

September Area Service Committee

September 15th, 2024, 4:00pm

Next Area Meeting: October 20th, 2024

River Of Life Ministry

1710 Merkey Rd.

Manistee, MI 49660

Moment of Silence: Yes

Serenity Prayer: Yes

12 Traditions: Megan S.

12 Concepts: Kieffer B.

Service Prayer: Jen S.

New Groups:

Open Positions: Treasurer, Co-treasurer, Activities, Co-facilitator

Minutes approved: Yes

Attendees: (See attendance sheet)

Trusted Servant Reports:

Secretary Report:

August Area has been emailed to contact list and added to the website.

Thank you for letting me serve for the last time 😊

- Christina R.

Treasure Report:

Hello Area! I want to say a big thank you to Melissa W. for reading my report and filling in for area treasurer today. I hope someone shows willingness to fill this position in today's area, and I apologize for not being able to attend. I ordered new checks to arrive at the post office. I will inform the area when I get alerted of their delivery since my P.O. Box key will be in the Area Treasurer's stuff. Zack W. has the spare. I have also written a check for Faith Reformed Church which I will deliver so no one must worry about that. In front of the Black is an updated important address information document and important due dates for the insurance and payment information for the P.O. Box. The blue binder is full of blank Treasurer documents which I will have a note written out for navigation. Please reach out to me for guidance, and if anyone needs help, I'm willing and able to.

Area Account

Starting Balance: \$1,024.43
Income: Groups: \$131
Income: Transfer: \$2488.01
Boardman Group: \$55
Just for Today (Irons): \$20
Lost Dreams Awaken (Brethren): \$10
Living Free (Kaleva): \$4
Never Alone: \$5
New Attitudes: \$20
Katy G MRCNA Basket: \$17
Expenses: \$728.53
Rent: Faith Reformed Church \$115: Check #1558
The Copy Shop: \$96.70: Check#1557
Transfer to Literature: \$33.96
PR Transfer to Literature: 149.60
Bata: \$300- Check#1560
New Checks: \$33.27
New Balance: \$2,999.91

Prudent Reserve: \$200.65
For Calculation Purposes only see Bank Statement Reconciliation Form:
Outstanding Checks: \$1039.12
1551: Jordin Ellen: \$50- Space for Region
1560: Bata: \$300
1561: WSO(Lit): \$424.15
1562: WSO(Lit):\$231.40
Online purchase of checks: \$33.27

Activities Subcommittee

Starting Balance: \$400
Expenses: \$250- Check #1559
Ending Balance: \$150

Retreat Subcommittee

Starting Balance: \$\$4517.27
Income Total: 0
Income Cash: 0
Income Venmo: 0
Expenses: \$2,517.27
Transfer to Literature: \$29.26

Transfer to Area: \$2,488.01

New Balance: \$2,000

Literature Subcommittee

Starting Balance: \$712.80

Income: \$801.72

Income Transfer: \$212.82

Expenses: \$655.85

New Balances: \$1,071.49

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

RCM Report:

Hey fam! We didn't have region last month so there's nothing to report back. Last month I brought back from region the request to change the gas mileage back to .40 cents per mile for those on the region administrative body. This is exactly what was written in the report to bring back to our area.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

a. 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.

So please add this topic to new business for discussion.

I'm loving service Rob C and Katy G

Sub-Committee Reports:

Activities:

- Activities is hoping to host a Halloween Party at Church of the Nazarene on October 26th.
- Budget Request: \$700 (\$400 of Activities budget + \$300 from AREA)
-Mike B.

Literature:

- Previous Balance: \$1306.02
- Income: \$717.22
- Expenses: \$655.85
- New Balance: \$1367.39

- We did an inventory on 8/27. More Literature is coming soon.
 - New Literature: NA Survival Kit \$20 + shipping.
 - Welcome Kits? Do we vet meetings before handing out Welcome Kits?
 - Literature will meet on 10/19 at 3 pm since our AREA meeting in October will be meeting in Manistee.
- Adam N.

