

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

OPENING: Melissa W. opened with the Serenity Prayer. Jen S. read the 12 Traditions. Hannah B. read the 12 Concepts. Judy L. read the Service Prayer.

ATTENDANCE: Melissa W., Jen S., Hannah B., Judy L., Adam N., James K., Justin A., Mindy L, and Pete M.

WELCOME NEW GROUPS: None.

OPEN POSITIONS: Treasurer and Co-Treasurer.

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS

Secretary: Jen S.

August Minutes are complete and have been emailed to everyone and posted to the website. Thank you, Mark! I have also updated the Area Contact List. Thank you for letting me serve.

Treasurer: Melissa W.

Area's starting balance last month was \$185.00. Our income last month was \$698.24. We also had additional income of \$972.26 from the Retreat subcommittee. Our total expenses were \$161.14. So, our starting balance for this month is \$1,694.36. Bills we need to pay this month are \$80.00 at Munson and \$30.00 at 5/0 (that's for both August and September). Also, Regional donation of \$310.00 and RCM gas reimbursement of \$32.00. Storage unit rental for 3 months is \$138.00. So, after the bills are paid, we have a balance of \$1,104.36.

Activities had a start balance of \$172.00 with no income or expenses.

Retreat had a start balance of \$914.26 with \$1,168.00 in income and \$410.00 in expenses plus \$972.26 to Area leaving their new balance at \$700.00.

Literature had a start balance of \$246.86 with income of \$448.31 and expenses of \$538.43 leaving their new balance at \$156.74.

RCM: James K.

Amanda C. and I attended Region and learned a lot. We brought back flyers. We are requesting \$32.01 for gas and I have a receipt. We also need to mail our Area donation of \$310.00 to Arvilla.

We asked about changing our Area Service Committee Guidelines. We learned that we are to serve our groups. It is suggested we do our best to bring the groups involved and let their voices be heard.

I do really thank everyone for letting me serve. I am doing my best and learning a lot of great things along the way guided by my higher power.

James K.

Email from Amanda C.

I am in Wisconsin gaining so much knowledge! I can't wait to come back and share it with you all! I am so grateful for all the wonderful people we have in our Area doing service. You are all appreciated so much! The last couple weeks our 'changing guidelines' has been on my mind a lot. I've spoken to a few different Regions and a member from the World Board on this over the weekend. I also attended a financial matters workshop as well. I keep being reminded of Tradition 9 which states, "NA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve." I want to emphasize the part when it says to those we SERVE. WE serve the groups, they don't serve us. Just because we have sat through a lot of Area meetings does not make us experts! There are no NA experts! We spoke last Area about having additional information on the issue sent out. I don't believe this ever happened. After speaking to Region, who agreed with taking it back to the groups, we had a suggestion of holding a little session before the Area meeting which can further discuss the topic. We can give the groups plenty of notice to send GSRs or themselves to attend in order to get more information on what we are doing with the guidelines. Then, we can let them make their votes. James can further elaborate on this idea and answer any questions. This is a great learning moment for groups, and even possibly a way to get some groups more involved that typically don't get involved! We often say, "in loving service." Let's not forget the loving part. Think of what our services structures would turn into if we didn't do this out of love. I know it's extra work, but I would like to see us do this out of love and not convenience. Let's help to educate the groups and let's be open minded to what they have to say as well. I will see you all in October!

Thank you for allowing me to share,
Amanda C.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Adam N.

Average Attendance: Not reported.

All Positions Filled? Yes.

Open? None. We have created new co-positions due to an overwhelming amount of willingness.

The Labor Day Picnic was a success. 100 people attended. \$42.92¹ was spent on supplies and \$42.00 was taken in with 7th Tradition at this event.

The Home Group Challenge went smooth and was a lot of fun. Somewhere around 70 people attended. \$27.10 was spent on game supplies and ice for the event. \$63.00 was taken in for this 7th Tradition.

We have a \$35.95 donation to Area today and \$228.00 to bring our fund balance back to \$400.00. We are requesting a check for \$300.00 from the Activities funds to pay for The Circuit to secure our venue for the Halloween party to take place on Saturday, October 26th.

Literature: Pete M.

Average Attendance: 1

All Positions Filled? No

Open? Yes

Beginning Balance: \$246.87

Income: \$448.31

¹ Food and paper products.

Expenses: (\$538.43)²
End Balance: \$15.74

We have an opening on this committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pete M.

