

March 16th, 2025
4:00 p.m., Jacob's Well

March Area Service Committee

Next Area Meeting: April 27th, 4:00 p.m., Jacob's Well

Moment of Silence: Yes
Serenity Prayer: Yes
12 Traditions: Josh O.
12 Concepts: Kieffer B.
Service Prayer: Jen S.
Welcome anyone new to Area: None
Welcome New Groups: None
Welcome New GSR's: None
Any Questions from new GSR's or others: None

New Groups: None

Open Positions: None

Minutes approved: Yes

Attendees: (See attendance sheet)

Attendees via Zoom: Danielle S., Amanda K., Jim C

Trusted Servant Reports:

Secretary Report:

Minutes were emailed and approved. Thank you for letting me serve.
-Kristin P.

Treasure Report:

March 16, 2025 Treasurer's Report

Hi. I'm an addict named Jen. The bank is now showing we have \$1.34 more than I do. The good news is the bank thinks we have more money than I do. I am requesting reimbursement of \$14.60 for stamps purchased for the Area. Thank you for letting me serve.

Area Account

<u>FEBRUARY TO MARCH</u>

Starting Balance:	\$1,743.00
Income (Groups):	\$201.00
Income (Transfer):	\$0
Lean on Me (Cadillac)	\$25.00
New Attitudes (Manistee)	\$60.00
New Freedom (Cadillac)	\$25.00
Recovery @ 5/O	\$33.00
Rise & Recover	\$10.00
Women in Recovery+	\$18.00
PR	\$30.00
Expenses:	(\$140.00)
Rent: Faith Reformed Church (Ck #1594)	(\$115.00)
Kristin P. - Ad Hoc	(\$25.00)
New Balance:	\$1,804.00
Prudent Reserve	\$200.71

For Calculation Purposes Only See Bank Statement Reconciliation Form

Outstanding Checks:	\$479.30
1588: Sally S. - PR	\$100.00
1596: WSO - Lit	\$379.30

Activities Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$144.00
Income:	\$0
Expenses:	\$0
Ending Balance:	\$144.00

Retreat Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$1,670.00
Income Total:	\$0
~Income Cash:	\$0
~Income Venmo	\$0.00
Expenses:	\$0
Ending Balance:	\$1,670.00

Literature Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$1,242.85
Income Total:	\$529.00
~Income Cash/Check:	\$529.00
~Income Transfer:	\$0
Expenses:	(\$379.30)
Ending Balance:	\$1,392.55

RCM Report:

Region didn't meet in March, so nothing to report.

Thank you for letting me serve,
Rob C.

Next Region meeting – April 6th 2025 @ 9 am via zoom, ID and Password on the Region website.

Web Servant Report:

Hi all, addict named Megan S.,

Our website has had some updates throughout the month of February and March including posting Area and PR minutes, event flyers from subcommittees and home groups and keeping our event calendar at the bottom up to date. Please remember if your group or subcommittee is holding an event or has a flyer to disperse it needs to go through the Area Web Servant first for approval before being shared, posted and distributed. This was a decision made by the ASC body in 7.2016 to

ensure our flyers have all required information listed before it goes out to the fellowship. This is for the purpose of making sure all necessary details like address is correct, correct name of Area, date, time, contact and registered NA symbol to present. This is in no way to judge your artistic ability! We just want to ensure all flyers have a guide they follow. If you need a list of what should be listed on a flyer here it is:

- A specific date, time and location name with address
- “Northwestern Michigan Area of Narcotics Anonymous” included somewhere to show it’s based in our NW Area
- Narcotics Anonymous symbol WITH registration symbol somewhere on flyer
- A contact person listed, including their phone number, for questions or more information
- Mention if it’s a “free event” or a monetary “fee” or a “donation based”- event and always include “No Addict Turned Away” if money is fee based/donation based and required at entry
- **Submit ALL flyers to the Area Web servant (Megan S.) for prior approval BEFORE circulating at any meetings or posting on FB. After sharing the flyer with the Web servant, once approved, it will then be uploaded to our UpNorthNA Area Website in a timely manner.**

After the flyer is checked I will give you the go ahead to share and print it and will then post it on our website. I will not be looking on social media platforms for flyers for a few reasons- 1. ain’t nobody got time for that and I’ll miss some and 2. When downloaded from social media sites it degrades the quality and comes out blurry when posted to the website. Please know I remove all contact phone numbers from a flyer before putting it on the website so there’s no need for you to alter it, just send it to me as you’d print it to disperse at meetings.

