**SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES**

**January 21, 2024**

**Freeland, MI**

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

**NEWCOMERS to AREA**: Gina & Curtis

**READINGS**:

Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC - Shane H.

NA World Service Vision - Joshua D.

The 12 Concepts of NA Service - Gina

**ROLL CALL:** groups represented *(See attached SBASCNA ATTENDANCE RECORD)*

**ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES**: APPROVED

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:** January's election results:

Chair: Lou H.

Secretary: Janell K.

Treasurer: Cathy H.

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

Co-Chair Co-Secretarary Co-Treasurer

**TRUSTED SERVANTS’ REPORTS**

**CHAIRPERSON/POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION:** Greetings family, I met with my Co-Chair and we performed our required annual audit of last year’s minutes to make sure that all guideline changes and standing rules that were voted on are updated in the guidelines. A copy of the revised guidelines have been emailed to GSR’s for review before sending them to the web servant. At the P and A meeting, this was the only matter discussed.

As this is my last month, I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be of service, it was a very good experience for me.

In loving service, Will V.

**SECRETARY:** The report is the minutes. Thank you for letting me be of service, Amanda M & Janell K.

**TREASURER: *(See attached file FY 2023)***

January SBASCNA Treasurer Report

Available funds are as of 12/19/2024.

All other figures represent the December meeting.

Available Funds $4458.38

Group Donations $175.00

Literature Sales $257.41

Outstanding checks total $57.54

Total Credits $573.10

Expenses In December $1779.95

We had two subcommittees that received prudent reserve and a large

lit. order, that is why spending was high. All outstanding checks are for

the Michigan Region waiting for an address to send them to.

A yearly audit of spending is included with the report. We spent

$2436.09 more than we took in a large part was the newcomer ad-hoc

committee. Also, we spent about $600.00 more on literature then we

took in I am sure some of this is inventory we just need to be aware of it

if we want to continue to fund these services.

Grateful to Serve Roy O.

**RCM & RCM-ALT:** Open positions Co-Facilitator & Co-Treasurer Budgets will be submitted to the secretary to add to the minutes pending our next regional meeting. As previously reported $3000 deposit for MRCNA Hotel. Mileage reimbursements were increased from .40 cents per mile to .65 cents per mile. Phone line will fall under the public relations subcommittee - contact person Patti K. The Ad Hoc committee reviewing regional guidelines was canceled in January and will reconvene 2-1-24. This was the result of technical difficulties. Ending balance per December treasurer's report was $12,012.45 expenses were $3,047.56. Hotel expenses last meeting for the regional body was $957.95. Mileage reimbursement will be at the new rate. Please advise if we will be sending a donation to region at this time. There were three donations listed in December 2023 $300 Northwest Michigan $942 Washtenaw Area $172.84 Southwest MI Regional treasurer has followed through with transparency and is reporting on google docs. We are currently seeking events to help support MRCNA 38 MRCNA planning committee meets the 3rd Sunday of every month. Pittsfield TWP library 2359 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Business meeting 12pm Committee meeting 11 am off of SC10 Church Road and Oak valley near Ann Arbor ice cube skating rink.

In Loving Service Don M. & Peg M

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**H&I:** Next committee meeting is tomorrow 1-22-24 after the SOL group at Messiah Lutheran Church 4640 N. Michigan Ave. Saginaw, MI 48604 Last H&I meeting not many members showed up so not much was discussed. Everything seems to be going well with TriCap and Ten16.

In Loving Service Kim S.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Next Committee Meeting: Monday February 12th, Midland following the How it Works group

meeting (~7:50pm) 2206 Airfield Ln, Midland also on Zoom using the How it Works group meeting

code (236328539)

Report: Nobody else attended the last PR subcommittee meeting on January 15 th , in person or through Zoom.

The Public Relations subcommittee needs participation. I have maintained contact with the regional PR chair

and hope to work together on a couple of planned PR events.

ILS,

Bryan H.

