

## **May Area Service Committee**

May 19th, 2024 4pm

Next Area Meeting: June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 4pm

Moment of Silence: Yes

Serenity Prayer: Yes

12 Traditions: Katy G.

12 Concepts: Josh P.

Service Prayer: Brad S.

**New Groups?** Living Free Group Kaleva Address: 9213 AURA ST. Kaleva, MI 49645 Meets Fridays at noon.

**Open Positions:** Co-Secretary and Co-Treasure

Minutes approved: Yes

**Attendees:** Brad S, Christina R, Don R, Dean A, Hannah B, Jen S, Jim C, Katy G, Kari R, Melissa W, Megan S, Scott S, Sally S, Tim C, Casey D, Travis D, Bob W, Brittany T, Chris W, Josh P.

### **Trusted Servant Reports:**

#### **Secretary Report:**

Hi family,

April minutes were emailed and posted to the website. I have added “Moment of Silence and Serenity prayer” to the area agenda sheet. Whoops!

Just a reminder, when giving group reports, please write your name for giving the report and please

Thank you for letting me service.

-Christina

#### **Treasure Report:**

Treasurer Report

Hello Area!! I forgot to pay rent after the last Area, and when I remembered I promptly went and paid it. I apologize for my forgetfulness; I will now put reminders in my phone to make payments promptly, I usually go in the Monday after area so it's early.

The insurance is due next month; the last time we paid it was \$383. A bill will come to the P.O. Box at the beginning of June and will be paid before the next area meeting.

Sally S. Lost her last check for the cleaning supplies, so I did write her a new check. At the spring fling dance, someone accidentally sent \$600 instead of \$6.00 to Venmo, and when reimbursed it came out of the bank account versus the amount in the Venmo account, I did go into the Venmo account and transferred \$594 back into the bank account which is reflected on the bank statement.

#### Area Account:

Starting Balance: \$3,265.53  
Income: Groups: \$319.00  
Boardman Group: \$44.00  
Growth Through Recovery: \$10  
Just For Today (Irons): \$10.00  
Just For Today By The Bay: \$50.00  
Lost Dreams Awaken (Brethren): \$20.00  
Lean On Me (Cadillac): \$50.00  
Never Alone: \$10.00  
New Attitudes (Manistee): \$50.00  
New Freedom (Cadillac): \$75.00  
Expenses: \$1061.73  
Rent: Faith Reformed: \$115.00- Check #1536  
Transfer To Literature in the amounts of \$315.92, and \$41.25  
Sally S. Zoom: \$170-Check #1523

Melissa W. (Public Relations) \$200.00- Check #1527  
Jim (ADHAC): \$19.56- Check #1531  
Sally (ADHAC): \$150- Check #1532  
Church of the Naz: \$50.00- Check #1533

New Balance: \$2,522.80

Prudent Reserve: \$200.63

For Calculation Purposes only see Bank Statement Reconciliation Form:

Outstanding Checks: \$1,214.58

Check # 1485: Megan S.: \$9.54

Check # 1527: Melissa W.: \$200

Check #1531: Jim: \$19.56

Check #1532: Sally S.: \$150

Check #1533: Sally S.: \$50

Check #1535: WSO Literature: \$670.48

Check #1536 Faith Reform: \$115

#### Activities Committee

Starting Balance: \$300

Income:\$0

Expenses: \$200.00 Check #1526  
New Balance: \$100.00

#### Retreat Committee

Starting Balance: \$2,245.62  
Income: \$173.00  
Expenses: \$384.77  
Church Of the Naz: \$100.00-Check #1525

Melissa W.: \$9.33-Check #1528  
Jennifer S.: \$25.44- Check#1529  
Michelle: \$250- Check#1530  
New Balance: \$2,033.85

#### Literature Committee

Starting Balance: \$501.73  
Income: \$577.00  
Income From Transfer: \$315.92 and \$41.25  
Expenses: \$670.48  
New Balance: \$765.42

Thank you for letting me be of service  
Hannah B.

#### **RCM Report:**

Hi family addict named Zach  
Not a lot to report this month. There were no guidelines ad hoc meeting this month. Biggest item is location for hosting region. The place Rob C was looking into was a no go. Sally is looking into Chrystal Mtn. I'm going to be looking into hotels in Cadillac. Rob and I will collaborate next few weeks to have place locked down to report to next regional meeting via zoom.  
The next region is 6/2/24 on zoom. Link available on Regional website.  
Thanks for letting us serve,  
Zach w, RCM  
Rob C, RCMA

#### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

#### **Activities:**

Newcomer event happening on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Requesting a total of \$840 for books to give to newcomers and for refreshments.

- Scott S

**Literature:**

**Average Attendance?** 1

**Any open positions?** No

We are still working on our draft guidelines. We will have them next month.