Also as of today the most up to date guidelines from all subcommittee and Area guidelines have been posted to our website under the Guidelines directory folder.

I am also working on communicating with our new Co-Web servant and we will find a time this month to sit down and start teaching her the ways of WordPress. I’m over the moon to have this help as the website can be a big undertaking at times!

That’s all I got for this month and remember it’s OK to be clean!

Sub-Committee Reports:

Activities:

Dance 45-50 people

500.00 Seed

-320.40 food/DJ/venue

= \$179.60 remaining
+ 710.81 collected
= \$889.91

\$500 to replace seed
389.91 to area

Budget request of \$225 to pay for MRCNA fundraiser

Thank you for letting me serve,
Josh O.

Ad-Hoc:

The Ad-hoc committee has met twice so far. We meet at 5th/Oak the 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:15 pm after the nooner. We would love you to come check it out. We have a copy of the Greater Area of Grand Rapids Guidelines and will be using that as a template for our Area's updated guidelines. We re going to go through line by line and include suggestions and changes we as a group decide on and will submit to the GSR's to bring back to the groups for approval.

Thank you for letting us serve.

Literature:

Previous Balance: \$1222.40
Expenses: (\$379.30)
Income: \$267.00
New Balance: \$1110.10

The bank counted \$5 less than what we did last month so our previous balance shown in this report reflects that adjustment.

Thank you for letting us serve,
Jen S. & Adam N.

Public Relations:

Hi Fellows,

It's gearing up to be a busy month in PR! We have our PR Treatment Facility Service Learning Day coming up next weekend, March 22nd from 4-6pm at the First Church of the Nazarene! Please spread the news and take flyers back to your home groups. Tell your friends, sponsor and all of your sponsees! Let's keep in mind that this program only thrives if we have fellows willing to serve with in it- by addicts for addicts! We will also be having our fellowship attendees participate in packing the annual poster drive and ER packet envelopes during the event and will need fellows willing to take and deliver poster packets to organizations all over our area!

I have printed our next quarters meeting lists, please take a stack back to your home groups as well. I will also be submitting a large order to print of posters, more schedules, letters to professionals and other items for our poster drive and ER packets this week to be picked up before our event next weekend so please don't panic when we have a large bill from the Copy Shop next month.

I am also requesting two budget requests this month: first being an additional \$100.00 to be made out to Sally S. for the purchase of more food (pizza) for our event as we've been notified treatment centers will be attending along with a big group of local addicts. We will provide receipts and return any unused funds next month. We also request \$50.00 to be made to The First Church of the Nazarene Traverse City for the payment of rent for the use of the facility next weekend.

Thanks for letting me serve!
Megan S.
PR Chairperson

Retreat:

At our last meeting we went over more details for our Talent Show April 12th at 6:00 p.m.

- Taco/Nacho Bar
- \$15 door donation/No addict turned away
- "Rooted in Recovery" is our theme. Art work can be turned in before or at the Talent Show
- Wristbands \$3 or 2 for \$5

Flyers are out and circulating.

We also started talking about other upcoming fundraising ideas.

Budget Request:

- \$400 for food. Check wrote out to Melissa W.
- \$100 to Church of the Nazarene

Budget Report:

- Starting balance: \$2070
 - +\$400 minute to win it
 - -\$376.64 costs for minute to win it
 - \$23.36 to Area
 - At the event we made \$216 at the door, \$60 sold merch.
 - \$299.36 back to Area for Earmark.
 - Final balance: \$1969.36

Thank you for letting me serve,
Jenn S.

Group Reports:

Anonymous Group (Absent)

Boardman Group

GSR: Ashley C.

Average Attendance: 35-40

Area Donation: \$48.00

How is the group going: Group is going great! New Co-Chair, bringing new homegroup members. Picnic at East Bay Park June 21st, more info to come! Boardman will chair Summer Saturday meetings at Bryant Park Beach.

Clean and Free Ludington (Absent)**Clean in the County Benzonia (Absent)****Growth Through Recovery (Absent)****Lean on Me Cadillac**

GSR: John P.

Average Attendance: 10

Area Donation: \$25.00

How is the group going: Growing. Our open talk is the last Wednesday of every month.

Living Free Kaleva (Absent)**Living in Harmony Kalkaska**

GSR: Danielle S. via zoom

Average Attendance: 3

Open Positions: Co-Secretary, Co-Treasurer, Co-GSR

How is the group going: The group is doing well. We have a steady group of people that come every week who have the willingness to share, get honest, and be vulnerable. What an amazing program this is that it teaches us to be better than we were yesterday! Would love to see some newcomers to the group!

