**SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES**

**August 18th, 2024**

**Freeland, MI**

**OPENING**: Opened at 2:04 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**READINGS**:

Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC - Chip

NA World Service Vision - Shane

The 12 Concepts of NA Service - Ed

**NEWCOMERS to AREA**: Tabitha & Corky

**ROLL CALL:** **16 groups represented**  *(See attached SBASCNA ATTENDANCE RECORD)*

**ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES**: APPROVED Susan S. made a motion Bryan H. Seconded. All were in favor.

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:**

Nominated and elected Dana S. for Newcomer Event Chair

Nominated and elected Josh D. for Hospitals and Institutions Chair

Nominated and elected Peg M. for Literature Chair

Nominated and elected Bryan H. for Public Relations Chair

Nominated and elected Tim S. for Retreat Chair

Nominated and elected Don M. for Regional Committee Member

Thank you all for your willingness to serve.

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

Co-Chair Co-Secretary Co-Treasurer Alt-RCM (Regional Committee Member)

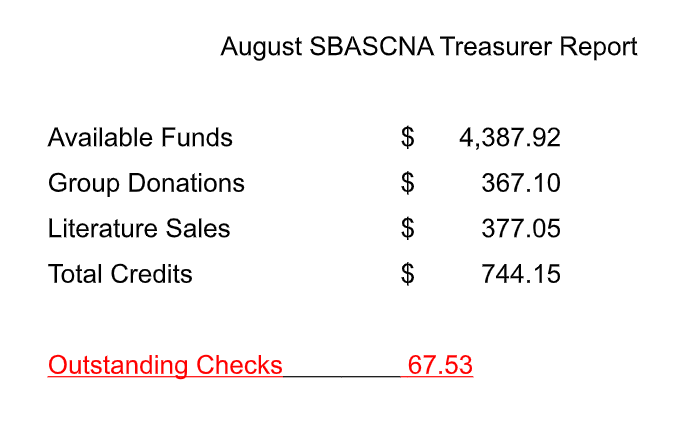
**TRUSTED SERVANTS’ REPORTS**

**CHAIRPERSON/POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION:**

* Any new topics or motions that need to be brought up in a meeting need to be submitted in writing to the Chair prior to the meeting. [Motion Form](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MqGxNs5OoX2dRwg_Uu-bZq5OO38hxm9E/edit)
* All Literature purchased by SBASCNA needs to be purchased from the Literature Committee, unless it is unavailable then it can be purchased elsewhere.
* All Sub-Committee Chairs need to have a signed [Financial Responsibility Waiver](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tSDFd9AxVMzdMYOIYY8N3OdxIYvYo3C4/edit) on file, the waiver is for responsibility of funds and items.
* The revised guidelines have been discussed during today's P&A meeting. They are to be taken back to homegroups to approve the highlighted areas or recommend changes. They are being sent out in an email.
* This church where we hold Area, Zion Lutheran, asked me to come in to sign out the key. If the key is to change hands, they want the key to be returned to them and reissued to the new chair.

**SECRETARY:** The report is the minutes. If you are not receiving the area minutes and would like to please give me your email and you will get them monthly. Thank you for letting me be of service, Janell K.

**TREASURER:**

****In Loving Service Cathy H.

**RCM & RCM-ALT:**

Michigan Region meeting was held at ELLEN’S CORNER COMMUNITY ROOM

605 M-115 Mesick, Mi. on August 4,2024.

RCM and RCMA were present.

The current region balance at the beginning of region was $2272.40. Our income was $69 (Saginaw Bay Area) Our region needs donations to continue with business. Michigan Region Convention posted a profit of $21110.00

$15,000 of this is processed as seed money for future conventions. $6,110.00 remaining balance will mostly be given back to region once we have settled with the Michigan Service Office which is anticipating it will be @ $1000.00. Hotels require an average of $25,000.00 deposit for conventions. **“**World Convention.**”** The Power of Love. WCNA 38—29 August through 1 September 2024, at the Walter Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. We currently have @13,000 pre registered for the event. If you will be attending there are many opportunities to volunteer in 3-hour increments. The Interim Conference Agenda Report / Conference Approval Track (CAR/CAT) is scheduled to be released on November 24 of this year. We are planning to take some time at the December or February Regional Service Committee meeting to review and gather feedback for our delegates to carry the conscience of the Michigan Region.

The Midwest Zonal Forum is scheduled to meet virtually on September 7, 2024, and November 23, 2024. All members are welcome to participate. If you are interested, let us know and we will send you the meeting link. Metro Detroit Region is scheduled to host in February 2025 and Buckeye Region (northeast Ohio) is scheduled to host in August 2025

[Midwest Zonal Forum](https://mzfna.org/) Please keep our area meeting lists updated. Many people are reporting going to non-existent meetings. Many position openings are available in the region. Co secretary, Co-treasurer, and Co-chair.

RCM and RCM-Alt will be receiving a Zoom link to attend a review of guideline changes being presented by the Ad hoc committee. This is to review changes being presented to the Region members. Both RCM and RCM Alt were active participants in this committee. This meeting is expected to last several hours and will be the Saturday before our next regional meeting. (October 5th) We do not have a link at this time.