Miscellaneous literature was provided to PR for two events in August.

Public Relations: No report this month.

Retreat: No report this month.

GROUP REPORTS

Boardman: Adam N. (Proxy for Ricky M.) **Average Attendance:** 54 **Donation:** \$54.82
All Positions Filled? Yes **Open:** None.
The group is going well.

Clean & Serene (Manistee): James K. **Average Attendance:** 10 **Donation:** \$0
All Positions Filled? No **Open:** All
The group is going good.

JFTBTB: Mindy L. **Average Attendance:** 40-50 **Donation:** \$20.00
All Positions Filled? No **Open?** Co-GSR
The group needs support. We have lots of newcomers.

Never Alone: Judy L. **Average Attendance:** 14-15 **Donation:** \$13.00
All Positions Filled? Yes **Open?** None
We are very low on members. Our meetings are great, just not a lot of members.

New Attitudes (Manistee): James K. **Average Attendance:** 10 **Donation:** \$0
All Positions Filled? No **Open?** Literature
The group is going very good.

Recovery @ 5/0: Hannah B. **Average Attendance:** 25 **Donation:** \$13.00
All Positions Filled? Yes **Open?** None
The group is going great, fantastic, awesome. We are hosting a Speaker Jam on October 12th.

Recovery First: Justin A. **Average Attendance:** 50 on Tuesdays; 8 on Mondays & Thursdays
Donation: \$45.00 **All Positions Filled?** No **Open:** Alternate GSR, Co-Treasurer, Co-Secretary, Co-Chair for all meetings.
We have had a low 7th tradition. The group elections have been moved to October due to attendance at group conscience. We would like to discuss help/volunteers for our annual Christmas party.

Rise and Recover: Pete M. **Average Attendance:** 9 **Donation:** \$49.00
All Positions Filled? Yes **Open?** No
The group is going well.

² We had a past due balance to NAWS of \$0.10.

Sunday NA: Adam N. **Average Attendance:** 55 **Donation:** \$29.25

All Positions Filled? No **Open:** All

Home Group members needed. Our group has voted yes to the change to Article 7 to the Area Service Committee Guidelines.

Women in Recovery: Jen S. **Average Attendance:** 25 **Donation:** \$4.00

All Positions Filled? Yes **Open?** None

The group is going great.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Amendment to Article 7 of the Guidelines.** This issue is tabled until next month.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Recovery First Christmas Party.** Justin was asking for help as to how this was coordinated in the past. Their group will create a sign-up sheet for volunteers for manning the meetings and the event as well as a sign-up for groups to donate food items for the party.
2. **Hosting Region.** Our Area is hosting Region in December. James and Amanda need ideas for hotels to pass along to Arvilla.
3. **MRCNA Gift Basket.** MRCNA would like each Area to put together a gift basket to be raffled at MRCNA in 2020. We are going to ask for theme suggestions and then ask each home group to donate an item for the basket based on the theme.

OPEN SHARE

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**NEXT MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019, 4:00 P.M. AT THE
COWELL CANCER CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY ACROSS FROM MUNSON
MEDICAL CENTER**

INFORMATION TO TAKE BACK TO YOUR HOME GROUPS:

1. Please announce that Area has the following positions open: Treasurer and Co-Treasurer.
2. If there are any meetings in outlying areas (not Traverse City) that have the willingness and desire to host Area. Please let us know.
3. Upcoming Events:

October 12 – Speaker Jam – see attached flyer
October 26 – Halloween Party at The Circuit
4. Please be considerate and get to Literature earlier rather than later. If we all show up at 3:55, it becomes impossible for them to shut down and get to Area on time.
5. Literature has a position open for Co-Chair. If you're interested in serving, talk to Pete M.
6. Recovery First will be hosting its annual Christmas Party again this year. Look for more information to come on this, including requests for donations of time and food items.
7. MRCNA Gift Baskets. Submit ideas for a theme!

Service Prayer

God, grant us the knowledge that we may act
according to your divine precepts.
Instil in us a sense of your purpose,
make us servants of your will and
grant us a bond of selflessness that this
may truly be your work, not ours,
so that no addict, anywhere,
need die from the horrors of addiction.