Previous balance: \$1,005.35

Expenses \$670.48

Income \$208.50

New balance \$543.37

We made a donation of items to the Living Free Group in Kaleva. Total value of \$18.92

1 starter kit

18 key tags and 2 4<sup>th</sup> step booklets

Jen S.

**Public Relations:**

Hey Family Addict Named Katy

We canceled this month for Public Relations.

Melissa W is working on the little library!

Schedules were printed, and I forgot to pick them up.

Casey D and I are willing to meet people in further areas this week to make sure everyone gets them once I pick them up tomorrow. We added Kalkaska back on the schedule.

It is occurring every week and I checked with Dean to make sure he would come to area and report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time for the group.

The beach meetings have been added.

5<sup>th</sup> and Oak is taking care of the beach meeting at Bryant Park.

In loving service

Katy G

**Retreat:**

Open positions: Co-chair

The Retreat Subcommittee has once again had a busy month. I really can't say enough about the dedicated service that these committee members give to NA.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> we held a Spring Fling dance, attendance seemed a bit low, about 40 people but everyone had a great time. When all is said and done, we are bringing \$673 today for deposit into retreat fund. A detailed accounting will be included in the minutes.

Income:

Door Fees \$295

Food/drink Sales \$232.50

Quilt Raffle \$85

Can return \$4

Sub Total: \$616.50  
+\$56.50  
Total \$673.00

Expenses:

Venue \$100  
DJ: \$100  
Food/pop \$193.50  
Total: 393.50  
Actual profit of dance \$223.00

Also at the Spring Fling, the fellowship voted for the T-shirt design this year. Wanda C had the winning design that captures the togetherness theme very well. Next Sunday at the Retreat Subcommittee, we will be discussing the merchandise we will be ordering for the retreat. We continue to sell raffle tickets for the T-shirt Quilt and are now also selling wristbands \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

We are grateful to Activities who plan on a retreat donation from the volleyball tournament and to the Boardman Group who plan on a retreat donation from their annual picnic June 15<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks for letting me serve!

- Melissa

## **Group Reports:**

**Group:** Boardman Group

GSR: Dean A.

Average attendance: 45-55

Donation to Area: \$56

Any open positions? None

How is the group going? Fantastic! Gearing up for Boardman's Picnic which is at East Bay Township Park on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

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: 10

Donation to Area: \$25

Any open positions? Alt. GSR, Secretary, Co-secretary, Co-chair

How is the group going? Going well, could use support. Attendance fluctuates. Speakers are always good

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

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

**Group:** Just For Today Irons

GSR: Bob W.

Average attendance: 10

Donation to Area: \$15

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Good, lots of newcomers. Having an open speaker next month.

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

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

**Group:** Living in Harmony Kalkaska

GSR: Dean A.

Average attendance: 1-3

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? All

How is the group going? Poorly, this meeting really needs support!

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

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

**Group:** Lost Dreams Awakening

GSR: Bob W.

Average attendance: 8

Donation to Area: \$50

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Growing, we just voted on a name. We needed to be added to the meeting schedule. Monday at 8pm at the church in Brethren across the high school on Coats Highway. We had our first open speaker, Eric H.

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

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

**Group:** The Living Free Group

GSR: Bob W.

Average attendance: 8

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? All

How is the group going? Had one meeting so far, just now forming. Going to be a literature meeting. 12 traditions, 12 steps, 12 concepts.

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? Alt GSR, Co-treasure

How is the group going? We continue to carry an atmosphere of recovery, welcoming the new member. Our new group- conscious is every other month so donation is every other month.

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

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

**Group:** Never Alone Group

GSR: Adam N (Jen S. Proxy)

Average attendance: 7

Donation to Area: \$5

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Good

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

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

**Group:** Recovery First Group

GSR: Sally S.

Average attendance: Tuesday 40-60 Nooners 10

Donation to Area: \$40

Any open positions? Yes, all co positions

How is the group going? Home group participation ebbs and flows. Lots of newer addicts which is great. In regards to PR building an NA book library, thinking about maybe putting one in Elk Rapids?

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

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

**Group:** Recovery at 5<sup>th</sup> and Oak

GSR: Kari R.

Average attendance: 10-15

Donation to Area: \$36.60

Any open positions? GSR Alternate and co everything

How is the group going? Good but really wanting to do an event but need more home group participation. Low attendance with home group members.

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

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

**Group:** Rise and Recover

GSR: Don R.

Average attendance: 10-15

Donation to Area: \$11

Any open positions? Monday or Wednesday Chairperson

How is the group going? Very good, still on zoom

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: 28

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Co-GSR

How is the group going? Great and growing! Having our 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday potluck speaker jam is on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Potluck starts at 6pm and speakers start at 7pm. Please bring a dish to pass and your ears! 😊

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

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

**Group:** Women in Recovery + Group

GSR: Melissa W.

