

Date 1/16/22 @ 4:00 PM

Fifth and Oak

Northwest Area Service Committee Meeting

Attendees: Zach W , Rob C , David C, Katy G, Libby O, John Y, Tim C, Dave T, James K, Anna B, Rick V, Mike C, Hannah B, Adam N, Emalyn R, Pete M

Moment of Silence

Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions

12 Concepts of Service

Service Prayer

Open Positions – Co Facilitator

Reports

Treasurer; Hannah B

It has been an interesting month to say the least! I had a hard time getting access to the bank account to balance everything out, I got in finally on Thursday after playing phone tag with multiple people at the bank they were so very helpful. I tried to do it by just getting information on the checks that cleared but that wasn't working, I got it figured out and now have my own access but was still noticing \$10 dollars off. I looked at the deposits and apparently deposited 10 more dollars in the literature account all the other deposits were good and added up so literature actually had an income of \$441 instead of \$431. I counted it 3 times, but the numbers don't lie so I'll make sure to be more careful with that. Again, my apologies. I printed out a new check register that shows deposits.

Then the storage unit business I did get the storage unit put under my name and while I was there to sign a lease in the hopes to upgrade, the person told me that it was more expensive than the person I spoke to originally told me. For a 5 X10 would be \$291 for three months way more than the group decided on. But then there is more... our rent on the storage unit went up to \$171 every three months instead of \$138. and a notice was never sent to the P.O Box so I didn't know and paid \$45.45 in the back rent. So, I guess we will have to make a decision on this again. The next 3-month bill will be written at the end of this meeting.

The P.O Box bill for the year was paid it went up from \$106 to \$166. An email was forwarded to me From Tim C. We are good on that until end of January 2023.

While at the Post office I bought more stamps for \$11.60.

Also, I put in an order for checks for \$26.10 and should arrive at the end of this month.

Area had a starting Balance of \$4,352.56, Income of \$405.93, Total expenses of \$933.88. With an ending balance of \$3824.61. With rent of \$50, storage unit cost of \$171 and \$15.89 for PR Zoom leaving a Available Balance of \$3,587.72. Activities had a starting and ending balance of \$320. Retreat had a starting balance of \$1500, income of \$334 leaving with an end balance of \$1834. Literature had a starting balance of \$837.72 Income of \$441.07 expenses of \$583.98 leaving them with \$694.81

RCM; James K

Nothing new currently. The next regional meeting is 2/6/22 but Region still seeking a zoom address to facilitate hybrid meeting.

Activities; Mike B

Sledding party planned for Jan 29th at noon. Sledding contest for best sled made only from duct tape and cardboard.

Public Relations; Casey J

Hey Family I'm an addict named Casey! If you are new to area, welcome! We are really glad you're here! This is where we discuss business and further our primary purpose. It's the healthiest of organisms when group representatives and position holders attend. The idea is that we take in information and bring it back to our groups in the spirit of curiosity, cooperation, and unity. Public relations meets the first Sunday of the month at 5:00pm in the basement of fifth and oak. 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. There are updated schedules here today. Please take some if you need some. Please contact Jen S with any schedule changes. We added an announcement section to our webpage. There you will find things like announcements about meeting closures, new meetings, and anything else that might be important to note. Our goal is to provide the most accurate information with the understanding that Facebook is not something everyone participates in. You can find our webpage by going to upnorthna.org or by scanning the QR code on the front of our printed schedules. The QR code is also on our posters. Please contact Megan S or Mike C for any upnorthna.org needs. I have put together packets for professionals including a letter to professionals, a poster, membership survey, and introduction to NA for the Lake County (Baldwin) area. They had their first meeting Monday at 7 and had six in attendance. I also put together some stuff for the Lake County Jail. The sheriff has shown interest in Narcotics Anonymous and is willing to meet & greet. So, we are getting the word out in a PR way in Lake County, exciting stuff! The phone line has been updated! There have been zero calls this month. Fellowship Development has been on the cautious side due to COVID but is hoping to visit Rapid City before the end of January. Community Outreach is working on a PSA idea. If you're interested in getting involved with this, please contact Jeff L. Katy can also answer questions you may have. We are back at the Oak's facility! There are three men rotating every other week on Tuesdays. Please contact Yon if you would like to do this kind of service. Dakoske is going great, thank you to all of our volunteers! Detox is going good as well! Phoenix meetings are on hold as the facility is currently in transition and I will report back on this topic next month when I know more. \$39.00 in 7th from Dec & Jan Thanks for letting us serve, Casey J & The PR Subcommittee!

