

## **July Area Service Committee**

July 21st, 2024 4pm

Next Area Meeting: August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Moment of Silence: Yes

Serenity Prayer: Yes

12 Traditions: Eric O.

12 Concepts: Chris W.

Service Prayer: Yes

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

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

Minutes approved: Yes

**Attendees:** Katy G, Jen S, Tim C, Melissa W, Chris W, Rob C, Zach W, Hannah B, Travis D, Jared G, Don, Bob W, Megan S, Melissa W, Christina R, Eric O, Don R

### **Trusted Servant Reports:**

#### **Secretary Report:**

Hi family,

I have emailed June's minutes, and they were uploaded onto our website. I have not completed the contact list idea from May. Thank you again Jen S for taking Secretary notes for me last month. I will be reaching out for some help on creating a contact list as I am not very good with creating list in excel. I will create this after August Elections.

Update: I have completed an amendment for the treasury report after receiving updated information from the treasurer.

Thank you for letting me serve,

- Christina R

#### **Treasure Report:**

Area Account:

Starting Balance: \$1,350.30

Income: Groups: \$196.00

Income: Transfer: \$93.13

Boardman Group: \$110.00  
Just For Today (Irons): \$25.00  
Lost Dreams Awaken (Brethren): \$15.00  
Living Free (Kaleva): \$4.00  
Never Alone: \$10.00  
Rise & Recover \$9.00  
Women in Recovery +: \$23.00  
Expenses: \$ 615.00  
Rent: Faith Reformed: \$115.00- Check #1547  
Bata: \$300.00- Check #1548  
MRCNA Basket: (Katy G.): \$200.00- Check# 1546  
New Balance: \$1,024.43  
Prudent Reserve: \$200.63  
For Calculation Purposes only see Bank Statement Reconciliation Form:  
Outstanding Checks: \$319.56  
Check #1531: Jim: \$19.56  
Check#1548: Bata: \$300.00

#### Activities Committee

Starting Balance: \$0  
Income: \$493.13  
Expenses: \$93.13  
New Balance: \$400.00

#### Retreat Committee

Starting Balance: \$2,494.85  
Income: \$617.00  
Expenses: \$2,986.98  
Security Sanitation: \$250.00- Check#1544  
Melissa W: \$143.98- Check#1545  
Threads Custom Gear: \$2,593- Check#1549  
New Balance: \$124.87

#### Literature Committee

Starting Balance: \$456.89  
Income: \$400  
Income From Transfer: \$0  
Expenses: \$0  
New Balance: \$856.89

Thank you for letting me be of service

Hannah B.

### **RCM Report:**

Hello everyone, here is the report for June.

#### Treasure summary

April our total income was \$1,040.08 and our expenses were \$1,891.91.

For the month of May our income was \$629.03, and our expenses were \$111.88 Our total available balance is \$4,130.42

#### RD/RDA Summary

World Service Conference Participants – World Board members and regional and zonal delegates – meet virtually six times a year for the purpose of planning for the World Service Conference in 2026. On May 18, we received a presentation from the Human Resources Panel

(HRP).

The HRP is tasked with identifying members who apply the principles of our program, leadership qualities, and ability to perform the tasks relevant to the specific service position for nomination at the WSC: WSC Cofacilitator, Human Resource Panel member, and World Board member.

The HRP does not directly participate in Fellowship Development. They rely on the regional service committees, zonal forums, and the World Board to develop and recommend potential candidates for consideration for nomination at the World Service Conference through the “RBZ” (Region, World Board, Zonal Forum) process.

#### RBZ Questions

- How have you shown consistency and follow-through in service?
- What challenges do you have when functioning as part of a team?
- What do you do to prepare for a service meeting?
- What do you know about the position you are interested in?
- What experience or knowledge do you have regarding NA World Services?
- Why should we recommend you for this role?

If this service body wants to make a recommendation for these positions at WSC 2026, our delegates can make a submission between October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. More information on the HRP and the RBZ process can be found at [na.org/conference](http://na.org/conference).

#### MRCNA Summary

MRCNA is coming soon! Less than a month away!

Programming gave out an exciting Easter egg about their speaker line up. Every workshop will have one speaker from our region and one from metro Detroit. Super exciting way to unify the regions in our state! I know they also have some other fresh fun things on deck, it'll be a great convention.

Programming is asking for book donations for the Saturday night festivities. They'll be getting new books as well if need but this is a fun way for some newcomers to get a book that their predecessors have had which is an honor to some of us members when we're new. There's a flyer that'll be dispersed here.

Things brought back from region  
Northwest area is hosting MRCNA 40 & 41  
Region has 3 open positions.

- a. Co-Facilitator
- b. Co-Secretary
- c. Co-Treasurer

Thank you for letting us serve Rob C & Zach W

## **Sub-Committee Reports:**

### **Activities:** Jared G

Nothing to report for this month. No activities since last meeting. Looking forward to elections

### **Literature:**

Attendance: 2  
No open positions

Previous Balance \$648.39  
Expenses \$0  
Income \$426.00  
Total \$1074.39

Orders must be requested by 3:45pm or they will be filled after the Area Meeting ends.  
Text, Facebook Message, email or in person request accepted.

- Jen S.

### **Public Relations:**

Hey addict named Katy

I am happy and sad to report that this might be my last area as public relations subcommittee chair! I'm looking to get involved in MRCNA and those elections are on the same day. I will make sure to send a proxy if I go.

Thank you all for allowing me to learn and serve the area and fellowship. You have been so patient and kind. I will continue to go to the Public Relations meeting for a month or two to help the transition in whoever has the willingness to chair moving forward. There is no co-chair so I can't recommend someone for the position.