Average attendance: 19

Donation to Area: \$20

Any open positions? None

How is the group going? The group is going well. We are excitedly planning a celebration of the groups 25-year anniversary. We even have an amazing t-shirt design made by one of our newer home group members. We are also planning our 4<sup>th</sup> annual campout at the Air Foundation, July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> and all are welcome to attend. We want it to be a family friendly event. Flyers will be out soon.

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

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

**Budget Request:**

- \$840 Activities **Approved!!!!!!!!!!**
- \$37 ADHOC service event last month budget request wasn't enough. **Approved.**



## **Old Business:**

- MERCNA Bid:

### **May Update:**

John W. spoke with Shanty Creek and got a quote from them. Shanty Creek is eager to work with us again. Sally is taking all of the information to Region in June to submit the bid for our area. **(Ongoing)**

- Region meeting

Rob and Zach were going to do some research places to stay or camp for the local Region meeting in August. Rob checked with Crystal to see if they have a conference room, and they do for \$300.00. Taberfey does not have a conference room.

### **May Update:**

Some Region people will want to camp. Crystal Mountain needs 2 night minimum for room rental so that doesn't work. Region is looking into other options still.

**(Ongoing)**

- Literature

Guidelines are being worked on, they are working on an inventory and guidelines. Jen will put it in her report. Area would then approve those guidelines.

Zach asked if there would be something in the guidelines to prevent the same group asking for handouts over and over? Jen said she is trying to figure out how to word it in the guidelines.

Ordering with the MSO, Jen still needs to investigate this. tabling this again

**(TABLED until June)**

## **New Business:**

- Next area is on Fathers day Moving Area Meeting to 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm Literature would be meeting at 3pm
- Casey D was nominated to be the Co-Treasure. She will decide if she will have the willingness to be new Co-Treasurer **(tabled to June Area Meeting)**
- It was suggested to have a contact list with positions so it is easier to contact Area committee holders as well as GSR's. I will create a new contact list with all the service committees contact info as GSR, Treasure and then below will be just general contact information
- From Adhoc service workshop event:

- I. Recommend PR Fellowship Development Coordinator expand and define responsibilities in guidelines to reach out to isolated or non-active groups to foster unity and ask for groups concerns and needs.
- I. Bring Zoom meeting to Area. Hybrid @ same time we meet in person. Rotate Area to foster more unity.
- Area decided to bring discussion of these items to PR to talk about with fellowship development. Sally will look into possible cost of equipment needed to make hybrid a reality. GSRS: Bring the discussion of offering hybrid area meetings back to your group- what are their thoughts? Do they like it? Don't? Pros or cons?
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- Area decided we will add recommendations each month into new business for discussion. Questions for June will be:
  - 5) How fully does the area service committee train and support members who serve on the area service committee?
    - I. Conduct Area workshops
    - II. Create new Adhoc Committee to create more comprehensive guidelines
    - III. Create a mentoring plan
    - IV. Encourage Co-Positions
    - V. Post Open positions on Area Web site and include in minutes monthly
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  - 1) How well does the area communicate with local groups?
    - II. Possibly put a list of questions and make a list of contact persons
  - 2) How well does the area respond to the needs of local groups
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  - II. Prepare Agenda to email to GSRs for each area with detailed known business that will be discussed. Send prior to their Business Meetings
  - 5) How fully does the area service committee train and support members who serve on the area service committee?
    - I. Conduct Area workshops
    - II. Create new Adhoc Committee to create more comprehensive guidelines
    - III. Create a mentoring plan
    - IV. Encourage Co-Positions
    - V. Post Open positions on Area Web site and include in minutes monthly
  - 7) How completely does the area provide opportunities for communication about committee concerns to the local members and groups?
    - I. Continue to post subcommittee minutes and post or send area minutes out earlier.
    - 10) What is the area's experience with trusted servants?
      - I. Conduct more workshops
      - II. Mentoring and teaching new members
      - III. Foster Unity by having questions and answer session or list of topics we cover before area meeting

- 11) How well has the area fostered the willingness of the local fellowship to volunteer for service positions?
- I. Have a bring your sponsee or new member to area day.
- II. Have activities along with expand fellowship development tools to reach isolated groups.
- III. Gather contact list possibly require a contact person or persons for each group on area meeting list.- being worked on by Zach/Katy
- IV. Have area activities outside of Traverse City a minimum of 2 times per year. (i.e. Canoe trips, camping, dances with speakers from local area, Regional workshops or service symposiums.

**List of Events in our area:**

- June 15<sup>th</sup> 3pm Boardman picknick at East Bay Township Park
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> Newcomer event

**Subjects to take to the groups:**

- Would groups be ok with Area purchasing equipment for Zoom meetings to promote unity for outlying groups?
- Reminder, if you are outlying areas, you may be entitled to some gas reimbursement if your home group is unable to.

**Next Meeting:** June 23<sup>rd</sup> 4pm, 2024

**Close**

Thank you for letting me serve,

Christina R. Area Secretary