

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Jan 17th, 2021

Attendance: Zach W, Trish S, Katy G, Pete M, Sophie B, Amanda K, James K, Casey J, KT R, Krystal C, Hannah B, Tim C, Chris E, Jae S, Jacob S, Gregg L, Ricky M, Eric R, Casey D, John W, Sophie B, Jen S, Sally S, Kelley.

Opening: Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer. Jen S. read the 12 traditions, John W. read the 12 concepts, Jae S. read the service prayer.

Welcome New Groups: New Freedom, GSR: Gregg L., Lean On Me, GSR Gregg L

Open Positions: RCMA

Trusted Servants Reports:

Secretary – Jae S.

Minutes for Jan are complete and have been emailed to everyone and posted to the website. Thank you, Mark and Megan! Please email or text me your reports for today since I cannot collect paperwork. Let me know of any errors please. Also please send your reports to Katy G. as well. Thank you for letting me serve.

Treasurer – Amanda K.

Hey Family!

Area- 1-17-21

For December's report I still have not received the \$105.48 from retreat. All other monies should be up to date.

Last month the area had a starting balance \$613.09, income of 427.17(check still in hand), expenses of 213.89 and an ending balance of 826.37. Activities had a start balance of 234.66, income of 410, expenses of 244.66 (transfer to area over 400 'cap') and an ending balance of 400. Retreat had a start balance of 1,356, income of 331 (50 from area and 281 from sally-pay pal) and an ending balance of 1,687.00. Literature had a start balance of 407.39, income of 90, expenses of 106.70, and an end balance of 390.69.

There are three bills to be paid this month, \$10 for lit storage, \$15.89 for PR zoom and \$106 for our PO box. That leaves us with an available balance of \$694.48. The PO box did increase in price.

When I reconciled the bank account I am off by \$15.89, because pay pal paid for PR's zoom. Next time I do a pay pal transfer I will correct that. Paypal seems to be working well. I have a few groups donations, Women in recovery I have \$49.58, literature has \$3.33, growth in recovery has \$4.55, 5/0 has \$4.25 and no specific listed there is \$25.01. Our paypal balance is 70.29, which is off by the 15.89 for PR, so together everything matches. I would like to talk about paypal in in new business to get a few things straight. 1st , I need to know what homegroups want me to do with their money. 2nd, there are still a lot of fees being charged. Not everyone is being charged them. 3rd, The co-treasure and I think homegroups should have their own if possible. 4th If there is no tag on the donation are we assuming it is an area donation?

Other than that all is well. I checked the PO box this month and Hannah and I got together to go over banking stuff.

If you would like to donate to the 7th Tradition you can PayPal @nwareana. Please be sure to write a note with the homegroup name on it. If there is no note the donation will go directly to the area. Please be sure to send the money person to person to avoid fees. If you are using any type of card to donate there is a small fee. There is no fee if you send it directly from your bank account via PayPal.

Thanks for letting me serve,
Amanda K.

RCM – James K.

Hey Family,

Hey peeps, Really not much to report on. I haven't got the regional minutes yet. I was able to get on the email list now. There isn't much going on right now. Region is still meeting on zoom and most meetings in the region are on zoom. Thanks for letting me serve, James K.

Subcommittee Reports:

Activities - Trish S. Attendance – 2

Open Positions - All

Activities Subcommittee

Hi friends! We appreciate everyone who supported the Christmas Marathon, it was really nice to spend the Holiday with so many of you. The meeting was opened and closed without any issues. The average attendance of the marathon was 8 addicts per hour. We have not planned anything for the past month in hopes of waiting out all the social distance revelations. However, we are currently editing guidelines for our committee and will have them ready to submit in February. A events we are pulling together is a drive-thru chili cook off and a fun way to get involved with earth day. We will be creating the fliers and getting them out to you in a few weeks! Thank you for letting us serve!

Literature – Pete M. Attendance - 3

Beginning Balance – 497.39.

Income – 532.00 Expenses -106.70

Ending Balance – 932.69

Public Relations – Casey J. Attendance – N/A

Open positions – Co Web Servant

Hey family, I'm an addict named Casey J! If you're new to area, welcome, we are so glad you made it! At PR our purpose is to inform the public that Narcotics Anonymous exists, and that we offer recovery from active addiction. We do this by creating, distributing, and managing all communications regarding NA throughout the NW Michigan Area, in accordance with the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous as well as the NA Guide to Public Information. Diversity is our strength and we are

looking for all perspectives at PR. Often the newer members experience shared sheds a much needed light on the topics we discuss there. Please join us the first Sunday of each month at 5PM on zoom.

The community outreach coordinator and I had the chance to reach out to Addiction Treatment Services in an effort to set up a Q&A panel for their staff. They thanked Narcotics Anonymous for being so accessible and available, having a user-friendly website, zooming H&I with the clients, having men's and women's phone lists, simply having contact people, having a literature committee, bringing in key tags and literature when they may have missed something, and overall being so welcoming and inviting. It was extremely heartwarming.

Our region body is creating a public relations subcommittee. The regional PR chair and I will be sifting through guidelines of other regions that have done something similar between now and the end of February. We will present our proposed guidelines at Region on March 7th. It has been a busy holiday season, we have not accomplished anything yet, so there is still time to be a part of it. Please contact me if you are interested. I'm planning to zoom with Jennah R January 27, 28, & 29.

