# SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES March 17, 2024 Freeland, MI

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

**NEWCOMERS to AREA**: Kathy H. & Mark H.

READINGS:

Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC - Skip (due to not having the readings available)

NA World Service Vision - Chip

The 12 Concepts of NA Service - Janell

**ROLL CALL:** Results are listed in the attached attendance document.

**ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES**: Approved: Chip made a motion Kim P. seconded. - motion carries.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS: Janell K. nominates Susan S. for Co-Chair Joshua D. Seconded. Susan

S. has been elected as Co-Chair.

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

- Co-Secretary
- Co-Treasurer

# TRUSTED SERVANTS' REPORTS

**CHAIRPERSON/POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION:** There was no P&A meeting for March and as of right now there will not be one in April unless a pressing issue presents itself.

Nothing to report from the last meeting. Everyone stay safe. I don't think there is anything new other than to take back your homegroups the open positions here at area. In Loving Service Lou H.

**SECRETARY:** The report is the minutes. Thank you for letting me be of service, Janell K. If you are not receiving the minutes through email and would like to please reach out so you can be added to the email list.

TREASURER: March SBASCNA Treasurer Report

Available Funds \$ 4,944.64 Group Donations \$ 335.00 Literature Sales \$ 404.52 Returned Funds \$ 5.00 Total Credits \$ 744.52

Outstanding Checks \$1326.74

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Freeland, MI 48623
Please put prominently in minutes.
Grateful to Serve
Cathy H.

#### RCM & RCM-ALT: SBASCNA RCM Report 3/17/2024

The following regional positions remain open.

- 1. Co-Facilitator- Needs nominations.
- 2. Co-Treasurer- Needs nominations.
- 3. Co-Secretary- Needs nominations.

Last region balance reported, February 1st, our total available balance is \$9,189.60.

The following topics were brought to area last month by RSR . GSR's were asked to take back to their home groups and bring back to area this month so RSR and RSR Alt can take the information back to region Aprill 6 th and 7 th in Livingston County.

- 1. Budget Proposals: Budgets for travel to the next regional meeting in Livingston on April 7, 2024, have been approved by the regional body and board of directors due to being time sensitive.
- 2. Meals Per Diem Proposal: Members of MRSCNA Administrative team (Including RD, AD, Web Servant, and PR chair, along with others at the discretion of the Board of Directors) may receive reimbursement of expenses as the Board of Directors determines them to be just and reasonable. Expenses for reimbursement include travel and lodging, along with \$15/meal for service commitments exceeding 24 hours as needed.
- 3. Proposed amendment to the Michigan Regional Service Committee by-laws: Three changes are proposed to the by-laws, which were last amended and adopted in 2019—We discussed these proposals at the regional meeting February 4, 2024.
- a. Purpose: Change the definition of Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA) to Alternate Delegate (AD).
- b. Purpose: Change the terms for the RD and AD from two 2-year terms (4 years) to one World Service Conference cycle.

MICHIGAN REGIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 7, 2024 @ 9 AM @ HOMEWOOD SUITES BRIGHTON 8060 Challis Road Brighton MI 49116

Region will be HYBRID

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83201875742?pwd=WWtrSkNXYmNNcVhJWEszR

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Narcotics Anonymous Basic texts have shipped out to all the Michigan State Prisons this week Please share the update at your

areas and home groups!!!

In loving service, Don M RCM Peg M RCM Alt.

# SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**H&I:** Next business meeting is March 25th, 2024 at Messiah Lutheran Church on Michigan Avenue Saginaw Michigan. Had an H&I meeting last month most members showed up. Discussed tri-cap & 1016 & new pathways. I ordered literature for pathways and tri-cap. We are in need of people with the willingness to be of service in order for me to call jails or any other facilities to bring in meetings. Thank you In Loving Service Kim S.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

The next committee meeting will be held Wednesday March 20 th , Midland following the How it Works group meeting (~7:50pm) 2808 Waldo Ave, Midland also on Zoom using the How it Works group meeting code (236328539)

We had 6 people attend the February PR meeting. Last month I contacted the Saginaw Spirit facilities manager to have a link to SBASCNA added to their website (as reported last month) and never received a reply. I will follow up this coming week. At the PR meeting we talked about scheduling poster drives, and we have updated our PR poster with the new "Helpline" number as well as our website information and QR code for the meeting finder app.

