

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Feb 21st, 2021

Attendance: Zach W, Trish S, Katy G, Pete M, Sophie B, Amanda K, James K, Casey J, KT R, Krystal C, Tim C, Chris E, Jae S, Gregg L, Sophie B, Jen S,.

Opening: Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer. Pete M read the 12 traditions, Pete M. read the 12 concepts, Jae S. read the service prayer.

Welcome New Groups:

Open Positions: RCMA

Trusted Servants Reports:

Secretary – Jae S.

Minutes for Feb were not completed in time and I am the reason why. They will be complete within the week and I will be looking to ask for more help in the future. I am sure once I finish the minutes that Megan will have them uploaded to the Area web page. as a Team me and Katy G would like all reports to be sent to the secretary's new email address which is NWMANAescretary@gmail.com

Treasurer – Amanda K.

Hey Family!

Area- 2-21-21

Last month area had a start balance of 826.37, income of 167.56, expenses of 131.89. Activities had a start and end balance of 400. Retreat had a start balance of 1,687.00, income of 239.48 and an ending balance of 1,926.48. Lit had a start balance of 390.69, income of 535.33 and an end balance of 926.02. There were two area donations from last month that weren't mentioned, 60 from Brethren that was handed to me and 5 for JFTBTB from paypal. I put it in as an area donation as the GSR mentioned last meeting.

For paypal...women in recovery currently have \$72.37, growth in recovery has 4.55 and Boardman has 19.12.

Our monthly bills are \$10 to 5/0 for lit storage and \$15.89 for PR's zoom account. We also typically make a regional donation this month. Our available balance is, \$836.15.

Thanks for letting me serve,
Amanda K.

RCM – James K.

Hey Peeps,

We had elections at region. They wanna extend the Pr chari to 2 year terms. they wanna bring in a co-chair which would still have to be voted in when it comes to time to be opted in to be pr chair at regional level. MRSDLA service learning days will be held at the Sheraton in Detroit October 28-31st. PR

sub committee meeting mets last sunday of the month at 6pm. I talked to casey J about that too. Sounds like they have a lot of good info.

2 issues for GSR's to take back from the RCM

*Change the regional PR chair's term from 1 year to 2 years

*Should PR elect their own co-chair or should region elect the co-chair?

James K

Subcommittee Reports:

Activities - Trish S. **Attendance** – 5

Open Positions - Co-Chair, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Secretary, Hospitality

Hi guys!! We have been working to put together a foundation of business for our committee with guidelines, a meeting format, contact list, and playing with different chat platforms. Last month we submitted our new guidelines for approval here. We have made two changes under the graphic design position. The first is that #4 that has been altered to include that all fliers must include, "Northwestern Michigan Area of Narcotics Anonymous". The second alteration is to #5 that now includes that fliers must be approved by the PR chair person instead of any member of PR. We are hoping that these guidelines will be approved today. :) We are asking the web servant to add some of the information like primary purpose and a link to the guidelines to the website.

We have heard from a few members in the fellowship that some are ready to get back to larger events, especially if they are outside and we are happy to start putting some of those events together now that it is warm and the outside venues will start opening their restrooms and running water!! However, we will always be following the spirit of our area and community health guidelines first. Scheduled this Friday at 5 we are starting our chili cook-off. The drop off time for chili by 4:45. We will be serving numerous samples of chili and offering "vote by text" to choose the winner. Winner will get a recovery coffee mug that was donated by our friends in Cadillac. The suggested donation is \$3. We did not include a speaker in this event because of the health guidelines that were in place at the time and that continue to change. We will encourage during this event that we do not have a lot of congregation near the event space. If members want to take their chili and fellowship elsewhere please just remain respectful to the agreements we have made to make this event happen. For the chili cook off we have a budget request of \$46.00. Attached to the bottom of this report is an itemized for this budget request.

Coming up we have two events we are working on for April. The flier has been posted for our "Planting Seeds of Hope" event. We will have numerous fun ways to get your hands dirty and celebrate being outdoors together. The suggested donation is \$5 for this event. We will have speakers at this event and lots of room to spread out. Our budget request for this event is \$20.00.

The second event for April is still in the works a little bit, we are waiting for a call back to confirm the facility for an event date of some time mid-April.

Budget Requests

\$46.00 (Chili Cook-Off)

4.00 napkins

10.00 carriers

6.00 gloves

6.00 spoons

20.00 bowls/lids

\$20.00 (Seeds of Hope Event)

\$20.00 bird seed

Starting Balance \$400.00

Requested \$66.00

End Balance \$334.00

Literature – Pete M. Attendance - 3

Beginning Balance – 926.02

Income – 208.02 Expenses -723.04

Ending Balance – 411.00

Public Relations – Casey J. Attendance – N/A

Open positions – Co Web servant

Hey family I'm an addict named Casey. We did not meet this month. Our next subcommittee meeting is March 7th. Things continue to run smoothly. Our schedule and website are up to date and updated practically daily. Our correctional facility coordinator will be reaching out to each of our jail contacts this week to check in. Treatment center and detox meetings are going well, we are still on zoom and will be until we hear otherwise. Phoenix is asking for key-tags, which have been taken care of for the last year primarily by generous members of our fellowship. I am asking for \$100 to be transferred to literature for key-tags and other literature as needed. Community outreach is in the midst of working on a poster drive by mail that will prompt contacts to attend our presentation to professionals TBD. I request that \$100 be set

aside for this purpose, although we may not need it until next month. Thank you so much for letting us serve!

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?

Going back to in person/zoom on April 6

Rise & Recover:

GSR: Pete M

Average Attendance: 12 via zoom, 4 in person

Donation to Area: 30.00

Open positions: All positions are filled

Meetings are going well

Recovery @ Fifth and Oak:

GSR: Hannah B

Average Attendance: 24

Open positions: None

Due to in person meetings opening back up we are having a hard time finding trusted servants to chair zoom meetings and with the attendance being so low. we wanted to know if Area would be willing to take on our Zoom Platform and meeting slots

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:22

Area Donation: none

no open positions

Zoom Only with a lead speaker format celebrating clean time.

Women in Recovery:

GSR: Jen S.

Hello. I'm an addict named Jen. Our average attendance is 9 via zoom and 9 in person for a total of 18. We do not have open positions at this time. The group is going great. Thanks for letting me serve.

Lean On Me:

5-9 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 8-12 ppl, we meet Mon and Thurs at 7pm in person

Old Business:

Jens Decision List- Was not present for Area. will put in old business for next month

Activities Guidelines- Trish S. has not finished with the pending guidelines for the activities subcommittee but plans to have something for the area body by next area.

New Business:

Should Pete M, as our Lit Chairperson be looking into acquiring more multiple year keytags? The consensus was that Home groups could buy them from the MSO if they so desired to do so

Zoom Account- Should the Area body look to renewing our zoom account which was 149.99 .
The consensus was that we would pay for one more year of zoom and that Sally S would take care of it

Budget Requests:

149.99 for Zoom account renewal- approved

Open Share

Serenity Prayer – Close.