

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 19, 2020**

OPENING: Melissa W. opened with the Serenity Prayer. Cathy T. read the 12 Traditions. Mike B. read the 12 Concepts. Jen S. read the Service Prayer.

ATTENDANCE: Jen S., Sally S., Melissa W., Tim C., Casey D., Zach W., Judy L., Michelle C., Amanda C., Pete M., Mike B., Lanae B., Dave T., Cathy T., Casey J., Dylan W., Don V., Carol V., Dave L., Chris E., Ron H., and Jae S.

WELCOME NEW GROUPS: Zoom Up North NA

OPEN POSITIONS: Co-Treasurer.

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS

Secretary: Jen S.

March Minutes are complete and have been emailed to everyone and posted to the website. Thank you, Mark! Please email or text me your reports for today since I can't collect paperwork. Thank you for letting me serve.

Treasurer: Dave T.

Hello family,

Well you're not going to believe this but I entered all of the numbers into the system and they F'ing matched!

The Area has a starting balance of \$731.31 after taking in \$278 in donations and spending \$590 in expenses.

Activities has a starting balance of \$485.13

Retreat has a starting balance of \$1,359.45

I have written the check to Friends of the Light for \$10 to cover the literature box rent.

I got charged on my card for the storage unit rent for April so I am sending them a check for \$138 to cover the next quarter and will be asking to be reimbursed for the April rent when I'm positive of the amount. I, of course, deleted the notification without making note of the amount. Probably \$46 as that is 138 divided by three, but we'll deal with that next month.

Any donations made in the last month through PayPal or Apple Pay or whatever other methods exist I have no knowledge of how to access them or account for them. Anyone willing to assist me in this area I would be grateful.

ILS, Dave T.

RCM: Amanda C.

Hey Family!

I hope everyone is doing well during these strange times. Our next regional meeting is in June and as of right now we will be meeting via zoom. As you know a lot of things are put on hold right now. World service conference will be holding a virtual conference next week and they are holding off on motion decisions until everyone can talk more. There were a couple things that we asked groups to take back, the decision on the MSO seat, after the new info, and the MRCNA basket. I'm not sure if homegroups were able to meet or not to talk about the MSO seat. I would like to hear some feedback on it groups are still doing group conscious or not. Do we think we will have a decision on the MSO by June or not?

I would like to remind everyone that the regional PR position is open.

The MRCNA committee met today and it was decided that MRCNA will be postponed till 2021. You can contact the hotel directly to cancel reservations. If you bought a MRCNA ticket it will be held for the 2021 convention or if you would like a refund please email mrcna.email@gmail.com. At this time, we don't have to worry about the fundraising basket for MRCNA.

Just a few updates for ya'll...At the last regional meeting the co-treasurer, AJ from Flint area was elected as treasure and Todd L. was elected as co-treasurer. Our co-secretary Reanne was elected as secretary and Joanie from Livingston area was elected as co-secretary. At this time the MSO, is closed due to the governor's orders, but they do check their voicemails about once per week and if anyone needs an order than can mail it out and you can pay by phone. If you need any other info on that please let me know.

In loving Service,
Amanda C.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Casey D. **Average Attendance:** Not reported.

All Positions Filled? Not reported. **Open?** Not reported.

We are hosting an Open Mic every Friday at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Mike B., Casey D. or Chandra A. for login information.

We have completed our Guidelines for the Activities Subcommittee and will be presenting them at the next Area meeting for approval.

Literature: Pete M. **Average Attendance:** 1
All Positions Filled? No **Open?** Yes

Beginning Balance: \$901.23
Income: \$360.75
Expenses: \$0
End Balance: \$1,261.98

Literature still needs a Co-Chair.

NAWS has furloughed many employees so the orders are being processed slower.

Public Relations: Dylan W. **Average Attendance:** Not reported.
All Positions Filled? Not reported. **Open?** Not reported.
PR did not meet this month so there is nothing new to report.

Retreat: Chris E. **Average Attendance:** Not reported.
All Positions Filled? No. **Open?** Not reported.
We are looking for this group's opinion on whether to hold the Retreat this year due to Covid-19 and restrictions on sizes of gatherings. We are also running out of time to fundraise for the Retreat.

GROUP REPORTS

Boardman: Casey D. **Average Attendance:** Not reported. **Donation:** \$0
All Positions Filled? Not reported **Open:** Not reported.
Our group conscience has not met due to Covid-19.

