

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE
MEETING
MINUTES FOR October 18, 2020**

OPENING: Zach W. opened with the Serenity Prayer. Jae S. read the 12 Traditions. Hannah B. read the 12 Concepts. Jae S. read the Service Prayer.

ATTENDANCE: Amanda K., Pete M., , Zach W., Hannah B.,, Dana S., James K., Jae S., Casey J., Casey D., Rich B., Mark H., Katy G., Krystal C., Trish S., Chris E., Carol C.

WELCOME NEW GROUPS: N/A

OPEN POSITIONS: Co-Treasurer

Amanda K nominated Hannah B. and she expressed willingness

Listed qualifications.

Consensus voted Hannah B in as the New Co-Treasurer!

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS

Secretary: JaeS.

Minutes for October are complete and have been emailed to everyone and posted to the website. Thank you, Mark and Megan! Please email or text me your reports for today since I can't collect paperwork, and let me know of any errors please. Thank you for letting me serve.

Treasurer: Amanda K

**Hey Family!
10-18-2020**

Area-

Our new checks have arrived! We had a bit of an issue with them. Dave and I had both tried to order them separately and they never came. Customer service recommending doing a check tracking which cost more money. I did that and they came right on time! Last month I reported they

would cost \$27.61, the actual cost was, \$37.68. I checked the PO box. There was an invoice from the copy shop for \$73. I sent a check but it was just the day before it was due. Hopefully there is not late penalty. The PO box might not be the best way to get the invoices with me only checking it once per month. We also received one check back from Suttons Bay township for \$100, I voided it. I had already re-sent one for \$50, that was in last month's report. I deposited all monies received, including \$45 from PR for the months of September (10) and October (35). I also got more night deposit slips because we were running low.

Activities had a start and end balance of \$485.13. Retreat had a start balance of \$850, and an income of \$100 because of that returned check, and their end balance is \$950. Literature had a start balance of \$402, income of 783.48 and expenses of 668.25, which leaves them with an end balance of 517.23. The area had a start balance of 844.73, income of 380.00, expenses of 386.16, which leaves with an end balance of 838.57. The only thing not included in that is the \$13 sent in from women in recovery, I haven't received the latest check yet from Sally so I didn't include it.

I had a couple things on my to do list from last month. First I contacted the bank and to add and/or remove signers we can just make an appointment, they are open now, and all go in. As long as one of the owners are there we can remove whomever and the ones being added will need to be present. I believe we are all equal owners so me being present should be enough. I also looked into pay pal, as far as I can see this won't cost anything and I can just use the area email to link it up. Then whoever eventually takes over should be able to with the area email. If the area is good with that I will go ahead and set one up!

According to my little cheat sheet the only bill due for the month of October is the rent for lit storage and it is in the mail as of today! Thanks for letting me serve,

Amanda K.

RCM: James K

Hey Fam,

Not a lot to bring back to area at this time. I was able to attend the ad-hoc meeting about the phonenumber. We will still have our phonenumber and a live person in the Northwest area will still get the phone calls. The issue is being able to get the caller to know they want the northwest area. Maybe we can get that info on our flyer. But no matter what they can always get someone live 24/7. Region PR is working on getting contacts for different areas to help get the caller the correct info. I personally have yet to be contacted about this step. but if you all have read the email that was forwarded we see that region PR was contacting the chair for the areas for the whole phone situation. Thanks for letting me serve,

James K.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Trish S **Attendance: 2.**
All Positions Filled? No. Open? All.

The double-market fundraiser went very well. Raising \$179.00. The T.C. location seemed to be a big hit. In Cadillac, we did not have any attendance, however, we plan to continue groups outside of the T.C. area. We have tabled approving any guidelines at this time. Upcoming Events: Halloween Mask Party. There will be games, cider, coffee and a socially distanced 6 ft shack chute. Literature Gobble. A 3 location event all connected virtually including: Manistee, Rapid City, and T.C. This is a retreat fundraiser hosted by Activities, Retreat, and Literature. Fellows can showcase any of their talent while presenting their favorite piece of literature. Recovery Rocks Christmas Marathon. Still working on this event. It will be hosted by Activities, Recovery First, and P.R. The location is TBD after a few more discoveries. This will be a 24 hour hybrid marathon. We would like to sell T-shirts as a fundraiser before and during this event.

Literature: Pete M. **Attendance: 8**
All Positions Filled? No **Open? co-chair**

Beginning Balance: \$517.23
Income: \$321.00
Expenses: (\$0.00)
End Balance: \$838.23

We have a lot of literature available for purchase!

Public Relations: Casey J. **Attendance:** 15.
All Positions Filled? No. **Open?** Community outreach o

Hey Family, I'm an addict named Casey J!

If you're new to area, welcome! We are so glad you are here! The purpose of our public relations subcommittee is to inform the public that Narcotics Anonymous exists, and that we offer recovery from active addiction. We do this by creating, distributing, and managing all communications regarding NA throughout the NW Michigan Area, in accordance with the twelve traditions, the twelve concepts, as well as the guide to public information. Diversity is our strength and we are looking for all perspectives at PR. Often the newer members experience shared sheds a much needed light on the topics we discuss there. Please join us the first Sunday of every month at 5pm in the basement of fifth and oak! We offer a hybrid option as well, please visit our website for the link to our meeting!

We kicked off our meeting this month with an urgent matter regarding the phone line.

09/19/20 Sally S - Update Phone line info on mailboxes Sally updated ours and it wasn't working

9/22 Called Jeff, who fixes our phone line, and he had to reach out to the phone line company.

Bad News - We had to re-do everything!

Regional PR made a decision to go state wide instead of local.

Sally said before we make that decision "can I look for another solution?"

She called Jeff and met with him and fixed the phone line and was able to make it local.

