

September Area Service Committee

September 17th, 2023, 4pm
Jacob's Well

Next Area Meeting: October 15th, 2023, 4pm

Moment of Silence
Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Tim C
12 Concepts: Hannah B
Service Prayer: Katy G.

Open Positions: Retreat Chair and Co-Secretary

Attendees: Katy G. Jared G. Hannah B. Ginny R. Walli S. Dean A. Kari R. Andrew S. Tim C. Mike B. Pete M. Brad S. Rob C. Megan S. Jim C. Christina R. Matt R.

Secretary Report: Christina R.
August Minutes posted on Michigan-na.org by Katy G, our web servant.

Treasure Report: Pete M.
September 16,2023

AREA had a starting balance of \$498.16.
Income of \$335.00.
Transfer to Activities Committee of \$225.00. Expenses of \$343.50
Ending balance of \$264.66

Activities had a starting balance of \$175.00
Income of \$225.00 (Transfer from AREA)
Ending balance of \$400

Retreat had a starting balance of \$3,725.17
Income of \$6446.87
Expenses of \$4907.19
Ending balance of \$4506.85
(Possible error of \$635.00)

Literature had a starting balance of \$245.29
Income of \$255.00
Ending balance of \$500.29

We purchased new checks.
There was an interesting postcard in the P.O. Box from an addict seeking help.

Thanks for letting me be of service -Pete M

RCM Report: Rob C.

Good afternoon fam!

Ending balance from region is \$7,524.19. Expenses are phone line \$44.58 Bank fee \$50.00 and deposits of \$2,027.31

MRCNA has \$34,529.00. After subtracting \$15,000 seed money and \$2,025 for preregistration they will have about \$17,500 to donate back to region.

Grand Rapids has requested 5 years of regional financial records. They requested the name of the CPA and accounting firm used for the annual regional audit. GR has also stopped donating to region and is now donating directly to world. They are unhappy with the current treasurer reports which they feel are inconsistent and have a lack of transparency.

Elections for RD and RDA were held and the new RD is Bob R and the new RDA is Sally S.

Kara B was nominated for co secretary and excepted the nomination.

It was discussed about changing the mileage from .40 to the IRS standard rate of .65. The motion was tabled so we could take this decision back to groups.

I have the Region minutes with me for anyone who wishes to see them or has any further questions.

The next region meeting will be online on October 8th.

The next face to face meeting will be in Muskegon.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Rob C and Zach W.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Activities: Jared G.

Average Attendance: 5!!

Empire Beach event went well. Brought \$45 to donate to Area from the Volleyball Tournament.

Upcoming Activities:

Home Group Challenge and Chili Cook Off!!!! October 7th at Cherry Bend Park, 9606 E. Cherry Bend Rd. Traverse City. Event will kick off at noon!

Halloween Costume Party on Saturday, October 28th at Church of the Naz, 1023 S. Division St. Traverse City Mi 49684. Speakers kicks of at 5pm with the dance following. Pie in the face Katy G vs. David C. Prizes for the best costume. \$10 suggested donation, no addict turned away.

Requested \$100 for Church of the Naz to hold the dance.

Literature: Jen S.

Average attendance: 1

Previous Balance \$500.29

Expenses \$0

Income: \$285.08

New Balance: \$785.35

Donated starter kit to Gratitude in Action- \$7.20

Public Relations: Katy G.

Hey! Addict named Katy G. Zach W and I met in September, we did push elections until October to promote attendance due to the fact that it was Labor Day weekend. We decided we're going to host a PR Speaker Jam tentatively November 18th. We have already lined up most of the speakers, are working to secure a location, and are hoping to sell pizza and pop probably. The set up for the speaker jam is going to be different avenues of service. One speaker is going to be someone who has done the service and how it has affected their recovery and the other speaker will be someone who was affected by the service being done. IE; A previous PR chairperson, and someone who received H & I in jail or treatment. I would like to make a budget request but am hoping I can get help with deciding the amount to ask for, since I have never done anything of this sort before. I think that's all I have to report this month, thank you for letting me be of service.

