

SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES

September 21st, 2025

Freeland, MI

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

READINGS:

The 12 Concepts of NA Service - Ashley

Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC - Jeremy W.

NA World Service Vision - Chip

NEWCOMERS to AREA: Ashley & Tina

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

ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTHS MINUTES: Approved Chip D. /Joshua D.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS: No nominations.

OPEN POSITIONS-PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR HOMEGROUPS:

- Activities Chair
- Hospitals & Institutions Chair
- Public Relations Chair
- Alt RCM
- Co-Treasurer

Review the guidelines for position requirements. [2024 Guidelines](#).

TRUSTED SERVANTS' REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON/POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION:

- Newcomer Event: should we change the guidelines to elect their chair in October instead of August? The guidelines could say "Newcomer Event will elect a new chair at Area following the Newcomer Event". Next steps will be to present this proposal at the area and then take it back to homegroups for a vote.
- How many GSR's took back to their groups: should we suspend zoom while we investigate other options? *Not many*.
 - Zoom comes due in April, we will discuss at the beginning of 2026 if we are going to renew another year.
- Activities missing funds: there has been more on time payments made since last month.
 - We need to be more selective with choosing our trusted servants. Teaching them what "prudent" means for example just because they like one DJ if it costs too much find a different one.
 - This is the reason the Financial Ad-Hoc was created.

SECRETARY: My report is the minutes if you or any member of NA would like to receive the minutes please email: secretarysaginawbay@gmail.com Attached to the minutes you will find the 2025 Attendance Record. It is extremely helpful when Sub committee chairs email me their reports before Area. ILS Janell K.

RCM: Next Regional meeting October 5th Virtual only. There was no Regional Service Committee meeting since the August ASC meeting. Due to time restrictions the next Regional meeting will be held virtually only on October 5 th at 9am, and I will be attending. The Regional service body is still in need of an MSO representative.

Bryan H.

TREASURER: September 2025 SBASCNA Treasurer Report

Available Funds \$ 5,692.38

Group Donations \$ 100.00

Literature Sales \$ 861.98

Total Credits \$ 3,150.31

Outstanding Checks \$283.13 (Regional Donations)

Grateful to Serve Cathy H.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES: OPEN

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS: OPEN

LITERATURE: I sold some stuff, ordered some stuff. I'll keep doing my best. ILS Peg M.

NEWCOMER EVENT: Hi my name is Dana and I am an addict. Our last sub committee meeting was September 5th. Our beginning total was \$1,344. We have the following costs. \$200 location, \$40 coffee, \$109 literature. Brings the total to \$995. We have projected \$300 for food. Amanda M. has ordered 20 pizzas from Costco to be picked up the day of the event. We also plan to purchase salad items and cookie trays. I am also buying 1 green How it Works and Why and 1 Step Working Guide. This makes five sets of books to be given away at the raffle. This gives a new total of \$674.20. We will use these funds appropriately if needed. What ends up not being spent will be given to next year's committee. All but one speaker has been confirmed and we are in the works of filling that spot. The committee will arrive at 10am to set up. Shane is in the process of contacting treatment centers. This is an open event. We would also like to ask the Area if we can borrow the blue NA banner for the welcome table. We will not be taking 7th tradition at the event but if an addict insists, they can be directed to me. Our last meeting will be on Wednesday, October 1st after the HOW meeting in Midland. ILS Dana S.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: OPEN

As PR contact person I represented SBASCNA at a Recovery Resource Fair at Delta College on September 16th . Our Web Servant and I are also willing/planning to represent us at a Mental Health Fair at Delta on October 22nd. Please send all meeting changes to the web servant at the email address listed in each month's minutes. Regards, Bryan H.