Public Relations:

Hi Family, addict named Megan-

PR got off to a running start at our elections this month and we're happy to say all positions have been filled! A big thank you to all who attended and voted, we had a really beautiful turnout that almost brought me to tears! Congratulations to our returning and new trusted servants Karah B., Ashley C., Gil U., Katy G., Dean A., Casey D. and Kieffer B. We have a great team, and we are looking forward to working hard to continue to carry the message of hope to those who need us the most.

In current PR news our little library is now finished, and we are just waiting to get it installed outside the Jubilee House!

We are attending two community events this month, ATS's Porch-a-Palooza and Safe Harbors event to share the message that we are here to help! If you attend either event come look for the NA table and get a hug! We have a budget request for the amount of \$22.60 for the purchase of 1 SPAD book, 10 An Introduction to NA Meetings(#29) IP's and one of each key tag for these community events. Our treatment facilities coordinator is looking for more people who have willingness to take in H&I meetings to the local treatment centers. 1 year to chair, 90 days to co-chair. If you're interested contact Dean A. or myself! We are going to start working on creating some ER and police packets to distribute to help spread the word to two places that many addicts in active addiction come in contact with often. After discussing with some people the issues involving magnetic items in hospitals, we are going with static clings for hospitals to display in lieu of anything magnetic or something that can just be shoved in drawer and forgotten about. We have a budget request of \$135 for the purchase of static clings and NA business cards to include in these packs. That will purchase 125 static clings and 100 business cards. I will bring receipts to the next area for accountability.

I think that's all we have cooking so far but the year has just begun! If you're interested in getting involved in reaching the still sick and suffering through PR efforts come join us at 5pm at JW every first Sunday of the month!

Thanks for letting me serve!

-Megan S.

Retreat: Will have elections next week.

Group Reports:

Group: Anonymous

GSR: Mike B.

Average attendance: 30

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions: Yes! Join the group and we will create a position for you!

How is the group going? Great!

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: 10

Donation to Area: \$25

Any open positions? All except Treasurer.

How is the group going? This group will be closing at the end of September. Last meeting will be September 27th. If anyone wants to keep it going beyond that they need to contact Tim C.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: Group is okay with holding October Area in Manistee.

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

Group: Just For Today (Irons)

GSR: Bob W.

Average attendance: 10-12

Donation to Area: \$10

Any open positions? Co-chair positions

How is the group going? Well. We are having our first BBQ and Potluck. Please bring a dish to pass.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: Need AREA help.

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

Group: Lean on Me (Cadillac)

GSR: John P.

Average attendance: 5-10

Donation to Area: \$50

Any open positions? No

How is the group going? OK

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

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

Group: Lost Dreams Awaken (Brethren)

GSR: Bob W.

Average attendance: 10

Donation to Area: \$10

Any open positions? Co-GSR, Co-Secretary, Co-Treasurer

How is the group going? Growing strong, we would love to see more people.

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

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: Need 60 day key tags.

Group: Never Alone

GSR: Adam N.

Average attendance: 6-7

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? No

How is the group going? Fine

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

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

Group: New Attitudes (Manistee)

GSR: Ezra F.

Average attendance: 8

Donation to Area: \$20

Any open positions? Literature and Co-Treasurer

How is the group going? Good, Solid, Unified

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

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: Group Meeting with Pizza. Booked River of Life Church for October AREA meeting.

Group: New Freedom (Cadillac)

GSR: John P.

Average attendance: 10-15

Donation to Area: \$100

Any open positions? No

How is the group going? Kicking Butt

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

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

Group: Recovery at 5th and Oak

GSR: Kieffer B.

Average attendance: 8

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Co-Secretary and all Co-Chair positions

How is the group going? The group is going great. Just hosted the Homegroup Challenge Saturday and won!

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

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: We would like to suggest an in-person Area Inventory in efforts to further unify us and the outlying areas. We are aware that one was done in the last two years by an Ad-Hoc committee, and surveys. However, we think an in-person inventory would bring about healthy discussion.

