

Northwest Michigan Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

December 2020

Attendance: Zach W, Trish S, Katy G, Pete M, Sophie B, Amanda K, James K, Mark H, Lindsay H, Casey J, KT R, Rob C, Krystal C, Hannah B, Tim C, Chris E, Jae S.

Opening: Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer. Casey J. read the 12 traditions, Pete M. read the 12 concepts, Zach W. read the service prayer.

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 cannot collect paperwork. Let me know of any errors please. Also please send your reports to Katy G. as well. Thank you for letting me serve.

Treasurer – Amanda K.

Hey Family!

Area- 12-20-2020

First, please remember to PayPal the area not Sally! So, before I report the monthly info, I wanted to explain one thing I will be doing different. So, one thing that has made this a little more confusing is that groups or subcommittees will report a donation or income, but then I do not receive it till the next month. When this happens, I do not record their income or donation since it did not get deposited that month, then I include it on the month it gets deposited. This is what would be very confusing in an audit. So whenever that happens, I will mention in my report to hopefully help with any confusion. Please let me know if you have any questions, it is kind of hard to describe.

For November there were three donations/income report that will not be reported until I receive them, Women in Recovery for \$6, Public Relations for \$15 and Retreat for \$105.48.

Last month the area had a starting balance \$1,159.090, income of 103, expenses of 649 and an ending balance of 613.09. Activities had a start balance of 864.23, income of 165.41 and an ending balance of 234.66. Retreat had a start and end balance of 1,356. Literature had a start balance of 864.23, income of 297, expenses of 753.84, and an end balance of 407.39.

I got a debit card in the mail from the bank, what do you want me to do with it? Hannah and I did not look into 4front, I was able to figure out the problem with the PayPal. It turns out it was on PayPal's end that I could not transfer the money. It was all corrected and the money was transferred for no fee. Also, the last money we had come into PayPal there was no fee. Please just remember to send it person to person and not as paying for goods. Do you all still want to look into switching banks? I checked the PO box this month. I have not been able to connect with Hannah, this month was a little wild for me. We do keep in touch via text but it is hard to teach her the treasure stuff unless we are in person. We will meet by next month!

Thanks for letting me serve,

Amanda K.

I forgot this part: There are two bills to be paid this month, \$10 for lit storage and \$138 for our storage unit. That leaves us with an available balance of \$465.09.

RCM – James K.

Hey Family,

I really thank everybody for giving me this position. It has just been amazing. I rally thank everyone for the guidance you all have given me. Region did not go the way we were hoping. Really, I feel I misunderstood what our area wanted. The turn out from our area to region was phenomenal. It shows we have a great and strong group. I feel another issue was not solved which is the reason with people not getting notified of the phone issue was people not passing along contact info through the proper channels. We never did figure out how we were going to something to keep this issue from happening in the future. Our website CHANGED BUT DOESN'T AFFECT ANYTHING, JUST TO WHERE Pattie K. sends to the server. Nothing else to bring back currently.

Thank you, I love you all, James K.

Subcommittee Reports:

Activities - Trish S. **Attendance** – N/A

Open Positions - Co chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Hospitality.

We have been putting together as many ideals as we can to pull off some fun, unifying, activities, but the health shutdowns are kicking our butts just like they are yours. Our virtual holiday marathon kicks off this Thursday at noon and will continue through Christmas eve until noon on Christmas day. Marathon T shirts sales were slow; however, we had a donation of \$410 and will continue selling the end of the week. Many shirts have been paid for and will be donated to newcomers throughout the community this week. We have learned a lot about graphic designed and have been releasing flyers over the past few months. Thank you, Katy G., for jumping in to help with a simple solution. A project we are currently working on within our group is editing guidelines for our committee. We are adding points and directions to topics like graphic design, holding funds at area, and decisions about other topics so we have accountability within our sub committee and freedom to fulfill our primary purpose. These guidelines will be posted here for January area for approval.

Start balance was 234.66, donation of 410.00, ending balance is 644.66.

Literature – Pete M. Attendance - 3

Beginning Balance – 407.39.

Income – 86.00 Expenses - 0

Ending Balance – 493.39

Public Relations – Casey J. Attendance – N/A

Open positions – Co Web Servant

Hey family, I am an addict named Casey! If you are new to area, welcome, we are so glad you made it! At PR, 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, in accordance with the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous as well as the NA 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 each month at 5PM on zoom.

