

NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR November 14, 2020

**OPENING:** Zach W. opened with the Serenity Prayer. Pete M. read the 12 Traditions. Jae S. 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:** RCMA

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS

**Secretary:** Jae S.

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! Area- 11-14-2020

Last month the area had a starting balance of \$838.57, an income of \$427 and expenses of \$106.48, which leaves us with a balance of \$1,159.09 available for budget requests. Activities had a start balance of \$485.13, expenses of \$415.88, which leaves them with a balance of \$69.25. I have been in contact with Trish and I know she has the details because she does have some cash on hand. I did not report the income that was reported for activities last month because it did not go through the bank. Retreat started with a balance of \$950, had an income of \$406, which leaves them at \$1,356. Lit had a starting balance of \$517.23, and income of \$347, which leaves them with a balance of \$864.23. This month I will pay \$10 for lit storage and I will need to pay our liability insurance which is due in December. I don't have an exact number but it will be around \$250. We also typically make a regional donation at this time. I checked the PO box a couple of weeks ago and there was nothing there. I bought stamps for \$11

and would like to be reimbursed. I used my own money since there wasn't a budget request last month. I gave myself the receipt. I created a new pay pal for the area. I was able to receive and send money so easily! Two problems though, one our credit union doesn't accept transfers from Pay Pal. Two it did charge fees that it said it wouldn't so we ended up paying \$4.95 in fees. So I would like to add the pay pal account to new business to see what you all would like me to do moving forward. I have a couple of options. I am able to make this work and have the numbers match but if anyone did an audit this would be very confusing. I'm still not sure how to make this all work better but we can talk about that when we discuss the paypal account. We also added Zach, James and Hannah to the bank account, we removed Melissa, Dave and Megan. Since we removed Dave I could access the online banking, it was set up as one owner. That is now corrected, I can access the online banking and anyone on the account can go online and create their own. Thanks for letting me serve,  
Amanda K.

**RCM:** James K

RCM,  
Hello fam, not alot new to share. I have not been able to reschedule another adhoc for dealing with the phone issue and how i was handled. Im gonna try to set it up for this week. I am requesting \$310 for a regional donation. I will be attending region on zoom on sunday december 6th. Thank you for letting me serve,  
James K.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities:** Trish S                      **Attendance:** 1  
**All Positions Filled?** No. **Open?** All except Chair

Treasurer report attached with receipts. Literature gobble was cancelled due to safe social distancing. We will catch you on the flip side! The Holiday Marathon will begin virtually on Christmas Eve and end on Christmas day at 12pm. We will have virtual speakers every two hours followed by an open

meeting. We have 26 shirts left to sell. All funds will be donated, together, at Area on December 20th.

**Literature:** Pete M.                      **Attendance:** 3  
**All Positions Filled?** N/A              **Open?** N/A

**Beginning Balance:** \$864.23  
**Income:**                      \$197.00  
**Expenses:**                      (\$753.84)  
**End Balance:**                      \$307.39

We have a lot of literature available for purchase!

**Public Relations:** Casey J.              **Attendance:** N/A  
**All Positions Filled?** No. **Open?** Community outreach

Hey family, I'm an addict named Casey. If you're new to area, welcome! We are so glad you're here! Public Relations is a subcommittee of area. Our purpose 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. Diversity is our strength and we are looking for all perspectives at PR. Often our newer members experience shared sheds a much needed light on the topics we discuss here. Our fellowship development coordinator took a carload and attended the Rapid City meeting last month. They are in need of support, and are working on getting IP's for their meeting. He plans on attending the Benzie meeting this month, or at least that is what he included in his written report. I understand that this may change due to COVID-19 concerns. Attending zoom meetings is also a form of fellowship development! Wow that means we can all lend a hand in this position, how lucky are we? Our relationship with the treatment centers is great. We communicate very often as there are constant changes due to COVID-19 caution. Currently the facilities are on zoom and its going pretty well. Dakoske's equipment still really needs an upgrade so I encourage the volunteers to hang in there and stay positive. They swear they are trying to make it a better zoom experience. Detox is going great as well. They are working on getting the proper equipment needed for virtual meetings and said they should be ready by this week's meeting. We created a handy dandy poster with all of the current virtual meeting information and have asked each facility to print and post in a

