

## **SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES**

**May 18th, 2025**

**Freeland, MI**

**OPENING:** Opened at 2:05 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

### **READINGS:**

The 12 Concepts of NA Service - Jessica

Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC - Tom

NA World Service Vision - Chip

**NEWCOMERS to AREA:** None

**ROLL CALL:** 19 groups represented plus 2 that sent a report.

**ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTHS MINUTES:** Approved     Bryan H./ Chip D.

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:** None

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

## **TRUSTED SERVANTS' REPORTS**

### **CHAIRPERSON/POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION:**

- A new template for creating event flyers has been approved and will be added to the forms section of the website.
- Retreat becoming a non profit, they are not able to use the regions nonprofit status.
- Retreat profit margin, should they add a 5% upcharge to the cost fo the retreat so that some money can be made for Area?
- The church key needs to be returned to the church each time the chair is replaced. The Zion Lutheran Church has a policy that the key is not to change hands but to be returned to the church and the new chair is to fill out an application.
- Selling used books at area during the area meeting. Should it be a rule that selling used items during area should not be allowed as it could be considered unethical?

**SECRETARY:** My report is the minutes if you or any member of NA would like to receive the minutes please email: [secretarysaginawbay@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysaginawbay@gmail.com) Attached to the minutes you will find the 2025 Attendance Record. ILS Janell K.

**RCM:** We have 2 open positions at the regional level, Co-Facilitator, MSO Rep. Please review the duties/responsibilities in our revised guidelines, which can be accessed at link below if you are interested: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QZivSSqw-l8eDBmeRA4iFNE3nd4W1mvz/view?usp=sharing>  
Treasurer reported that in February our total income was \$389.99, our expenses were \$390.69. March out income was \$600, our expenses were \$24.24. Current balance in our account is \$8,367.67. Here is the link to Treasurer's Reports:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/12ykOEIRhtqrNRKEG6ObaoMxCYVwW5hSi>

Our World Service rep and Alternate reported on the results of the Interim World Service Conference. As it is extensive , please see the attached report from NAWS news. This link will show you the results.

<https://na.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/NAWS-News-March-2025.pdf>

CAR Survey Members and service committees are encouraged to submit ideas for Recovery Literature (both new literature and revisions to existing literature), Service Material (both new and revisions), and Issue Discussion Topics for prioritization at the World Service Conference. 2nd link

[https://naws.formstack.com/forms/car\\_survey\\_idea](https://naws.formstack.com/forms/car_survey_idea)

Page 1 The purpose of the form is to encourage your ideas for the initial list for the 2026 CAR Survey. The deadline for this input is the 20th of May so please share any ideas you have before that.

Helpline: If you are interested in participating in the Michigan Regional Service helpline, Please contact Doug at : [publicrelationsmiregna@gmail.com](mailto:publicrelationsmiregna@gmail.com) or Bryan H. our PR chair.

MRCNA is only 3 months away - The MRCNA chair reported: Our room count is 17 rooms at 53 nights. Which is far from our minimum. We currently have \$4,480 in pre registrations. We have raised over \$1878.90 at fundraisers. Our area is having a fundraiser for MRCNA on June 21st. This will be at the same place as the newcomer event. Need more information from activities chair. Dinosaur Days XI is coming on May 3 hosted by the Washtenaw Area. Dinosaur Days is the biggest MRCNA fundraiser event. We are still taking donations for our silent auction.

In regards to the MRSCNA Meeting Schedule Survey and decide meeting modality for remainder of 2025 before our June regional meeting. Survey was taken back to Area for discussion and we will vote at the June Regional meeting. Groups were asked to bring results of their groups decision on this matter. We need to provide our first and second choice options for in person vs online meetings at the June 1, 2025 virtual Regional meeting.

Next Regional meeting will be held virtually June 1, 2025 @ 9:00 am

Zoom Information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83201875742?pwd=WWtrSkNXNmNNcVhJWEszRGxGbFVUT0> ID:

83201875742 Password: MZF1987

In loving service,

Don M. SBASCNA RCM

#### **TREASURER: May 2025 SBASCNA Treasurer Report**

Available Funds \$ 3,634.03

Group Donations \$ 177.33

Literature Sales \$ 804.73

Total Credits \$ 1,218.06

Outstanding Checks \$214.99 (Regional Donations)

Grateful to Serve Cathy H.

