

August Area Service Committee

August 18th, 2024 4pm

Next Area Meeting: September 15th, 2024

Moment of Silence: Yes

Serenity Prayer: Yes

12 Traditions: Kieffer B.

12 Concepts: Grey C.

Service Prayer: Daniele S.

New Groups?

Open Positions: All

Minutes approved: Yes

Attendees: Rob C, Melissa W, Kieffer B, Danielle S, Dean A, Jared G, Tim C, Jennie M, Bob W, Jim C., Ezra F, Jen S, Adam N, Zach W, Jennifer V, Megan S, Travis D, Hannah B, Mike B, Lanae B, Kristin P, Emalyn R, Katy G, Christina R

Trusted Servant Reports:

Secretary Report:

Hi family,

I have emailed July minutes, and they were uploaded onto our website.

Update: I have completed an amendment for the treasury report after receiving updated information from the treasurer and this was uploaded to the website.

Regarding the updated contact list that was suggested back in May, I will leave this to the new secretary. I would be more than willing to help when the new secretary takes over along with any training if needed.

I will, unfortunately not be joining the Area Service Committee for the time being due to ongoing health issues, I need to take time to focus on that. I am so grateful I was able to serve this last year and look forward to joining again when I can.

Thank you for letting me serve,

- Christina R

Treasure Report:

Hello Area!

Bata check got ruined in the mail, so I had to rewrite a new check, #1555. When doing the numbers for this month I ran into a discrepancy of \$1, the bank account shows a deposit of \$361 for the Area account but my numbers show \$362, for this I'm sorry. I don't know what happened, I always count the money twice and check the donations as they come in.

Area Account

Starting Balance: \$1,024.43

Income: Groups: \$362- According to the bank \$361

Income: Transfer: \$ 0

Boardman Group: \$70

Just for Today By The Bay: \$50

Lost Dreams Awaken (Brethren): \$10

Living Free (Kaleva): \$8

Never Alone: \$10

New Freedom: \$150

Recovery @ 5/0: \$50

Expenses: \$276

Rent: Faith Reformed Church \$115: Check #1553

The Copy Shop: \$11: Check#1550

RCM: Zach W. \$100.00: Check#1552

Region Meeting Space: Jordin Ellen \$50: Check #1551

New Balance: \$1,109.43

Prudent Reserve: \$200.65

For Calculation Purposes only see Bank Statement Reconciliation Form:

Outstanding Checks: \$50

Check#1551: Jordin Ellen: \$50- Space for Region

Activities Subcommittee

Starting Balance: \$400

Expenses: \$0

Ending Balance: \$400

Retreat Subcommittee

Starting Balance: \$124.87

Income Total: \$4,513.50

Income Cash: \$2,819.50

Income Venmo: \$1,694

Expenses: \$121.10- The Copy Shop: Check #1556

New Balance: \$4,517.27

Literature Subcommittee

Starting Balance: \$856.89

Income: \$426.00

Expenses: \$570.09

New Balances: \$712.80

Today is the election and I think it's important to express the gratitude I have for Narcotics Anonymous, and how much I have learned while fulfilling this position. I was the elected co-treasurer for one year, and then the elected treasurer for this Area body for two years. I fulfilled the Treasurer position after the sudden, and tragic death of our previous Treasurer and beloved member Pete. I believe in rotation of service and would like to be able to get experience in other forms of service.

I understand that the Area body doesn't have anyone fulfilling the Co-Treasurer Position. I don't know how the Area Elections will turn out today, but I would like to spread my wings and fly to other Areas of Service.

I love you all and thank you for letting me be of service

Hannah B.

RCM Report:

Hello family, Region was held in our area last month and went great. Thank you to those that came.

Treasurer

For the month of June our income was \$0 dollars, and our expenses were \$1,091.10. For the month of July our income was \$69, and our total expenses were \$1,252.84.

Our available balance is \$2,272.40. With that being said if you can go back to your areas and stress that region needs donations to continue with business.

RD

13,810 NA members have registered for the World Convention (WCNA 38). If you are attending WCNA, you are encouraged to sign up to volunteer for one or more convention service opportunities.