convenient spot. They also have updated men's and women's phone lists which consist of folks with over a year clean that are willing to sponsor. We are working hard to keep the website updated every single day. Thank you Mark H and Megan S. The schedule is coordinated by Jen S, which is also a daily task in 2020. Please contact her with any changes your group plans on making. We would like to stress that social media is not included in our service structure, although it can be handy. The phone line has received no calls since the statewide change. I have attached public service announcements for home groups regarding mask wearing and social distancing to my report/email. Mask up NA. Just a reminder that Region meets December 6 th at 9:00am on zoom. Please look for that information and attend. Our voice is important, now and always. The next PR meeting is December 6 th at 5:00PM on zoom using this same link and passcode. Please visit our website for the most current information!!

Thanks for letting me serve!  
Casey J

**Retreat:** Chris E.                      **Average Attendance:** Not reported.  
**All Positions Filled?** No.              **Open?** Treasury

good day my beautiful people,

so we the retreat committee are now selling bracelets for nwacn24 "get s'more " 3 dollars each or two for 5. Also we will be selling calenders !!!!! GETSOME! 15 BUCKS Each.

recovery quotes and local scenery. Check them out! Ranch Rudolph is a go pre register please on the website.....I still have a check for \$102.48 from money left from the fall fun event. I will get that to someone ...

thank you for letting me serve  
chris e

## GROUP REPORTS

**New Attitudes (Manistee):** James K.              **Average Attendance:** 7  
1/2**Donation:** \$0              **All Positions Filled?** Not reported              **Open?**  
Not reported

Meetings have been going good. still in person at this time.  
James K.

**Recovery @ 5/0:** Hannah B.      **Average Attendance:** 10

**Donation:** no donation

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

Currently all meetings are on Zoom. Saturday at 12pm and 7pm. Sunday at 7pm. Wednesday at 12pm. Thank you for letting me serve!

**Rise and Recover:** Pete M.      **Average Attendance:** 14

**Donation:** \$30.00

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

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

**Women in Recovery:** Jen S.      **Average Attendance:** 14

**Donation:** \$6      **Open?** No open positions

Still meeting in a hybrid format for the time being, and things are going smoothly.

**Living Clean in Valley:** KT R.      **Average Attendance:** 4

**Donation:** \$0      **Open?** N/A

We are meeting virtually on Zoom.

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

\$73.00

**All Positions Filled?** We will see.      **Open?** N/A

How is group going: Time will tell? Hopefully next month's area report will be more specific about things. Subjects presented to group from Area: none. We mentioned last mth that this group may end up going virtual, 586587630 and we did that. The pastor at Church of Christ, Matthew

French mentioned “we can have our time and space back when we want to return to in-person meetings”.

**Just For today by the Bay:** Tim C.    **Average Attendance:** 15  
**Donation:** \$0    **Open Positions:**N/A

**BUDGET REQUESTS:** \$300 was requested By James K. to be donated to region, but it was decided, by way of consensus, to only donate \$100 to region, \$100 to the Area literature sub-committee, and \$100 to world

**OLD BUSINESS:**

PR Conclusion: to be continued and discussed at the next area meeting.

Region Concerns: It was brought to the attention of Area that we should be asking more questions about how Region is truly serving its different Areas, how they are carrying the message to the addict who still suffers, and if the donation funds they receive are truly being utilized in a productive and responsible manner. We will ask our RCM James K. to take our concerns to the Region.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Area Pay Pal account: We, as an Area, are looking to make the 7th tradition more accessible during these uncertain time, by way of PayPal. Amanda K. has graciously investigated creating a PayPal account for our Area. Issues have come with PayPal having service fees, and being able to use PayPal with our Credit Union. Amanda K. Plans on looking into using other financial institutions.

OPEN SHARE

CLOSE

NEXT MEETING WILL BE December 20th, 2020, 4:00 P.M.