Bingo		Revenue	Expense	Profit
	<b>SEED MONEY:</b>			
	<b>Facility Rental</b>		\$0.00	
	Prizes		\$50.00	
	Bingo Chips and Cards		\$64.60	
	Cups for chips		\$4.10	
	Tablecloths		\$5.30	
	Candy and Cookies		Tota	
	Supplies		\$0.00	
	50/50	\$147.00		
	Bingo Cards	\$285.00		
	Pop and Water	\$34.00		
	Food	\$0.00		
	Door	\$0.00		
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$466.00</b>	<b>\$124.00</b>	<b>\$342.00</b>

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ACTIVITIES:** Next sub committee meeting August 19th at the Dream Center 700 Lafayette St. in Bay City. Bingo was a success! We brought in \$466 minus expenses at \$124 which left \$342 for the area. Everyone seemed to have a good time & asked to have at least two a year. The next event will be held on June 21st which will be a dance called Hot Summer Nights. Talked to Zach W. last night who is the MRCNA fundraiser and was wondering if we could set the dance up as a fundraiser! In Loving Service Linda and her Team

## **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS:**

Good afternoon family, there are just a few things to report this month. The schedule change for Tricap has started off a little shaky, we have missed one meeting this month but participation has been strong with the members at the facility. I am still looking for more men with the willingness to go into Tricap. The women that we have going into Tricap have told me that some of the women that are coming to the meeting are leaving after they sign the attendance sheet to attend a class on addiction education it seemed puzzling to me as well as the women, we have going into Tricap to schedule a class at the same time as our H&I meeting. I told the women I would get to the bottom of this matter. I spoke with Michelle Campbell (Substance Abuse Manager) Tricap, Michelle told me that their clients had to sign up for there classes in advance so they wouldn't double book Michelle Campbell also asked me for the names of the women who were doing this because the were in violation of Tricap rules and need to be written up I said I didn't have their names and I would speak to the women we have going into the facility. I would like some guidance from the ASC on how ASC would like me to navigate this situation.

DOT is going well. The Men and the Women have told me that they have no needs at this time.

The Bay County jail doing well attendance was very low last meeting but participation has been excellent. I brought in literature at the last meeting and they are asking for more literature. I would like to take some basic texts in (softcover) if possible, I am ordering more IP's this month to take into the Bay County jail. The Roscommon County jail has been doing well. They are asking if we have any women that can go into the facility at this time. I have one that has stated they have the willingness and are looking for more members to go into the Roscommon County jail for the women. I've had a discussion with Matthew McGourty (jail administrator) at the Gladwin County jail. He asked me some questions and requested I send him an email describing what narcotics anonymous is and what we would be providing to the facility. I sent the email and am awaiting correspondence.

It has been since January that I have spoken with the Saginaw Correctional Facility contact person (Tia Clark). I plan to call her soon to find out where we are in the process of getting a meeting into the Prison. I have discussed with other members of the H&I subcommittee about possibly doing a learning day / fundraiser literature drive. We would like to be able to give basic texts to the men and women at Tricap when they are leaving the facility they have asked repeatedly for literature. I feel this is a good way to carry the message. I have ordered paper key tags for the men at Tricap and have a receipt for reimbursement. The next H&I subcommittee meeting will be Monday May 19 th at 3pm room 1 at the Alice & Jack Wirt public library 500 Center ave. Bay city MI, 48708 this is a hybrid meeting the zoom ID and Password will be posted below. Also, I would like to say that in the spirit of rotation I will be stepping down as H&I subcommittee chair in August. ID: 814 8123 5718 Password: na ILS Josh D.

**LITERATURE:** I placed an order for wallet cards, 3, already gave to H&I, 9 living clean books, and medallions and we now have medallions up to 50 years in the program. So there is that. We have 1 survival guide left \$20. \$865.30 for 43 items invoice discount \$5.24. Shipping was \$72. So the total including tax is \$881.06 so we paid \$15.76. I've been trying to replace what we sell EACH month, living clean, a wire rack, we usually keep one in stock, 2 basic texts because we sold 2, special books because JFT was on the last order and we are running low. We are good on IP's for the moment but even that time is coming and so is my inventory time. June seems like a fine time to do another inventory unless someone tells me I don't have to. I mean it's not in my duty requirements, but then I don't understand why and how anyone knew what to order.... I sold \$804.73 last month at area. ILS Peg M.

