

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2021

Attendance: Zach W, Trish S, Katy G, Pete M, Amanda K, James K, Casey J, Chris E, Jae S, Jen S, Hannah B, Rob C, Adam N, Rachel F.

Opening: Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer. Hannah B read the 12 traditions, Pete M. read the 12 concepts, Jae S. read the service prayer.

Welcome New Groups:

Open Positions: RCMA

Trusted Servants Reports:

Secretary – Jae S.

Minutes for April were completed and posted to the Area Webpage thanks to our web servants. We would like all reports to be sent to the secretary's new email address which is NWMANAsecretary@gmail.com if they cannot be produced in person. Thank you for letting me be of service

Treasurer – Amanda K.

Hey Family!

Area- 5-15-21

Last month area had a starting balance of \$552.38, income of 862, expenses of 124.09 and an ending balance of 1,290.29. Activities had a start balance of 334, income of 20, expenses of 20 and an end balance of 334. Activities income was transferred to area, but the amount received in paypal is different than what I wrote down at area. I wrote down 40, but only 20 was sent. I'm not sure if this is my error or not. Retreat had a start balance 1,393.30, income of 759, and an ending balance of 2,152.30. Lit had a start balance of 306.56, income of 709.38, expenses of 78.10 and an end balance of 937.84.

In paypal is retreat's \$500, Growth in Recovery has 4.55, and women in recovery has 20.89, and Rise and recover has 6.19. GSR's please let me know what you would like me to do with the money. I reconciled the paypal account and we are off by about \$.50, positive, not short. It has been for a few months, reported this before. I think .50 isn't bad for all this confusion!

The bills we have to pay this month \$50 5/0, 15.89 to the PR zoom, and we have to remember we have set aside 150 for another year of zoom. I will contact Sally to see when that is supposed to renew so we can pay her! That leaves our available area balance at \$1,074.40. We typically make a regional donation at this time.

I do have a question that can go in new business. I had a retreat member contact me for reimbursement of \$25 between now and last area. I said that it would be asked for at area. They said retreat doesn't have to do a budget request they can have money at anytime. Two old treasures were contacted. Dave said they can ask for money anytime, Jen said that she wasn't sure, but either way it would be imposing on the treasures time to just be asked for money at any time. I did send it to them,

but I just want to see what the proper protocol is. I asked about this in the fall and feel like I never got a straight answer.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Amanda K.

RCM – James K.

Hey Peeps,

Next Region is June 6th at 2:00pm. We still need to address the issue of PR Chair and Co-chair. I am asking for a \$100 donation to Region and another \$100 donation to world There is nothing else to report at this time.

James K

Subcommittee Reports:

Activities - Trish S. **Attendance** – 2

Open Positions - Co-Chair, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Co-Secretary, Hospitality, Graphic design

Hi friends!! We have been having lots of fun! We are suuuuper excited to see this town heat up a bit! We raised 65.00 on the Planting Seeds of Hope Event. We were able to take the supplies to a few other events for a little more fun. The Peanut Butter and Speaker Jam raised 13.00. This venue at Brownson Memorial Park is something we may use again in the future. It was well kept, free of charge, had a stage, clean park, and picnic tables for any other groups looking for another great venue, add this one to your list! Upcoming events include the Backyard Showdown on June 5th at 11 at Haywood Park off Long Lake Rd. This will be a tournament style event with multiple games and an engraved trophy. We will be holding concessions at this event and all funds raised will be donated to PR to wrap up their PR. We are talking about a few other events this summer including a Frisbee golf tournament late June and a Lip Sync Battle Mid July. Stay tuned for more!! Thanks for letting us have tons of fun doing service.

