

November Area Service Committee

Next Area Meeting: December 15th, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence: Yes

Serenity Prayer: Yes

12 Traditions: Dan O.

12 Concepts: Kieffer B.

Service Prayer: Jim C.

Welcome anyone new to AREA: Karah B., Michelle A.

New Groups:

Open Positions: Co-Treasurer

Minutes approved: Yes

Attendees: (See attendance sheet)

Trusted Servant Reports:

Secretary Report:

Minutes were submitted and I will amend the October minutes and send to Megan S. to put on the website.

Thank you for letting me serve.

-Kristin P.

Treasure Report:

Hi. I'm an addict named Jen. This is my first official month as Treasurer and I want to thank Hannah B. for handing over such organized and detailed notes and also for her willingness to sit down with me and walk me through everything. This report contains information that would have been reported by a Treasurer at the October Area meeting as well as the information for this month. I am not able to access the online banking at this time. I have been speaking with Credit Union One and they thought they fixed the problem for me, but there are ongoing issues. I hope to have that cleared up this week.

Area Account

<u>SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER</u>	
Starting Balance:	\$2,999.91
Income (Groups):	\$220.00
Income (Transfer):	\$0.00
Just for Today By the Bay	\$25.00
Just for Today (Irons)	\$10.00
Lean on Me (Cadillac)	\$50.00
Lost Dreams Awaken	\$10.00
New Attitudes (Manistee)	\$20.00
New Freedom (Cadillac)	\$100.00
Recovery 1st	\$5.00
Expenses:	(\$1,322.62)
Rent: Faith Reformed Church (Ck #1558)	(\$115.00)
PR Transfer to Literature	(\$22.62)
PR (Megan S.) (Ck #1565)	(\$135.00)
Activities (Mike B.) for Halloween Dance (Ck #1566)	(\$550.00)
BATA (Ck #1567)	(\$300.00)
WSO Donation (Check #1568)	(\$200.00)
New Balance:	\$1,897.29
Prudent Reserve	\$200.65

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Outstanding Checks:	\$435.00
1565: Megan S for PR	\$135.00
1567: BATA	\$300.00

Activities Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$150.00
Income:	\$0.00
Expenses:	(\$150.00)
Ending Balance:	\$0.00

Retreat Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$2,000.00
Income Total:	\$0.00
~Income Cash:	\$0.00
~Income Venmo	\$0.00
Expenses:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$2,000.00

Literature Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$1,071.49
Income Total:	\$676.62
~Income Cash/Check:	\$654.00
~Income Transfer:	\$22.62
Expenses:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$1,748.11

OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER	
Starting Balance:	\$1,897.29
Income (Groups):	\$330.00
Income (Transfer):	\$0.00
Boardman	\$88.00
Clean & Free (Ludington)	\$10.00
JFTBTB	\$50.00
Just for Today (Irons)	\$20.00
Lean on Me (Cadillac)	\$25.00
Lost Dreams Awaken	\$6.00
Never Alone	\$10.00
New Attitudes (Manistee)	\$20.00
New Freedom (Cadillac)	\$50.00
Women in Recovery+	\$25.00
The Lie is Dead	\$20.00
Nu Way	\$6.00
Expenses:	(\$363.85)
Rent: Faith Reformed Church (Ck #1569)	(\$115.00)
The Copy Shop (Ck #1574)	(\$10.64)
Kwik Print (Ck #1575)	(\$74.20)
Transfer from Area to Lit for PR	(\$164.01)
New Balance:	1,863.44
Prudent Reserve	\$200.68

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Outstanding Checks:	\$374.20
1567: BATA	\$300.00
1575: Kwik Print	\$74.20

Activities Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$0.00
Income:	\$2,184.00
Expenses/Transfer:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$2,184.00

Retreat Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$2,000.00
Income Total:	\$0.00
~Income Cash:	\$0.00
~Income Venmo	\$0.00
Expenses:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$2,000.00

Literature Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$1,748.11
Income Total:	\$463.01
~Income Cash/Check:	\$299.00
~Income Transfer:	\$164.04
Expenses:	\$1090.94
Ending Balance:	\$1,120.18

RCM Report:

Hi Family addict named Rob

We brought the proposed regional budgets to the meeting today to review. Secretary does not have one because the position will be filled by someone else in February. MSO's is incomplete as well.

We brought a copy of the Region guidelines for everyone to review here. I emailed everyone a copy in the groupchat to take to their homegroups and review. If anyone has any questions or comments contact me.

