

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 26, 2020**

OPENING: Melissa W. opened with the Service Prayer. Casey D. read the 12 Traditions. Mike read the 12 Concepts.

ATTENDANCE: Mike, Casey D., Chris E., Amanda C., James K., Dylan W., Casey J., Melissa W., Ashley S., Judy L, KT R., Tim C., Dave T., Rick V., Maddy M., Adam N., Don C.

WELCOME NEW GROUPS: N/A.

OPEN POSITIONS: Co-Treasurer.

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS

Secretary: Jen S.

No report.

Treasurer: Dave T.

Hello family, while I am not too sure I'm doing this right, here goes.

Last month the Area had a starting balance of \$899.70, income of \$1,474.41, expenses of \$623.50 for a January starting balance of \$1,740.61. \$997.96 of that income was a transfer from Activities

Activities' starting balance is \$400.00

Retreat's starting balance is \$1,294.45

Literature's starting balance is \$1,373.11

The prudent reserve is \$200.10

I have paid the \$10 to Friends of the Light, \$40 to the Munson Foundation, and \$92.00 for the PO Box. I also wrote a check to the WSO for \$871.01 for the literature order.

The thing that makes me nervous is the fact that when I add the starting balances they do not equal the amount the bank statement says we have. (They say we have more.) I did try to sit down with the previous treasurer last month but due to technical difficulties we were not able to do the report together, so I'm just kind of flying by the seat of my pants. I'm sure it's just a matter of a check or two that I've deducted that hasn't cleared. Hopefully Mellissa can sit with me next month and hold my hand through the process.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Dave T

RCM: Amanda C.

James K. and I attended the CAT/CAR (conference agenda report and conference approval track) Multi-Regional workshop this past weekend! We have brought back a receipt from the hotel for

\$97.75 and \$31 for gas. Our budget request was \$125, so we went over \$3.75, but we are not requesting that from Area. We would like to hold a CAR workshop in our area to help share information and gather the consensus of our area. Our RDA would love to attend to help us better understand all the motions that are being presented at the world conference this cycle! Each and every one of our voices are so important! WE are NA! We were thinking of holding it in the beginning of March, possible at the church of the Nazarene if it's available. Is this Area interested in having this workshop? If so we will work on getting a specific date, location, and other details set by next month. By the way, who here has taken the CAR survey?! It is due by April 1st. For anyone with the NA app there is not a link from the app to the survey! It can also be found at na.org.

Last month we discussed having a more in-depth discussion about the MSO. I would like to make sure that this will be discussed in new business.

Another thing I would like to add to new business is the development of an ad-hoc committee which would be responsible for organizing a spiritual retreat. This retreat would rotate and be hosted by the different Areas in our Region, similar to our Region convention. Our Regional treasure has stepped down and the treasurer position is now open. We have already picked up the checkbook and records that are on a flash drive. Our next Regional meeting is March 1st and the treasurer position will be open, if the co-treasurer chooses to step into that position then the co-treasurer position will be open. Regional elections will be held in March as well!

At our last regional meeting it was decided to stop the sponsorship behind the walls program (writing to prison inmates).

The MRCNA theme this year will be 'Trust the Process' and they are looking for artwork! So all you creative addicts out there we would love to see what you can create!

PR is still on fire at a Regional level. Our PR chair is coming to the end of his term and is getting ready to pass on all of his knowledge to the next PR chair! He has continued to have Zoom meetings with the PR chairs in the different areas of our region.

In loving service,
Amanda C.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Casey D. (Proxy for Adam N.) **Average Attendance:** Not reported.

All Positions Filled? Not reported. **Open?** Not reported.

Activities needs help.

Possible movie night event at the State Theater on either February 23 or March 1.

Literature: Pete M. **Average Attendance:** 1

All Positions Filled? No **Open?** Yes

Beginning Balance: \$1,373.11

Income: \$907.20
Expenses: (\$871.01)
End Balance: \$1,409.29

Public Relations: Casey J. (Proxy for Dylan W.) **Average Attendance:** Not Reported.

All Positions Filled? No. **Open?** Co-Secretary

Hey there family, I'm an addict named Casey! I had the privilege of chairing and filling in for Dylan this month, it's been very fulfilling to say the least. We met on January 5th right here in the basement of the Cowell Cancer Center at 5:00 p.m. The attendance was small but mighty. We have many dates for you to set aside.

- 2/22: Revise Being of Service IP 1:30 @ Friends of the Light Church (5/0)
- 4/18: PR, posters, and pancakes @ Church of the Nazarene 5pm to include PR panel and poster drive
- 6/9: PR presentation to professionals @ the library 6pm
- 6/13: NA Fun Run and Picnic @ F&M Park 10am to include lunch

More info to come!!!!!!!

We voted in a new Secretary and Fellowship Development Coordinator. Co-Secretary is open.

After six months with the Facebook account going great with something around 120 likes, 2 private messages, and zero conflicts we have activated an Instagram Account. These are simply other ways to reach addicts, similar to a PSA or a billboard. It includes our 800 number and event fliers. The coolest thing with Instagram is that ads are automatically updated to the zip code you are in.