RETREAT: Hello, The Retreat for 2026 had our first committee meeting on August 19, 2025. There were 11 interested NA members in attendance, some long-time members and a few newer members. We basically went over the service positions that would need to be filled, some of the recommended duties and responsibilities for each position. Then we went over the goals for this year's Retreat. The first was to have the Registration and Shirt Flyers out for AREA's November meeting, November 16, 2025. Next our agenda was to establish what activities would need to be done to realistically raise funds for the 2026 Retreat Scholarship fund. Based on past experience and fundraisers we believe that putting on the St. Patrick's Day dance on March 14, 2026, "Passing the Hat" funds from the 2025 Retreat, the "Single Occupancy" funds and private individual NA members donations would be more than adequate to support the scholarship fund for the 2026 Retreat. So essentially, we cut out 2 small previously held fundraisers that raised very little money in recent years which will allow the Committee to focus on more important things, like ensuring that we can put on the best possible Retreat for our members. The last thing we did was plant a seed as to what our theme for the upcoming Retreat would be. It was agreed that because it will be our 40th anniversary for the Retreat that it should be centered around that. Our next meeting was held on September 2, 2025. At this meeting we fulfilled all the necessary positions and reiterated that one does not need to hold a position to be part of this committee. Looks like the committee will consist of 11 NA members for this years Retreat. Next, we threw around ideas for the theme and settled on: "Celebrating 40 Years of Miracles & Memories". That was followed by what we could do to create a design. We have some pretty good ideas and decided to get some artistic NA member(s) involved to come up with something. We also discussed a request that we had from Brian H. to hold a fundraiser for Region. We concluded that with such short notice, along with a number of members that would not be available for the requested October date and really wanting to put our efforts into getting the Registrations out early this year, we respectfully decided to decline the opportunity. At the September 16, 2025 Retreat Committee meeting we went over the proposed design and with the exception of a few possible tweaks we think we are on to something that will bring to life our theme. More will be revealed with the design at a later date. Then we discussed the things that will be needed for us to set this year's price. Once we receive the contract from the DNR, we should be able to plug the numbers in and get the registration flyers out as planned. Our next meeting will be September 30, 2025 @ 6pm at the Survival Group in Saginaw. The following one will be October 14, 2025 @ 6pm at the Survival Group. We will probably be meeting every other week until the flyers are out. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. In Loving Service Greg W.

Final 2025 Retreat Treasury Report - August 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 | | |
| Fundraiser #3 | | | |
| Donations (From Registrations) | \$ 1,923.69 | | |
| Donations (Retreat Cash) | \$ 518.00 | | |
| Beds Assigned | \$ (2,088.00) | 24 | Assigned |
| Current Balance | \$ 1,701.63 | 19 | Left |
| | | 43 | Total |

| | Current | Cumulative |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Starting Balance | \$ 5,326.35 | \$ 4,586.52 |
| DNR | | \$(20,965.00) |
| 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 | | \$ (1,425.00) |
| Photographer | | \$ (50.00) |
| Merchant Fees (CC) | | \$ (442.26) |
| Bank Fees (Huntington) | | \$ (2.09) |
| Merchandise Invoice | | \$ (964.34) |
| Retreat Supplies | | |
| Refunds | | \$ (1,226.00) |
| Scholarship Donations | | \$ 2,472.50 |
| Euchre Tournament | | \$ 290.00 |
| St. Patrick's Day Dance | | \$ 846.00 |
| Fundraiser #3 | | |
| Registrations | | \$ 20,450.00 |
| Friday Dinners | | \$ 795.00 |
| Shirt Orders | | \$ 1,142.00 |
| CC Fees Collected | | \$ 370.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 5,326.35 | \$ 5,326.35 |

| Registration Numbers | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Full Registrations | 96 |
| Scholarship Beds | 24 |
| Total Registrations | 120 |
| Friday Night Dinners | 53 |
| Solo Reservations | 9 |

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|------------------------------------|----|
| Number of Credit Card Transactions | 42 |
|------------------------------------|----|

| Cumulative Refund Breakdown | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Registrations | \$ (391.00) |
| Friday Dinners | \$ (45.00) |
| Donation | \$ (60.00) |
| CC Fee | \$ (22.00) |
| | \$ (518.00) |

| Account Reconciliation | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bank Balance | \$ 5,326.35 |
| Checks/Refunds Outstanding | |
| Merch Fees Outstanding | |
| CC Deposits Outstanding | |
| Cash/Check Deposits Outstanding | |
| | \$ 5,326.35 |

Notes:

| 2026 Retreat Starter Funds | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| DNR Deposit | \$ 1,804.72 |
| Photographer | \$ 100.00 |
| 6% Tax for 2025 (if needed) | \$ 1,220.00 |
| Scholarship Fund | \$ 1,701.63 |
| Prudent Reserve | \$ 500.00 |
| Beginning Balance 2026 Retreat | \$5,326.35 |

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: Has not met yet.

AREA NONPROFIT: Next sub committee meeting September 25th, 2025 6pm at Leo's on Bay Street in Saginaw. We started to work on the Corporate Bylaws and a project plan for becoming a non-profit organization. We are hoping to follow the same steps as the Region did to accomplish this project. We will be working on the incorporation articles and submitting the necessary documents for a tax exemption number.
In Loving Service, Cathy H.

GROUP REPORTS

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE (Saginaw): Next homegroup meeting 09.25.25. Our Friday noon meeting is struggling with sometimes no attendees. The Friday chairperson is interested in moving the meeting to 9pm. So we are asking around, more will be revealed. Our Thursday and Saturday meetings are doing well.
ILS Karen A.

BAREFOOT MEETING (West Branch): Next Business meeting 10-16-25. Group Donation \$5. Attendance 6 - 10 people. ILS Jeremy W.