MSO submitted their minutes which I read at the last Area meeting. The questions we have come up with to ask at the next regional meeting are as follows:

“What is the plan to pay back the 30k in back taxes?”

“Do you believe that the trend of sales is enough to cover expenses as well as the previous debts?”

“What checks and balances will be implemented or have been implemented to ensure that this will not happen again?”

“How did the MSO come up with the funds to pay back the 25k credit card debt and 30k outstanding balance with NAWS?”

Thank you for letting us be of service.

Rob C and Katy G

Sub-Committee Reports:

Activities:

The Halloween party was a success, the pie in the face was very popular this year! Our competitors were awesome at collecting a good deal of money!! Thank you to Karah and Kieffer!

Pie in the face \$901
Door monies \$613
Food \$395
=\$1876
Venmo \$33

Ear mark left \$275

=\$2184

\$2151 was given to Treasurer Jen S.

\$700 back to Activities ear mark

\$1451 to Area

Our next event is Friendsgiving November 29th @ 3 pm, Jacob's Well – I brought fliers to Area for GSR's to bring back to homegroups.

A New Years Eve event is in the works. Also, in the works is a Murder/Mystery fundraiser with the funds going to MRCNA, looking at hosting that event in February. More information to come.

Activities has a request of raising their ear mark from \$400 to \$700 for the events listed above and future events.

Thank you for letting me serve,

Josh O.

Literature:

We have brought proposed amendments to the Literature Guidelines for review. We needed to clarify the appropriate time and place for literature orders to be filled, which is at the Literature Subcommittee meeting which meets on the third Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm. The Literature Subcommittee has tried to accommodate orders outside of that meeting, but groups and individuals took advantage of our kindness. We were being treated as "on-demand" service. Neither member of the Literature Subcommittee has that availability and frankly it should not be expected for any NA member in a service role to be at the beck and call of the homegroups and individuals in this Area. For example, only two homegroups in the TC general area showed up to the October Literature Subcommittee meeting to purchase literature. However, in the weeks following October's Literature meeting, we had 5 homegroups/individuals request literature to be received by them prior to today's literature meeting. Additionally, on several occasions when we were unable to meet someone on their timeline, we were met with attitude.

This also is an added cost for the Area. The Literature Subcommittee places its order following the Literature Subcommittee meeting based on what was sold and what will be needed in the next month, i.e. special orders. When we have to fill orders in between, we have frequently had to place more than one order with NAWS which increases shipping costs for each individual order (because we get a break the higher the price of our order).

Therefore, going forward, the time and place to fill Literature orders is at the Literature Subcommittee meeting as set forth in the Literature Subcommittee Guidelines.

We intended to bring 2 copies of the NAWA Order form for each homegroup; however, due to The Copy Shop's issues, we could only bring a few this month. We will bring more in December. As a reminder, this form is on the upnorthna.org website under ASC Forms if you need to access it.

Budget Report:

Previous Balance: \$889.10

Expenses: (\$289.05)

Transfer from Area: \$164.01

\$764.06

Income: \$737.85

New Balance: \$1501.91

Public Relations:

Hi Fellows,

Always good things happening in PR each month! We would like to thank the Kingsley group for their donation of Basic Texts, they have gone straight into the jails and we are sure they will be in the hands of suffering addicts soon!

Our Correctional facility coordinator has been continuing to attempt to make contact with the Grand Traverse County Jail and has reached out in person and via letter to the person in charge. We are hoping to hear something from them soon however if we don't we won't give up! Many of our members first experienced NA behind bars so we know how important it is for us to resume meetings there.

Our treatment Facility Coordinator is asking for support from women fellows to help take meetings into Phoenix. Many of the women currently taking in meetings have been doing it for years and we are in need of some fresh hope! If you or anyone you know (get those sponsees!) are interested please let myself or Dean A. know!

We are working on putting together some ER and Law Enforcement packets to be distributed in the next couple months that will have some NA literature, schedules, clings and business cards that those institutions can distribute to any addicts they come in direct contact with.

We have also been discussing holding a PR H&I workshop with the Do's and Don'ts of this service and will be looking for fellows who have served in this capacity to speak about their experience. I will give you more information once the details have been decided. If you have any interest to help with this workshop or participate as a speaker please let me know!