Literature; Adam N Average attendance 2 with no open positions

Emalyn R had expressed willingness & met clean time requirement to become new co-chair; She was vetted & became our new literature co-chair. Due to several losses in our fellowship this month I donated 2 Infinity coins to families this month. I'm prepared to pay for this, but just reporting for added accountability. Email issue has not been resolved, but I can still fill orders. Also, with exception to out of town groups and deaths, I will not be placing "emergency" literature orders anymore. If GSRs cannot be

present at Area or Literature Meeting you may contact me to place an order and it will be filled at the next Literature Subcommittee Meeting Day the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3-4pm.
Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Retreat Subcommittee; Dave T

Hello Family, Not much to report as there wasn't a subcommittee meeting this last month. Our current balance is \$1,834 We are planning on a talent show/dinner for Sat Feb 12, 2022 at the Church of Nazarene. Dinner at 5p Speaker at 6p Talent at 7-11 or something like that. We will iron out the details next Sunday and get a flyer out ASAP. We spoke of selecting artwork at the Feb event and I'm wondering if we gave enough notice

GSR Reports

Name of Group: Never Alone – Dave C – Donation to Area \$17.50

Group is going well with no open positions Attendance Avg 12

Name of Group: New Attitudes – Alt is James K - \$50 to Area - Wednesdays & Sundays 7pm

Group is going well with GSR position open - Attendance Avg 6

Name of Group: Boardman – Dave T – Donation to Area \$0 Thurs 7pm

Group going well with no open positions Attendance Avg 20

Name of Group: Rise & Recover – Libby O - Donation to Area \$125 M,W,F 8am

Group is going well with Treasurer position open- Attendance Avg – 10 in person 4 Zoom

We invite all at group conscience 2nd Wednesday around 9am after the meeting

Name of Group: JFTBTB – Tim C – Donation to Area \$40 Fridays at 7pm Hybrid Meeting

Group is struggling with attendance with all service positions open – Attendance Avg 8 zoom 4 in person

Meet in room 8 across from old meeting space – Lead Speaker Meeting

Name of Group: Recovery First – Michael C – Donation to Area \$45 Tues 8pm, Mon/Thurs 12p & 8p

Group is going well. Living Clean literature study going strong. Always looking for speakers (preferably with a year or more clean) on the 2nd Tues of the month. Contact Scott S for details or if interested.

Thursday noon literature study going well also - Attendance Avg 20

Name of Group: Recovery at 5/0 - Hannah B – Donation to Area \$200

Group going well with Co Treasurer position open

Attendance Avg noon 5 Night 20

Name of Group: Women in Recovery – Anna B – Donation to Area \$20

Group going well with no open positions – Avg Attendance 16

Name of Group: Just for Today (Irons) – Rick V – Donation to Area \$0

Group could use support with all service positions open – Avg Attendance 4

Name of Group: Step Study (Brethren) – Rick V – Donation to Area \$0
Group could use support with Secretary service position open -Avg Attendance 4

Old Business – Current regional phone line that we have goes to Katy G.

Revisited having literature chair to have access to email per NA World Services – To run smoothly

■ **New Business –**

Treasurer needs to order checks, will order them and have them by end of January – will work out taking Amanda K off as primary account holder in person. All people on account must be present to add person to Acct (New Treasurer)

Keeping and reconsolidating existing 5x5 storage unit was decided to be in NW Area best interest
Co-Treasurer volunteered to look into other options in the area for storage

PO Box that's been in Tim C's name to get switched to Zach W

Budget Requests –

\$300 for Spaghetti Dinner – Pulled from Seed \$ by Retreat Subcommittee
2 Infinity coins given to family of NA members passed away – Literature

Open Share
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