Budget Requests None at this time

Starting Balance \$334.00

Donations + \$73.00

Requested - \$0

Donation to Area - \$73.00

Ending Balance \$334.00

Literature – Pete M. Attendance - 3

Beginning Balance – 937.84

Income – 330.00 Expenses -704.16

Ending Balance – 563.68

Public Relations – Casey J. Attendance – N/A

Open positions – Co Web servant

Area PR Report

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. 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. All treatment facility meetings and detox are meeting virtually. Thank you to our H&I soldiers who continue to carry the message under any circumstance. I'd like to share with you something another member said in regards to this: "I hold H&I near and dear to my heart, I think it's an amazing opportunity to fulfill our primary purpose. I know this last year has been a lot of change and we've had to adapt to a lot of new things. I remember when I was getting resentful of the zoom platform and didn't want to do it anymore, and finally got to an in-person meeting at Bryant Park. It was the first in-person meeting in Traverse City in months. I remember two new guys coming up to me and talking to me, and they remembered me from zoom meetings. And at that point it hit me, that going to meetings and doing H&I is very personally rewarding, but that it isn't about me at all. It's about the message we carry. The message that was carried to me when I was in detox and members of NA came in and gave me some hope at a time when I thought all hope was lost for me. Thank you for allowing me to be of service and to carry the message that has the ability to change lives." If you would like to do this type of service please contact me directly. NA always needs you. Schedules are up to date. It's time to print new ones, I'd like to put in a budget request of \$95.00 (estimate) for updated printed schedules. If your home group or subcommittee has any changes to report please contact Jen S. Our website is up to date and very user friendly, thanks Megan S. Last month we purchased a URL re-direct, which we needed a specific person help with who was somewhat difficult to pin down. We discussed it as a committee and went ahead with purchasing Upnorthna.org for five years at the price of \$74.00. I am requesting that we reimburse the member who paid up front. Thanks for understanding that this was time sensitive for us. Please visit upnorthna.org for the most up to date meeting and event information! Please join us in

Empire for our annual memorial day BBQ! There is also a volleyball tournament that starts at 2. See you guys soon! Thanks for letting me serve, feel free to reach out any time with questions or comments,

Casey J

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

Hello people here we are! another month going by the retreat committee Is diligently working on the talent show and working on details for the camp out the weekend of August 27th at ranch Rudolf. We are all excited about these events and moving forward as such. thank you all for letting me serve

Chris e

GROUP REPORTS

New Attitudes (Manistee)

GSR: James K./Amanda K.

Average Attendance: 6

Donation: \$100

All Positions Filled? yes

Open none

No Decision on PR issue brought to are group but our group is doing well

Rise & Recover:

GSR: Pete M

Average Attendance: 9 via zoom, 4 in person

Donation to Area: 36.00

Open positions: All positions are filled

Meetings are going well and we support the increase of the Region PR co-chair clean time requirement up to two years. We also support allowing Region PR to elect its own cochair

Recovery @ Fifth and Oak:

GSR: Hannah B

Average Attendance: 20

Open positions: secretary

Donation:\$28

Meetings are going great. We are putting our 7pm Saturday meeting on hold from Memorial day until Labor day.

Women in Recovery:

GSR: Jen S. Avg Att:14 in person 8 via zoom

Donation: \$20 Open Pos: Co-chair, Secretary

Hello. I'm an addict named Jen. Our group is going well. We think that members should elect trusted servants. The chair of a sub committee should not be appointing people. We would like the treasurer to transfer our funds to Melissa W. thank you for letting me serve

Old Business:

Our Area have decided to send our RCM to region to voice our opinion regarding the term for the Region PR Chair from 1 to 2 years and if region PR Chair should select its own co chair. James K is letting Region know that we decided for a 2 year region PR term but are undecided on if the chair should be able to pick its own co-chair

New Business:

Our treasurer has had issues with sub committees requesting monetary reimbursement. It has been decided that only Sub-committee chairs should request money needed from the Area committee directly.

Donations via PayPal have been difficult to keep track of, either from home groups to Area, or from individual members to be set aside to specific home groups. We are sending word back to groups that they have one month until Area will no longer accept donations via electronic payment platforms. Groups can create their own Pay Pal, Vemo, Or CashApp

Budget Requests:

Literature- Requested 305.00 for book purchased for Wexford co Jail.

Public Relation- Requested 294.00 for keytags and IPs

RCM- Requested 100.00 for region and 100.00 for world

All request have been approved

PR will donate 220 to Area next month to cover Wex co Lit donation

Serenity Prayer – Close.