After reviewing and discussing amending our PR guidelines to remove the Web Servant, Co-Web Servant and Schedule Coordinator we have decided to take one more month to hash out some of the change in language before presenting them to this body for approval. We at PR believe the website and meeting list should stay under PR, but if approved, the new NWMASCNA Web Servant and Co-Web Servant will work in tandem with the PR subcommittee to keep these two PR related items up to date as described in the Web Servant and Co-Web Servant trusted servant position descriptions I've suggested. I have brought the suggested revision of the Area guidelines to include these two positions as new NWMASCNA positions. Please add this to new business as it will need to go back to all groups to be approved. Any input at this level would be appreciated. We will be bringing the completed suggested revision for PR Guidelines to the Area body in December 2024.

Tim has been in contact with the BATA bus staff who was fine with waiting until this month for payment if we would like to go ahead with renewing our current posters. This will be a budget request of \$700.00 to be made to BATA. We will need a decision on this matter this month before they decide to take them down for non-payment.

We also have our mini library built, painted and ready to install! Melissa W. has willingness to plant it, I'm just working with her to schedule a time to do that hopefully before the ground freezes.

I do have a budget request of \$66.55 to be transferred to Literature for the purchase of 75 key tags for the PR meeting. 10 of each for white, orange, green and red and then 7 of 6mo, 9mo, 1yr, 18mo and 2 yr. This also includes 10 copies of the PR Basics booklet for our subcommittee members to refer to in their new positions. This total includes the 10% shipping. We apparently been using Jacobs Wells key tags since we share the space and we would like to purchase our own so we are not using another groups items purchased by their groups 7th tradition.

I think that's all I have for this month!

Don't forget, its OK to be clean! Thanks for letting me serve!

Megan S.
PR Chairperson

Retreat:

Nothing new to report. We have been working on fundraising ideas. Meeting average attendance of 3. We did not meet last month. We meet again on Sunday November 24th. Open positions: Programming, Co-Chair, Co-Treasurer.

Thank you for letting me serve,

Jennifer V.

Group Reports:

Group: Anonymous

GSR: Mike B.

Average Attendance: 20

Donation to Area: 0

Open Positions: Yes, we could use some support

How is the group going: Great, Treatment is still visiting, great attendance. Planning a winter event.

Group: Boardman

GSR: Dean A. (proxy)

Average Attendance: 35-45

Donation to Area: 0

Open Positions: GSR Alternate

How is the group going: Fantastic, consistent

Group: Just for Today (Irons)

GSR: Bob W.

Average Attendance: 3

Donation to Area: 0

Open Positions: ALL

How is the group going: Need support, attendance has dropped

Group: Living in Harmony (Kalkaska)

GSR: Dean A.

Average Attendance: 4-6

Donation to Area: 0

Open Positions: none

How is the group going: Fantastic, it is growing but could still use support.

Group: Lost Dreams Awaken (Brethren)

GSR: Bob W.

Average Attendance: 3

Donation to Area: 0

Open Positions: All

How is the group going: Need Support

Group: Never Alone

GSR: Adam N.

Average Attendance: 7-8

Donation to Area: 0

Open Positions: None

How is the group going: Ok, we suppose. We seem to have more new people showing up or/and people not regularly acquainted w/ meeting etiquette, so we will be adding the clarity statement to our readings and a reminder in our group meeting format reading to refrain from cross-talking.

Group: New Attitudes (Manistee)

GSR: Jim C.

Average Attendance: 8

Donation to Area: 0

Open Positions: None

How is the group going: Group is doing well.

Group: NU Way in Recovery (Wellston)

GSR: Bob W.

Average Attendance: 3

Donation to Area: \$10

Open Positions: All

How is the group going: Attendance is low but the most important member here is the newcomer. Could use other members to come tell us "How it Works".

Decisions on subjects presented to the group: Working out format, figuring out structure for readings, planning possible fishing event, working to stay in basic text/and teach the steps, traditions, and concepts.

Group: Recovery at 5/0

GSR: Kieffer B.

Average Attendance: 15

Donation to Area: 0

Open Positions: Co-Secretary

How is the group going: Group is thriving. Getting a lot of new members. We adjusted the Wednesday meditation format to hopefully give members more time to share.

Group: Rise and Recover

GSR Alternate: Tim C.

Average Attendance: 9

Donation to Area: 0

Open Positions: Co-Treasurer, Co-Secretary

How is the group going: Group is doing well. We recently elected a new GSR, Alternate, Secretary, and Treasurer. (Thank you to all that attended)

Group: Rock'n Recovery (Kingsley)

GSR: Matt R.