Retreat: Megan S.

September 17, 2023

Grateful recovering addict named Megan!

We have had another wonderfully successful NWACNA in the books! We've gotten lots of feedback about what people enjoyed this year and what they would like to see next year. Our tie-dye station was a huge hit! We are hoping everyone enjoys their Wild and Free fun merchandise!

We have been able to cover all expenses from our NWACNA 26 weekend and will be able to make a sizable Area donation in October, after our Retreat Subcommittee wrap up meeting which is next Sunday, 9/24/23 at 2pm here at JW. We had a starting balance of \$3725.17 after the last August area. From the entire NWACNA weekend we have completed a transfer of \$1477.00 from Venmo and a cash/checks deposit of \$4969.87. For a grand total of \$6446.87 that we raised from ONE WEEKEND! This number does not include our final payment to Ranch Rudolf and a few reimbursement checks. Our NWANCA 26 accounting and the Area treasurer are working on the totals together to make sure all income deposits and expenses are being accounted for. Pete and I talked at length this morning and he will be getting a print out from the bank so we can work together to get a matching final balance number. We also have an additional cash deposit of \$50.00 today due to a late auction payment. That will be reflected in our balance next month.

We are currently working out some technological kinks in regards to our recorded NWACNA speakers but we intend to eventually have them available on our Area's website for easy access by locals and for anyone looking to hear the ESH of other addicts.

We have spoken to a few fellows who are familiar with and currently or have been active in the Retreat Subcommittee for the past few years and do have someone coming to express willingness to chair the subcommittee this coming year. This person was unable to attend Area today. During our wrap up meeting next Sunday we will be deciding if we would like to nominate this person for the position. If that is the case then this person will be attending Octobers Area Service Committee meeting to show willingness at this level and answer any questions. Regardless of our chair position being currently empty, we will still be holding elections for the subcommittees trusted servants next Sunday at 2pm here at Jacobs Well! Come get involved!!

It was an honor and a humbling learning experience to chair the Retreat Subcommittee for the past year and I am grateful for the experience. Retreat service has always been a huge part of my recovery and the place where I learned how to be accountable, consistent, how to work with others and a place where I discovered my voice and that my opinion matters. I look forward to continuing to support this subcommittee while also venturing out to experience other service positions and gain new experiences

within our service structure.

I whole heartedly thank you for letting me serve,

Megan S.

Retreat Chair

Ad-Hoc Committee Jim C.

NORTHWEST AREA INVENTORY ADHOC COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

Hi Family, we have completed our work on the area inventory. Below is the recommendations to each question in our group survey questionnaire. We met once this month to fine tune our recommendations. We believe these are a direct result of the groups voice. Many of the questions have similar answers and I think that we could reconfigure some of those questions to fit our future goals with area inventory. I want to thank Pete M. and Tim C. for their willingness and support in this endeavor. I was wondering if this was going to fall squarely on my lap when I first started this committee. Through constant review of my efforts and expectations I realized that this is reality when it comes to most service positions. I looked to examples like John Y with his position of one person committee for the inspiration to not quit. Thank you all for allowing me to serve our area in this capacity. It has truly been a learning experience that I know it will strengthen my future service commitments.

Yours in Fellowship

Jim C.

HOW WELL HAS THE AREA SERVED LOCAL GROUPS THIS YEAR?

1) How well does the area communicate with local groups?

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.

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

I. Bring Zoom meeting to Area. Hybrid @ same time we meet in person. Rotate Area to foster more unity.

II. Prepare Agenda to email to GSR's for each area with detailed known business that will be discussed. Send prior to their Business Meetings

3) How well does area managing its donations and area treasury?

I. No recommendations

4) How effectively does the area demonstrate responsibility and accountability?

I. No recommendations

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.

