

January 15, 2023 Area Minutes

Time: 4 PM

Location: The Church of the Living God, 1514 Brimley Rd.

Moment of Silence - *

Serenity Prayer - *

12 Traditions - *

12 Concepts - *

Service Prayer - *

Open Area Positions - Co-Secretary

Attendees:

Megan S, Hannah B, Jim C, Christina R, Anna B, John Y, David C, Rob C, Mary B, Jim C, Rich P, Zach W, Tim C, Jared G, Adam N, Andrew S, Pete M, Larry L, Sally S, Dave M

Welcome New Groups:

Secretary Report: Dave

Old Business:

There was an extensive discussion concerning whether to help pay for utilities with Jacob's Well, helping the Recovery 1st group to maintain its meeting place.

Questions were raised concerning whether such a move would run counter to our traditions and their guidelines. One area of concern was this case to help a group maintain it from dissolving.

Another issue was how much Area was taking on in the support of the site in the cost to the utilities. This was clarified that Area would pay for the storage space at Jacob's Well he said Jacob's Well and that area would also pay the same rent payment that they currently pay at 50 for their meetings. this amount totaling \$115.

Another question concerned how much Jacobs well would pay and who would cut checks for the church for the utility bill. This issue remained undefined.

It was brought to our attention that there were three other sites that could also provide the support for a meeting place. Sally therefore created a table for the group to determine pros and cons of either of the sites.

	Jacob's Well	Living God	Christ Church	Nazarene
Must ask				
ADA	*	*	*	*
Storage	*	*	*	*
Area Meet	*	*	*	*
Sub	*	*	*	*
Comm.				
Access * 24/7	Not exclusive	Not Exclusive	Must Ask	
	Full access	Must ask	Must Ask	

The group came to a consensus that Jacob's Well met all the criteria and Area would pursue this with Jacob's Well GSR,;, Zack W. and Rob C. representing Area to discuss logistics with the Church. Further structural decisions would be made later.

Our insurance will cover all our activities.

New Business:

- Update Area Inventory
- Update Addendum to Area Guidelines, Dave will do this, Megan will help get any earlier updates.
- Suggestion to update Area contact list. Dave will post his e-mail online and people that wish their contact to wish to be on the list should e-mail Dave so he can add them to his contact list on e-mail.
- Further new business will be tabled till the next meeting on February 19th, 2023
- **Next Meeting, February, 18th @ 4:00 PM.**

Place: Jacobs Well.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Dave M.

Treasurer Report. : Hannah B.

Hello Fellows!! The P.O Box was renewed for a year with a cost of \$166. Also New Freedom Group sent an Area Donation of \$50. Which will be put into the February Report.

Area had a starting balance of \$3,395.54, income of groups of \$285, an income of transfer of \$75 (which was the voided check), total expenses of \$1007.89. Rent check to Friends of the Light for \$50, P.O Box was \$166, Storage Unit \$65.00, PR Zoom 15.89. Transfer to literature for PR for \$50 also a transfer to literature of \$11, which was for shipping and handling. There was a check written to Bata for \$650. Area had a Ending balance of \$2,747.65. Activities had a starting and ending balance of \$400.

Retreat had a starting balance of 1701.75. Income of \$ 0, and Expenses of \$338.60 with the ending balance of \$1363.15.

Literature had a starting balance of \$166.60, income of \$398, income of transfer of \$61.

Expenses of \$512.98 with the ending balance of \$112.62.

Thank you for letting me be of Service

Hannah B.

RCM Report: Zach W.

Hello fam, happy to be here serving!

I got in contact with Marty to schedule our C.A.R workshop. We set it for Saturday of march 11th starting at 2:00. The workshop usually lasts between 3 and 4 hrs. and will coordinate with activities to put on the workshop with games and maybe some food after.

Marty can bring some survey sheets but we may want to print some of our own. I do believe the survey can be accessed online but am not sure right now. I'm thinking 20 survey sheets printed plus what Marty brings plus the online availability should cover the event.

Next region will be February 5th on zoom at 9:00 am.

No travel budget. T

Thanks for letting me serve,

Zach W.

RDA report: no report

MRCNA report: no report

MSO: no report

Activities Report: Mike B.

Karaoke at Jacobs well went well at the holiday party, due to the lack of clarity on how an activity would be able to occur right away at Jacob's Well, the retreat committee moved the Friday the 13th event to the Church of the Nazarene, the event was very successful. We helped retreat with this event; however, due to the move from Jacob's Well, it cost more than both the subcommittees had planned. Activities spent an extra \$59.. The retreat committee will reimburse Activities the \$59.

To those activities planned is the CAD workshop, which will be held March 14th 2023. Zach may have more information to add later.

Weather permitting activities will hold a sliding event in the near future.

Thank you for letting me serve,

Mike B.

Public Relations: Rich P

All is going well in the jails, treatment, and detox centers. Jeff and Zach are doing well in community outreach programs. We do need 100 men's list copies, but that shouldn't require a separate budget request. All positions are full.

Retreat Subcommittee Chair Report: Megan S.