**NEWCOMER EVENT:** Next subcommittee meeting 06.06.25. (Friday after the Down with Disease group in Midland) Hello my name is Dana, I'm an addict. Our last subcommittee meeting was on May 7th. We finalized the fundraiser for the Newcomer Event. As follows: Saturday August 16th at Emerson Park in Midland. Potluck at 3pm, speaker panel at 4:30pm. Pie in the face to follow. \$5 suggested donation, no addict turned away. Last fundraiser before the

event in October. The goal for the next meeting is to have a speaker from Midland, Bay City, and Saginaw for the panel. I sent a flyer to both the web servant and the area printer. Please take a flyer back to your homegroups. I also reached out to both Messiah Lutheran Church (to confirm the date/time/location) and Journey's coffee shop \$200 to rent the church and \$40 for coffee, \$240 total. Current balance of \$817- \$240 = \$577. Hopefully the fundraiser will raise enough to cover remaining costs. Amanda M. donated a popcorn maker to give away bags of popcorn at the event. The next subcommittee meeting is on Friday June 6th after the Down with Disease group in Midland. Group consensus was to meet on a Friday to accommodate members' schedules. Goal for the next meeting is to discuss panel topics, times, and assign members to seek speakers. More will be revealed. ILS Dana S.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Monday June 9th , Midland following the How it Works group meeting (~7:50pm) also on Zoom using the How it Works group meeting code (236328539)

PR subcommittee meeting are moving to Monday nights to avoid potential conflicts with HIW homegroup business meetings. During the summer months there may be Zoom-only Public Relations subcommittee meetings. The meeting list is current to the best of our information, and the event flyer page will be updated very soon. We are investigating some changes to our portion of the Michigan Region website, more will be revealed. The PR chair and another volunteer member staffed the NA table at the Delta College mental health fair for the morning of the 15 th of April. An "Event" template will be posted on our website (on the "Area Forms" portion of the "Area Resources" page), for use by groups and subcommittees as a starting point for creating event flyers that contain all of the information requested for advertising events on our website (date, time, location address and city, name of group/subcommittee, name or type of event, etc).

Flyers for events that are hosted by Saginaw Bay Area groups or subcommittees may be emailed to the web servant SBANAweb@outlook.com or myself for posting on our website. Best quality will be achieved by sending a copy of the flyer instead of a picture of a flyer. All documents must have the name of the home group or subcommittee which is sponsoring the event printed on the flyer.

Please send all meeting changes to myself (radio883@yahoo.com) with Meeting Information in the subject line (to help keep it out of my SPAM folder).

Bryan H.

**RETREAT:** We had a very successful retreat filling up for the first time in several years. We were able to send all 24 people who applied for a scholarship. We offered single occupancy rooms to raise additional scholarship funds. There were a total of 122 people who attended. We want to thank the speakers and all the people who attended and donated to the scholarship fund. A full financial report will be provided when we receive the final invoice from the DNR center. In loving service, Tim S.

## 2025 Retreat Treasury Report - April 2025

2025 Retreat Starter Funds	
DNR Deposit	\$ 1,759.46
Memorial Fund	\$ 54.14
6% Tax (if needed)	\$ 1,220.00
Scholarship Balance From 2024	\$ 772.92
Prudent Reserve	\$ 500.00
Pictures	\$ 100.00
Prepaid Registration	\$ 180.00
Beginning Balance 2025 Retreat	\$ 4,586.52

2025 Retreat Scholarship Funds			
Scholarship Beginning Balance	\$ 772.92		
Euchre Tournament	\$ 114.87		
St. Patrick's Day Dance	\$ 460.15		
Fund Raiser #3			
Donations (From Registrations)	\$ 1,606.50		
Donations (Retreat Cash)			
Beds Assigned	\$ (2,088.00)	24	Assigned
Current Balance	\$ 866.44	9	Left
		33	Total

