

March Area Service Committee

March 17, 2024 4pm

Next Area Meeting: April 21st, 2024

Moment of Silence: Yes

Serenity Prayer: Yes

12 Traditions: Alex R.

12 Concepts: Mellissa W.

Service Prayer: Christina R.

Open Positions: Co-Treasure, Co-Secretary

New Groups? Kalkaska Living in Harmony and Step Study Group in Brethern

Minutes approved: Yes

Attendees: Dean A, Hannah B, Jen S, Jim C, Jared G, Melissa W., Megan S, Rob C, Sally S, Tim C, Zach W, Travis D, Matt R, Alex R, Rich P, Christina R.

Trusted Servant Reports:

Secretary Report:

Hi Area Family!

I have emailed the minutes and they have been uploaded to our website. Thank you for being understanding of my getting the minutes out a little later than usual. It has been a rough month health wise for me and I am just grateful for your understanding.

- Christina Rosinski

Treasure Report:

Hello Area!

Paperwork for the insurance company came in, I only go once a month to the post office box, so I was a little late receiving it. I gave the paperwork to Sally to fill out, since I haven't had to deal with that part.

I picked up the new schedules for Public Relations and while I was there, I just paid our balance so I wouldn't have to return. I believe it was preapproved at Area for the schedules, but I'm sorry if I should have waited.

I will be out of town from March 26th till April 2nd. If someone requests a check or reimbursement at this area meeting, please make sure to get it today or by March 25th at the latest, or you will have to wait until April 3rd.

Area Account:

Starting Balance: \$3,971.17

Income: Groups: \$225

Clean in the County: \$60

Just For Today By The Bay: \$50

New Attitudes: (Manistee) \$50

New Freedom (Cadillac): \$50

Recovery @5/O: \$5

Women In Recovery +: \$10

Income: Transfer: \$469.36

Activities: \$369.36

Retreat: \$100

Expenses: \$196.00

Rent- Faith Reformed Church: \$115 -Check #1513

The Copy Shop: \$81.00- Check #1515

New Balance: \$4,469.53

Prudent Reserve: \$200.61

For Calculation Purposes only see Bank Statement Reconciliation Form:

Out Standing Checks: \$955.14

Check # 1465: Megan S. (Retreat)-\$9.54.

Check # 1509, 1510, 1514: WSO (Literature): \$36.70, \$287.25, \$540.65.

Check # 1515: The Copy Shop- \$81

Activities Committee:

Starting Balance: \$100

Income: \$669.36

Expenses/Transfer to Area: \$369.36

New Balance: \$400

Retreat Committee:

Starting Balance: \$2,138.15

Income: \$0

Expenses: \$1,100

Check: 1511- Pat's RV Park: \$500

Check: 1512- Lanae B.: \$500

Transfer to Area: \$100

New Balance: \$ 1,038.15

Literature Committee:

Starting Balance: \$473.72
Income: \$558
Expenses: \$540.65- Check: 1514
New Balance: \$491.07

Thank you for letting me be of service-
Hannah B

RCM Report:

Hey family,

The PR chair has received the books that are going into the prisons and they'll soon be delivered to those facility's.

At the next region meeting I'll report our votes to the region body.

- Yes to the Regional budget proposal.
- No to the per diem meals request.
- Yes to RDA to AD definition change.
- Yes to RD/AD terms to match WSC cycles.

We have a budget request of \$220.00 for the Brighton in person meeting the weekend of April 6th thru 7th. And a budget request for a regional donation.

Thank you for letting us serve, Rob C and Zach W.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Activities:

Jared G.

Newcomer event has been pushed out to around June, possibly June 22nd.

4/20 game night at Jacobs Well from 6pm-10pm.

Requesting \$100 for Pizza

Literature:

Jen S.

We had 3 people on the committee!!!

Previous Balance: \$707.77

Income: \$569.36

Expenses: \$540.65

Subtotal: \$736.48

Lit donation to Kalkaskas meeting: \$30.80
New balance: \$705.68

Public Relations:

Rob proxy for Katy G

Hey family,

Sorry I wasn't able to be there this month, I am traveling back to town.

This month for PR not a lot happened. Tim and I have the willingness to get more posters dropped off this month. We added our open positions to the website.

We sent over a list of potential volunteers to the GT County Jail, waiting to hear back. Wexford has no updates. Oaks Facility is going well. Phoenix is closed but Dakoske and Detox are going well. I am still waiting for final numbers to get the little libraries built. I have two people looking for me but haven't heard back. Roughly 100-120 a piece but I am not going to request or do anything like that to you guys while I am not present.

