Opening:

Call to Order / Moment of Silence
Recognize new committee members: None

Readings:

Convention Purpose: Taylor A
12 Traditions: Barb P
12 Concepts: Bob R

Roll Call

Recognize recent clean time: None

Consensus on accepting July 2019 minutes as printed: Accepted

Elections/Open positions: Arts & Graphics Co-Chair
Convention Information Co-Chair
Hotels & Hospitality Co-Chair
Huggers Co-Chair
Serenity Guides Co-Chair
Tickets & Registration Co-Chair

Reports:

Chair – John W.
Hello Family,
Recovering Addict Named John,

I would like to formally thank and congratulate all those who have decided to take on a position for this convention. I’m real excited to see all the ideas and plans this committee will conjure up. I am thankful for the opportunity to be the Chairperson of this year’s MRCNA 36 convention, and as always I am willing to help out in whatever way possible. Please give me a call, shoot me a text, send me an email, or even hit me up on Facebook if you have any issues or concerns. I will be glad to help in whatever way I can, and if I don’t know what to do, I will find the answer, or point you in the right direction. I can’t wait to see how this year’s committee comes together to put on another amazing, inspiring, convention!
For sub-committee Chair’s, again congratulations. If you haven’t already gathered together someone to co-chair your Sub-committee, be thinking of who might be a good successor to your Sub-committee. It will make it a lot easier to plan this year, and make next year go even smoother.

If you need fliers, please don’t hesitate to utilize the Art’s and Graphics committee if you need help. It’s always good practice to make sure Convention Information gets a copy as well so fliers needing to be posted will make it to the website. First up, we should be looking for a theme, so please announce at any meeting you go to. Speaker Call would also be another good flier to get started with. Fred has taken the liberty of creating a timeline suggestion for each Sub-committee this month, and will be working in the coming months as well. For any subcommittee members, such as the co-chair who will be handling money in any capacity, please have them come up and sign a financial responsibility statement. I will be sending out an email asking for those who have Convention property to get me a list of what they have. Please look out for this email, and get it back to me as soon as you can.

I’m grateful to be on this journey with you all. Together we will make this convention another great success.

In Loving Service
John W.

Co-Chair – Fred S.
No official report

Secretary – Casey J.
Hi everyone,
I’m an addict named Casey.
The contact list is being circulated so you can check to make sure your contact information is correct. If this is your first time please add your name. If there is something you would like to request to be brought up at the next MRCNA meeting you can do so by emailing me the Friday before the meeting so I can add it to the agenda. Also, please have your reports emailed to me before end of day on Mondays following the meeting.
Thank you for letting me serve!

There was discussion concerning the Treasurer’s final report from MRCNA 35 and if July’s minutes can be approved without that report. The committee chose to accept the minutes as they are so that they can be approved while we wait for the Treasurer’s report. The previous chair is having issues with the spreadsheet, this year’s Treasurer will submit the report as soon as he receives it.

Treasurer – Mark P.
MRCNA 36 TREASURER’S REPORT  AUGUST/2019
Hey Family,

I presented the final treasurer's report for MRCNA 35 sent from Tim C and reads like this:

Hello Grand Rapids,

After our last meeting in June we had a balance of $3,986.20. We took in $15,613.76 in cash and $8,160.28 on the Square for a total of $23,744.24, giving us a balance of $27,760.24. Our expenses $8,653.12 giving us a balance of $19,107.12 as of July 28th 2019. At the wrap up meeting on the 28th, H&H returned $423.00 giving us $19,530.12. We then had expenses of $2,208.45. We paid Shanty Creek Resort's final bill of $2,046.46, $25 for the Yoga Instructor, and $50.10 that was wrongly deposited was transferred to MRSCNA, and we paid $87.35 for Banner Storage, which gave us a balance of $17,321.21. This was one dollar more than the bank balance, so I subtracted $1 (treasurer error), making our current balance of $17,320.21 which matches the bank balance.

We need to forward $14,180.00 to MRCNA 36. $12,500.00 seed money, plus $1,680.00 for 108 pre-registrations = $1,620.00 and $60 newcomer donations. That will leave us a $3,140.21 profit to be transferred to MRSCNA.

Thanks for letting me serve, Tim C.

PS I am struggling with getting the right figures in the right places on the spreadsheet, but will continue working on it. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me.

I was given a receipt from Tom W. for the P.O. Box yearly rental at $62.00, which I reimbursed him out of petty cash. The beginning balance for our petty cash was $73.00, which left us with a balance of $11.00. I gave a request to Arvilla for $350.00 for petty cash, which she assured me that the check was in the mail!

On a final note, we are now able to access our safe, since Bill Z. was able to read the instructions and come through like a champ!

ILS,
Mark P.

Subcommittees:

1. **Arts & Graphics**
Report 8/18/19

Thank you Fred for the meeting goals sheet. I will begin working on the Registration Flyer and make sure it is up to T&R’s standards. I would also like to have a flyer for soliciting potential themes from the fellowship. Ideally we can distribute these together within the next
meeting or two. Who has access to the mrcna.email@gmail.com acct? Should I put that on flyers or should I use my own account for the theme/logo call. If your subcommittee has any arts/graphical needs (flyers, logos, signs, etc) please let me know! ALSO if your subcommittee could use a Co-chair or more warm bodies, let me know and I will put it on the call to service flyer.

These are the flyers in the works:
- Registration Flyer
- Call for MRCNA theme
- Call to Service

ILS
Matt D

2. Convention Information

Good afternoon, family.

I have updated the MRCNA page on the Michigan NA website by removing last year’s convention information and updating the date and venue. I will be refreshing the page throughout the year.

I have also added MRCNA 36 to the na.org event page. I already received one phone call with a speaker CD submission for the programming subcommittee. This will automatically add our convention to the April 2020 NA Way.