Treatment centers and detox are going well. We purchased a new zoom account as was approved at last area. All three meetings have new ID's and each facility has the updated information. We have successfully completed two weeks on our new account. Our volunteers have been graciously flexible with all of the changes over the last 9 months. Myself and as stated above, the treatment centers, the detox center, and their clients thank you. From our basic text pg. 50, most of us realize that the only way that we can keep what was given to us is by sharing this new gift of life with the still-suffering addict. This is our best insurance against relapse to the tortuous existence of using. We call it carrying the message, and we do it in a number of ways. Further on pg. 53; yes, we are a vision of hope. We are examples of the program working. The joy that we have in living clean is an attraction to the addict who still suffers. If H&I is something you have questions about, would like to try, or are interested in please contact me directly and we can discuss further!

For our past, present, and future H&I volunteers, we are holding a virtual valentine's event on February 13th at 8pm. "Your match made in H&I heaven." It's a blend of chatting with other volunteers on the topics of Do's & Don'ts, how to handle difficult situations, the variety of formats, your first experience with H&I, and whatever else comes up! This is really going to be so fun, please come and check in if you have done H&I ever in your past, done it once, never, want to do it, don't want to do it, have no idea what it is..... Come and join us!

Community outreach has set it in their sights on getting together a Q&A Panel for one of ATS's upcoming virtual staff meetings. Our contact there suggested that we also set up something with FAN (Families Against Narcotics) and the Munson Treatment Center which is opening up again soon. We plan to update our letter to professionals to deal with the ongoing pandemic. The goal is to mail that out to our community contacts along with a poster, meeting schedules, and a date for the event for professionals as soon as possible. This would replace our typical poster drive that we have around this time of the year to let people know we are still here, still meeting, and what we do. Also, we had an addict attend PR with the interest of adding a VA contact to our list of outreach, so we are looking forward to reaching out to them!

The web servant takes a special kind of willing addict. Megan S has just stepped in after serving as co for a short time. She is doing absolutely incredible you guys, we are so grateful for your genuine interest, effort, talent, and late nights on the computer Megan. If you get a chance please visit our webpage! It really is the hub of all information of NW Area NA. Anyways... we will be adding a link to our area PayPal on the main page very soon. Please contact her with any changes to your group that may need to be highlighted on our webpage.

Our schedule coordinator is not currently able to update our online schedule. She has reached out to the region web servant and is now contacting Kevin the big dog. Other than the recent changes to Fifth and Oak the schedule is up to date!

Fellowship Development attended Living in Harmony on zoom this month. There were 12 people. Ron is the man. Also, a few addicts attended the Clean in the County Benzonia in person meeting on NYE. There were five addicts in attendance. That was awesome, it seemed to be a basic text study.

We meet the first Sunday of the month at 5pm on zoom. Please join us. Thank you everyone for your service!

In Loving Service,

Casey J

Retreat – Chris E. Attendance – N/A Open Positions – N/A

Hello people I hope all as well retreat committee report I don't have much to report we're still planning to have the retreat at. The ranch the last weekend in August we're working on that, and on fundraisers to facilitate that we are still trying to come up with a virtual talent show. Look for this soon and I also sent a check to Amanda fall fun day we had a \$102 left from that I had \$105 for calendars that had i sold and \$99 for bracelets that we sold out of that I took \$67 gave to Tony S for purchasing the bracelets which in turn takes the balance to . I wrote her a check for to \$239.48..Thank you for letting me serve

Chris e

GROUP REPORTS

New Attitudes (Manistee)

GSR: James K.

Average Attendance: N/A

Donation: \$0

All Positions Filled? Not reported

Open? N/A

Our meeting is currently shut down temporarily.

Rise & Recover:

GSR: Pete M

Average Attendance: 12 via zoom, 5 in person

Donation to Area: 24.00

Open positions: All positions are filled
Meetings are going well

Never Alone:

GSR: Mark H.
Average Attendance: Not Reported
Donation to Area: none reported
Open positions: Co-chair
How is group going: Ok
Subjects presented to group: none

Recovery @ Fifth and Oak:

GSR: Hannah B
Average Attendance: 24
Open positions: None
How is group going: Great. We have a new Friday night, in person meeting on Friday at 6pm and a new zoom noon meeting on the same day.

Living Clean in the Valley:

GSR: KT R
Average Attendance: 3
Donation to Area: none.
all positions open
At this time meeting on Zoom only but are thinking about opening up in person again in the near future.

Boardman:

GSR: Casey D
Average Attendance:25-30.
no donation at this time
Hybrid meeting opened again

Just for Today by the Bay:

GSR: Tim C.
Average attendance:25
Area Donation: none
no open positions
Zoom Only with a lead speaker format celebrating clean time.

Women in Recovery:

Zoom, 20\$ donation, we feel that now is not the right time to meet in person

Recovery 1st:

GSR: Lindsay H.
1.0 area donation.
Meeting on zoom only

Irons:

In person 4-5 people average attendance. We meet on Tues at 8.

Brethren:

We meet monday at 8pm in person. 4-5 people

Clean In the County:

no donation. All in person. Average Attendance is 6

Lean On Me:

6-10 att. All positions filled. All in person. We meet Sun, and Wed at 7pm at the Alano Club

New Freedom: GSR: Greg L

Attendance is 6-10 ppl, we meet Mon and Thurs at 7pm in person

Old Business:

Zoom Account- was Created for Area
Jens Decision List- Will be ready for next area

New Business:

Our Area Body has decided to compile a comprehensive list of willing members' phone number lists. The lovely Casey J. and the Gentlemanly John W have expressed willingness to take on this endeavor.

What do Homegroups want Amanda K to do with money Sent to the Area PayPal? Treasurer suggest homegroups get their own suitable PayPal Accounts. Unless a donation says who it is for, It will be an area donation

Budget Requests:

NA

Open Share

Serenity Prayer – Close.