Schedules have been printed, thank you Rob and Hannah for grabbing those for me this Friday. We ordered 750 and will get more if needed.

Kalkaska GSR came to the PR meeting and said that it has been running now every week for at least the last four weeks! :) We had to print the schedules prior to Area so we printed them

without it on there and can add it back after they attend Area three months in a row.

As always, thank you for letting me serve.

Katy G

- Megan brought up the topic of Wexford jail having not gone through public relations first.
- Tim C played a message Teri R. created an add on the radio for NA contact if they need a meeting
- Gratitude in Action needs to be removed from the schedule. We crossed off the meeting on the current ones printed.

Retreat:

Melissa W.

The Retreat Committee held the Annual Talent Show last night. It was a great evening with lots of laughter and overall fun in recovery. There were about 100 people in attendance. Between door fees, blanket raffle and merch sales, we brought in \$1,171.25. With the cost of DJ, food and paper products, our expenses were \$454 so the overall profit for this event is \$717.25. Today I am bringing \$1,184 in cash to be deposited into the Retreat funds. There will also be \$40 through Venmo once the Retreat treasure gets up to speed.

At the Talent Show, the fellowship voted to name the retreat this year the acronym “Now We Are Certainty Never Alone”. This entry was made by Zach W. who will receive a free t-shirt. Our talent show winner was Tristan F. with his touching poem. Rico F was 2nd place and 3rd place was Rich B.

Our next event is a Euchre Tournament and Chili Cook Off April 6th at Jacobs Well. Have a budget request for \$16.53 for the flyers which have been brought to Area do distribute to the home groups. The check will be made out to Jen S. for reimbursement.

Next week at the Retreat meeting, we will be discussing when to begin registration and also the artwork contest.

In Loving Service, Melissa W.

Group Reports:

Group: Boardman

GSR: Dean A

Average attendance: 40

Donation to Area: \$222.00

Any open positions? All

How is the group going? Fantastic, with Dekosky coming constantly we have a good mix of clean time

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Brethern

GSR: Jen S Proxy

Average attendance: ?

Donation to Area: \$10

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Needs attendance. Just getting going again and need guidance.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Irons

GSR: Jen S Proxy

Average attendance: ?

Donation to Area: \$10

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Needs attendance. Just getting going again and need guidance.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Just for Today by the Bay

GSR: Tim C.

Average attendance: 15

Donation to Area: \$50

Any open positions? Yes, GSRA, Secretary, Co-secretary, Co-Chair

How is the group going? Group is going well, attendance fluctuates.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Living in Harmony

GSR: Rich P.

Average attendance: 5

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? All

How is the group going? Good. We feel that our group should be left on the schedule since it has been consistently open and doing well for the past 6 weeks. We are asking for keytags, totaling \$30.80.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: none

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: none

Group: New Attitudes

GSR: Jim C.

Average attendance: 8

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Group is doing well, continues to provide the atmosphere of recovery to the newcomer.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: We voted yes for the parking lot idea.

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Recovery @ 5/0

GSR: Kari R (Jen S. Proxy)

Average attendance: 10-15

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Secretary and Co-secretary

How is the group going? Great

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: No to the parking lot idea.

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Recovery 1st Group

GSR: Sally S.

Average attendance: Tuesday 40-50, Monday and Thursday 5-10

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Co-GSR, Co-Secretary, Co-Chairs

How is the group going? Good! In a period of transformation. We currently do not have anyone with the willingness to chair in the summer on Saturdays. Our group wanted to remind all that Recovery 1st Group is pet free. This is a group conscious decision.

Cleaning the well-adding a "Daily List". The group talked about a 4/20 game night so we are excited to hear that Activities is putting that on.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: We have 5 people donating an hour of their tie to clean Jacobs Well a month. There are supplies that are needed and we want to ask Area for assistance. The items we need: Broom and dustpan, 2 long dusters, Windex, fabuloso, sponges and green scrubbers and other items.

Group: Rise and Recover

GSR: Don R. (Jen S. Proxy)

Average attendance: 10-15

Donation to Area: \$24

Any open positions? No

How is the group going? Group is going well.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Rock'n Recovery

GSR: Travis D.

Average attendance: 15

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? NO

How is the group going? Group is going great! We have another potluck speaker meeting coming up May 29th which is the 5th Wednesday starting at 6pm. We are currently studding the Traditions.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: No to the parking lot idea.

