

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

March 21th, 2021

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

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: N/A

Open Positions: RCMA

Trusted Servants Reports:

Secretary – Jae S.

Minutes have been completed and posted to the website. Thank you Megan S and Mike C. Megan you especially!!! 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- 3-21-21

Last month the area had a start balance of 862.04, income of 139.12, expenses of 425.89 and an ending balance of 575.27. Activities has a start and end balance of 400. Retreat had a start balance of 1,926.48, expenses of 533.18, income of 500 that is set aside in paypal and an end balance of 1,893.30. Litration had a start balance of 926.02, income of 308.02, expenses of 723.04 and an end balance of 511.

In paypal is retreats \$500, Growth in Recovery has 4.55, and women in recovery has 11.05.

I check the PO box, there was no mail. The bills we have to pay are 10 to 5/0 for lit storage, 138 to our storage unit, 15.89 to the PR zoom, we paid 73 to The Copy Shop for PR and we have to remember we have set aside 150 for another year of zoom. Sally will contact me to be reimbursed when necessary. That leaves our available balance at 188.38.

I have a \$11 budget request for stamps

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.

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 - 2

Beginning Balance – 511.00

Income – 236.00 Expenses -440.44

Ending Balance – 306.56

Public Relations – Casey J. Attendance – 6

Open positions – Co Web servant

Hey family, I'm an addict named Casey! 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. With that being said please follow along on our agenda. Our coordinators will give their reports and there will be time for questions and comments after. 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.

We last met on March 7th in the basement of fifth and oak. It went really well in person, thank you to all who attended. We meet April 11th at 3:00pm in the basement of Fifth and Oak due to the Easter holiday falling on the first Sunday of April.

We have everything printed and sorted for the poster drive mailing. I will be taking them to the post office and paying postage with the \$100 I received from area. We have invoices at the copy shop that I will get to Amanda. If you know of any places that could benefit from one of our posters please contact me with the information.

An addict contacted us through post card from the Wexford County Jail asking for Basic Texts and possible pen pals in recovery. Yon and I contacted them to check on their status. Books need to be mailed directly from NAWS in order for that location to accept them. I am requesting that with the help of our literature chair, we have NAWS directly mail WCJ ten soft cover basic texts, roughly \$140.00. I am also asking for five soft cover basic texts to distribute as needed.

We sent out an email to each of our county jail contacts. Kalkaska County Jail got back with us and said that they are letting in church volunteers soon and will be looking to add back services like ours by mid-April. If you would like to take meetings into the KCJ please contact Yon. In the past we have done those on Friday's at 7:00pm. That is subject to change.

Treatment centers and detox are going well. We are still on zoom until further notice. I check in every once in a while and would like to remind folks that's it's not in our control whatsoever. I am optimistic that once the weather is nicer we will be able to meet outside for these H&I commitments. Those all went really well last summer/fall. Thank you to all of our H&I soldiers, I know it's not ideal but we are still reaching addicts!

Contact me if you need schedules, I have done my best to hand deliver them and get them to outlying areas. If you are in town, from out of town, hit me up! 231-632-5226 Text Jen S. with any schedule updates. The pdf schedule on the website is the most up to date.

The website is up to date and all events and fliers are posted. Please contact Megan S with any updates.

We are working on planning events for PR week, which is in early June. We will keep you posted!

Thanks for letting us serve,

Casey J & The PR Subcommittee

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

not reported

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: na

Open positions: All positions are filled

Meetings are going well

Recovery @ Fifth and Oak:

GSR: Hannah B

Average Attendance:20- 25

Open positions: None

Living Clean in the Valley:

GSR: KT R

Average Attendance: 3

Donation to Area: none.

all positions open

We are meeting in a hybrid fashion now and could sue some support

Just for Today by the Bay:

GSR: Tim C.

Average attendance:22

Area Donation: none

no open positions

hybrid meeting with a lead speaker format celebrating clean time every friday at 7.

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- She is still looking for info and people to find out what they had. Shout out to Melissa W, Sally S, and Jen S. (obviously) for being of service.

Activities Guidelines- Trish S. has finished the activities guidelines and they were approved by the AREA.

In person Area meetings- the AREA has decided to meet in a hybrid fashion, following ALL covid-19 guidelines. Welcome back people!

New Business:

Budget Requests:

Treasure - \$11 for stamps
activities - \$46 chili cookoff, and \$20 - seeds activity
PR \$140 for basic texts - not approved, using region

Open Share

Serenity Prayer – Close.