Area Service Committee

January 15, 2023

4:00pm

Greetings NW Area body,

We had a Retreat Subcommittee balance last month of \$1701.75. Between the December and January Area meetings we contacted the Area Treasurer for a check to complete an online purchase of merchandise in the total of \$338.60. This was for plain beanies and NA service symbol patches. In our attempt to have them ready to sell at our February event and the fact that we have a fellow doing the sewing and he would need time to complete the task, we were unable to wait until this January Area meeting to make the request. The check was written to Chandra A., cashed and the order was placed. The Area Treasurer has been shown this order confirmation which matches the exact total of funds the check was written for. At the Area Treasurers request-our Subcommittee Treasurer, Jen S., will hold the receipt of purchase for our records. I have brought a printed copy for anyone who might like to see it for accountability. That leaves our Retreat Balance currently at \$1363.15. We have a verbal agreement with Bryan A. to complete the sewing required to secure the NA symbol patches to the beanies at the cost of \$2.00 per beanie. We are requesting a check totaling \$72.00 be made out to Bryan Aleshire for his services that will be given to him at time of order pick up. He will be providing a receipt for his services upon completion and I will bring it to February's Area meeting for accountability and our Subcommittee Treasurer will hold it for our records.

We had a very successful Karaoke and Grilled Cheese event this past Friday! Thank you to the Activities Subcommittee for helping plan, execute and ultimately fundraise a total of \$643.00. We took \$75.00 in cash from the total to pay rent for the Church of the Nazarene space, leaving us with a total of \$568.00 cash to turn into the Area Treasurer today. Please note that the money turned in today is not reported in our Retreat Subcommittee balance above, but is included on the attached Treasurer's Report completed by our Subcommittee Treasurer.

At the beginning of January the Retreat Subcommittee collected all "Name the Retreat" boxes from home groups. The retreat subcommittee trusted servants met to pare down the entries to the top 5 themes submitted by the fellowship. During the Karaoke and Grilled Cheese event we had the fellowship vote on their favorite of the 5 selected. Our official theme for NWACNA 26 will be "Wild and Free- Recovery in 2023". Congratulations to Paul C. for his winning entry! He will be receiving a free T-shirt from NWACNA 26 with his theme represented! Next we will be starting the logo/graphic submission contest, asking the fellowship to enter artwork that represents our new theme.

We have an upcoming event, My Bloody Valentine Dance, scheduled for February 11, 2023 from 6pm-10pm. I have brought flier's for GSRs to take back to their home groups. We will be selling energy drinks, pizza and water. I have a check request totaling \$237.91 to be written to Casey Dodger for the purchase of pizza, energy drinks, water and decorations. I have an itemized list with pricing to show how we came to the total that we are requesting the check for.

I look forward to seeing you all monthly and as always if you have any input, questions or ideas regarding the Retreat Subcommittee, I'm your girl!

Literature subcommittee: John Y.

Beginning Balance \$112.62.

Income \$320.

Total \$432.62.

Group - Recovery First

GSR - CO-GSR Dave M.

Average Attendance - 25 to 30

Donations \$20

Open Positions - Co-Secretary

Chair Report - Sally

I just wanted to say how grateful I am for all of you and your commitment to serve our Homegroup! There was lots of chatter last night at the emergency GC- and what that means to me is that we have a shitload of people super passionate about being of service to our fellowship!

We held a special GC in order to finalize our acceptance of the proposal of utilizing our facility for all Area activities and Area's role in this move. At the meeting we decided to send these proposals to the Area.

1. Area would start holding their meetings there asap and can discuss using the space as storage (they will discuss at next area meeting)

2. Area will pay the church the cost of utilities if agreed upon at the area. They will discuss at Area if they want to offer a "set price" (such as \$175) to see if we can keep something consistent. RFG can make our rent donation to the area so they can cut one check.
3. We would like to RFG GSR to remain the point of contact with the church.
4. We'll discuss more as a Homegroup how to stay organized. Dave suggested a monthly calendar similar to 5/0. We can discuss the next GC.

Thanks @Jared for moving things along and bringing us the info necessary to make these decisions! Great job last night!

Thank You Sally for your service to the group!

Group - Women in Recovery

GSR - Anna B.

Average Attendance - 15

Donation - 0 donations

Open Positions - GSR will be open

Chair Report:

Everything is going well.

Group - Just for Today by the Bay

GSR - Tim C

Average Attendance - 8

Donation - \$25

Open Positions - all positions are covered

Chair Report:

We could use support but are doing good. We are looking for groups to send some lead speakers for Friday nights at 7:30 PM.

Decisions:

We are in favor of moving the Area meetings and the subcommittees to the handicapped sustainable building.

Group - Recovery @ 5/0

GSR - Andrew S.

Average Attendance - 15

Donation - \$70

Open Positions - all positions

Chair Report:

Group is good.

Group - Rise and Recover

GSR - John Y.

Average Attendance - 11

Donation - \$65

Open Positions -

Chair Report:

Group is going well.

Group - New Attitudes Manistee

GSR - Jim C,

Average attendance - 4 to 8

Donation - \$40

Open Positions - Co-GSR

Chair Report:

The group continues to provide an atmosphere of recovery. New comers are Newcomers are regularly bringing us all gratitude.

Group - Back to Basics Group

GSR - Adam N Trying to sign layout references in every view

Average Attendance -

Donation - \$5

Open Positions - Every position

Chair Report:

The group is doing better, but we are looking for consistent attendance for people with clean time.

Group - Anonymous

GSR - Bryan A.

Average Attendance - 9

Donation - 0 donations

Open Positions -

Chair Report:

No changes.

Group - Rock'n Recovery

GSR - Christina

Average Attendance - 12

Donation - 0 donations

Open Positions - CO-Treasurer

Chair Report:

Great! Started our new format. Basic text step reading the first Wednesday and stick meetings the rest of the month. So we are planning a Speaker/potluck.

Decisions:

Our group conscience only had three people due to illnesses. Our group had been asked to provide a lead speaker for January to support Just for Today by the Bay. We will be meeting to go over this in February to hopefully help with attendance. So far cash is good for donation questions regarding Venmo.