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400 E. Nine Mile Road
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Checking : Totally Free Business Checking [REDACTED]

Balance : \$3,671.53

Account Nickname : Totally Free Business Checking	Total Check Holds : \$0.00
Account Name : Totally Free Business Checking	Total Card Holds : \$0.00
Account Number : [REDACTED]	Total Management Holds : \$0.00
Balance : \$3,671.53	
Avail Balance : \$3,671.53	

Date Range : 08/01/2019 to 09/14/2019

Date	Description	Flags	Category	Amount	Balance
8/3/2019	Check #1190		None	(\$228.00)	\$3,671.53
8/29/2019	Check #1199		None	(\$24.00)	\$3,899.53
8/26/2019	Check #1197		None	(\$645.59)	\$3,923.53
8/26/2019	HarlandClarke-Li - CHK ORDER		None	(\$40.64)	\$4,569.12
8/21/2019	Check #1198		None	(\$96.50)	\$4,609.76
8/19/2019	NIGHT Drop/ LITERATURE 1,2		None	\$448.31	\$4,706.26
8/19/2019	NIGHT DROP RETREAT 1,2		None	\$1,168.00	\$4,257.85
8/19/2019	NIGHT DROP AREA 1,2,3		None	\$688.24	\$3,089.95
8/15/2019	Check #1196		None	(\$117.00)	\$2,401.71
8/14/2019	Check #1193		None	(\$10.00)	\$2,518.71
8/14/2019	Check #1192		None	(\$40.00)	\$2,528.71
8/13/2019	Check #1194		None	(\$14.84)	\$2,568.71
8/12/2019	Check #1195		None	(\$301.61)	\$2,583.55
8/8/2019	Check #1191		None	(\$64.00)	\$2,885.16
8/7/2019	Literature		None	\$45.50	\$2,949.16

Bank Statement Reconciliation Form Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Checking account reconciliation for the month ending Sept 2019

- A) Bank statement balance..... 3671.53
- B) Subtract Activities ending balance..... 172-
- C) Subtract Retreat ending balance..... 700-
- D) Subtract Literature ending balance..... 156.74
- E) Subtract "outstanding checks"..... NAWS-Lit 538.43
 (Total of all checks written that have not yet
 cleared the bank.) Pats RV-Retreat 410- #1200
 #1201
- F) Ending balance..... 1694.36
 (This should equal the balance of Area)

If those figures don't match exactly, one of the following mistakes may have occurred:

1. A mathematical error somewhere in the treasurer's report form.
2. A mistake in entering (or failure to enter) a check or deposit in the treasurer's report form.
3. A math error in steps A through F above.
4. Entering the wrong figure in step A above.
5. Failure to subtract service charges or add interest in your treasurer's report form.

**North West Michigan Area of Narcotics Anonymous
Treasurer's Report**

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Date

September 2019

Income	Amount	Expenses	Amount	CK #
Boardman Group	122.10	Rent - Friends of the Light		
Clean & Serene (Manistee)		- Munson Foundation		
Freedom Group		Region Donation		
Frontside		Region Phoneline		
Growth through Recovery		RCM		
Just for Today (Irons)	16	PO Box		
Just for Today by the Bay	20	Storage Unit	24	# 1199
Clean on Me (Cadillac)		Liability Insurance		
Living Clean	123.64	Activities		
Never Alone	11	Public Relations	96.50	# 1198
New Attitudes (Manistee)		Transfer: Circle One Literature Activity Retreat		
New Direction (Lake City)		Check ReOrder	40.64	EFT
New Freedom (Cadillac)				
Rapid City Recovery				
Recovery @ 5/0	19	Activities Committee		
Recovery First	65	Start balance	172	
Rise & Recover	226	Income	0	
Step Study (Brethren)	20	Expenses	0	
Sunday NA		New balance	172	
Women in Recovery	24			
		Retreat Committee		
		Start balance	914.26	
Activities		Income	1168-	
Public Relations	41.50	Expenses	410-	
Retreat Committee		Deposit - Patsrv To Area	972.26	
		New balance	700-	
Voided CK 1167 (March)	10			
		Literature Committee		
Area Account		Start balance	246.86	
Starting balance	185-	Income: Cash/Check	448.31	
Total Income	from 7th 698.24 from Retreat 972.26	Income: Transfer		
Total Expenses	161.14	Expenses	538.43	
New balance	1694.36	New balance	156.74	
Prudent Reserve	200			

(in separate acct)



Recovery at 5/0 presents

4th Annual Speaker Jam

Church of the Nazarene

October 12th
3pm-8 pm

Food will be
provided.

10 speakers

10 chapters

Donations accepted