**RETREAT:** Committee has held the second scholarship fund raiser. The final report for the event will be provided at the next area meeting. The next fundraiser will be held on March 16th. It will be a St. Patricks Day dance, it will be held in Bay City. Flyers will be available at the next area meeting. Flyers for the retreat registration are being distributed and several have been turned in. Committee will be working on selecting the speakers for the retreat. Please encourage members to send in scholarship registrations early. The scholarship deadline is April 3rd, 2024. In Loving Service Cathy H.

**ACTIVITIES:** Hello family, forgive my absence as i’m currently laying on the couch with COVID.

The sanity bash was a success and our speakers were great. Thank you to all who helped with every aspect of the event. I shall contact Roy this week when my quarantine ends to transfer the collected money from the event.

We’re planning on a Valentine’s Day event, February 10th, 2024 hopefully to be held in Midland. More details to come following our next activities committee meeting which shall be Sunday January 28th at St. Albins prior to the Never Alone meeting, in Bay CIty.

I’ll have a more detailed report soon when I finally get off this damned couch. Again, thank you to all who helped with the Sanity Bash, as it was a great time, considering the time constraints we were working with.

The event raised $802, while expenses only totaled $211.

In Loving Service Pete S.

**LITERATURE:**

To SBASCNA,

No order from world was placed last month, as it wasn’t needed. I do believe I will be placing an

order within the next week so if your group needs large quantities of any item, please let me

know. As a reminder, I’m asking that all orders be sent via email before 1pm on the day of Area.

The email is saginawlit@gmail.com. In your email, please specify your method of payment. If

you’ve paid using Venmo, please include a screenshot of your payment. If you’re not able to fill

out the order form that can be accessed on the website, please give me a call. My number is 989-

708-3423. I had a number of orders last month that were placed during the area meeting. I was

able to fill them all, but please keep in mind it won’t always be the case. The literature

subcommittee meeting is held each month at 1pm before the area meeting, if you’d like to get

involved. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

- Shane H.

**AD HOC:**  I’m sorry to say that we’ve explored all possible options that we could think of to host MRCNA in our area, but we haven't found anything that will work. The Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth would potentially work, but they’re too busy during the summer and could only host us the first week in June, or after Labor Day. This will be our last report as there is no reason to continue this committee. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Lisa G. and the Ad-Hoc Committee

Another suggestion is to re-activate the unity weekend fall winter convention?

**NEWCOMER EVENT:**

Our subcommittee has met twice since last area. We have established our guidelines which are attached. We are planning our first fundraiser event which will be February 3, 2024 from 5-8 pm at New Life Vineyard Church in Midland. This event will be a game night and food will be provided by the committee. There will be a panel of 3 speakers at 5:30 pm speaking on the topic of what it was like to be a newcomer, what inspired them to jump into Narcotics Anonymous, and ways their life changed after following our suggestions. There will be a $5 suggested donation to attend this event and of course, no addict will be turned away. We will also be selling pop at this event for $1. Our main event will be Saturday, October 12th, 2024 at Messiah Lutheran Church. Messiah is very excited to have us again for this event. We are excited to start planning more details of the main event. We have 15 subcommittee members. Our next subcommittee meeting will be Wednesday, February 7th at 7:45 pm, directly following the How It Works Homegroup in midland at Eagle Ridge Church. This committee meeting will also be held on zoom. Zoom code is 236 328 539. We would like to invite homegroups to announce our fundraisers as well as the main newcomer event at your meetings. We would like to invite homegroups to set aside a donation basket or pass around a second basket for members who would like to donate directly to this committee.

In loving service, Amanda M

Guidelines - Newcomer Event Committee

a. This committee will consist of Chair, co-chair and any NA member who wishes to carry the message of recovery.

b. The primary purpose of this committee is to plan and hold an annual, day-long mini convention where members share experience, strength and hope, and spread an NA message to newcomers.

c. The secondary purpose of this committee is to raise funds for the newcomer event by hosting fundraisers. Any surplus of funds from a fundraiser event, minus a prudent reserve which is to be used for deposits of halls, supplies, etc. The prudent reserve is established at $250.

d. Newcomer event Chair Duties:

(i) Schedule and chair monthly subcommittee meetings.

