

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
4:00 p.m., Jacob's Well

## **August Area Service Committee** (Elections)

Next Area Meeting: September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 4:00 pm at Jacob's Well

Moment of Silence: Yes

Serenity Prayer: Yes

12 Traditions: Dave M.

12 Concepts: Tim C.

Service Prayer: Holly

Welcome anyone new to Area: Simon

Welcome New Groups: none

Welcome New GSR's: none

Any Questions from new GSR's or others: none

**New Groups:** None

**Open Positions:** All

Minutes approved: Yes

**Attendees:** (See attendance sheet)

**Attendees via Zoom:** 0

**Trusted Servant Reports:**

**Secretary Report:**

July meeting minutes were emailed and approved. I am sorry for the delay emailing the minutes. This meeting will be my last meeting serving on the service body. Thank you for letting me serve!  
Kristin P.

**Treasurer Report:**

Hi. I'm an addict named Jen. This was a busy month. I have ordered checks for the Area. The cost for these was \$27.45. That amount was debited directly from our checking account at the time of the order.

When I put the deposits from July together to take to the Credit Union, there was a lot of loose change. When I got home, I found a quarter on the floor. You will see from today's report and attachments, that the bank shows \$0.20 less than what we do. I believe this is due to the quarter on the floor. I am providing a quarter today to the Area.

I have transferred money from the Venmo account to the Area checking account. This is a task that should have been done by the sub-committee in charge of the Venmo account. There was co-mingled money in there between Activities and Retreat and somehow this became my responsibility to sort out despite numerous reminders to both sub-committees that there was money in there to deal with and the fact that both committees have Treasurers. My suggestion for the future is that Retreat does not allow other sub-committees to use the Venmo account **OR** if they do to ensure that the funds are transferred and accounted for immediately. There was a total of \$1,416.50 transferred from Venmo to Area. \$60.00 of this was Activities' money and \$1356.50 was Retreat's money. This has been reported to the sub-committees.

I was recently made aware that Activities has cash to turn in from past events. That should be turned in ASAP.

Danielle S. has provided me with the receipts for the items she bought for the MRCNA basket. \$150 was given to her via check on May 18, 2025. She has provided receipts for \$100.73 worth of items. She also reports that she bought a Living Clean and a Just for Today from her homegroup to include in the basket. The total of those two books is \$22.30, but there were no receipts provided for the literature. The total accounted for between the receipts and the literature bought at her homegroup is \$123.03. This comes out to \$26.67 that should be returned to the Area account or that we need receipts for.

Today, I purchased more stamps for the incoming Treasurer to use throughout the year. The cost of the stamps was \$15.60. I also purchased the donuts and coffee for the MRCNA meeting. At the July Area meeting, it was approved for me to spend \$75.00 for the MRCNA items. I am attaching receipts totaling \$77.09. I am requesting reimbursement today for \$90.60 (\$75 + \$15.60).

I have created a Treasurer folder on the Area's Google drive that contains instructions on the steps to be taken for the Treasurer position each month, templates for the forms the Treasurer uses, important due dates for our recurring expenses, and important addresses.

#### **Area Account**

<b><u>Starting Balance:</u></b>	<b>\$925.85</b>
<b><u>Income (Groups):</u></b>	<b>\$388.76</b>
<b><u>Income (Transfer):</u></b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Boardman	\$190.00
Just for Today (Irons)	\$5.00
Lean on Me (Cadillac)	\$25.00
Lost Dreams Awaken	\$5.00
Never Alone	\$5.00

New Attitudes Manistee	\$40.00
New Freedom (Cadillac)	\$100.00
NuWay	\$5.00
PR Speaker Meeting	\$13.76
<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>	<b>(\$661.96)</b>
Rent: Faith Reformed Church (Ck #1634)	(\$115.00)
Region Donation (Ck #1639)	(\$200.00)
Casey D.: Food for Area Elections (Ck #1640)	(\$150.00)
Checks for Area	(\$27.45)
Transfer to Lit for PR	(\$169.51)
<b><u>New Balance:</u></b>	<b>\$652.65</b>
Prudent Reserve	\$200.76

**For Calculation Purposes Only See Bank Statement Reconciliation Form**

<b><u>Outstanding Checks:</u></b>	\$401.12
1637: MRSCNA Donation	\$200.00
1640: Casey D. - Food for Area Elections	\$150.00
1643: Melissa W. - Laminator for Retreat	\$32.12
1644: The Copy Shop - Retreat	\$19.00