This month, a majority of us attended region the same morning where we dove into the phone line issue. The phone line is now statewide. If you choose to speak to a live addict a shotgun call goes out statewide to phone line volunteers. This was the best solution for the majority of our region. Not as many areas are as lucky as we are with people willing to step up and maintain and answer the phone line. There were a disturbing number of areas with no trusted servants in the PR umbrella. It takes a few more prompts to get to the northwest Michigan area information, which we were troubled over, but were willing to stand aside in the end to do what is best for everyone and the addict trying to reach us. Our zoom password is on our voicemail, and I also emailed the list of volunteers with our password to our meetings here as well in case the situation arises.

I will say that even having a password, in the lens of PR, came up in our PR meeting. We want to be as accessible as possible to the addict trying to find us. Something to think about.

The meetings with the treatment centers have been okay. We are completely on zoom and it has been more of a struggle to get the places to remember and sign in on time lately. One week "their" internet was down," and last week they "didn't have the password to computer." I am having to call two and three times to make sure that it is executed. Detox has been exceptionally smooth though.

We have rescheduled our phone line training for January 16th, 2021 at 1:00pm. Flier coming soon.

We are working on a Presentation to Professionals, planned for March 2021.

I would like to request that area pay for PR to have their own zoom account. We have Dakoske on the area account, and phoenix and detox on Activities. We did have an incident where a fellow member with the login information (there are a lot of us now), logged in and ended an H&I meeting. Also, whatever is going on with Activities account is confusing to me and was not created for a group, what I mean by that is that you sign in and it is a child's account with a first and last name and a family picture. We have had to reschedule two different PR related meetings because the area account was in use. We just think it's appropriate to have a separate account now that zoom is in full swing again.

Megan S is now our Web Servant, congratulations! Although Mark would never leave her hanging, she is the one to contact regarding the web page and upcoming event fliers! Please contact Jen S for schedule changes. Katy G has now stepped into the Community Outreach position with the loving guidance of Sally S. for a smooth transition, congrats Katy G! In other exciting news, we welcomed Kelsie K. as our new Fellowship Development Coordinator, congrats! We are left with one open position and that would be Co Web Servant.

There was no 7th tradition from our monthly speaker meeting.

In Loving Service, Casey J

Retreat – Chris E. Attendance – N/A Open Positions – N/A

Hello friends. The retreat committee met last month via zoom to discuss upcoming events and the 2021 retreat. We still have calendars for sale. \$15 each hit up a retreat committee member and get some. They make great Christmas presents for anyone. We also have bracelets, yes bracelets, \$3 each or 2 for \$5. We are still planning on moving forward with the 2021 retreat to be at Ranch Rudolph the last weekend in August. We are also planning a new style of talent show this year, VIRTUAL take a video of your talent upload it singing, dancing, juggling, snuggling, whatever you have and to make this event more fun we are planning to auction off some cool items in between the talent clips. We will be sharing more info soon.

I sent Amanda a check for some things as follows

fall fun day money left	\$102.48
Calendars	\$45.00
Bracelets	\$25.00
For a total of	\$172.48
Paid Toni S.	- \$ 67.00 for purchasing bracelets
Total	+\$105.48

That my friends is all I have for you today.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Chris

GROUP REPORTS

New Attitudes (Manistee)

GSR: James K.

Average Attendance: N/A

Donation: \$0

All Positions Filled? Not reported

Open? N/A

Our meeting is currently shut down temporarily.

Rise & Recover:

GSR: Pete M

Average Attendance: N/A

Donation to Area: 16.00

Open positions: All positions are filled

Never Alone:

GSR: Mark H

Average Attendance: 6

Donation to Area: 50.00

Open positions: Co-chair

How is group going: Ok

Subjects presented to group: none

Recovery @ Fifth and Oak:

GSR: Hannah B

Average Attendance: 15

Open positions: None

How is group going: Great, staying on Zoom.

Living Clean in the Valley:

GSR: KT R

Average Attendance: 4

Donation to Area: 50.00, suggested 50.00 to retreat.

Boardman:

GSR: Casey D

Zoom, No donation.

Just for Today by the Bay:

Area Donation: 50.00

Women in Recovery:

Zoom, no donation.

Recovery 1st:

GSR: Lindsay H.

0.0 area donation.

Old Business:

Bank account.

Since the issue has been fixed, do we feel the need to find a new place to bank with?

Consensus says since it is all taken care of, we just keep the same bank account.

New Business:

Public Relations Subcommittee Zoom. 15\$ a month. Using the area PayPal.

Everyone agreed it was okay.

Budget Requests:

Zoom account for subcommittees. 15.00 a month using Area debit card.

Approved.

Open Share

Serenity Prayer – Close.