

# **SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES**

**November 19, 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 - JP  
NA World Service Vision – Don M

The 12 Concepts of NA Service: Ron E

**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 us be of service, Amanda M and Janell K

**TREASURER:** November SBASCNA Treasurer Report

Available Funds \$6488.33

Group Donations \$225.43

Literature Sales \$529.95

Total Credits \$1232.41

Expenses In June \$755.06

Grateful to Serve, Roy O

**RCM & RCM-ALT:** Upcoming AdHoc committee meeting reviewing regional guidelines and procedures and potential amendments. SBASCNA RCM and RCMA are on this committee. MRCNA will be hosting learning days 12/2/23, Time and place TBA. Bob M and Sally (World rep and Alt) will be presenting. Regional meeting 12/3/23 9am. Shoreline Inn & Convention Center, 750 Terrace Point Rd, Muskegon MI, 49440. RCM & RCMA will be in attendance and will need prudent reserve funding. We will be seeking to fill multiple positions: Treasurer alt, Facilitator alt, secretary alt. ILS, Don M and Peg M.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**H&I:** Next committee meeting is Nov 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 pm at 4640 N Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48604 – in person or ZOOM. I've been in contact with Midland County Jail and in the process of setting up meetings in there. Been in contact with Freeland Prison, that is in process as well. Contacted Saginaw County Jail. Lt. Ebony said they already have NA meetings coming into their facility. Pathways is looking to bring meetings into their facility. I ordered paper key tags for Tri-Cap - \$41.20. Also, I got a reading laminated for \$3.58. That equals \$44.78. ILS, Kim S

**POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION:** Hello family,

For this month's Policy and Administration meeting, we worked together to finalize all the directions to get the printer, zoom meeting, and speaker all up and running. I will consolidate these together into one clear page and print and laminate it to be ready for next month's meeting. We also discussed the upcoming audit of the year's minutes that will be due in January. Lou and I will get together over the next month or two to perform this audit to make sure all guideline changes made this year are updated in the guidelines.

ILS, Will V

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Next committee meeting is Monday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> in Midland after How It Works Meeting/ZOOM. Nobody Else attended the last PR subcommittee meeting on Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. Future PR subcommittee meetings will be held at 7:50 pm at Aldersgate Methodist Church room 115, 2206 Airfield Ln, Midland immediately following How It Works group recovery meeting on Mondays before the ASC monthly meeting. The meetings will be hybrid (on zoom) using the same meeting code as the preceding recovery meeting. (236 328 539). I viewed a webinar (recorded on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>) which was facilitated by NAWs and discussed ongoing changes to their online meeting finder. The primary change involves relying on local websites for meeting locations and phone line information. The new system is not yet "live" as they are still working out bugs in the system. When functional, the system will point to each local service body website and rely on that service body to update and maintain current information. They asked that all service bodies ensure all websites are very clear on how to find a meeting from the home or landing page. They asked that we avoid using "Catch phrases" (90 in 90, acronyms, or initialisms-MRCNA) on our websites, as our websites are public facing tools. It was suggested that we review our data from a user standpoint and use consistent city names. (ie. Mount Pleasant or Mt. Pleasant) but not alternate between the 2. It was suggested to use a geographically centered city in our area as the center point of our location. In locations where there is no active service body, maintaining a local website meeting updates may be submitted via email to [nadata@na.org](mailto:nadata@na.org) with the words "meeting finder update" in the subject line. ILS, Bryan H.

**RETREAT:** Next committee meeting- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Saginaw. Retreat committee held the 2023 Halloween Dance. We made \$348 on the dance. The committee voted to give \$100 back to Area since they supplied decorations and some left over supplies. As of 10/31/23, there is \$2,895 in the account and we have enough scholarship fund to send 16 people. The next fund raiser is a karaoke game night on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Flyers for the retreat and game night are available. The second fund raiser next year will be a St Patrick's Dance on March 16<sup>th</sup>. ILS, Kathy H

**ACTIVITIES:** No report, Open position

**LITERATURE:** Dear SBASCNA,

An order was placed on October 21, 2023 for the amount of 1,073.99. The shipping cost included in that number was \$95.00, and we received a discount of \$68.06. Unless our order reaches a certain amount, we do not get that discount, and shipping, as was mentioned, is expensive. The shipping cost is paid using area funds, and it is for this reason an order is usually not placed every month, unless necessary. The order was delivered and has been inventoried with all materials accounted for. Included were materials not present for past orders, and I appreciate everyone's patience in having their orders fulfilled. I filled nine orders today.