	Current	Cumulative
Starting Balance	\$10,844.16	\$ 4,586.52
DNR		\$ (1,698.00)
PO Box Refund		\$ 10.00
Petty Cash (Seed Money)		
Fundraiser Supplies		\$ (230.98)
DJ Expenses		\$ (150.00)
Church/Facility Donation		\$ (180.00)
Donation to Area		
Photographer		
Merchant Fees (CC)	\$ (184.51)	\$ (353.89)
Bank Fees (Huntington)	\$ (2.09)	\$ (2.09)
Merchandise Invoice		
Retreat Supplies		
Refunds	\$ (319.00)	\$ (319.00)
Scholarship Donations	\$ 1,178.00	\$ 1,666.50
Euchre Tournament		\$ 290.00
St. Patrick's Day Dance		\$ 846.00
Fundraiser #3		
Registrations	\$12,228.00	\$ 18,660.00
Friday Dinners	\$ 450.00	\$ 690.00
Shirt Orders	\$ 695.50	\$ 993.50
CC Fees Collected	\$ 218.50	\$ 300.00
Ending Balance	\$25,108.56	\$ 25,108.56

Registration Numbers	
Full Registrations	92
Scholarship Beds	24
<b>Total Registrations</b>	<b>116</b>
Friday Night Dinners	44
Solo Reservations	8

Number of Credit Card Transactions	37
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Cummulative Refund Breakdown	
Registrations	\$ (216.00)
Friday Dinners	\$ (30.00)
Donation	\$ (60.00)
CC Fee	\$ (13.00)
	\$ (319.00)

Account Reconciliation	
Bank Balance	\$21,560.56
Checks/Refunds Outstanding	
Merch Fees Outstanding	
CC Deposits Outstanding	\$ 366.00
Cash/Check Deposits Outstanding	\$ 3,182.00
	<b>\$25,108.56</b>

### Notes:

One registration was prepaid by Area during the 2024 Retreat accounting period.

Prepaid registration redeemed in March

March report shows only 24 registrations when there were actually 25. Forgot to include prepaid registration in the count. Added to April report to resolve.

Huntington Bank charged a "Cash Deposit Processing" fee of \$2.09 on 15 Apr 25

## GROUP REPORTS

**ACCEPTANCE IS SERENITY & FREEDOM(Gladwin):** Next business meeting 06.19.25. Group donation \$9.40. Every third Tuesday is a speaker meeting. ILS Jodi F.

**BAREFOOT MEETING (West Branch):** Next business meeting 06.12.25. Group donation \$9. 5-6 people in attendance. ILS, Jeremy.

**BRIDGING THE GAP (Midland):** Meeting is doing well, could use some support. ILS, Janell K.

**CLARE'S NA BASIC TEXT (Clare):** Had about 7-8 people in attendance a couple of months ago but now it down to one regular and some stragglers. Reading the Basic Text is almost through and going to be starting How it Works as we have finished with Basic Text. ILS Jessica

**COMMON DESIRES (Essexville):** Next business meeting 06.13.25. Group donation \$22. Everything is well at common desires, average of 5-10 people and has been small and intimate groups. ILS Tom C.

**COMMON GROUND (West Branch):** Next business meeting 06.10.25. Group donation \$15. Both meetings are going well 8-10 on Tuesdays and 5-6 on Fridays. ILS Duane

**DOWN WITH DISEASE (Midland):** Next business meeting 06.14.25. Group donation \$100. Attendance is great, we have a strong homegroup. Come on over and check us out. ILS, Janell K.

**HOPE IN HALE (Hale):** Group donation \$10. Hope in Hale and the gratitude not attitude meetings are now one meeting. Hope in Hale which meet on Monday and Wednesday at 7pm Hale United Methodist Church 201 W Main St. Open talk eating meeting May 26th at 6pm eating at 6, talk at 7. Bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair. Contact person Glenn 989-329-7932. ILS Glenn

**HOW IT WORKS (Midland):** Next business meeting June 11th, 2025. June 16th and June 23rd meetings will be at Eagle Ridge Church of God due to Aldersgate Church being unavailable. We are still on zoom and in-person for both Monday and Wednesday meetings. We voted for choice C first and D second for the Region virtual vs in-person options. ILS Bryan H.

**HUGS NOT DRUGS (St. Helen):** Group Donation \$20. No changes to the group. ILS, Gloria H.

**JUST FOR TUESDAY (Midland):** Next business meeting 05.27.25. Church will be unavailable the weeks of June 17 & 24 due to vacation bible study. The next group conscious we will decide on an alternate place to meet. ILS Dana S.

