

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MAY 17, 2020**

**OPENING:** Melissa W. opened with the Serenity Prayer. Pete M. read the 12 Traditions. John W. read the 12 Concepts. Jen S. read the Service Prayer.

**ATTENDANCE:** Melissa W., Jen S., Dave T., Dylan W., Sally S., Amanda C., Pete M., Judy L., Zach W., Hannah B., John W., Tim C., Dana S., James K., Mike B., Jae S., and Lashon R.

**WELCOME NEW GROUPS:** N/A

**OPEN POSITIONS:** Co-Treasurer.

**TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS**

**Secretary:** Jen S.

April 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 it happened again; all the numbers came out the same.

Area had a starting balance of \$731.31 with \$250.00 in 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and \$75.00 returned from a voided check for a total income of \$325.00. With expenses of \$148.00 leaves the area account with \$908.31.

Activities starts and ends with a balance of \$485.13

Retreat starts and ends with a balance of \$1,359.45

Literature started with \$901.23 with \$360.75 income for an ending balance of \$1,261.98.

I did send a check to WSO for a literature order but that will appear in next month's report.

I ordered some checks as we had got to the last book at a cost of \$22.85. This too will appear on next month's report.

I have an envelope with several reaching out booklets intended for addicts behind the walls. I'd gladly pass them along to PR ASAP whenever whoever can meet me.

Our last Regional donation was made in February so I'm thinking it's about time to make one. New business?

Anyway, stay safe and thanks for letting me serve.

ILS, Dave T.



**Public Relations:** Dylan W.      **Average Attendance:** Not reported.  
**All Positions Filled?** Not reported.      **Open?** Not reported.  
Hi, I'm an addict my name is Dylan.

This month we printed and are working on distributing fliers that include information on how to attend zoom meetings along with the phone line number and website. We did have a couple calls from the phone line from people asking about this information, so we felt this was much needed. It kind of followed how our normal poster drive works just not as large.

Also, Dakoske and Phoenix reached out asking for zoom meetings. We are very excited about this opportunity. Nothing from Detox or Munson but we are reaching out. Due to the time the meetings are being held; we purchased a zoom account because several meetings directly conflict with other meetings. We are doing this on a month to month basis as we are unsure how long this will be needed, which comes to a total of \$15.89. I am asking for a reimbursement for this. I purchased this myself.

This month we had no 7th to donate, but we decide as a group to create a PayPal for PR, so the funds didn't have to go through several accounts before getting back to Area. Last thing of note is we decided that next month's PR Speaker meeting will still be held via zoom. Even though the stay home stay safe order may be lifted by then, we highly doubt the hospital will allow 50+ people to come in.

We discussed searching for a new location and I personally believe that should be a topic for today. Thank you for letting me serve.

**Retreat:** Dave T.      **Average Attendance:** Not reported.  
**All Positions Filled?** No.      **Open?** Not reported.

The Retreat for 2020 has been cancelled due to Covid-19. Chris E. will be getting our deposit back from the campground (\$500.00) along with the money we paid for cabins (\$159.00). We are rolling over our theme and artwork for next year's retreat. If you have made a reservation at Pat's Place for 2020, you are able to cancel and get a full refund up to two weeks before the date the retreat was supposed to start.

### **GROUP REPORTS**

**Boardman:** John W.      **Average Attendance:** Not reported.      **Donation:** \$0  
**All Positions Filled?** Not reported      **Open:** Not reported.

We are starting in person meetings Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at F&M Park. Social distancing applies. Please wear a mask. Bring your own chair. Sanitizer will be provided. We will still be holding a Zoom meeting at the same time for those that are not comfortable meeting in person at this time.

**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. The rehab facility where the meeting takes place may not reopen to meetings after this.

**Growth Through Recovery:** Mike B.      **Average Attendance:** Not reported      **Donation:** \$0  
**All Positions Filled?** Not reported.      **Open?** Not reported.

We are resuming in person meetings Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at noon. There will be 3 rooms with up to 10 chairs in each room. Social distancing will apply. Please wear a mask. We will be sanitizing before and after each meeting.

**JFTBTB:** Tim C.      **Average Attendance:** Not reported      **Donation:** \$0  
**All Positions Filled?** Not reported.      **Open?** Not reported.

We are meeting via Zoom on Fridays from 7:00 to 8:30. We are okay with Region keeping a position on the MSO board. Should we be buying literature from the MSO now?

**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.

**Recovery @ 5/0:** Hannah B. **Average Attendance:** 10.      **Donation:** \$31.66  
**All Positions Filled?** Not reported      **Open?** Not reported.