We are working on getting more ER Packets to Munson. Manistee has received literature for their similar jail packets.

We received two phone calls on the phone line in December, none in November.

If there are any schedule changes that need to be made not needing area approval please contact Justin G.

Website is up to date. All fliers are posted.

Treatment Centers and detox are doing great. We could use more volunteers for detox and Dakoske. Please contact me (Casey J) if you have willingness. NA always needs you.

Our attendance at the Oaks Facility has been poor due to the lack of willing volunteers. The Kankaska County Jail has had excellent female attendance. Needs volunteers, please contact Yon. Grand Traverse County Jail is going well, we were FINALLY able to deliver them some literature. Wexford County Jail needs more male volunteers! Please contact Yon. 231-932-7335

Things to note: We will wait for the new PSA's that world is coming out with instead of seeking out the already existing ones. We ended up discussing the idea of our homegroups having QR

codes linked to an area account because we had so much time at the end, just throwing that out there!

ILS- Casey J

Retreat: Chris E. **Average Attendance:** 7 **All Positions Filled?** No
Open Positions: Programming Director
Retreat needs help.

Our next event is the Talent Show on February 15. We need \$200.00 from the Retreat funds for food and supplies for the Talent Show.

GROUP REPORTS

A High We Can't Buy: Adam N. **Average Attendance:** 21 **Donation:** \$0
All Positions Filled? No. **Open?** All trusted servant positions are open.
The group is not going great in regards to service - commitment wise. All positions are open and need to be filled ASAP or the meeting may not continue.

Boardman: Casey D. **Average Attendance:** 40-45 **Donation:** \$184.00
All Positions Filled? Yes **Open:** N/A.
The group is going well. We have had a slight drop in attendance.

Clean & Serene (Manistee): Amanda C. **Average Attendance:** 16 **Donation:** \$0
All Positions Filled? No **Open:** All
We are struggling to stay open.

Clean in the County (Benzonia): Don C. (Proxy for Carol C.) **Average Attendance:** 6
Donation: \$20.00 **All Positions Filled?** Yes **Open:** None
The group is holding its own.

Freedom Group: Dylan W. **Average Attendance:** 30 **Donation:** \$10.00
All Positions Filled? Yes **Open:** None
The meeting is going well.

Just for Today Group (Irons): Rick V. **Average Attendance:** 4 **Donation:** \$12.00
All Positions Filled? No. **Open?** Not reported.
The group is slow.

JFTBTB: Tim C. **Average Attendance:** 40 **Donation:** \$30.00
All Positions Filled? No **Open?** All except Treasurer and Chairperson.
The group needs support. We are looking for home group members. We have lots of newcomers. The group is considering a clean time celebration one Friday each month.

Lean on Me (Cadillac): Ashely S. **Average Attendance:** 15-20 **Donation:** \$10.00
All Positions Filled? Yes **Open?** N/A

The group is going good.

Living Clean: Dave T. **Average Attendance:** 8-10 **Donation:** \$18.00

All Positions Filled? No. **Open?** All except chair.

The group is going well. We just started the step study. We will do a step a month.

Never Alone: Judy L. **Average Attendance:** 16 **Donation:** \$0

All Positions Filled? Yes **Open?** N/A

The group is going just fine.

New Attitudes (Manistee): James K. **Average Attendance:** 10 **Donation:** \$30.00

All Positions Filled? Yes **Open?** None

The group is strong and going good. Growing. We would like to host Area in the summer.

New Directions (Lake City): Tim C. (Proxy for Rich P.) **Average Attendance:** Not reported.

Donation: \$0 **All Positions Filled?** Not reported **Open:** Not reported

New Freedom (Cadillac): Ashley S. (Proxy for Justin C.) **Average Attendance:** 5-15

Donation: \$20.00 **All Positions Filled?** Yes **Open?** None

The group is going good. Euchre tournament went good. Had about 25 people. We will be having a sledding party at Diggins Hill on February 2, 2020. 1-3 p.m. with chili and hot cocoa at Wayne's after.

Living Clean in the Valley (Rapid City): KT R. **Average Attendance:** 3-5 **Donation:** \$0

Any Open Positions? Not Reported. **Open?** Not Reported.

We are always looking for more people to help and join. The group is going very well. We are trying to plan a summer barbeque for the fellowship which is why we will not have much to donate to Area for a bit.

Recovery @ 5/0: Casey J. (Proxy for Darick F.) **Average Attendance:** 0\

Donation: \$0 **All Positions Filled?** No **Open?** Co-Chair Positions

The group is going great.

Recovery First: Casey J. (Proxy for Justin) **Average Attendance:** 40-50 on Tuesdays; 8-15 on

Mondays & Thursdays **Donation:** \$0 **All Positions Filled?** No

Open: Secretary & Co-Secretary

Rise and Recover: Pete M. **Average Attendance:** 24 **Donation:** \$10.00

All Positions Filled? Yes **Open?** None.

The group is going well. The church had a concern about vandalism following a recent event held there.