### **Activities Subcommittee**

Starting Balance:	\$200.00
Income:	\$60.00
Expenses:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$260.00

### **Retreat Subcommittee**

Starting Balance:	\$1,195.58
Income Total:	\$4,569.96
~Income Cash/Check:	\$2,171.00
~Income Venmo	\$1,356.50
~Income Voided Checks (1630 & 1632)	\$1,042.46
Expenses:	(\$1,821.24)
Ck #1635 to Threads	(\$902.20)
Ck #1636 to The Copy Shop	(\$129.45)
Ck #1642 to Dave T.	(\$738.47)
Ck #1643 to Melissa W.	(\$32.12)
Ck #1644 to The Copy Shop	(\$19.00)
Ending Balance:	\$3,944.30

### **Literature Subcommittee**

Starting Balance:	\$864.11
Income Total:	\$1,067.19
~Income Cash/Check:	\$897.68
~Income Transfer:	\$169.51
Expenses:	(\$795.70)
Ck #1641 - WSO	(\$795.70)
Ending Balance:	\$1,135.60

### **RCM Report:**

Michigan Regional Service Committee of  
NA (MRSCNA)

## Regional Minutes – August 2025

### Treasurer's Report – Jeff C.

#### Financial Summary:

- June 2025: Income \$738.11 | Expenses \$1,160.12
- July 2025: Income \$470.57 | Expenses \$548.26
- Available Balance: \$10,972.41

Jeff and Casey are reviewing archives for old 990EX forms. Copies of 990EZ from last year are available. They will upload these and other tax documents to the Drive.

LARA filing (for nonprofit/501(c)(3)) is renewed each October; completed last year and will be done again this year.

Treasurer spreadsheet, donation/expense tracking, and June/July bank statements are available on the Drive.

### Regional Delegate Report – Bob J. & Sally S. (AD)

#### World Service Conference (WSC):

- 90% of delegates plan to attend 2026 in person (contingent on visas).
- Costs: \$3,000 per delegate (room \$189/night, meals \$70/day, mileage reimbursement).
- Discussion underway whether both RD & AD should attend (approx. \$6,000 total).

World Convention: Possible return in 2028; may move to five-year rotation.

Leadership: NAWS Executive Director Anthony Edmondson retiring Dec. 2025; Becky Meyer appointed with 5-year contract.

Conclusion: Discussion about sending both RD & AD to WSC tabled for Area input.

#### MRCNA 39 Report – Brett W. (Chair) & Joani B. (Co-Chair)

#### Highlights & Challenges:

- Unexpected hotel issues (sound & chairs). Committee resolved:

- Sound rental reduced from \$4,000+ to \$570 (later refunded).
- Chairs provided at no cost after contract review.
- Saved approx. \$5,000 through prudence and persistence.

#### Cost-Saving Measures:

- Only 100 printed programs; majority accessed via QR code.
- Merchandise nearly sold out; Serenity Guides and Huggers successful.
- Banquet well attended; entertainment events financially solvent.

#### Financials:

- 758 registrations
- \$973 newcomer donations
- \$7,670 banquet/entertainment add-ons
- Early Bird (MRCNA 40): 74 registrations (\$1,850), \$95 newcomer donations
- Anticipated donation to Region: \$15,000+
- Additional \$1,700 refund secured from hotel billing errors.

#### Program Notes:

- Newcomers read at main meeting; meetings moved to evenings.
- Speakers, workshops, and traditions received positively.

#### Recommendations:

- Greater oversight on hotel contracts (reviewed by experienced members).
- Flexibility to move off holiday weekends for better hotel deals.

Web Servant Report – Patti K.

Thanked Northwest Area for hosting NWACNA.

Created websites for Huron County and Northern Mid-Michigan Areas; awaiting publication.

BMLT updated temporarily until meetings are confirmed.

Zoom call planned with new Areas to finalize web updates.

Current audio/visual for hybrid meetings is insufficient; Owl purchase discussed under New Business.

Public Relations Report

NAWS Updates: New PR IPs available (Resources in Community, Info About NA).

Corrections & H&I:

- Michigan Jails adopting tablets; NA literature accessible via Endovo/Cypherworx.

- Muskegon Area restarted H&I at MDOC Prison (thanks Dave!).

- Saginaw Valley State Prison requesting H&I; local area working to launch.