In the RCM report form there is a question that states the following:

a. How much 7th Tradition money was collected in your area since your last report?

b. We have added additional information to this question in order to clarify its purpose.

c. This number is used only to get an approximate total for the entire region that is reported at the WSC as part of region/zone totals. This amount is not used at region.

3. Donations have not been made to the WSC yet in order to maintain our prudent reserve.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

a. MRSCNA is proposing that we change the mileage reimbursement rate from the IRS standard of .65 per mile, back to .40 per mile. We came to this proposal based on members stating that .65 per mile seemed like too much, however the non-profit rate of .16 per mile seemed like too little.

Link to google drive:<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BKhelnQRveRNzvB7wLjCPiH4Ui22e9iX?usp=drive_link>

I am including copies of the treasurer's budget and RDA budget for greater transparency.

ILS, Don M RCM, Peg M RCMA

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ACTIVITIES:** At this time there is nothing really to report since August 26th will be my first committee meeting. I plan to start getting ready for the Halloween Dance. In Loving Service Linda.

**HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS:** First I would like to say thank you all for allowing me to be of service. Some has not been so easy but it’s been a learning experience and I have enjoyed it very much. I am still involved with H&I. I’m doing tri-cap, Ten16, and overseeing Pathways. I still don't mind being the contact person for Bay County Jail to work things out. I want to give a shout out to Drea, Duane M., Mark H. and Josh D. you guys have been my right hand man and I thank you all for your service work. In Loving Service Kim S.

**LITERATURE:**

An order was placed to world services on August 5th and received on August 13th. All was accounted for. The order total was $534.76. The out-of-pocket shipping cost was $14.66 after a discount of $33.84. The invoice has been sent to our treasurer.

Thank you to all for your patience in receiving any items not available with your initial order. As a reminder, any special items or larger orders received after an order is placed to world services will probably not be available the following area. Order forms can be found online at Michigan-na.org or picked up in person at the monthly area meeting. Please fill out the form and email it to saginawlit@gmail.com. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. Any orders received after 1pm the day of area will not be filled until the following month. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as literature chair over the past year.

In loving service,

Shane H.

**NEWCOMER EVENT:**

We had our last fundraiser for the newcomer event yesterday.

Costs for this event included:

Renting the pavilion- $45

Hot dogs, buns, condiments, charcoal, whipped cream for pie in the face activity- $58

Ice- $11

It was a great turn out, about 60 people showed up. We made $518 at the event, it cost us $114 to put on the event, therefore our total profit was $404.

After 3 fundraisers and a few generous donations from home groups, we have a total of $1367 in our treasury, as well as $100 worth of literature to give away at the newcomer event. Our expected costs for the Newcomer Event include food, decorations, printing costs for flyers and $240 to Messiah Lutheran Church for rent, cleaning fees and coffee.

We are now working on inviting treatment centers and recovery housing facilities in our area and surrounding areas, and getting estimates for lunch for our event. We will discuss plans for food and other costs at our next committee meeting on 8/30/24 at 7:30 pm at Midland Reformed Church.

This may be my last report, depending on if a new committee chair is elected. I want to thank the committee: Karen B, Shane H, Dana S, Chip D, Josh D, Amy S, Lisa B, Chance G, Branden M, and Courtney. Thank you to Branden M and Gerred P of Jinglefoot for donating their time and equipment and providing free entertainment at our last fundraiser. I enjoyed serving as chair on this committee and plan to stay on the committee as a “support staff”.

I will turn in all receipts today if the Area would like them.

In loving service, Amanda M

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday September 11, Midland following the How it Works group meeting (~7:50pm) 2808 Waldo Ave, Midland also on Zoom using the How it Works group meeting

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No one else attended the previous PR subcommittee meeting. Our website is current to the best of our

information, and includes the new meeting in Mio on Thursday evenings. I will be ordering a replacement

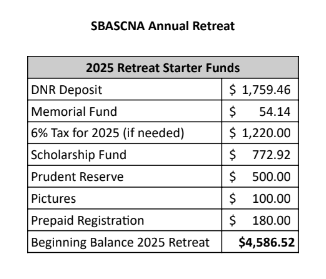
rubber stamp for PR literature as the old one cannot be found (H&amp;I has a stamp for their literature). Our area

will post informational fliers/posters for events which are sponsored by area home groups or SBASCNA

subcommittees only, and each flier must contain the name of the group or subcommittee that is sponsoring the

event. Regional events, and/or events that are sponsored by other areas (or groups from other areas) may be

listed on our calendar only (since those fliers are already published on other web pages).

ILS, Bryan H

**RETREAT:** Next Committee Meeting will be held September 17th, 2024 at 6pm before Survival Meeting.

The July financial report is included. The current balance is $4,586.52. The Committee nominated Tim S. for the chairperson for 2025.

We reviewed the registrations to see how many newcomers attended the retreat. 83% of attendees (88) included clean time in registration. 23% of the people (19) responded having 2 or less years clean. 52% of those newcomers attended under the financial scholarship. The meeting in September will begin the preparation for 2025.