Group: Recovery First

GSR: Sally S.

Average attendance: 5-10 (M,Th noon meetings), 50-60 (Tuesday night), 30 (Sunday night)

Donation to Area: \$5

Any open positions? Co-Chairs, Co-Treasurer, Co-GSR

How is the group going? Great! We made a couple new group decisions:

- Empty garbage please
- Chairs up after meetings
- 10/1 6 pm Jacobs Well Clean-up, please come!
- Holiday Party
- Donations- New box coming! Please put any donations in there.

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

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

Group: Rock'n Recovery

GSR: Travis D.

Average attendance: 20

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Alt. GSR

How is the group going? Group is going great!

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

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: We have decided to run the meeting until 8:30 pm, whenever needed. Schedule will still list the closing of meeting as 8:15 pm, with the option to stay until 8:30 pm.

Group: The Lie is Dead (Baldwin)

GSR: Brad (Pat is Alt GSR)

Average attendance: 4

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions?

How is the group going? NA meetings are greatly needed in this community! They have had 3 meetings so far. Kids are welcome and meeting is wheelchair accessible.

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

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: Would like to request a Welcome Packet.

Group: Women in Recovery +

GSR: Melissa W.

Average attendance: 12

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? GSR

How is the group going? Great! We had our 25th anniversary party today (9/15), it was well attended and a lot of fun!

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

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

Budget Request:

- Activities \$550 for NA Dance and give the remaining \$150 that is earmarked for Activities with a total of \$700 (Approved)
- PR \$22.60 (Approved)
- PR \$135 For static clings and business cards (Approved)
- BATA \$300 for ads
- Donating \$200 to World
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Old Business:

- 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 for \$200-\$400. Since groups asked for clarification, take back to groups that we are still discussing Zoom. **(TABLED UNTIL OCTOBER)**
- RCM IRS mileage rate. Region wanted our Area to discuss this again. Instead of matching the IRS rate, they want to change it again to \$.40 cents a mile. Area has decided to give the same answer when this came to use before, keeping it at the IRS rate. **(RESOLVED)**
- Area in Manistee on October 20th. This will be the normal time at 4pm.
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- Treasurer, Co-treasurer, RCM, and RCM-Alt. are going to go to the bank to be added as new signers.
- Web servant position moving to Area from Public Relations. Megan plans on updating the PR guidelines and will bring those updated guidelines to Area. They will bring those for Area to approved and then Area guidelines will have to go to the groups to approve. Hoping to elect new Web Servant in November and start Zoom then.

- Area inventory continue discussing the items on the area inventory each month until concluded.

New Business:

- Grey was nominated for Treasurer, Area voted Yes, Grey is the new Treasurer
- Josh nominated for Activities; Area voted YES!!
- Secretary will put the inventory that was taken with the Ad-Hoc committee on the area minutes for all to see and show ones that have been worked on.
- Welcome Kit- giving a welcome kit to a group that is at a location that does not accept any money so this NA group would not be “self-supporting”. The meeting was not created as a NA meeting. Lit donated a welcome packet before knowing this so the question is do we need to ask for this back? 217 is the location of this meeting. Moving forward, Lit will ask further questions when a new group is requesting a new group packet and any help with Lit or products.
- Renewal for BATA adds- Megan is asking for clarification on when we paid them last, was it for months past or for the next three months. Bata gives AREA 5 adds for the price of 2 adds. Tim will ask BATA where we are at. Melissa suggested we give BATA \$300.
- Megan brought up the fact that World is struggling financially. This involved providing lit to other countries. Megan asked that Area donate to World. Area will donate \$200 to World.

Subjects to take to the groups:

- Co facilitator and Co-treasurer open, please show up to the next Area.
- Area October 20th will be held in Manistee
- Literature will meet October 19th at 3pm at Jacobs Well
- World needs donations, you can donate.

Next Meeting: October 20th, 2024

Close

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