6) How well does area service committee foster an atmosphere of courtesy and mutual respect?

I. No recommendations.

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.

8) How well is a sense of unity fostered within the area service body

I. No recommendations

9) How positively is a sense of unity shown within local groups?

I. No recommendations

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.

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.

12) How well does the area practice continuity and rotation?

I. No recommendations

13) How well does the area function in maintaining a full complement of trusted servant with no open commitments?

I. No recommendations

14) How fully does the area create an environment where the conscience of the body guides the decisions and direction of the area?

I. No recommendations

HOW WELL HAS THE AREA DONE THIS YEAR IN MAKING NA/S MESSAGE MORE WIDELY KNOWN IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY?

1) How well is the area communicating with those in the community who interact with addicts?

I. No recommendations

2) How completely does the area respond to the needs of the larger community?

I. No recommendations

3) How well is the area using human and financial resources to carry NA's Message of recovery in an efficient and effective way?

I. No recommendations

4) How fully trained and supported are the trusted servants who interact with members of the community

I. No Recommendations

5) How well has the area built cooperative relationships with those in the larger community?

I. No recommendations

6) How easily can those in the larger community reach an NA member who is in a position to respond to their questions or request?

I. No recommendations

HOW WELL HAS THE AREA COOPERATED AND COLLABORATED WITH THE REGION AND NA WORLD SERVICES THIS YEAR?

1) How effectively does the area communicate with the region and with NA world Services?

I. No recommendations

2) How well does the area respond to request form the region and from AA World Services? How fully does the area share its needs and concerns with the region and NA World Services?

I. No recommendations

3) How reliably does the area forward funds to the region and/or NA World Services?

I. No recommendations

4) How effectively does the area use resources (such as written materials or experiences from other trusted servants? that are available through the region and or NA World Services?

I. No recommendations

5) How fully has the area formed a cooperative relationship with the region and NA world Services?

I. No recommendations

6) How well is the area creating a sense of unity with the region and NA World Services?

I. No recommendations

Is there any particular area of service and/or area function that you perceive is outstanding?

There was a multitude of answers to the following two questions. The following is a summary of all groups that answered.

Subcommittees were highlighted like Retreat Fundraisers and Activities and Public Relations were all given high praises for the service they are providing. Activities and Retreat were mentioned for fostering unity within the area and allows new members to have fun in recovery.

Responses regarding our area stepping up during COVID and making recovery and service available during the pandemic.

Is there any particular area of service and/or area function that you perceive would need improvement?

Activity fundraisers and competitions needs to be more inclusive and prizes should carry NA themes. Groups outside the TC area need more PR support and activities to foster unity. New members and groups need guidance and training with service positions and explain what areas functions are. Request Region to conduct workshops or symposiums for service subcommittees and service positions.

Group Reports:

Group: Anonymous

GSR or Alternate: Mike B. Proxy for Derrick S.

Average Attendance: 8

Donation to Area: Nothing, just making rent right now, had to dip into our prudent reserve.

Any open positions? Yes, Lots!

How is the group going? Well, our new space is very comfortable and welcoming, making rent so far.

Group: Boardman

GSR or Alternate: Dean A.

Average Attendance: 20-30

Donation to Area: \$90

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Fantastic, changes to come, group is on the rise!!!

Group: Gratitude in Action

GSR or Alternate: Ginny R.

Average Attendance: 3-4

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? All

How is the group going? Well! Attendance is picking up

Group: Just For Today

GSR or Alternate: Tim K.

Average Attendance: 3

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Struggling, we need support.

Group: Just For Today By The Bay

GSR or Alternate: Tim C

Average Attendance: 11.5

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Yes, GSR and GSR Alternate

How is the group going? Group is going well, awesome speakers!

Group: Lean On Me

GSR or Alternate: Brad S.

Average Attendance: 10

Donation to Area: \$25

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Good

Group: Living in Harmony

GSR or Alternate: Dean A.