I am in contact with the Programming and T&R subcommittees to help spread the word. I plan to contact all areas and region within 500 miles and treatment facilities within 50 miles throughout the year.

In loving service,
Bob J

3. Entertainment & Fundraising

Entertainment and Fundraising Report:
August 18, 2019

-Voted in Natalie B. as co-chair
-Voted in Kim as secretary

Members present:
Lora V
Jeff C
Taylor A.
Natalie B
Budget submitted (separate document sent to Casey J.)

Asked MRCNA chair to request at region a list of activity chairs for each area and send the information to Lora

Lora will reach out to each activity chair and introduce herself and ask about each area hosting a mrcna fundraiser. After the initial contact each committee member will be assigned an area and work directly with them.

Jeff is reaching out to 3-5 DJ’s and requesting bids

Lora will reach out to Marvin about doing some type of comedy Thursday night for the kick off

Lora will reach out to Matt in Las Vegas to see if they have anything recorded that we could view before deciding on the Musical comedy show.

Lora to keep good records throughout the year and have documentation to pass over to next years committee.

Thanks for letting me serve,
Lora Vega
616-318-9715

4. **Hotels & Hospitality**

No official report given.

- There was discussion concerning the “Newcomer Rally,” as it has previously been left up to Area to dictate how the funds are received. Previously it was not a budget item and has relied on fundraisers throughout the year to procure the money. A member referenced the guidelines and the committee agrees that the decision lies with the committee. This event will now be budgeted into H&H’s budget as an annual budget item.

5. **Huggers**

No official report given.

- Arvilla will get with other committee members to get input on her budget.
6. Merchandise
Hi family.
I am doing service 400 miles away and I’m sorry I couldn’t get there! I did sell 100 dollars in merchandise so I am serving this committee in full speed! I also submitted my budget. Just a reminder that I will be at the multi regional service learning days next month and unable to attend in September. I will see you all in October!
Thanks for your service
Patti K

7. Programming
Hey fam-

Programming subcommittee is off to a great start! Gabe B. and Dan W. were both voted in as co-chairs. Woo Hoo! Casey J and Doug C both are serving on the subcommittee as well. We wrote out and submitted our spending plan for the year. We ended up requesting $7175. The hard copy with the breakdown of what these funds will be used for was given to John W, MRCNA 36 chairperson. We received a contract from last year’s taper that was given to John W. Our subcommittee briefly discussed utilizing the same taper. I called and spoke to the taper, Tyrone. I thanked him for his willingness to work with us again and told him we’d be making a decision in the near future. Our subcommittee requested a speaker roll call flyer from our Arts & Graphics Chairperson, Matt D. Information for the flyer was given to him. Our subcommittee has already received a couple submissions of speaker recordings. Dan W will be taking cds and making them into files that can be shared easily. We are excited to report that Gabe has created a rubric to score the speakers so that our process of picking speakers is more objective rather than subjective. We each have already listened to some recordings and have begun scoring. We are looking forward to working in unity to provide a variety of speakers and topics that interest the many people who attend our convention. Yesss MRCNA 36!

In Loving Service,
Brooke B.

8. Serenity Guides
Hi family,
I have been working closely with Mark D. (Last year’s chair) to prepare for this year. I have been provided a list of tshirt sizes that were ordered. Due to the projected attendance of this year’s convention, I would like to increase the tshirt order from 100 to 150. I currently am in contact with a fellow member who had expressed interest in being my co-chair, who has committed to attending future meetings starting next month. I have been throwing around some ideas for shirt designs and would love to hear if anyone has any suggestions.
Thanks for letting me serve,
Kayla P.
Edit: Budget submitted of $1200
Tshirt sizes:
S: 15
M: 25
L: 35
XL: 35
2XL: 15
3XL: 15
4XL: 10

9. Tickets & Registration

Hey Family,

I opened up a P.O. box costing $56 with a key deposit of $6 for a total of $62. The P.O. box is in Belmont, Dave W. and myself currently have a key. Unfortunately I will be stepping down. To transfer names on the account all that is needed is something in writing from myself and for the new person to show up with proper identification, than that person can relocate the box as needed. My apologies for the inconvenience.

Tom W.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Subcommittee budgets
   - Budgets have been submitted and will be uploaded to the drive in their own folder. The Huggers budget will take a little more time as they get some more eyes on it to assist.

2. Transition guides
   - New members and members entering into different service positions report having little to no information passed on to them from the previous committee. Itemized budgets have not been found so the new chair can create their own budget; information about previous years’ progress cannot be found either. This committee has confirmed that every subcommittee chair will be keeping track of their own progress and uploading any documents, receipts, etc, to their own google drive. This will make it so next year the new chair can easily access all the resources provided by their predecessor.
   - This body has decided that in the future, the secretary will send a link to the drive to all of the subcommittee chairs on the day of elections. Following elections the subcommittee chairs are then responsible for passing the link to
the members of their respective subcommittee members. This will streamline progress in the future so new members are not out of the loop.

3. **Tickets & Registration chair**
   - This body elected Jim N as the new T&R chair. Congratulations and thank you for your service, Jim!

**Open Share**
- Open Co-Chair positions will now be included in the minutes so Arts & Graphics chair can make fliers for surrounding areas. Merchandising will not use a Co-Chair as they have 5 people on their subcommittee.
- Results to the Survey Monkey will be uploaded to the drive so members have access. This year, this body is going to keep the survey a priority so we can hopefully get more feedback following MRNCA 36. There was discussion that not all results have been reported, John W will look further into this.

**Next meeting will be held on September 15th, 2019**
*Subcommittees meet at 11 am, full planning committee meets at Noon.*