

SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES

November 16th, 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 - Duane

Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC - Gina

NA World Service Vision - Eric

NEWCOMERS to AREA: Eugene B. & Steven H.

ROLL CALL: 20 groups represented plus 1 that sent a report.

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

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS: None

OPEN POSITIONS-PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR HOMEGROUPS:

- Public Relations Chair
- Alt RCM
- Co-Treasurer
- Co-Secretary

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

TRUSTED SERVANTS' REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON/POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION:

- Do we need to remove the Financial Ad Hoc Committee due to zero reports and attendance?
 - Yes we will dissolve this ad hoc committee.
- Discuss the proposed Newcomer Event Guidelines.
 - P&A approves the proposed guidelines.
 - The line we voted on last month "Newcomer Event will elect a new chair at Area following the Newcomer event" will be added to the Elections, section 3 of the guidelines.
- Sub-committee reports. Should not be one line only. It is the chairperson's responsibility to provide a detailed report.
 - Everyone who holds a service position is doing a fantastic job. Thank you.
- Please review the World Service Conference Agenda Report. na.org/conference followed by a survey/questionnaire.
 - Different pronouns used for God, vocabulary changes possibly switching men and women to people and Medically Assisted Treatment topic, these are hot topics please get your voices heard.

SECRETARY: My report is the minutes if you or any member of NA would like to receive the minutes please email: secretarysaginawbay@gmail.com, ILS Janell K.

RCM: Next Committee Meeting December 7th on zoom. There was no Regional meeting this month, and the next two are virtual only. The Conference Agenda Report (CAR) was published very recently, and I haven't read it completely yet. The CAR represents the agenda the NA World Board is planning to follow for the World Conference next year. According to NAW\$ "The purpose of the conference is to define and take action according to the group conscience of Narcotics Anonymous and fulfill the WSC Mission Statement: to honor the spiritual principals of NA's Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts for Service; and to use resources efficiently to sustain its functions". I strongly encourage all members interested in the future of Narcotics Anonymous to read and study the information available for all members to read, which may be directly accessed at <http://na.org/conference>. There is a survey that all members should read and answer. Our guidelines require the RCM to facilitate a CAR workshop, which will be scheduled in early 2026 and will be centered on discussion of the Issue Discussion Topics set forth in the report by the World Boards as well as the five motions. ILS Bryan H.

TREASURER: November 2025 SBASCNA Treasurer Report

Available Funds \$ 4,882.54
Group Donations \$ 330.40
Literature Sales \$ 380.05
Total Credits \$ 587.25

Outstanding Checks \$133.96
Grateful to Serve Cathy H.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES: Next committee meeting will be November 19th, 2025 6pm. Gratiot Road (Methodist Church). Halloween Dance 2025 expenses: costume winners \$40, facility \$100, DJ \$140, raffle basket \$10, food/decorations \$212, food \$40. Total \$571. Income 50/50 \$49, raffle basket \$8, door \$486, tacos, pop, H2O \$114 total \$657. Profit \$86 - \$59 to replace a broken coffee pot. Total profit \$27. In loving service Martha M.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS: Next committee meeting 12.16.25 1pm before Area at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 545 7th Street, Freeland, MI 48623.

- Tri-cap women and men are doing great. Attendance has been improving. Bought keytags.
- DOT is doing great as well.
- Roscommon is doing great. However, we are looking for more male volunteers.
- Ten16 is doing great, speakers are lined up until the beginning of next year.
- Bay County Jail is in question. Captain Stewart, I cannot get a hold of.

Thank you, In Loving Service, Kim S.

LITERATURE: Next committee meeting 12.16.25 at noon, before Area at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 545 7th Street, Freeland, MI 48623.

\$380.00 last month sold. I don't discriminate by saying what groups bought. But I've been ordering to stock cabinet for what people want. So I bought some stuff, look at Treasurer's report if you desire to know what I bought as in total. Today I received my first and second complaint. We are sold out of Daily Meditation and Basic Texts as of now. ILS, Peg M.

NEWCOMER EVENT:The committee decided to take a month off after the event, so no meeting took place this month. Our next meeting will be December 3rd at 7:45pm at Eagle Ridge church in Midland. The committee members did look over and give their approval for the updated newcomer event guidelines changes. These will be discussed at P&A. I've brought the Treasury today and am turning it over to the area treasurer until guidelines are decided. I'm excited for the upcoming year and am encouraging anybody who would like to get involved to come to our next business meeting. Shane H.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: OPEN

RETREAT: Hello!

The Retreat Committee is on track for another great Retreat. We reached our goal set early when we formed this year's committee of having the Registration / Shirt Flyers completed by the November AREA meeting. We worked hard and put in the extra time needed and they are done.