Last month we only had three attendees to our meeting, so we simply read our reports and ended early.

I want to mention that come September, Public Relations elections will be held on the 1st Sunday in September. Due to Labor Day weekend and the World Conference - should I propose moving that month now to get better attendance? All positions will be open and not to sound biased, but they are some very important positions!!

I will confirm the day and time we can bring the Little Library to the Jubilee House upon completion (typing this before area so it might be done when I get there)  
What an exciting time of the year for the Northwestern Michigan Area!!

In Loving Service  
Katy G

**Retreat:**

Retreat is only 2 weeks away and I know everyone is getting excited. We did get all our merchandise and are already selling it. We decided to do this because the merchandise cost \$2,593 leaving us only \$124.87. Since food at the retreat is really all we need to buy and is generally about \$500, we will use some merch sales before the retreat to purchase that.

This year we will have a dessert contest at the BBQ Saturday night that will be judged, and we have a cool prize! There are flyers here to take back to your groups.

We will have our last retreat meeting next Sunday at 2pm. Anyone is welcome to attend, we can use the help.

- Melissa W.

**Group Reports:**

**Group:** Anonymous

GSR: Chris W,

Average attendance: 23

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions: No

How is the group going? It's going great. Working through the traditions

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

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

**Group:** Boardman Group

GSR: Don

Average attendance: 40-50

Donation to Area: \$70

Any open positions? Co-GSR

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:** Clean in the Country and Stepping in the Dunes

GSR: Carol C. and Don C.

Average attendance: 6/2

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions?

How is the group going? Benzie is thriving, Empire is just attended by Carol and I. We noticed the Empire group is not on the current meeting list but is on the website

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: 8

Donation to Area: \$50

Any open positions? Most are open

How is the group going? Going well, could use support. Attendance is down. The group will not be meeting on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and suggest people go to 5/0 at 6pm or Pats RV for NWACNA. We would like this put on the website.

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: 12

Donation to Area: \$10

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Good

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: Approved Lit

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

**Group:** Living Free Group

GSR: Bob W.

Average attendance: 5-7

Donation to Area: \$8

Any open positions? All

How is the group going? The group is growing. The group is working toward uniting all the local groups

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: Zoom is available at community recovery center outreach in Kalva Mi. Also had questions on the 10%

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

**Group:** Lost Dreams Awakening

GSR: Bob W.

Average attendance: 8-10

Donation to Area: \$10

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Good, we changed to a Basic Text meeting

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: We agree to approve the literature guideline but we want to know how the 10% will be handled, and can we work it into the price list?

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

**Group:** Never Alone Group

GSR: Adam N (Jen S. Proxy)

Average attendance: 6

Donation to Area: \$10

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Good

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: The group approves the proposed literature guidelines.

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

**Group:** New Freedom

GSR: Eric O

Average attendance: 12-15

Donation to Area: \$150

Any open positions? GSR

How is the group going? Very good

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: \$54

Any open positions? Not sure

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: Jared Proxy for Travis D

Average attendance: 20

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Co-GSR

How is the group going? Great

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group:

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

**Group:** Women in Recovery + Group

GSR: Melissa W.

Average attendance: 12

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Char person for 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
How is the group going? Good  
Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None  
Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

### **Budget Request:**

- \$150 RCM \$50 check to Jordan Ellen's and \$100 To Zach or Rob for refreshments. (Approved)
- \$11 Phone list for treatment facility (Approved)

### **Old Business:**

- MERCNA elections are held on August 18th
- Literature guidelines- Jen S distributed these to GSR's to take to their home groups for approval. **JULY AREA these guidelines are approved!!!!**
- MSO (**TABLED until August**). **Jen said there was not an order. For August Jen is going to order from World and then pretend to do an order with the MSO to present a price difference in August.**
- Web Servant moving to Area. PR will table this until August. Tim asked why Area could not just decide to move the web servant. There were conversations regarding the duties of the web servant and if they were to add the schedule coordinator in the mix. So, this will continue to be tabled until August.
- Area in Manistee is tabled for when AREA can meet another month.
- Zoom at Area. Sally was looking into the technology and what the cost would look like. Sally said that someone was willing to donate a laptop. The actual machine we would use for Zoom is about \$1,000 brand new but Sally said we can find one that is used, and it would be cheaper. It is called "The Owl" If anyone sees a used one let Sally know and she can pick it up. Sally stated we should be able to get a used one between \$200-\$400. Since groups asked for clarification, take back to groups that we are still discussing Zoom.

### **New Business:**

- Tim has a check that was made to Area that was donated from Pete's settlement of \$15,000. Area looked this up and found guidance in the Guiding Principles, Tradition Seven "Members must make bequest arrangements as part of their own estate



planning; we cannot accept memorial contributions by non-addict friends or family members; no matter how well intended they may be. Pete's family will be notified, Jen is working on a letter from Area to his family thanking them but letting them know we will be returning the check.

**Subjects to take to the groups:**

- **JFTBTB will be closed August 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **New Attitudes picnic on August 17th**
- **Our area will be hosting MRCNA 40-41. Sally S. and John W. are asking fellows from this Area to travel to Ann Arbor for the planning meeting/elections to get involved so we have people in positions when it comes up here.**
- **Literature Guidelines. Please review at home groups and let us know at the next Area**
- **See flyers for upcoming events**
- **Zoom cost for Area \$200-\$400 for Owl for Zoom. Someone donated a laptop to Area to use. Inform your group of this and get a vote if your group is in favor of this or not.**
- **Area elections are in August, please show up and show support. We will be having a potluck.**

**Next Meeting:** August 18t fat 4pm

**Close**

Thank you for letting me serve,

Christina R. Area Secretary