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group:

Group: Woman in Recovery +

GSR: Melissa W.

Average attendance: 17

Donation to Area: \$15

Any open positions? None

How is the group going? Group is going good.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Budget Request:

RCM- \$220 for next RCM meeting in April, gas and hotel (Approved)

RCM- Reginal donation \$600 (Approved)

Activities \$100 (no approval needed)

Retreat \$16.53 reimbursement for flyers (no approval needed)

Old Business:

- MRCNA BID: This area working on bids for MRCNA to be held in our area. Katy G created a Facebook group and all in the group qualifies for what we need to submit a bid. The bid needs to be put in place by April. **(TABLE)**
- AD/Hoc workshop: Jim C. contacted Sally S. and they have been discussing it and having an idea of combining it with service. How to be of service. They would be combining this with the workshop. This may be happening May 18th. There was talk about this event doesn't need to be an Ad/Hoc event rather have it as an Area workshop. More information will be revealed.
(Melissa brought up an old event "Being of Service" workshop and a document created for how to be of service.) **(TABLE)**
- Meghan filled out the Tax exempt for Gordan's Foods and there were two address's at Gordan Foods. The kid at Gordan foods stated he would be giving the info to his manager. **(Resolved)**
- Parking for the Bayshore race: It was denied. One group said yes and two stated no. **(Resolved)**

New Business:

- Region: In August the Region meeting will be in our area. Rob wanted to talk to see if Jacobs Well would be available but with it being a Sunday there is the concern of parking with the church. An idea was possibly switching the dates that we would host due to it being the same weekend as NWACNA. It was stated that the meeting could be held at NWACNA and they could either camp out or rent a room at the motel in Mesick. Rob and Zach will be doing some research to see what would be best. **(Tabled)**
- Region donation: It was stated that we did not do a donation for the last Region donation. Jim C asked the question if our Area ever thought about donating a percentage of what our Area brings in. Jen S. stated that a few years ago our Area was concerned what Region was doing with the funds so we at that time did not want to donate a percentage to Region. We typically donate from \$150 to \$300.

If we were to donate by average, would we donate the average of just the 7th or would we put in the fundraiser's funds within that percentage as well?

Melissa W. stated that it would be nice to keep it flexible instead of trying to figure a percentage and stick to that each month.

It was also stated that WSO is struggling with funds. WSO pays for interpreters to update our literature and so many other things.

There was as well a suggestion to send the funds directly to WSO but what Area decided to do is donate \$500 to WSO and \$600 to Region. **(Resolved)**

- Cleaning supplies for Jacobs Well: For the supplies that they are needing, thinking about \$75 would be needed. This was approved. **(Resolved)**

- Literature guidelines regarding literature donation to groups in need of literature supplies: Jen stated she looked into this and stated that we may need a running inventory of what we have.
Jim C. stated the Area guidelines say that any budget request would need to go through Area since Literature does not have their own treasury. For today's Literature donation, Area stated that we would have Jen S. put it in her report the donation for Kalkaska's meeting this month. Jen will be working on Literature guidelines. **(Tabled)**

- Sally S. suggested to put a section (bring back to groups) so that way the GSR's can read the minutes. I will put a section each minutes for this. The secretary has added this section on the bottom of the Minutes and will continue to have this located at the bottom of the Minutes moving forward. **(Resolved)**

- For literature orders, we talked about the differences when we order through MSO or World. Jen S. stated that World gives us a discount. Zach W. brought up that we have looked into this before, and MSO isn't "NA" but supports NA. Sally S. brought up the other reason why we started going through World was when MSO was not using the funds correctly. They were not paying the bills. MSO is still struggling with funds, and it may not make sense to go back to them when what we are doing with World works. Jen S is going to do some research with how many Areas are ordering from the MSO. **(Tabled)**

- Tim brought up Social Media post. Stated that there are certain fellowship pages for NA that are not a hidden channel on Facebook. Anyone can search that page and view what is on there. Just wanted to bring this up for others who may be concerned about anonymity. To make sure if they are posting information on said pages, to make sure it is a private and hidden page or ask for approval to have something posted that would involve names or pictures. Keeping anonymity in mind. **(Resolved)**

- I brought up if I should put a section for next meetings old business and we are going to just have the secretary just either put “Tabled” or “Resolved” at the end of each topic brought up in New Business. **(Resolved)**

GSRs topics to bring back to groups: NONE

Next Meeting: April 21st, 4pm

Close

Thank you for letting me serve,

Christina R. Area Secretary