A member from another area posted a message on social media stating that our area meeting information was incorrect both online and on our meeting lists. This member did not indicate which information was incorrect and offered no further information, but we were eventually able to determine that some groups in Saginaw had moved location for one groups meetings and changed day of the week for another group meeting (thanks Jeff T.). Information was corrected and new meeting lists are available online.

The member who started the AuGres group and served as GSR passed away recently and while attending his memorial service I was able to meet the new GSR (but somehow neglected to get his contact information). I'll get the information this coming week.

NAW\$ sent out an email stating that the NA app has been updated. If you have automatic app updates turned off on your mobile device, you may need to manually update your app to see the changes (otherwise you may be seeing out-of-date information). NAW\$ is no longer updating in-person meeting information, and instead is relying on local/regional websites (like ours) to communicate current and accurate meeting information.

Our website and contact list are up to date as of this past week. Please email event flyers and changes to meeting times and/or locations to myself or the webservant. If you chose to simply complain about it on social media then please indicate which meeting you are referring to.

ILS,

Bryan H.

NAJFT@mudboy.net

**RETREAT:** The next committee meeting will be held March 19th, 2024 at 6pm before the survival meeting. Committee held the final fundraiser on March 16th, 2024. The final numbers will be presented at the April meeting. The current bank balance is \$3,755. There are funds available for scholarship registrations. We can send at least 19 people plus what was made at the dance. There are only 17 registrations including 3 scholarships. The deadline for the scholarship registration is April 3rd, regular registration deadline is April 19th. Please announce at meetings so we can increase the registration numbers! In loving Service Cathy H.

**ACTIVITIES:** Good afternoon family, and happy St Patrick's Day.

Please forgive my absence as of late, due to some overwhelming health issues. I'm still getting my strength together so currently we have no events planned, but we will be meeting next Sunday. I had planned on doing an activities committee meeting this evening but I had a procedure on Friday and I didn't realize how taxing this would all be.

The Valentine's Day dance operated at a loss and collected 313 dollars, while costing around \$411 to put

on. It was one of the lower attended events but I do believe it was too inadequate announcing and just overall winter fatigue. These are things we are going to look at going forward.

I'll be meeting with Cathy soon as she said she would not be there this afternoon. I too have decided to remain home and rest because there's a lot more on the horizon as far as my health is concerned that I have to deal with. A more detailed report will follow at our next area service meeting along with a hopefully planned event. Again, next Sunday at 6:00 p.m. before the never alone meeting that meets at St Albans in Bay City, we are going to have an activities committee meeting. I'm sure there are things I have missed but I will hopefully be back to normal by our next meeting. Anyone with questions please feel free to message or call me at 989-392-8146.

In loving service,

Pete S.

LITERATURE: Thank you to Bryan H. for having the willingness to fulfill last month's orders here at area. As a result of not making it last month. I wasn't able to properly inventory literature and opted to delay submitting an order to World Services, which I will do this week. I apologize to anybody whose order wasn't entirely filled last month and so won't be again this month. I am open to making arrangements as soon as the order is received from world, to get outstanding items to groups before the next area. Orders can be submitted by email, <a href="mailto:saginawlit@gmail.com">saginawlit@gmail.com</a>, or handed directly to me at area. Orders not received by noon the day of area will not be ready for pick up until the following month. Thank you for your understanding. In Loving Service, Shane H.

**AD HOC:** (Not active at this time)

**NEWCOMER EVENT:** We are planning our second fundraiser for the become event. This event we will be doing karaoke with a speaker before hand. We will be providing light snacks and coffee with the option to purchase pop. This fundraising event will be April 13th from 5-9 pm at New Life Vineyard Church in Midland. We currently have \$841 with our prudent reserve, the profit we made at our last fundraiser, and some group donations to our committee. Our next committee meeting will be Sunday, March 24 at 3 pm.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Amanda M.