Step Study Group (Brethren): Rick V. **Average Attendance:** 8 **Donation:** \$20.00

All Positions Filled? No **Open?** All

The group is going good.

Steppin in the Dunes (Empire): Don C. **Average Attendance:** 1 **Donation:** \$0
All Positions Filled? No **Open:** All that aren't covered by Don.
The group is struggling.

Sunday NA: Casey D. (Proxy for Adam N.) **Average Attendance:** 56 **Donation:** \$6.00
All Positions Filled? No. **Open:** Not reported.
The group is going well, but trusted servants are needed.

Women in Recovery: Melissa W. **Average Attendance:** 30 **Donation:** \$24.00
All Positions Filled? Yes **Open?** None.
We do not have any strong opinion regarding the MSO.

BUDGET REQUESTS: PR is requesting \$208.29¹. This request was approved.

Activities is requesting \$90.00 for wristbands. This request was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **MSO.** Does our Region want to remove our seat from the MSO? This needs to be taken to the homegroups. See attached script.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **CAR/CAT Workshop.** There was discussion about whether to hold one in our Area.
2. **Spiritual Retreat.** The idea of a Regional Spiritual Retreat that would rotate through the Areas was discussed. Our Area does not see the benefit to this as we already host our own event and do not want to take away from that.
3. **Vandalism at Church of the Nazarene.** There was vandalism at the Church of the Nazarene at our last event. This looks bad for the home group that meets there. If you use this facility for an event, please check ALL areas before leaving the building. As a reminder, we do carry liability insurance should there be damages.
4. **ATS.** ATS had questions about the amount they pay to bring patients to our events. Please remember, that PR should be the only point of contact with ATS regarding anything like this.
5. **QR Codes.** PR is just starting to look into QR Codes at events to help collect donations from people who want to give but do not carry cash.

¹ \$130.63 for IPs; \$24.20 for white booklets; \$53.46 for basic texts.

6. **Hosting Area.** New Attitudes Manistee would like to host Area in the summer.

OPEN SHARE

CLOSE

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020, 4:00 P.M. AT THE
COWELL CANCER CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY ACROSS FROM MUNSON
MEDICAL CENTER**

INFORMATION TO TAKE BACK TO YOUR HOME GROUPS:

1. Please announce that Area has the following positions open: Co-Treasurer.
2. If there are any meetings in outlying areas (not Traverse City) that have the willingness and desire to host Area. Please let us know.
3. Upcoming Events (see attached flyers):

February 15 - Talent Show
April 18 - Pancakes
June 9 - Library Presentation to Professionals
June 13 - Fun Run/Picnic
4. Please be considerate and get to Literature earlier rather than later. If we all show up at 3:55, it becomes impossible for them to shut down and get to Area on time.
5. Willingness is needed to take meetings into jails and prisons. If you are willing, contact Yon.
6. The Just for Today Group in Irons could use support!
7. The Retreat Committee could use support and has open positions. You can also just show up and help out. They meet the fourth Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Cowell Cancer Center.
8. Area will be discussing MSO at the February meeting. Please come prepared to discuss your group's feelings on this issue (see attached).

Service Prayer

God, grant us the knowledge that we may act
according to your divine precepts.
Instil in us a sense of your purpose,
make us servants of your will and
grant us a bond of selflessness that this
may truly be your work, not ours,
so that no addict, anywhere,
need die from the horrors of addiction.

Please take back to groups,

As a region do we want to continue to hold a seat on the board of the MSO (Michigan Service Office)?

A little background. The MSO provides literature and merchandise sales and is located in the Metro Detroit area. Many years ago our region was a part of starting the MSO. The MSO has had some struggles financially more recently. They have been working on getting out of debt and getting back on track, but are continuing to struggle. The MSO's financial situation is not tied to us as a region in any way. We are not currently giving them any money as a region. We have removed any storage we have had with them. At this time we just currently have one of our regional members that sits on the MSO board and reports back to region to keep us updated on how they are doing. Since we have little ties with the MSO at this time the region would like to make a decision on if we should keep a member on the board or no longer hold a spot on their board. Below I have listed some reasons supporting both choices to help your homegroup be able to see both sides to this. PLEASE contact me if you have any questions!!

Reasons to stay on the board of the MSO

- This is something we helped to start and it is not harming us to sit on the board.
- If we leave our seat on the board, we may not get a chance in the future to sit on it.
- Without a seat on the board we will get limited information on what they are doing.
- This office is struggling and we could offer our support to help them through this time.
- We still have mail delivered to the MSO and the board member is responsible for getting the mail.

Reasons to no longer sit on the MSO board

- We have no other ties with the MSO, why sit on the board?
- The region pays for the gas money for our member to attend the board meetings. (not very much money)
- With the MSO in so much debt we don't want to be a part of it.
- The MSO is mostly servicing metro Detroit region and not Michigan region at this time.
- We find out information at Zonal meetings on the MSO that can be passed on to the region.
- We don't have to sit on the board for members or areas to order from them.

Thanks! ILS,
Amanda C.