This year's Flyer is two-sided, one side for the registration itself and the other side for the shirts. We thought that by having everything together (not stapled together like past years) that people might be more inclined to order shirts. Often just the Registration flyer would be printed out and members were unaware that shirts were being offered. So, we thought we'd try it this year and see how it goes.

We are asking AREA if they would be willing to print out "Double-sided" copies for the GSR's to take back to their Home Groups. Thank you.

Our next planned activity will be a Scholarship Fund raiser, the St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 14th, 2026, held at St. Albans Church on Wenona St. in Bay City. We will have a Flyer for the event at the January AREA meeting.

Our next Retreat Committee meeting will be January 6, 2026 @ 6pm, held at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, corner of Mackinaw & McCarty in Saginaw, where the Survival Group meets.

In Loving Service, Greg W. Retreat Committee Chair

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

NON-PROFIT STATUS: Next Committee Meeting: TBD The corporate bylaws have been finished. We sent the Articles of Incorporation to the State of Michigan. Once that is received back, we will be applying for an EIN number and begin the application for federal exemption. Our next meeting will be set up prior to submitting the federal forms. In Loving Service, Cathy H.

Group Reports

AGAINST ALL ODDS (Midland): Greetings family, I am very grateful to report that the Against All Odds group of Narcotics Anonymous has been going very strong for our first month. We are a Basic Text study and we typically read a page of the text then open the meeting up to share on the reading, then whatever else a person wants or needs to share about that is recovery related. We have 3 homegroup members and have been averaging around 12 attendees per week so far. We have a donation to the ASC of \$25. ILS, Will V

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE (Saginaw): Next business meeting 11.20.25. We have officially suspended (closed) our Friday noon meeting due to lack of attendance. Thursday is going strong and Saturday has a regular attendance but could use support. AoG is currently having a raffle of a Basic Library - boxed set of all books. This is to help us earn money for literature. Tickets are 3 for \$5 or 8 for \$10, they can be purchased from tim at the Thursday meeting or by calling Tabitha at 989-274-8064. The drawing will be in December. AoG will also

again be holding their annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 27th. There are flyers available. Doors open at 4pm. Dinner is planned for 5pm and the 7pm meeting that night will be an open meeting so you may bring guests. We will have lots of food so you do not need to bring anything but are welcome to bring a dish to pass. In the past month we had members celebrate 1 year, 18 months, and 2 years. ILS, Karen A.

BAREFOOT MEETING (West Branch): Next business meeting 12.18.25. Group Donation \$5. Barefoot meeting is now an open meeting effective immediately. Barefoot meeting feels the Newcomer Event guidelines should be the same as Retreat guidelines. 7-9 in attendance. No to the Newcomer Event guideline change. ILS, Jeremy W.

COMMON DESIRES (Essexville): Next business meeting 12.13.25. Group Donation \$15. We are closing the Saturday night meeting due to lack of attendance that's been going on for years. Thursday night will remain open! We now only meet Thursdays at 7pm. ILS Tom C.

COMMON GROUND (West Branch): Next business meeting 12.16.25. Group Donation \$10. Friday noon meeting is slow with 3-5 people in attendance. Tuesday 7pm meeting is doing well with 8 -12 people in attendance. ILS Duane

COMMON WELFARE (Bay City): Next business meeting 12.18.25. We bought a lot of pamphlets and paid our rent. We hope to do better next month. (Good thing there is no three strikes and you're out). Anyway, group's well behaved, anywhere between 4 to 8, 10 addicts on Tues and Thur.... Nothing but open format. No complaints about that. Sharing is sharing the time. ILS Mark H.

DOWN WITH DISEASE (Midland): Next business meeting 12.13.25. We made a literature order to replenish our Basic Texts. Rotating format on Fridays at 6, topic discussion on Saturdays at 10am. Things are going great. Averaging 20 people per meeting give or take a few. ILS Janell K.

HOPE DEALERS (Freeland): Next business meeting 12.11.25. Attendance has been good. Meeting will be held as scheduled on Thanksgiving. ILS Karen B.

HOPE IN HALE (Hale): Next business meeting 12.17.25. Group Donation \$50. Going well. Newcomer Event and Retreat should have same guidelines. ILS ILS Glenn J.

HOW IT WORKS (Midland): Monday and Wednesday 6:30pm in Midland are still being held in person and on zoom. ILS Bryan H.

HUGS NOT DRUGS (St. Helen): Group donation \$25. All is well in St. Helen. ILS, Gloria H.