As a reminder, all orders can and should be filled out on an order form and sent to [saginawlit@gmail.com](mailto:saginawlit@gmail.com) before the day you would like to pick it up. The order form can be picked up here at area or found at [www.michigan-na.org/saginaw-bay-area](http://www.michigan-na.org/saginaw-bay-area) by scrolling down and clicking on "area forms." When sending your order form, please indicate how it will be paid for. If paying venmo, please include a screenshot of your payment. If you are unable to access the order form or send it via email, please contact me directly at 989-708-3423 by calling, not texting.

Also, large orders are not guaranteed without a month's notice. If the order to World Services has already gone out before I receive your order, I will do my best to have it filled by the following area, but can't guarantee the supply.

In humble service,

Shane H.

**AD HOC:** Thank you for voting me in as chair person for this committee. Nothing has changed since last month. We're waiting for a bid from Bavarian Inn, which should be in by late November or early December. I'm unable to join by Zoom this month, but hope to be able to next month. Please add me to the email list for minutes.

In Service, Lisa G.

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## **GROUP REPORTS**

**COMMON WELFARE:** Three weeks ago we started meeting on Tues and Thurs at 12:30 pm. On the first Tues surprisingly we had 4 people, 7 the next and 8 the following week. I also got ahold of the webservant. He showed me how to register the meeting (Tues) online and I'm happy to say that the Tues meeting is registered on the meeting list. I have announced the Common Welfare Group is holding meetings on Tues and Thurs and will continue to do so for a few more weeks. ILS, Josh D.

**A GATHERING OF MEN AND WOMEN:** "We have 5-6 people at meeting. We have 6 home group members. We meet at 9am at Saginaw Recovery House." Group donation of \$10

**SURRENDER OUR LIVES:** "We continue to do book studies at both our Monday and Saturday meetings. Saturday we read from 'It Works How and Why', Monday we read from 'Living Clean.'"

**DOWN WITH DISEASE:** "Group continues to meet Friday at 6pm and Saturday at 10am. Average 30 in attendance on Fridays and regularly has a treatment center in attendance."

**COMMON GROUND:** "Attendance has been good at 8-10 people. Just finished Step Study will be starting Basic Text Study 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in January." Group donation of \$20

**RECOVERY NATION:** "Attendance has been fair at 5-6 people. Still serving brunch prior to the meeting – will be starting Basic Text study in conjunction to Common Ground." Group donation of \$10

**JUST STAY:** We are changing our name from "Just Stay, It's Easier" to "Just Stay".

**HOW:** Meetings range from 7-11 addicts in attendance. Emily K celebrating 5 yrs and Bob 30 days. HOW group now meets 12:30-1:45 Monday and Fridays as well as 7:00-8:15 Tuesday night. We vote yes on annual Newcomer event."

**OLD BUSINESS:** Activities Chair remains open. Co Treasurer remains open. Newcomer event was voted on, a sub committee will be formed. Please take this back to your home groups for people interested to join the committee. Newcomer Sub Committee Chair is open.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ron E brings a new group to Area which is a "Step Talk". This is a men's step working group held at Ten16 Recovery Network Outpatient in Midland each Sunday at 11:00 am. There may be a female step writing group in the future if female members have willingness to chair. Literature chair will prepare a starter kit for this new group. Ron E was voted in as Activities Chair.

### **NOMINATIONS:**

**OPEN POSITIONS-PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR HOMEGROUPS: Co-Treasurer**

**OPEN FLOOR:** Bryan H asks that web servant be removed from the guidelines. Kim S was asked to reach out to Saginaw County Jail to find out which NA members are going in for H&I.

**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**

12/17/2023 @ 1pm

**NEXT SBASCNA Meeting**

12/17/2023 @ 2pm