Professional Events:

- Michigan DHS/CMH Conference – Sept 7–9, Traverse City. Attendance ~1,000. NA invited to staff booth (\$450 + literature) and hold an NA meeting.

- MDOC requested quote for \$40–50k worth of NA books for prisons/probation offices statewide; forwarded to MSO.

Michigan Service Office (MSO)

Vacant.

Old Business

Elections:

- Co-Facilitator: Jim C. elected.

- MSO Rep: Open.

Standing Rules: To be reviewed/amended every February.

MRCNA Guideline Revisions: Withdrawn due to lack of consensus.

Workshops Approved:

- CAR Workshop – Jan 31, 2026

- CAR/CAT Workshop – Apr 11, 2026

Minutes Posting: Only approved minutes will be posted online.

MRCNA Credit Card: Cancelled, never used.

Memorandum of Financial Responsibility: Signed by all present Trusted Servants.

New Business

1. Financial Records:

- RD requested access to Form 990s, Annual Report, Sales Tax returns, and related correspondence.

- Co-Treasurer committed to resolving before October 2025 Regional meeting.

- Treasurer's duties will be updated in February 2026 guidelines to clarify filing responsibilities.

2. Website & BMLT Updates:

- Web Servant to update Michigan BMLT & site to include new Areas (Huron County & Northern Mid-Michigan).

3. Hybrid Meeting Equipment:

- Proposal to purchase refurbished Owl device (<\$500).

- Consensus reached to purchase. Web Servant will sell current equipment on FB Marketplace to offset expense.

Closing

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 PM

RCM Reminders

- MSO Representative position remains open.
- Review duties/responsibilities in revised guidelines here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QZivSSqw-l8eDBmeRA4iFNE3nd4W1mvz/view?usp=sharing>

### **Web Servant Report:**

Did not receive the web servant report for August

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

#### **Activities:**

Labor Day Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup> starts at 2 pm. I have \$218 dollars from Memorial Day. We would like to use it for Labor Day. Cornhole tournament. Pie in the face fundraiser.

Josh O.

#### **Literature:**

July Ending Balance: \$864.11

July Income: \$1,067.19 (\$269.28 check from ATS; \$628.40 Cash; \$169.51 transfer from Area for PR)

July Expenses: \$795.70

Ending Balance: \$1,135.60

August Income: \$810.00

Paypal: \$51.97

Ending Balance: \$1,997.57

The Literature Committee completed its annual inventory on August 11, 2025. We have attached a copy of the inventory to this report. We have \$3,300.12 on hand as of August 11, 2025 in books, coins, keytags, etc.

The template and past inventories have been added to the Google Drive.  
We donated \$49.60 in Basic Texts, we also donated \$74.85 to Retreat.

Free Audio of NA Basic Text now available with QR code.

### **Public Relations:**

Did not receive the Public Relations report for August.

### **Retreat:**

The Retreat went really well. The house games were a big hit. We sold out of almost all merch, which was wonderful. We have confirmed a date of July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 for next years retreat at Pat's RV park. Next Sunday, which is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday we will have retreat elections. Come join us on the retreat committee. We have a great group of us and would love some more of you wonderful people to join us.

Starting balance: \$1195.58  
Income: \$4569.96  
That is \$1042.46 in voided checks  
\$1356.50 Venmo  
\$2171 in cash  
Expenses of \$1821.24  
Ending Balance: \$3944.30  
Retreat Fund Reserve: \$2000  
Area Donation: \$1944.30

### **Group Reports:**

#### **Anonymous Group (absent)**

#### **Boardman Group**

GSR: Ashley C.  
Average Attendance: 30  
Donation to Area: \$169.00  
The Group is going great!

#### **Clean and Free Ludington (absent)**

#### **Clean in the County Benzonia (absent)**

#### **Growth Through Recovery (absent)**

#### **Just for Today Irons**

GSR: Bob  
Average Attendance: 6/8  
Donation to Area: \$3.00  
All positions open  
How is the group going: No response and no group conscious. All left right after main meeting.

#### **Lean on Me Cadillac**

GSR: John P.



Average Attendance: 10-15  
Group is going great.

**Living Free Kaleva (absent)**  
**Living in Harmony Kalkaska (absent)**

**Lost Dreams Awaken Brethren**

GSR: Bob  
Average Attendance: 4  
Donation to Area: \$4.00  
All positions open  
The group needs more support. We are going to make flyer for the group.  
Decisions on subjects presented to the group: Bring PR meeting to Brethren for Manistee  
Subjects brought to Area from the Group: Getting awareness that there is a meeting here.