Average Attendance: 12

Donation to Area: 0

Open Positions: None

How is the group going: Group is going well. Steady Attendance. Just had elections. We will be going through the basic text cover to cover starting in January.

Group: The Lie is Dead

GSR: Pat B.

Average Attendance: 3

Donation to Area: \$10

Open Positions: Many

How is the group going: Slow but still going.

Group: Women in Recovery+

GSR: Open Position (proxy Megan S.)

Average Attendance: 7.25

Donation to Area: 0

Open Positions: GSR

How is the group going: Well! We're a bit low in attendance but still kickin'!

Budget Request:

- Public Relations **\$700** to BATA for advertising starting November 1st for 12 months.
APPROVED
- Activities requesting **\$25** for Jacobs Well space rental for Friendsgiving and **\$14.63** for fliers. **APPROVED**
- Activities requesting to raise their ear mark from **\$400 to \$700** – Activities is planning on hosting more events and would like a larger budget to be able to host these events. **The group decided on increasing their ear mark to \$500.**
- Public Relations request **\$66.55** for 75 key tags and 10 PR Basics booklets.
APPROVED
- Region Donation (**tabled for December**)
- \$417 6 month fixed insurance (**tabled for December**)

Old Business:

- Zoom at AREA – web servant and co-web servant position guidelines were handed out to GSR's to bring back to homegroups to review. If the guidelines are approved by the groups, a web-servant position will be created at the AREA level in December. The web servant will be in charge of keeping the website up to date and to facilitate Zoom at AREA. PR guidelines in reference to Web-servant will be changed once AREA web-servant position guidelines are approved.

New Business:

- Question 5 Area Inventory – II. Create new Adhoc Committee to create more comprehensive guidelines. Area will nominate and elect a chair person for the Adhoc Committee next month (**tabled until December**).
- Web Servant and Co-Webservant positions - The new NWMASCNA Web Servant and Co-Web Servant will work in tandem with the PR subcommittee to keep these two PR related items up to date as described in the Web Servant and Co-Web Servant trusted servant position descriptions. The suggested revision of the Area guidelines to include these two positions as new NWMASCNA positions. These new guidelines will need to be approved by the groups before changes can be made.
- AREA decisions list – Megan S. has the willingness to sit down with Kristin P. and go through Area meeting minutes from 2019 to current to add any decisions to the AREA decisions list. This will be a duty of the Area secretary moving forward.
- Michigan Service Office (MSO) Questions – Group reviewed and discussed questions as listed above in the RCM/RCMA report.
- Region Guidelines – Guidelines Draft was brought to the meeting for GSR's to bring back to homegroups and will be on the the website under AREA announcements for input from the groups. Input communicated to Rob C. by January Area meeting will be added to the revision tracker.

Subjects to take to the groups:

- MRSCNA Guidelines to review at homegroups, any input should be communicated to Rob C. and he will take them back to Region. You can find these proposed guidelines on the website under AREA announcements.
- Friendsgiving Event fliers were handed out to GSR's to bring back to the groups.
- Literature requests should be done at the monthly Literature meeting, on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 3 pm. NAWS literature order forms were brought to the

meeting for GSR's to bring back to their homegroups, and the form is available on the upnorthna.org website.

- Our treatment Facility Coordinator is asking for support from women fellows to help take meetings into Phoenix. Many of the women currently taking in meetings have been doing it for years and we are in need of some fresh hope! If you or anyone you know (get those sponsees!) are interested please let Megan S. or Dean A. know.
- PR has been discussing holding an H&I workshop with the Do's and Don'ts of this service and will be looking for fellows who have served in this capacity to speak about their experience. If you have any interest to help with this workshop or participate as a speaker please let Megan S. know.
- Recovery at 5/0 has created a photo album of fellow addicts who have passed, if you have photos you would like to add to the album, contact Kieffer B. or Casey D.
- Web servant and Co-Web Servant Guidelines - bring back to groups to review, for approval. Guidelines were handed out to GSR's and will be posted on the website under NA Announcements. The guidelines state that the Web-Servant and Co-Web servant will move to an Area position and work in cooperation with the PR Subcommittee Chairperson in regards to the website and meeting list, these positions will also facilitate and run the virtual portion (zoom) of the monthly Area meeting.

Next Meeting: December 15th 2024 @ 4 pm.

Close

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