Lost Dreams Awaken Brethren

GSR: Bob W.

Average Attendance: 3

Area Donation: 0

Open Positions: All

How is the group going: Need support

Never Alone

GSR: Adam N. proxy-Rob C.

Average Attendance: 5-6

Area Donation: \$10.00

How is the group going: OK

New Attitudes Manistee

GSR: Jim C. via Zoom

Dear Friends,

I hope this report finds you all in good health and prospering in your

recoveries. The New Attitudes Group is doing well, and we continue to carry the message to those who are still suffering. We meet twice a week, on Wednesdays and Sundays at 7:00 PM at the First Congregational Church (no affiliation) in Manistee. Our average attendance is 8, but we're increasing in numbers as we had 15 attending this past Wednesday. That is a good sign to us in this small community of recovering addicts. This month, we decided to donate \$40 to the area. Hopefully Bob can bring our literature order and meeting list. Due to the current snow event and I will be attending via Zoom again.

In Loving Service,
Jim C.

New Freedom Cadillac

GSR: John P.

Average Attendance: 12-18

Area Donation: \$25.00

How is the group going: Great

NU Way in Recovery Wellston

GSR: Bob W.

Average Attendance: 8-9

Open Positions: Co-GSR, Co-Treasurer, Co-Secretary

How is the group going: Going great, we are growing. We focus on basic text. We all do P.R. The Positions we do have filled are working hard.

Subjects brought to Area from the Group: We want to plan a workshop for our local groups to gather for learning how we can come together better.

We would love to learn more on how we can help with the crisis line.

Recovery at 5th/Oak

GSR: Kieffer B.

Average Attendance: 20

Open Positions: Co-Chairs

How is the group going: Group is going well. We are looking for co-chairs and new people to get involved.

Recovery First

GSR: Sally S.

Average Attendance: Mon-Thurs 10ish, Tues-Sun 50ish

Area Donation: \$10.00

Open Positions: Thursday Co-Chair

How is the group going: Great! Faith Reformed has asked us to sign a new lease. We will be invoiced through Intrust CPA. 90 day rotation. We need a vacuum!

Rise and Recover

GSR: Tim C.

Average Attendance: 9.25

Area Donation: \$8.00

Open Positions: Yes, all alternate positions

How is the group going: Group is going well. We are eating the current increase on the price on breakfast food. Group has revised guidelines.

Rock'n Recovery Kingsley

GSR: Matt R.

Average Attendance: 20

How is the group going: Going well, good attendance. Reading through the basic text. We will be having a potluck on the 5th Wednesday in April.

Search for Serenity Ludington (Absent)

Women in Recovery+

GSR: Open

Average Attendance: 9.25

Donation to Area: \$12.00

Open Positions: GSR

How is the Group going: Going well. Our 25 year anniversary sweatshirt was raffled off and Mari B. won, however she gifted it to Hope for her clean time.

Budget Request:

- Public Relations \$100 check made out to Sally S. for PR Learning Day food. **(approved)**
- Public Relations \$50 check made out to Church of the Nazarene for PR event rent. **(approved)**
- Retreat \$400 check made out to Melissa W. for Talent Show food. **(approved)**
- Retreat \$100 check to Church of the Nazarene for Talent Show rent. **(approved)**
- Treasurer \$14.60 reimbursement for stamps. **(approved)**

Old Business:

- Cabinet for computer and accessories – John P. provided the cabinet and has it here at Jacob's Well. John will provide receipt to the treasurer for reimbursement.

New Business:

- Inventory Question 11- tabled for April
- Information collection for the Area Guidelines –
 - Clarification on rental fees or donation to the church for using Jacob's Well space. New lease for Recovery 1st, The group will decide if they want to sign the contract at their next Group Conscience meeting.
 - To support fostering unity when using Jacob's Well space, please contact the GSR for Recovery First if your group or committee would like to use the space. There is a box on the wall in Jacobs well to deposit your cash donations. Recovery First is always in need of cleaning supplies, paper products and coffee with the space being used by two groups and for multiple events.

- Cashless Option for Area Donation – We do have an area PayPal account . Web-Servant will link the PayPal account on the website under Area.

Subjects to take to the groups:

- Please remember if your group or subcommittee is holding an event or has a flyer to disperse it needs to go through the Area Web Servant (Megan S.) first for approval before being shared, posted and distributed.
- Talent Show April 12th, contact Zach W. to sign up.

Open Share

Close

Thank you for letting me serve.
Kristin P., Area Secretary