Average Attendance: 1

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Every position

How is the group going? Struggling. Most weeks the chair sits by himself, will serve until told not to.

Group: New Attitudes

GSR or Alternate: Jim C.

Average Attendance: 6

Donation to Area: \$20

Any open positions? No

How is the group going? Group is doing well, always needing support.

Group: Recovery First

GSR or Alternate: Jared G.

Average Attendance: Noon meetings 7, Tuesday night meetings, 40

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Co-Secretary

How is the group going? Good, Karaoke was a hit!

Group: Recovery @ 5/0

GSR or Alternate: Kari R.

Average Attendance: 15

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Going well and growing!

Group: Rise and Recover

GSR or Alternate: Pete M.

Average Attendance: 14

Donation to Area: \$40.00

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Well

Group: Rock'n Recovery

GSR or Alternate: Christina R.

Average Attendance: 15

Donation to Area: \$35

Any open positions? No

How is the group going? Great! Potluck/speaker meeting was awesome!! 42 people showed up. We are celebrating our 1-year anniversary on October 4th with cake and ice cream!

Group: Woman in Recovery +

GSR or Alternate: Megan S.

Average Attendance: 17

Donation to Area: \$30.00

Any open positions? GSR!!

How is the group going? Going well!

Budget Requests: \$100 for Activities -Approved

Old Business Resolved: Question was asked at last Area, who was responsible for keeping Jacobs Well clean, ours or the churches?

Answer: Area/Recovery First is responsible for cleaning Jacobs Well. Lanae B. volunteered to clean Jacobs Well once a month moving forward. We want to see how much cleaning supplies will cost Area, so we are asking Lanae B. to come to our next Area meeting to discuss.

Tabled Old Business: The Secretary was unable to finish an updated Area Agenda Document so this will be prepared and ready for the next Area meeting.

New Business:

Regions Treasury Report

We discussed the issues that Grand Rapids had presented to Region regarding the Region Treasury reports being inconsistent and missing information. Jim C. had brought up this concern a year ago when he was looking over the Region Minutes that were listed online. We discussed the topic of being Bonded and that was voted down. We voted to have our RCM take to Region that our Area supports Grand Rapids concerns and would like to see Regions Treasury report be more transparent. We decided at this point we would not be announcing that we would be withholding any donations to Region.

Rent for Jacobs Well increasing

Faith Reform Church met with Recovery First regarding increasing the rent for the Jacobs Well building. Faith Reform went over the last 6 months of utility bills and saw an increase. Mike B. brought up the fact that he stated this could happen when we first chose to hold our Area and Sub Committees at Jacobs well along with having our items stored. We discussed that the utilities over the next 6 months could go down and therefor our rent would potentially go down after the next 6 month review. We discussed if Area would be responsible for paying the extra cost or Recovery First or split the increase between Area and Recovery First, paying extra \$30/\$30. Faith Reform needs an answer by November

1st so we discussed paying the increased amount between Area and Recovery First for the next 6 months and then in the meantime, look for other options for Area.

Pete M. stated he could investigate other locations for Area and all Sub Committees to meet and a place for Area and Sub Committees to hold items in a storage unit.

GSRs are to take the options to their home groups to discuss if the groups are wanting to move forward with the \$30/\$30 increase to Area and Recovery First, not split the increase or, if the groups would like to see Area moved to another location.

Treasure questions

Pete M. brought up questions regarding needing to archive reports and if our Area is supposed to have a prudent reserve.

Tabled New Business topics for next Area:

Treasure question regarding archive reports and prudent reserve

Ad-Hoc Area suggestions report, how Area would like to move forward with the answered questions for the Area inventory and how to make improvements and/or changes.

Open Share: Secretary suggested when groups write information on the GSR Report Forms, to be detailed with how the group is going and what positions are open for the groups if it applies.

Moment of Silence

Close

Thank you for letting me serve,

Christina Rosinski-Area Secretary

