

Date 4:00 PM

Fifth and Oak

Northwest Area Service Committee Meeting

Attendees:

Moment of Silence

Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions

12 Concepts of Service

Service Prayer

Open Positions

Reports

Treasurer; Hannah B

Hello Area!! I did not have the chance to go and change anything with the storage unit, I got covid and it honestly spaced my mind, but I will call up there this week and schedule a time to go up there and change things over, the bill is due this month so a great time to change things up. Last month Area had a starting balance of \$2205.87 income from groups was \$392.00 Income from transfers where \$2,666.58 and total expenses of \$911.89 with an ending balance of \$4352.56 With rent and other expenses. After rent, storage unit, and the zoom we have the amount of \$4127.67 available. Activities had a start balance of \$203, Income of \$1493.71, expenses of \$80. After \$1296.71 transfer to area they have an ending balance of \$320 Retreat had a start balance of \$2830.87 transfer to area of \$1330.87 leaving them with an end balance of \$1500. Literature had a start balance of \$446.27 income of \$438.00 income transfer from Area for PR of \$405. Expenses of \$451.55 with an end balance of \$837.72. I am hoping by next area we can change the names on the Area bank account, so I have better access to the online banking, I also need to order checks opened the last book this past week. I'm not sure how much that is, but I will get that figured out this week and get back to you all next month about it. Thank you for letting me be of service

RCM; James K

Not much to report. IP 7 & 3 are changing colors. MRCNA has positions open – co-treasurer, co-secretary, and serenity guide chair. Region is turning of phone until updated. MRCNA still in the works of finding a place. Hybrid is always an option!

Activities; Mike B

Fundraising for MRCNA? Would like to talk about, no budget request. Would cost \$300 Need support. Average attendance 3 -Made \$85 from Friendsgiving Euchre Tournament. Planning cardboard toboggan sledding party for end of January. Still in planning stages.

Public Relations; Casey J

If you are new to area, welcome! We are really glad you're here! This is where we discuss business and further our primary purpose. It's the healthiest of organisms when group representatives and position holders attend. The idea is that we take in information and bring it back to our groups in the spirit of curiosity, cooperation and unity.

Public relations meets the first Sunday of the month at 5:00pm in the basement of fifth and oak. 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.

We have new schedules here today. Please contact Jen for any schedule updates. This is important because we want to give addicts the most accurate information in order to find us and find a new way to live.

The website is up to date. All flyers and events are posted. Please contact Megan S or Mike C for any website questions or additions.

Men's treatment center meetings are going great. They meet Mondays at 7:00 pm in person at Dakoske Hall. The women's treatment center meetings are currently on hold while the facility transitions to a different type of care. It doesn't sound like this will affect the way we do meetings and we plan to resume in January. They meet on Tuesday's at 7:30 pm at Phoenix Hall in person. The Detox facility is now open! We resumed meeting last week. We do a panel there every Wednesday at 7:00pm in person. Please contact me directly if you would like to do this kind of service.

We are waiting on word from the Grand Traverse County Jail for a training for volunteers. Please contact Yon directly if you would like to help carry the message in the GT county jail or in the Manistee prison. Days and times have yet to be determined.

Fellowship development has been making an effort to support Just for Today by the Bay on Friday nights the past couple of months. Please let us know if your group needs support.

The phone line is a work in progress. We are working hard at updating the current phone line as well as looking into an alternative option for the northwest Michigan area.

Please attend public relations, our next meeting is January 2nd, 2022.

Literature; Adam N – Avg Attendance 1

Literature co chair – open position

Balance from November: \$884.24

A literature order for \$51.55 was placed on 12/17/21 because we had no immediate needs to be filled. Ordered a starter kit for the home group from Ludington; we need the address for to send when it arrives. Also, literature committee requests \$10 to send the packet to them once it arrives. Not exactly sure of all the contents of said packet, but any change from sending will be returned to Literature along with receipt.

Different Ips and informational booklets than we normally keep in stock were ordered this time such as Outreach resource information, institutional group guide, a treasurer's handbook, Ips on business meetings, NA Groups and medications, social media, leadership in NA service, and 3rd step prayer and Gratitude Slogan posters that homegroups can purchase. I will be ordering more new items as I explore the new, more easily navigated website.

An issue that needs to be discussed at the area is establishing a literature subcommittee email with area. I tried switching everything to my email and address, but NA World Services insists that we establish an area Literature email before switching Chair names and shipping addresses (which would go from Pete M's to mine) I told them this was something we needed to vote on. Wanted to bring this up asap. Nothing else to report. Thanks you for allowing me to serve

Retreat Subcommittee; Dave T

Held pancake breakfast on 12/18 -low attendance but high donations. Ended up with \$334 to deposit. We started with \$1,500 in seed money so our next month balance will be \$1,834. We chose a name for the retreat – Survived Arrived & Thrived NWACNA 25 (By Zach W) Now accepting artwork for retreat t shirt design and will choose artwork at our talent show/dinner on February 12th.

GSR Reports

Name of Group: Never Alone – Kathi T – Group is going well
Attendance Avg 12 - \$92.93 to Area

Name of Group: New Attitudes – Amanda K Wednesdays & Sundays 7pm
Attendance Avg 4/low \$100 to Area
Few open positions but getting by

Name of Group: Boardman – Dave T – Now an open meeting (I think the schedule is already updated)
Attendance Avg 25 \$73.00 to Area
Santa is going to be at Alano Club on Thrus 12/23 2pm-4pm to give gifts to children whose family cannot afford any

Name of Group:

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\$50 to Area struggling with attendance
Stay with regional phone line and try to keep updated (opinion) – Meet in room 8 across from old meeting space. All positions are open

Name of Group: Recover First – Zach B
Attendance Avg 20 - \$40 to Area Group is going well and looking forward to Christmas Party
Need co chairs Monday and Thursday (Lib assumes at noon)

Name of Group: 5/0 - Hannah B
Attendance Avg noon 5 Night 20
Group going well

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Old Business – Current regional phone line that we have goes to Katy G.

Need an email address for Area that literature subcommittee can access (not Pete M/Adam)
nwarea@gmail.com is the existing address
deciding between having access to email or secretary being responsible for forwarding emails to literature. Group decision made to let Adam access?

New Business –

Fundraiser as well as donation to MRCNA
Treasurer needs to order checks – will work out taking Amanda K off as primary account holder in person. Treasurer will contact bank and report back to group.

Budget Requests –

Proposed to donate \$1,000 or \$500 to MRCNA - MRCNA could benefit from either fundraising or donations. \$500 and fundraiser approved by area to MRCNA

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