**POSITIVE VIBES (Saginaw):** Next business meeting 06.15.25. Group donation \$20.08. Sunday June 1st Positive Vibes will move to Harvey Randall Wickes Park 7341 McCarty Rd. in Saginaw 9am Sundays book study. ILS Linda

**RECOVERY NATION (West Branch):** Group Donation \$20. Both recovery nation groups are doing well, we could use more people. ILS Glen

**SURRENDER OUR LIVES (Saginaw):** Next business meeting 06.02.25. Group donation \$50. Memorial weekend we will be starting our outside meetings weather permitted. June 14th is our yearly picnic at Stoker Park. ILS Kim S.

**SURVIVAL (Saginaw):** Next business meeting 05.27.25. Good meeting attendance, candlelight meeting first Tuesday of the month. Reading JFT and SPAD readings for group discussion. We voted Regional should meet 3 times a year in-person choices C then D. We said yes to add on a group for service representatives. ILS Gine H.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Outstanding Activities funds = \$500, Cathy H. has been in contact with the former Activities chair and plans to get another payment towards the outstanding funds in June. She will keep us up to date on this.

- Homegroups were asked to vote on region meetings being in-person and on zoom. The first choice was C and second was D.
- Nonprofit Ad Hoc Committee, The chair has appointed an ad hoc committee that will investigate and bring back a proposal on how to assist the Retreat Committee to be nonprofit. The committee will be Cathy H, Roy O, and Rick W. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please reach out.
- Financial Ad hoc committee, The chair has appointed a committee to explore more efficient ways to hang on to area funds which will make it less likely for people to walk away with are funds. The committee will be Cathy H, Bill, and Bryan H.. If you are interested in being on this committee please reach out.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- MRCNA fundraiser, the Activites chair was asked to turn one of the activities events “Hot Summer Dance Nights” June 21st in Bay City, into a MRCNA fundraiser. The fundraiser will happen after next area, we need a vote from the homegroups “Should we donate the profits from the upcoming event to MRCNA or keep them for area?”
- Buying and selling used books at area. We would like to ask the homegroups how they feel about selling used NA literature at area and how they feel about selling outside merchandise or books at area.

#### **OPEN FLOOR:**

- Hope in Hale and gratitude not attitude have combined and are now both hope in hale and meet on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Meeting ends at 3:28pm**

**FLYERS & MEETINGS:** Send to [SBANAweb@outlook.com](mailto:SBANAweb@outlook.com) (PDF FORMAT)

**LITERATURE ORDERS:** [SaginawLit@gmail.com](mailto:SaginawLit@gmail.com) [Fillable Excel Order Form](#)

## Sub-Committee Meetings - June 2025

**Activities:** August 19th, 2025 The Dream Center 700 Lafayette St in Bay City

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Monday May 19th, 2024 3pm Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library Room #1  
500 Center Avenue Bay city, MI 48708 Also meets virtually on zoom +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)  
Zoom ID 81481235718 Password: na  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481235718?pwd=MmFKKzZ0VEFxVWJxYktjUHY0ejJmUT09>

**Literature:** Sunday June 15th, 2025 - immediately following Area.

**Newcomer Event:** June 6th, 2025 Friday 7:15 pm at Midland Reformed Church 1100 N. Saginaw Road  
after the Down with Disease meeting.

**Policy & Administration:** June 15th, 2025 1pm - before Area

**Public Relations:** Monday June 9 th , Midland following the How it Works group meeting (~7:50pm)  
also on Zoom using the How it Works group meeting code (236328539)

**Next Area Meeting:** - June 15th, 2025 - 2pm - Zion Lutheran Church 545 7th Street, Freeland, MI 48623  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481235718?pwd=MmFKKzZ0VEFxVWJxYktjUHY0ejJmUT09>  
Zoom ID 81481235718 Password: na

## Announce at Home Groups

1. Two open positions Co-Chair & Co-Treasurer
2. MRCNA has asked us to have a MRCNA fundraiser to donate the profits to them. Do you feel we should send the profits from the "Hot Summer Dance Nights" June 21st event in Bay City to MRCNA or keep them for the area?
3. What are your thoughts on selling used books at area? What are your thoughts on selling outside merchandise or literature at an area meeting?