BY NA MEANS NECESSARY (Midland): Group donation \$4. ILS Donny W.

COMMON GROUND (West Branch): 10-12-25. Group donation \$50. Meetings have been going ok. 10-12 people on Tuesdays and Friday have been 5 - 6. ILS Duane M.

COMMON WELFARE (Bay City): Next business meeting 10-16-25. Group Donations \$20. Group lost 2 group members this month of September. On the average, we have 6 -7 addicts each meeting. We have also changed the group format from the book study to open format on a trial basis. ILS Mark H.

DOWN WITH DISEASE (Midland): Next business meeting 10-11-25. At our last business meeting we voted YES to suspending the zoom meetings at area while they investigate other options. Meeting attendance is going well and we have a strong homegroup. Fridays at 6pm is a rotating format and Saturdays at 10am is a topic discussion. Come check us out, we look forward to seeing you. ILS Janell K.

H.O.W. (Bay City): We are for letting the Newcomer group elect their new chair after the Newcomer Event.
ILS Chip.

HOPE IN HALE (Hale): Next business meeting 10-15-25. Group Donation \$80. Meetings have been going well with a regular 6 -8 in attendance. ILS Ashley M.

HOPE DEALERS (Freeland): Next business meeting 10-09-25. Had a strong couple of months, averaging about 12 people per meeting. ILS Karen B.

HUGS NOT DRUGS (St. Helen): Group donation \$45. All is well, no changes ILS Gloria H.

RECOVERY NATION (West Branch): Next business meeting 10-17-25. Group Donation \$30. Meetings are going well with 6 to 7 people attending. Speaker meeting every 2nd Saturday of the month. Lunch at 11 speaker at noon. October speaker will be Allen M. ILS Glenn J.

SURRENDER OUR LIVES (Saginaw): Next business meeting October 6th, 2025. Starting in October we start having a speaker meeting the 3rd Sunday of the month. - ILS Kim. S.

SURVIVAL (Saginaw): Next business meeting 09.30.25. No new business. No homegroup business meeting last month. It was Goerges clean date. ILS Gina H.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Homegroups were asked to vote on whether or not the area can suspend zoom meetings while we investigate other options. Now we are going to go back to the homegroups and ask if we can remove zoom from the guidelines all together.
 - Take back to homegroups, can area remove “and on zoom” from the guidelines section I.3.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Newcomer Event: Guideline change: “Newcomer Event will elect a new chair at Area following the Newcomer Event”.
 - Take back to the home groups
- Halloween Dance: Area chair has appointed Martha W. to take lead to put on the 2025 Halloween Dance. GSR’s voted and 11 Yeas, Zero Neas. \$500 has been approved to give to Martha to use for the dance.

OPEN FLOOR:

- A discussion was had about what should be done if there is a surplus of funds from the Newcomer Event and whether or not that money should come to Area or be handed off to the next Newcomer Event chair. This has been tabled until after the Event in October and the Newcomer Event sub-committee is able to discuss it further.

Meeting ends at 3:23 pm

FLYERS & MEETINGS: Send to SBANAweb@outlook.com (PDF FORMAT)

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

Announce at Home Groups

2 votes are needed before the next Area.

- Vote #1, guideline change proposal. To remove “and on zoom”. Section I,3 of the guidelines currently states *The ASC shall meet in person and on zoom*.
 - Can we remove “and on zoom.” from the Area guidelines? Yes or No
- Vote #2, guideline change proposal, Section XI. 7. Currently the Newcomer Event is required to vote in their new chair in August with the other sub-committees.
 - Can we add a line to the Newcomer event section of the guidelines “Newcomer Event will elect a new chair at Area following the Newcomer Event”? Yes or No
- Open Service Positions: Activities Chair, Hospitals & Institutions Chair, Public Relations Chair, Alt RCM, and Co-Treasurer. (review the guidelines for position requirements)

Sub-Committee Meetings

Activities: TBD: Chair Position is OPEN.

Financial Ad-Hoc: TBD

Hospitals & Institutions: TBD: Chair Position is OPEN.

Literature: Sunday October 19th, 2025 - Noon (before the P&A meeting)

Newcomer Event: Wednesday October 1st after the H.O.W. meeting in Midland.

Non-Profit Ad-Hoc: September 25th, 2025 6pm at Leo's on Bay street in Saginaw.

Policy & Administration: Sunday October 19th, 2025 1pm - before Area

Public Relations: TBD: Chair Position is OPEN.

Retreat: September 30th and October 14th at 6:00 prior to Survival Meeting in Saginaw.

Next Area Meeting: - Sunday October 19th - 2pm - Zion Lutheran Church 545 7th Street, Freeland