In Loving Service Cathy H.

**GROUP REPORTS**

**ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE (Saginaw):** Next business meeting to be held August 29th. Big Month for A of G. We have had members celebrate 1 and 7 years and next week two will be celebrating 9 and 37 years. Meetings are going well with regular attendance. We welcome you all to come visit either our Thursday 7pm or Saturday 7pm meeting anytime. In Loving Service, Karen A.

**BAREFOOT (West Branch):** Group Donation $11. Next business meeting will be held on August 22nd.

**COMMON GROUND (West Branch):** Group donation $25. Business meetings are held the Tuesday before Area. Attendance has been good, 10-12 people in attendance, zero problems. ILS, Duane

**COMMON WELFARE (Bay City):** Group Donation $20. Next business meeting is September 12th. The group is doing well. We have steady attendance, and we had a homegroup member celebrate 10 years clean and we celebrated with cheesecake and fellowship on 8/8/24 we recently started reading Living Clean ILS Josh D.

**DOWN WITH DISEASE (Midland):**  Next business meeting to be held September 14th following the Saturday morning meeting. We approved the Newcomer Event guidelines. In regard to the possible guideline changes for how Sub-committee chairs handle funds, we feel there needs to be more discussion before making permanent guideline changes. ILS, Janell K.

**H.O.W.(Bay City):** Celebrating Brandy - 1 year. Sandy - 15 years. ILS, Chip

**HOW IT WORKS (Midland):** The next business meeting will be held September 11th. For the next few weeks, we will be meeting outside under the pavilion at Eagle Ridge church on Wednesdays. Our home group is not opposed to forming an ad-hoc to figure out how to make committees more accountable. However, we think guidelines should be enforced and committees should be transparent about how they are spending funds. \*We approved the guidelines for the Newcomer Event Committee. ILS, Amanda M.

**JUST FOR TUESDAY (Midland):** Next business meeting will be held at 8:15pm August 27th, 2024. ILS, Dana S.

**WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT (Bay City):** Group Donation $25. Next business meeting is on September 13th. Meetings are going well. Candlelight meeting on the fourth Friday. ILS, Susan S.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* The GSR’s (Group Service Representatives) asked their homegroups if we should change the guidelines on how the prudent reserves are handled. It has been decided that we will leave the guidelines as they are. The guidelines we currently have in place are not being followed completely. We will choose our trusted servants with care and educate them on the requirements.
* The GSR’s asked their homegroups if they approved of the guidelines the Newcomer Event created. No one provided any changes; they will be added to the guidelines as is.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* This month’s Area meeting involved a heated discussion which included people talking over each other. In times like these not much can be accomplished. Here are some rules from the guidelines to help us do better.
  + Section III Decision Making, *One of the reasons we try to achieve consensus is it insures that we follow our 9th Concept, “All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making process.”* ***By carefully discussing and respectfully listening to all points of view we try to make sure this happens at the ASC.***
  + Section IV Consensus Procedure, #1: *All items for discussion shall be legibly written or typed and accompanied with intent.*
  + Section V Discussion Limits, #1: *Any member attending an ASC meeting has a voice on the floor when recognized by the ASC chairperson or acting chairperson. Chair must recognize all participants.*

**OPEN FLOOR**:

* Did we used to have an outreach committee to reach out to struggling and/or unresponsive groups?
  + We do not have an outreach committee. If you know of any meeting who should be contacted, please contact our RCM Don M.
* Can we as a group have more of a presence in our Region?
  + Meetings are held on zoom, and all are encouraged to join.
  + Our Alt-RCM position is currently open.

**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.** [**SBASCNA Website**](https://michigan-na.org/saginaw-bay-area/)*click here to locate the online order forms.*

**Next Sub-Committee Meetings:**

**Want to get involved in a committee? Here’s how.**

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| **Activities:** August 26th 5:30pm (Halloween Dance Planning) Messiah Lutheran Church before the SOL meeting.  4640 N. Michigan, Saginaw, MI 48604. |

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| **H**ospitals **& I**nstitutions: TBD |

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| **Literature:** TBD |

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| **Newcomer Event:**The Event will take place October 12th, 2024 *(Flyer is on the Website and attached to this email*)  Messiah Lutheran Church 1550 S. Poseyville Rd. Midland, MI 48640 |

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| **Policy & Administration:** September 15th, 2024 1pm Zion Lutheran Church 545 7th Street, Freeland, MI 48623 |

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| **Public Relations**: Wednesday September 11, 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) |

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| **Retreat**: September 17th, 2024 at 6pm prior to Survival Meeting. |

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| **Next Area Meeting**: **S**aginaw **B**ay **A**rea **S**ervice **C**ommittee of **N**arcotics **A**nonymous - Third Sunday of every month  September 15th, 2024 - 2pm - Zion Lutheran Church 545 7th Street, Freeland, MI 48623 |

**Announce at Homegroups before September 15th, 2024**

* The guidelines have several suggested changes. Please review.
* Open positions Co-Chair, Co-Treasurer, Co-Secretary, and Alt RCM.