The 2023 Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, has been posted at www.na.org/ar. During that period, \$738,826 of free and subsidized literature was distributed to NA communities and members in institutions. NA literature is now available in 101 languages. Members are welcomed to NA with key tags in 65 languages, and the Basic Text in 39

languages offer addicts the opportunity for a new way of life. NA literature is translated by local literature translation committees made up of committed members who are native speakers, while NAWS coordinates professional services and publishes translated

materials. Over 13 million Basic Texts have been distributed since 1983, as well as 3 million each of Just for Today (1991), It Works: How and Why (1993), and the Step Working Guides (1998). Literature sales accounted for \$ 9.7 million of NA World Services income last year (excluding Iran), while members and service committees contributed \$2.0 million.

The Interim Conference Agenda Report / Conference Approval Track (CAR/CAT) is scheduled to be released on November 24 of this year.

MRCNA

MRCNA 38 final reports and MRCNA 39 elections will be held on August 18, 2024, at 12pm. The location where they will be held is Ann Arbor District Library, Muskrat Room, 2359 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Anyone is welcome to attend and participate.

Brought back to Area

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

MRSCNA is proposing that we change the mileage reimbursement rate from the IRS standard of .65 per mile, back to .40 per mile. We came to this proposal based on members stating that .65 per mile seemed like too much, however the non-profit rate of .16 per mile seemed like too little.

In the RCM report form there is a question that states the following: How much 7th Tradition money was collected in your area since your last report? We have added additional information to this question in order to clarify its purpose. This number is used only to get an approximate total for the entire region that is reported at the WSC as part of region/zone totals. This amount is not used at region.

Donations have not been made to the WSC yet in order to maintain our prudent reserve.

Next region meeting will be October 6th on zoom!

Thank you for letting us serve Rob C and Zach W.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Activities:

Labor Day coming up. Flyers have been handed up and we will be requesting \$250 for Labor Day. I will not be taking on the Activities Committee at elections. Thank you for letting me serve,
Jared G.

Literature:

Donated 1 welcome kit to a new group area needs to transfer \$33.96 for the materials.

Retreat owes Lit \$29.26 for Lit given away at the event.

Starting: \$1074.39

Expenses \$570.09

Income \$801.72

New Balance \$1,306.02

We will be meeting this month to complete our annual inventory.

- 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 in order 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:

This year's NWACNA retreat was a huge success. There were about 100 people, and we all had a lot of fun in recovery. Pats RV Park was happy to have us there and provided a covered tend area and set up a water park for us. There were a lot of great speakers, and all the recordings are available for free.

Financially, our ending balance is \$4,517.27. I need to request \$29.26 to go to Literature for books given away which leaves \$4,488.01. \$2,000 of that gets earmarked for next year so that makes an area donation of \$2,488.01.

Pats RV Park said that its ok to simply roll our \$500 deposit forward to hold next year's retreat there. We have reserved August 1st through 3rd at this point, but we will discuss at the retreat meeting next Sunday. We have set aside 33 sites (rather than the 25 we had this year) and prices will be the same. Jennifer V. is the co0chair and is willing to be chair next year. Thank you for letting me serve the fellowship.

-Melissa W.

Group Reports:

Group: Anonymous

GSR: Mike B.

Average attendance: 30

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions: Not all filled

How is the group going? We moved to Jacobs Well officially starting Labor Day.

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

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

Group: Boardman Group

GSR: Dean

Average attendance: 40+

Donation to Area: \$55

Any open positions: Alt GSR

How is the group going? Fantastic

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.

Average attendance: 7

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? No

How is the group going? Getting some people who drive all the way from Manistee, and we love and appreciate them.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: Equipment for Zoom: Probably a good investment if used a lot, to buy new equipment with a clean warranty, we would all like to spend the least but we are very ok and will all vote for new.

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

Group: Just For Today By The Bay

GSR: Tim C.

Average attendance: 8+2 Zoom

Donation to Area: \$50

Any open positions? Most are open

How is the group going? Attendance has been down lately, need some help to keep this meeting going.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: Yes to Area on Zoom, being prudent with the cost.

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

Group: Just For Today Irons

GSR: Bob W.

Average attendance: 8

Donation to Area: \$20

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Good, growing in numbers

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: Votes yes to new Zoom equipment.

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

Group: Living Free Group

GSR: Bob W. and Jennifer

Average attendance: 4

Donation to Area: \$4

Any open positions? All

How is the group going? The group is working toward unity Manistee County group by attempting to best attendance at each meeting.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group:

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 voted yes, unsure about used or new.

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: Would like a small banner for info-NA dor display case at church center.