(ii) Give a monthly report of committee’s events, including an itemized financial report, at ASC meetings.

(iii) Keep close communication with surrounding ASC’s, Area Subcommittees and Groups to help avoid conflicting events when possible.

**GROUP REPORTS**

**A GATHERING OF MEN AND WOMEN:** $20 donation

**ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE:** Next business meeting 1-25-2024 Our Thursday and SAturday 7pm meetings are going well; we could use support at the homegroup level so anyone seeking a homegroup come check us out. We have a member celebrating 12 years clean next month, which means cake at our February 18th meeting ILS Karen A.

**BY NA MEANS NECESSARY:** Our next business meeting will be held on Sunday 2-11-24 after our 5pm meeting. Our homegroup is small and starting to grow. Meeting attendance is steady.

**COMMON GROUND:** Business meeting to be held the Tuesday before the GSR meeting. Have started basic text study at 6pm prior to the regular meeting. Attendance has been fair with 8-12 people in attendance. Donation $25

**COMMON WELFARE:** Next business meeting will be held 2-15-24. All is well, attendance is down as well as 7th tradition but we do have a donation for area of $20. ILS Josh D.

**DOWN WITH DISEASE:** Next Business meeting 2-10-24. Meetings are going well. We have decided to split the meeting into two due to large attendance donating $50 to the Newcomer Event Subcommittee.

**H.O.W.:** Next business meeting 2-15-24. Between 10-20 addicts in attendance. We meet 12:30 Monday & Friday and Tuesday 7pm. Allie will have a year on Jan 30.

**LET GO LET GOD:** This meeting used to be friday at 6pm and is now **Wednesdays at 10am** Same location Unity Club 1151 N. Niagara St.

**RECOVERY NATION:** Business meeting the 3rd Saturday in February. Still having brunch prior to Sat. the meeting attendance has been fair 6-8 people. Will start meeting on Saturdays and Mondays starting in February. Group Donation $20.

**SURRENDER OUR LIVES:** Group Donation $50 Speaker meeting 3rd Monday of the month. Next business meeting 2-5-24

**WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT:** Next business meeting 2-16-24. No problems - continue to have the meeting location open on the 2nd Friday of the month after the meeting. We remain open until 10:30 am when we have participation. $25 donation via venmo.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Zoom - single point of contact. Looking for ideas of who could step up and manage our area zoom account. The reason we would want one person only in charge of the account is that different people are logging into the settings and regularly changing the zoom settings and password. Which is becoming frustrating for other zoom users. A single point of contact would be the only one able to make changes.

Each January the yearly zoom payment is due.

Discussion: Do we want to renew our account?

* *Homegroups are using the area account.*
* *It is not up and running today for area due to malfunctions.*
* *Homegroups should pay for their own zoom*
* *Ask the homegroups if they feel area should continue to pay for zoom?*
* *What is meeting attendance like for our hybrid meetings?*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Should we change the title of area “Chair” to “Facilitator” to seem less intimidating? *(Take to homegroups)*

**OPEN FLOOR**:

* None

**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)

**LITERATURE ORDERS:** [SaginawLit@gmail.com](mailto:SaginawLit@gmail.com)

**Your orders need to be submitted prior to each area for orders to be filled.**

**Home Group Announcements**

(*Take these issues back to your homegroups to vote on and bring the response’s back to area next month.)*

* Ask your groups for anyone with the willingness to be the single point of contact for the area zoom account. You would need to log on and start the zoom meeting for each hybrid/zoom group. You wouldn't need to participate in each meeting just start it and hand off the host function.
* Vote: should the area continue to pay for zoom?
* Should we change the title of area “Chair” to “Facilitator” to seem less intimidating?

**NEXT Policy & Administration Meeting**

02/18/2024 @ 1pm

**NEXT SBASCNA Meeting**

02/18/2024 @ 2pm