JUST STAY (Midland): Next business meeting 12.18.25. Group donation \$2. Book Study, It Works How and Why. ILS Ron E.

NEW AWAKENINGS (Bay City): Group Donation \$30. Open meeting as of October is not yet reflected on the meeting list. Please make this change ASAP. Thank you Terry K.

POSITIVE VIBES (Saginaw): We average more than homegroup members 8 to 14 for 9 am on a Sunday that says something. ILS Peg M.

RECOVERY NATION (West Branch): Next business meeting 12.20.25. Group Donation \$10. Going well. That the guidelines should be the same for the Newcomer Event as the Retreat. ILS Glenn J.

STEP TALK (Midland): Group Donation \$2. Three active home group members. We provide IP's for the new people. We are looking for people willing to sponsor to attend. We jump around in the step working guide by taking suggestions each week on what people are working on. It is a men's and women's meeting. We could use some support. Talking on Spiritual Principals and questions in the work book. ILS Ron.

SURRENDER OUR LIVES (Saginaw): Business meeting 12.01.25. We have a speaker meeting the 3rd Monday of every month. Thank you. ILS, Kim S.

SURVIVAL (Saginaw): We are having a holiday party December 16th at 6pm on a Tuesday at the Greek Orthodox Church. Its open anyone can come. Bring a dish to pass. ILS Gina H.

OLD BUSINESS:

- \$405 is the outstanding balance from a former Activities chair who is paying back funds from 2023. There is a payment plan in place the treasurer is staying in contact.
- Homegroup vote is needed to adopt these guidelines to replace the Newcomer Event section currently in the guidelines. These are different from what was sent out last week.

A. This committee will consist of a chair, co-chair, and a secretary (co-chair and secretary dependent on willingness).

Also, any NA member who wishes to carry the message of recovery through service-work.

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 NA-related fundraisers throughout the year.

D. The committee's funds will be held in trust by the Area Treasurer. These funds are for use by the committee at their discretion, with area approval, and are not to be used for any other area expenses except in the case of the committee's dissolution.

E. A prudent reserve of \$300 will be given to the committee's chair, received from the committee's trusts held at area, to be used for operating expenses and fundraisers.

F. Funds for larger fundraisers or the event itself may be requested by the committee chair, from the committee trust, above the \$300 prudent reserve. The chair will provide a reason for the funds and the estimated expenses. Any excess funds after expenses are paid, above the \$300 prudent reserve, will be returned to the Area Treasurer and placed back in the committee trust.

G. The committee will use all donations received through its fundraisers, or any other manner, in the following ways:

- 1. Hosting further fundraisers for the event.*
- 2. Expenses for the event itself, including rent, food, literature, and other miscellaneous expenses for the event.*
- 3. Operating expenses of the committee.*
- 4. Use of any excess funds outside of the previously stated will be discussed by the committee and brought to area for approval.*

H. The duties of the chair will include:

- 1. Scheduling and chairing monthly subcommittee meetings, in which other service positions will be discussed and voted upon.*
- 2. Providing a monthly, itemized account of the committee's funds and the expenses of its fundraisers as well as the annual event.*
- 3. Keeping close communication with surrounding ASC's, Area Subcommittees and Groups to help avoid conflicting events when possible.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

OPEN FLOOR:

- All homegroups should review the current meeting list to make sure their meetings are listed correctly. Also to review the Meeting Formant Legend, the chart located at the end of the meeting list pamphlet. Make sure that your meeting has all the necessary credentials such as CW = Children Welcome or NC = No Children, there are other codes in the legend as well please review and update as needed.

Meeting ends at 2:50 pm

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

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

Announce at Home Groups

Open Service Positions: Public Relations Chair, Alt RCM, Co-Treasurer and Co-Secretary.

Vote needed: To replace the Newcomer Event section in the guidelines. The proposed guidelines are listed above.

Sub-Committee Meetings

Activities: November 19th, 2025 6pm Gratiot Road (Methodist Church)

Hospitals & Institutions: Sunday December 21st, 2025 1pm in Freeland before Area.

Literature: Sunday December 21st, 2025 Noon in Freeland at Area.

Newcomer Event: December 3rd, 2025 at 7:45pm at Eagle Ridge church in Midland

Non-Profit Status Ad-Hoc: TBD

Policy & Administration: Sunday December 21st, 2025 1pm in Freeland before Area.

Public Relations: TBD: Chair Position is OPEN.

Retreat: January 6, 2026 @ 6pm, held at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, corner of Mackinaw & McCarty in Saginaw, where the Survival Group meets.

Next Area Meeting: - Sunday December 21st, 2025, 2pm - Zion Lutheran Church 545 7th Street, Freeland