Group: Living in Harmony

GSR: Dean

Average attendance: 3-6

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? All

How is the group going? Still need support but doing great otherwise.

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

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

Group: Lost Dreams Awaken

GSR: Bob W.

Average attendance: 6-8

Donation to Area: \$10

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Good, group is growing

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: Vote for used equipment for Zoom.

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

Group: Never Alone

GSR: Adam N.

Average attendance: 6-7

Donation to Area: \$5

Any open positions? GSR

How is the group going? Fine I guess.

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

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

Group: New Attitudes-Manistee

GSR: Jim C and Ezra F.

Average attendance: 8

Donation to Area: \$20

Any open positions? No

How is the group going? Group is doing well. We enjoyed our Annual Picnic and Bo Fire. We loved the support we received. We estimated 20-25 enjoyed the recovery atmosphere.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: Voted yes for Zoom and decided on used Zoom equipment.

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: We are wanting and willing to host September or October Area.

Group: Rise and Recover

GSR: Lanae B.

Average attendance: 13.5

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Not sure

How is the group going? Good

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: We are on board for the equipment for Zoom. We ask area to be frugal with purchasing this equipment.

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

Group: Rock'n Recovery

GSR: Jared Proxy for Christina

Average attendance: 15

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Co-GSR

How is the group going? Good, attendance has been lower this summer but that is ok. For our 5th Wednesday potluck/speaker meetings, we decided to just have potlucks for the time being.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: We are wondering if there really is a need for spending money on more equipment for having Area on Zoom.

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

Group: Recovery at 5/0

GSR: Casey D and Kieffer B

Average attendance: 10

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Co-Chair positions, Friday 6pm Chair

How is the group going? Good, we just filled all our group positions at elections. Feeling excited and unified. We would like to remind the Fellowship that we have 6 meetings a week, children are welcome in the heart of Traverse City. We have lots of service opportunities and we celebrate each other with cake and love. Come check us out.

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

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: We have interest in hosting the HG challenge if Activities doesn't. We were looking at September 21st.

Group: Stepping in the Dunes

GSR: Don C.

Average attendance: 2

Donation to Area: none

Any open positions? 2

How is the group going? Only Carol and I show up for the meeting

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: We give the ok for buying new equipment for internet meeting access.

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? None

How is the group going? We are celebrating the groups 25th year anniversary on September 15th from 12-3 at Jacobs Well. Everyone is welcome to attend. We have provided flyers for the GSR's to take to their groups.

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

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

Budget Request:

Activities- \$250 for Labor Day (Does not require approval)

PR- \$300 for bus stop signs for 3 months, this will be October through December
(Approved)

PR- \$149.60 for 10 Basic Text

Old Business:

- MSO ordering topic: MSO charges tax so it ends up being more than what we get from World. We will keep ordering from World, this is all set and no longer old business!!!
- Web Servant moving to Area instead of having it in PR. Web Servant will move to Area. The new secretary will be the one to add this and the requirements to our guidelines and Area will vote on it.
- 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. **(TABLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER)**

New Business:

- RCM IRS mileage rate. Instead of matching the IRS rate, they want to change it again to \$.40 cents a mile. **(TABLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER)**
- Manistee group would like to host Area Meeting either in September or October. Voted to have Area in Manistee on October 20th. This will be the normal time at 4pm. Jen proposed Literature being hosted in Jacobs Well on October 19th at 3pm
- Kaleva would like to have a banner or poster with NA. PR will be giving this group an NA poster.
- Update new signatures for accounts once new positions are filled.

Elections:

- Facilitator: Casey D
- Co-facilitator: Kiefer

- Secretary: Kristin P.
- Co-secretary: Holly
- Treasurer: **Open**
- Co-treasurer: **Open**
- RCM: Rob C.
- Co-RCM: Katy G.
- Activities Chair: **Open**
- Public Relations Chair: Megan S.
- Retreat Chair: Jen V.
- Literature: Jen S.

Subjects to take to the groups:

- Area for October 20th will be held in Manistee at 4pm.
- Literature will be taking literature orders on Saturday, October 19th at 3pm.
- Saturday meeting will be held at 5/0 starting after Labor Day
- Treasurer and co-treasurer at Area is open, please come to Area next month if you have the willingness.
- Activities Chair is open, please come to Area next month if you have the willingness.

Next Meeting: September 15th, 2024

Close

Thank you for letting me serve,

Christina R. Area Secretary