# **GROUP REPORTS**

**ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE:** Next business meeting will be held March 28, 2024 Thursday meeting attendance has been down and Saturday is holding steady. Both continue to seek support. We had a homegroup member celebrate 18 years. In Loving Service Karen A.

**BY NA MEANS NECESSARY:** Business meetings are the Sundays before area after the meeting. We meet in Midland Saturdays at 7pm and Sundays at 5pm. St Johns Church on Saginaw road. Attendance is going well and we are a child friendly meeting. -Janell K.

**COMMON GROUND:** Business meetings are the Tuesday before area. Group donation \$25. Meetings are going well. 8-10 people in attendance regularly. Basic text study prior to regular meeting is going well as well. -Duane

**COMMON WELFARE:** The common welfare group is well, attendance is up averaging around 8 - 12 people. We have a \$20 donation for area. -Joshua D.

**H.O.W.:** Meets at 12:30 Mon & Fri 10 minute meditation before the meeting. Tuesday night 7pm-8:15pm LivingLiving Clean book study. Dominex has 90 days. We need attendance. - In Loving Service Chip

**HUGS NOT DRUGS:** Group Donation \$25 Nothing to report at this time. We are open every Friday at 7:00 (exception of weather but will announce on Tri-City Fellows). -Gloria H.

#### **JUST FOR TUESDAY:** Greetings family,

Things are going very well at JFT. We are a small to medium sized meditation meeting that has been quite open and intimate lately. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:00pm at Aldersgate Church in Midland if anyone wants to get heavily meditated!

In loving service, Will V

**NO MATTER WHAT (MOUNT PLEASANT):** Group meets 7pm Mondays at the Alano Club. Group donation \$20 to area. Group is doing well with attendance. -Ed

**RECOVERY NATION (West Branch):** Group donation \$40. Second Saturdays will now become an open meeting with speaker. (Meal at noon meeting at 1pm, location West Branch Fresh Start Club) April 13th will be our first (Don M.) will be our first speaker! (Spaghetti provided- bring a dish to pass) -Glen

**SURVIVAL:** Group meets on Tuesday nights at 7pm 1st Church of the Nazarene 3000 Davenport, Saginaw, MI 48602. \$20 dollar donation to area. Meeting is good. Homegroup meeting last Tuesday of the month at 8:15pm Meeting attendance is a little lower than normal. Gina H.

**SURRENDER OUR LIVES:** Messiah Lutheran Church 4640 Michigan Avenue Saginaw, MI 48604. Meeting is amazing! Homegroup business meetings are on the first Monday of each month. Monday nights are huge meetings. The 3rd Monday of the month we have a speaker meeting. -Kim S.

**OLD BUSINESS: None** 

**NEW BUSINESS:** MRCNA fundraiser - Fill a basket that gets auctioned off. We generally fill it with items that represent location. Homegroups are welcome to donate items or funds towards basket fillers. Items like gift cards, literature, NA swag. Karen A. has agreed to be the point person so get with her to check the list of time already donated to ensure that we don't get several of the same items.

New Address for Area Mail P.O. Box 151, Freeland, MI 48623

#### **OPEN FLOOR:**

Any flyers or web site changes please send to Bryan H this month instead of the webservant.

**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)

AREA MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 151

Freeland, MI 48623

# LITERATURE ORDERS: SaginawLit@gmail.com

Your orders need to be submitted prior to each area for orders to be filled that month. Order forms can be found at <a href="https://michigan-na.org/saginaw-bay-area/">https://michigan-na.org/saginaw-bay-area/</a> Scroll down and the area forms are on the right hand side.

# Take to the Home Groups

- We need nominations for Co-Treasurer, & Co-Secretary.
- Consider passing around a second basket for the Newcomer Event donations.

Ask your homegroups if they would like to donate an item for the MRCNA fundraiser basket. Last
year we did local items to encourage people to come to the Saginaw Bay area. Such as gift cards to
local restaurants or sports teams, local coffee shops or anything that would encourage people to
venture to our area and check out our meetings. But also things that would make people want to bid
on our basket to make money for the MRCNA fundraiser. Reach out to Karen A. at
buggsma930@yahoo.com with any donations or questions.

# NEXT Policy & Administration Meeting Possibly May

NEXT SBASCNA Meeting 4-21-24