Clean & Free (Ludington): Linzy T. **Average Attendance:** Not reported. **Donation:** \$0
All Positions Filled? Not reported. **Open?** N/A
Ludington NA is meeting on Zoom Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Chaired by tonyajohnson292011@gmail.com

Clean & Serene (Manistee): Amanda C. **Average Attendance:** 0 **Donation:** \$0
All Positions Filled? No **Open:** All
Clean and Serene, still not meeting at this time, no group conscious held.

JFTBTB: Tim C. **Average Attendance:** Not reported **Donation:** \$50.00
All Positions Filled? Not reported. **Open?** Not reported.
We are meeting via Zoom on Fridays.

New Attitudes (Manistee): Amanda C. **Average Attendance:** Not reported
Donation: \$0 **All Positions Filled?** Not reported **Open?** Not reported
New Attitudes, still not meeting face to face at this time, the homegroup members have been keeping in touch with each other and having 'zoom' hangouts about twice per week.

New Freedom (Cadillac): Justin C. **Average Attendance:** 0 **Donation:** \$0
All Positions Filled? Not reported **Open?** Not reported.
We do not have anything new to report as all of our meetings have been shut down.

Recovery @ 5/0: Casey J. **Average Attendance:** Not reported. **Donation:** \$25.00
All Positions Filled? Not reported **Open?** Not reported.
We have purchased a trial of a different platform than Zoom and have been meeting that way to stay in touch.

Recovery First: Sally S. **Average Attendance:** Not reported **Donation:** \$0
All Positions Filled? Not reported **Open:** Not reported.
The group conscience has not met yet, but we are hoping to soon and are looking into doing a speaker meeting.

Rise and Recover: Pete M. **Average Attendance:** 15 **Donation:** \$0
All Positions Filled? Yes. **Open?** N/A
The meeting is going well.

Women in Recovery: Jen S. **Average Attendance:** Not reported **Donation:** \$0
All Positions Filled? Yes **Open?** None
The group is going well. We are now meeting twice a week on Zoom. We have not had our group conscience yet this month.

Zoom Up North NA: Sally S. **Average Attendance:** Not reported\
Donation: \$175.00 **All Positions Filled?** Not reported. **Open?** Not reported.
When restrictions on gatherings started and we started losing our meeting places, Sally set up Zoom through her work account. There are time restrictions and group size restrictions on the free accounts. She needed to switch it off of her work account though to keep their counts accurate and she purchased a year membership for \$160.00. We saved money by purchasing the whole year at once. Home groups have stepped up and donated money to help cover the subscription cost. They have had a group conscience. They have received donations as follows - \$92.00 via Venmo, \$203.00 via Paypal, and a check for \$40.00. The \$160.00 cost of the Zoom subscription has been reimbursed to Sally and the group is making a \$175.00 donation to Area.

BUDGET REQUESTS: Dylan W. has a check in the amount of \$75.00 that was written to Church of the Nazarene for an event that did not happen. He has destroyed the check.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Zoom.** Mark H. has done a great job with the website and making our Zoom meetings accessible. Please keep posts with passwords for our Zoom meetings off of social media.
2. **MSO.** Our RCM is asking that we still take this issue to our home groups so that she can see by the next Region meeting if we are able to provide our opinion on the issue of **whether Region should continue to send a representative to the MSO Board.**

It was noted that Region thought we could just get our report from the MSO at the Multi Zonal Forum but the MSO does not really report there.

Please see the attached information or contact Amanda C., James K. or Sally S. if you need more information or have questions.

3. **MRCNA Baskets.** This is no longer an issue now that MRCNA has been postponed.
4. **Elections.** The guidelines state that an open position should be announced for a month before a vote occurs.
5. **Quick Way to Contact All Members.** Sally S. suggested Slack as a way to communicate with members as an easy way to reach lots of people. Anyone who has an email address can use it. The groups can be public or private. A private group has been set up for Area.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Donations via Paypal.** It was discussed whether we want to move this out of Sally's name so it is not linked to an individual's account. There was concern about transparency as well as possibly seeing one person's name linked to the account as a deterrent for donations. Money donated this way can be "earmarked" if it is noted at the time of the donation. For example, if I want my \$10 to go to 5/0 versus just in the Area general account. At this time, it was decided to keep it as is since this may all be over soon and if we need to progress with this, we can do more investigation as to platforms and procedures. Sally is asking people to ask her to see the records for these donations. It was also suggested that groups look into setting up their own accounts for donations of this nature.
- 2. Retreat.** The consensus was to check with the campground to see what their cancellation policies are as well as policies on gatherings due to Covid-19. It was also suggested that the Retreat Subcommittee wait another month before a decision is made regarding the Retreat and to brainstorm creative fundraising ideas or to consider foregoing merchandise and/or the Saturday meal to cut costs.