**Never Alone**

GSR: Adam N.  
Average Attendance: 4-6  
Donation to Area: \$5.00  
Any open positions: No  
The group is going ok.

**New Attitudes Manistee**

GSR: Jim C.  
I'm an addict named Jim.  
Our group is thriving, with an average attendance of 8 on Sundays and 12 on Wednesdays. Our group conscience meeting is on the third Wednesday. This month, we made the final plans for our Annual Potluck and Meeting on the Beach in Manistee. We were unable to donate to the area this month because of our large literature order.  
In Loving Service,  
Jim C  
New Attitudes Group GSR

**New Freedom Cadillac**

GSR: John  
Average Attendance: 17-20  
Donation to Area: \$75.00  
Any open positions: No  
The group is growing.

**NU Way in Recovery Wellston**

GSR: Bob  
Average Attendance: 8  
Donation to Area: \$5.00

Any open Positions: All but GSR and Co-GSR

How is the group going: We are doing good, doing readings from different texts, using the “A spiritual principle a day” to guide us in readings.

Trying to plan a winter event, working on our format for this meeting until we get consistent newcomers to stay in the basic text weekly.

### **Recovery at 5<sup>th</sup>/Oak**

GSR: Kieffer B.

Average Attendance: 20

Open Positions: Co Treasurer and Alt GSR

The group has been good other than we’ve had an issue with someone stealing the rent money from the church and our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition.

### **Recovery First**

GSR: Dave M.

Average attendance: 4 meeting collectively 20

All positions open

Group is doing very good.

### **Rise and Recover**

GSR: Tim C.

Average Attendance: 14+1 zoom

Donation to Area: \$21.00

All co-positions are open

Group has grown lately. Added 2 home group members. We are having a guiding principles study on Wednesdays.

### **Rock’n Recovery Kingsley**

GSR Alt: Jennifer V.

Average Attendance: 15

The group is going great. We have an ice cream social/root beer float night August 27<sup>th</sup> during normal meeting time. Look for post on TC fellows.

### **Search for Serenity Ludington (Absent)**

### **Women in Recovery+**

GSR: Open

Average Attendance: 11.25

Open positions: GSR, Elections Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

The group is going well. Almost time for our campout and group is having elections September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Budget Request:**

- Jen S. for food and stamps - \$90.60 **APPROVED**
- PR for 30 units/30 second spots for a PSA on Manistee radio. - \$375.00 **TABLED**

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

- Area treasurer did not receive receipts for all of the funds from Danielle S. from purchases for MRCNA basket. Jen S will create a document for requirements when receiving funds from Area.
- Adding Zoom Password to the Area Website for the Rise and Recover meeting or remove the password for entering the zoom meeting. Tim C. will bring this back to the HG and let the Web-servant know their decision.
- Being of Service IP – PR will print 500 at the copy shop. Tim C. will pickup at the copy shop and bring to the next Area meeting.

### **Elections**

- Facilitator – 1 year clean requirement, Dean A. has been co-facilitator for the last year, and has willingness. **Dean A is the Area Facilitator**
- Co-Facilitator – **OPEN POSITION**, please announce at your homegroups.
- Secretary – **OPEN POSITION**, please announce at your homegroups. Clean time requirement is 1 year.
- Co- Secretary – **Holly is re-elected as Co-Secretary**
- Treasurer- **Keiffer B. is Treasurer**
- Co-treasurer – **Mike M. is the Co-Treasurer.**
- Web-Servant- **OPEN POSITION**, please announce at your homegroups. Clean time is 1 year. Megan S. will continue updating the website until this position is filled.
- Co-Web servant – **OPEN POSITION**, please announce at your home groups. Clean time is 6 months.
- Activities Chair – **Josh O. is re-elected as Activities Chair.**
- Public Relations Chair- **Megan S. is re-elected as PR Chair.**
- Retreat Chair – **OPEN POSITION**, please announce at your homegroups.
- Literature Chair- **Adam N. is the Literature chair.**

### **Subjects to take to the groups:**

- Free NA Basic Text audiobook now available to anyone. [www.na.org/audio](http://www.na.org/audio)
- July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026 NWANCA Retreat
- Announce open Area positions at your homegroups.

### **Open Share**

### **Close**

Thank you for letting me serve.  
Kristin P., Area Secretary