Solution 1: Do away with updating meetings - state wide addict/website phone line.

Solution 2: Keep it as it is with an option to opt out and do the state wide option.

We don't believe it was okay that they came to the decision without our area or other areas consensus. Region PR is a contact for questions. Informational, not a decision making body. Zero phone line people were a

part of the phone line decision making. The system going into effect will be on an area basis. We need to possibly file a grievance with region. Our PR subcommittee decided on option 2. Also this has sparked interest and several members have asked to be considered for taking the phone line training as to help answer the phone 24 hours a day. It is important we talk today about the most up to date information on the phone line situation. Please put in new business and refer to Sally and James.

Fellowship Development attended Just for Today by the Bay in Traverse City recently. They could really use support. They meet on Fridays at 7pm and offer a hybrid option. Their meetings have a lead speaker every week, followed by a regular meeting. Their meeting is an hour and a half. Please contact Tim C if you are willing to speak or have any questions.

All PR Minutes, area minutes, and area resources are posted on the website. All events are up to date.

We will have brand new schedules tomorrow. They have been printed! I will do my best to distribute. Please contact me if you would like to set something up.

Since our last PR meeting Dakoske meetings have been discontinued due to medical concerns. They stated that they will revisit in thirty days. We would be willing to zoom but their equipment is awful and we would be in a similar situation that we were a couple of months ago, which was a negative experience for both sides. After reaching out to an ATS contact today, they informed us that they will be looking into it further by the middle of this week. Phoenix has moved to zoom again as well, which we started last week. Detox remains in person, but they could contact us any time and that could change. This is the wave of COVID, and we are doing an incredible job of riding it as a fellowship. Thank you to all of our H&I soldiers! When they are ready for us we will be there!

There has been no contact with Wexford or Kalkaska jails. Our coordinator had a brief interaction with officer McPeake when he dropped off literature. He also had a conversation with CDC Holso and discussed some virtual meeting options. All corrections in this area are at a standstill when it comes to H&I meetings. Our coordinator will continue to reach out once a month.

Thank you for letting me serve!

Casey J

Retreat: Chris E.

Average Attendance: Not reported.

All Positions Filled? No. **Open?** Treasury

hey kids

so the fall fun day event went well

we brought in \$406.00

we spent \$50.00 on the venue and 97.52 on food and such.

which is \$147.52

for a profit of \$258.48

we will be having the next retreat NWACNA 24 GET S'MORE Will be held at ranch rudolph

sign up will be posted soon camping hotels and the boardmann river woot woot

dates have changed to august 27th to the 29th 2021

more info to come

the next retreat meeting will be on 11/29/2020 at 5:00 p.m.

probably back to zoom because of covid 19

THANKS FOR LETTING ME SERVE

CHRIS E

GROUP REPORTS

Boardman: Casey D **Average Attendance:** 30. **Donation:** n

All Positions Filled? No **Open:** Everything but GSR and Tresurer.

We have found a new home at the Alano Club, and could really use some support in regards to the 7th Tradition and service

New Attitudes (Manistee): James K. **Average Attendance:** Not reported

Donation: \$ **All Positions Filled?** Not reported **Open?** Not reported

New Attitudes, Has started back at the church

Recovery @ 5/0: Hannah B. **Average Attendance:** 24

Donation: N/A

All Positions Filled? Yes Open? N/A

meetings are going well

Rise and Recover: Pete M. **Average Attendance:** 1

Donation: \$32.00

All Positions Filled? Yes. **Open?** N/A

We are meeting via Zoom on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings and they are going well.

Women in Recovery: Jen S. **Average Attendance:** 15

Donation: \$57

Hi. I'm an addict named Jen. We have had an average attendance of 15 combined between Zoom and in person. We have \$10 rent to Activities for using their Zoom account and a \$57 Area donation. Thanks for letting me serve.

Never alone: Mark H. **Average Attendance:** 6 **Donation:** 0

All Positions Filled? No. **Open?** Co-chair

How is group going: Ok

Subjects presented to group: none

We may go virtual

Recovery First: Lindsay H. **Average Attendance:** 15

Donation: \$0 **Open Positions:** co chair Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.

ALT GSR. Secretary- cosecretary. Co treasurer.

Attendance: Tuesday night average 15. Monday and Thursday nooner 2 people sometimes 0.

No area donation this week.

Open positions: co chair Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. ALT GSR. Secretary-cosecretary. Co treasurer.

News- Faith reformed will only allow ten max capacity. Working on finding new meeting space headed into the winter

BUDGET REQUESTS: Activities is Requesting \$653.53

Halloween Party: \$80

Literature Gobble: \$40

Fundraiser T-shirts: \$503.28

Disposable Mask: \$29.88

OLD BUSINESS

1. Activities guidelines: guidelines have been sent to Trish S. To be looked over and redrawn. Then, resubmitted to Area next month to be approved.

2. In Person Meetings for Area: We should discuss starting to meet in person again for Area . Last month, a hybrid format was decided on but due to covid-19, we have continued on the Zoom platform

3. Consensus Report: James K. will present a consensus report, to be approved by Area.

NEW BUSINESS

1. P.R. conclusion: we need to discuss what P.R.'s decision was concerning what we will do, if anything, at the Area level about our phone lines. And how training has/is going.

2. Ad Hoc committee: Will be called to dig deeper into the phonenumber issue and what we can and will do about it while holding to the Traditions.

OPEN SHARE

CLOSE

NEXT MEETING WILL BE November 14, 2020, 4:00 P.M.

INFORMATION TO TAKE BACK TO YOUR HOME GROUPS:

1. Please make sure we are representing NA in the best light possible and following the current health department guidelines regarding Covid-19 Protocol at our fellow home groups

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.