebody's easier order is. I believe this is the easiest option. I'm still getting my bearings and working with Bryan on the ordering process to ensure I'm handling everything correctly. In loving service, Shane H.

AD HOC: Hello Family,

At last, the event is getting closer. There are still a couple of Rehabs to make contact with for the foundation of this event to be completed. I would like to receive the monies for the event because we will not have another business meeting until after this event.

Monies needed are: \$1500

Messiah cost \$300

Subway cost \$450
Coffee \$200
Itinerary for the event: \$50
Misc: \$500

water-decorations-napkins-silverware-paper plates-ect.

if more monies are needed, I will pay out of pocket and bring receipts to the next area to get reimbursed. We are very grateful for this opportunity of you trusting in us for putting this Newcomer event on. We look forward to seeing you all there to help spread the message of recovery and support. If everyone agrees to this please give the check or monies to Amanda M.

Thank you in loving service, Lou H, Amanda M, Will V

GROUP REPORTS

WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT: We feel the present system with scholarships at Mother's Day Retreat should remain. Group donation of \$50.

A GATHERING OF MEN AND WOMEN: Group donation of \$10.00

SURRENDER OUR LIVES: We are beginning our indoor meetings. we will have an open speaker on every third Monday of the month. Saturdays we will have a book study of the "It Works How & Why". Mondays we will have a book study of "Living Clean".

HOW: "We put on a taco Tuesday and had a good turnout. Meeting is going well." Group donation of \$20

COMMON GROUND: Groups study group is doing well and attendance at the meeting is good. Eight to ten people per meeting. We are starting meetings at Ogemaw Correctional Facility in West Branch. Starting 9-18-2023. Group Donation of \$25.

RECOVERY NATION: (Meeting in West Branch Saturdays at noon) Group Donation of \$25

SURVIVAL: The Survival group had much discussion on the matter of giving away free retreat scholarships. These are our thoughts from our group members. If its free people tend to blow it off easier resulted in a waisted spot. It would result in helping fewer members. As a result of being able to help fewer members could put us under the necessary numbers to secure the pricing we have. Possibly raising the price for everyone, or not being able to secure the whole facility. There are groups and individuals that pay for people to go. It should be left to the retreat committee to make this decision since they are aware of all the factors. Overall our group thought the current system works although it is not perfect. Group Donation \$25.

OLD BUSINESS: The retreat committee had previously volunteered to host the Halloween Dance as Activities Chair is now an open position. Area decided to table this until September to see if any homegroups wanted to sponsor the dance, or if anyone was nominated for Activities chair in September. No one has been nominated as the new Activities Chair. The retreat committee has agreed to host Halloween Dance. Retreat will use their prudent reserve and use the proceeds towards financial scholarships of the retreat.

RCM / milage pay for Regional Committee members: GSR's voted no on increasing mileage pay to 0.655 cents per mile.

The Retreat committee met to discuss the scholarships. The committee's recommendation is to continue with paying half of financial scholarships

NEW BUSINESS: Don M was nominated to continue as RCM. Area voted Don as RCM. Peg M was nominated and has willingness to continue as Alt RCM. P and A will start on guideline changes next month.

NOMINATIONS: Don M, Peg M nominated and voted in as RCM and Alt RCM

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OPEN FLOOR:

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)

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

10/15/2023 @ 1pm

NEXT SBASCNA Meeting

10/15/2023 @ 2pm