OPEN SHARE

CLOSE

NEXT MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020, 4:00 P.M.

INFORMATION TO TAKE BACK TO YOUR HOME GROUPS:

1. Please announce that Area has the following positions open: Co-Treasurer.
2. If there are any meetings in outlying areas (not Traverse City) that have the willingness and desire to host Area. Please let us know.
3. Upcoming Events:

Open Mic via Zoom – every Friday at 7:00 p.m. – see attached flyer
4. Ludington NA is meeting on Zoom Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 3:00 p.m.
Chaired by tonyajohnson292011@gmail.com
5. The Literature Subcommittee needs a Co-Chair. Contact Pete M. for more information.

Service Prayer

God, grant us the knowledge that we may act
according to your divine precepts.
Instill in us a sense of your purpose,
make us servants of your will and
grant us a bond of selflessness that this
may truly be your work, not ours,
so that no addict, anywhere,
need die from the horrors of addiction.

Michigan Service Office representative report
March 2020

Good morning, Michigan Region. The Board of Directors of the Michigan Service Office meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the MSO.

There are currently 11 board members seated out of 18 available seats. Detroit West, Detroit Tri-City, and Monroe Areas are not currently represented. Doug H. was nominated and elected chairperson at the December meeting. Bob J. continues as co-chairperson and Bill C. continues as treasurer. At the February meeting, Tony G. was seated as an at-large member and was appointed co-treasurer. He is an experienced accountant.

We once again have 45-day terms with NAWS so we have been able to restock all of the essentials: books, IPs, keytags, and medallions. We are increasing our order volume to meet demand. Bills are being paid in a timely manner. We are current on rent and keeping up on our other financial obligations. We ended 2019 with a \$20,000 balance on a credit card account. This account is now closed and we are operating strictly out of the checking account.

The board agreed to charge 5% service fees on credit card orders, and increase the in-store service fee from 4% to 10%. We were reluctant to increase the price of literature to our members, but it was necessary to cover credit card processing fees and freight charges we pay when books are shipped from NAWS to the MSO.

If you have particular issues or feedback about literature cost, please bring it to my attention and I will take it up with the board.

In loving service,
Bob J.
Michigan Regional Service Committee reporting representative
Michigan Service Office Board of Directors



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MICHIGAN REGIONAL REPORT

March 1, 2020

Hi Family, my name's Doug and I'm an addict,

First off, to the facilitators, the members, and the visitors, I apologize for not contacting you in advance and requesting a spot on the agenda.

Some of you know me and some of you don't, I'm here on behalf of the Michigan Service Office. In the spirit of transparency my intention is to give you an idea what position the office is in, let you know that we are not going away, and answer any questions I can.

I was elected in December and I'm still learning all the processes. When we started off the year we had been without meeting lists for 2 months. We had no basic texts and we were short on medallions and much of our literature. The office had very little merchandise for sale, but we had paid off our debt to NAWS. This enabled us to again get our literature on credit, the normal process. So, moving forward, our first order Dec. 26th we restocked our IP's, medallions, and most of our books. The first order included 9 cases of basic texts. Our 2nd order included 12 cases, our 3rd order, 19 cases, and 26 cases on our last order (delivery in about a week). Along with these orders we included IP's, medallions, workbooks, book covers, and any other books to bring our stock up to a manageable inventory. After our first order we started the process of ordering meeting lists and are preparing to place our 2nd order shortly. We have 3 designs going to the printer for t-shirts. We are not out of the woods yet but we are moving in the right direction.

All our bills are current with the exception of taxes from 2015, 2018, and 2019. Our NAWS bill is on "net 45" days and most likely will always be behind but still current. As for financials, we are still trying to get a handle on our accounting system. 2 weeks ago we were fortunate enough to get a certified CPA volunteer as our co-treasurer. They're working on our taxes and getting our QuickBooks software in order.

We're aware of some issues with our website and have contacted our developer and hope to get it resolved asap. More will be revealed.

And, to the MRCNA committee, I don't believe we've been in contact about your convention. I'm not sure if it's too late for this year but if so, we would like to open conversations for next year.

As always, grateful to be of service,
Doug H.
Michigan Service Office

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