We have purchased our own Zoom account and are holding 2 meetings a week – Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. (meditation) and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. We have created fliers for our meetings.

**Rise and Recover:** Pete M. **Average Attendance:** 17      **Donation:** \$106.00  
**All Positions Filled?** Yes.      **Open?** N/A

We are meeting via Zoom on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings and they are going well. We support Region keeping a seat on the MSO Board.

**Women in Recovery:** Jen S. **Average Attendance:** 15      **Donation:** \$0  
**All Positions Filled?** Yes      **Open?** None

The group is going well. We are now meeting twice a week on Zoom. We are discussing setting up our own PayPal account and continuing Zoom once a week when in person meetings resume. We discussed the Region representative to the MSO Board and are in favor of keeping the position on the MSO Board.

**Zoom Up North NA:** John W.      **Average Attendance:** Not reported      **Donation:** \$0  
**All Positions Filled?** No.      **Open?** Co-GSR.

We held elections at our Group Conscience. John W. is GSR, Sally S. is Treasurer, Emalyn R. is Co-Treasurer and Secretary. There was discussion about Area owning the Zoom account. We took the reimbursement out of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and then forwarded the balance to Area. We are open to a “Zoom Coordinator” position at Area. More will be revealed.

**BUDGET REQUESTS:**      \$310.00 for Regional Donation – approved.  
\$15.89 to Dylan W. for reimbursement for the PR Zoom account – approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **MSO Board Seat.** This issue is probably on hold with Region.
2. **PayPal Donations.** When donating, please put something in the memo line so that Sally knows it is for NA.
3. **Retreat.** Retreat has been cancelled for 2020. See trusted servant report above.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Covid-19 Response.** World services is also looking for input on NA's response to COVID-19, like best practices, literature distribution and how are we helping the newcomers. If you or your homegroup would like to share your experience please email [pr@na.org](mailto:pr@na.org) and if you would like to be involved in drafting service material you can email [toolbox@na.org](mailto:toolbox@na.org).
2. **Activities Guidelines.** The proposed Guidelines were emailed to the Secretary today. We will discuss them at June's Area meeting.
3. **Reopening Meetings.** We should start checking with our meeting places to get their input on when we can start meeting there again, any restrictions they will have in place, and if they need us to draw up any protocol ourselves. Please keep in mind when we do go back to in person meetings to respect their stance on social distancing, masks, and the number of people allowed in a space. For example, the church where Recovery First meetings is setting guidelines for outside meetings and is asking the group to also provide their protocol to the church for review and approval. Please be mindful of the public image of NA.
4. **Announcements.** It has been requested that if there are NA related announcements made during Zoom meetings, that they are also posted on Slack.
5. **Ordering Literature from MSO.** The MSO has worked hard and is on the path to solvency and is asking Areas to consider ordering from the MSO again. This Area has questions related to what credit the MSO will extend us. Currently, the Literature Subcommittee is very comfortable staying with World Services because they have been very reliable. It was decided that the Literature Chair would reach out to the MSO and gather information to report back to Area to help us make our decision.
6. **Donation to World Services.** Due to Covid-19, World Services has had to furlough the majority of its employees. It was asked at the virtual World Services Conference held recently that Areas consider donating to World Services at this time. They do not have any money to do any projects at this time and need the money to produce Literature. It was decided that our Area would send a \$300.00 donation to World Services.

**OPEN SHARE**

**CLOSE**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 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. Ludington NA is meeting on Zoom Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Chaired by [tonyajohnson292011@gmail.com](mailto:tonyajohnson292011@gmail.com)
4. The Literature Subcommittee needs a Co-Chair. Contact Pete M. for more information.
5. Covid-19 Response. World services is also looking for input on NA's response to COVID-19, like best practices, literature distribution and how are we helping the newcomers. If you or your homegroup would like to share your experience please email [pr@na.org](mailto:pr@na.org) and if you would like to be involved in drafting service material you can email [toolbox@na.org](mailto:toolbox@na.org).
6. Spiritual Principal a Day Book. The third batch of drafts are out for review. You can access them at [www.na.org/spad](http://www.na.org/spad). There are links you can click to enter your feedback.
7. On May 30, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. eastern daylight time there will be a zoom meeting reviewing entries on 'resilience'. They will be read, and it will be open for anyone's input! The link is <https://NAWS.zoom.us/j/93863114958> .

## Service Prayer

God, grant us the knowledge that we may act  
according to your divine precepts.  
Instil 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.