

December Area Service Committee

December 17th, 2023

Next Area Meeting: January 21st, 2024 at 4pm

Moment of Silence: Yes

Serenity Prayer: Yes

12 Traditions: Brad S.

12 Concepts: Katy G.

Service Prayer: Jim C.

Open Positions:

Co-Treasure: No willingness at this time.

Minutes approved: Yes

Attendees: Katy G, Jen S, Kari R, Tim C, Hannah B, Jim C, Brad S, Megan S, Rob C, Jared G, Mike B, Grey, Travis D

Trusted Servant Reports:

Secretary Report:

Hi Family, addict named Christina! Novembers Minutes have been uploaded on our webpage as well as emailed along with a contact list included in the emails. I was not able to print out a few readings that were needed this month but will work on that for Januarys Area Meeting. A big thank you to Jen for filling in as secretary today!

Christina R.

Treasure Report:

Hello Fellows!

I'm officially on the bank account and received access to the online banking. There weren't clear records since August area, so I went through the bank account information as well as the area minutes and balanced the "books" to make sure this month was accurate and up to date. I'm happy to say when I got to this month everything looked in order. I will be asking for an adjustment in past area minutes and will reflect that information later in my report. We couldn't locate the P.O Box key, so Zach got one from the Post Office and copies made which cost \$34.00. Zach W. paid and gave me a receipt of purchase and will be requesting reimbursement at this area meeting and will be reflected in my report next month. The bill for the liability insurance came in the beginning of the month and needed to be paid by the 22nd of this month so I paid that and is included in this report.

Area had a starting balance of \$3,509.56. Income from groups of \$131.25. Income transfer of \$1,796 received from Activities from proceeds from the Halloween dance. Expenses of \$1,630.34 which consisted of \$115-Rent payment to Faith Reform Church Region Donation-\$300. Reimbursement to the RCM: \$205, Liability insurance: \$383, Transfer to literature of \$100 for I.Ps requested by Public Relations. Copy Shop: \$31.50, Public Relations poster drive: \$300, Public Relations speaker Jam: \$150, and finally a reimbursement to Activities Chair Jared: \$45.84

When Pete was treasurer, he created buckets within our bank account when area funds got put directly back into main account it added a penny to the total so including that our ending balance is \$3806.48.

Activities had a starting balance of \$95, income of \$2101, expenses with a transfer into the area balance in the amount of \$1796, Activities balance is \$400.

Retreat had a starting balance of \$2,000, income of \$105, income from Venmo with the ending balance of \$2145.

Literature had a starting balance of \$559.08, income of \$502.25, income from Venmo of \$13, income from transfer of \$100, Expenses of \$671.98, with the ending balance of \$502.35.

When balancing past months and looking at the area minutes, the money coming in and going out I noticed inaccuracies in the Treasurer reports. Starting back in September total expenses should be \$570.03, including a \$225 transfer to activities with an ending balance of \$263.13.

Retreat had total expenses of \$4940.61 with an ending balance of \$5231.43.

October's minutes the starting balance should reflect the previous month's ending balance which didn't. So, the starting balance should be \$263.13 and the ending balance of \$348.13.

Retreat's starting balance should be \$5,231.43 with the ending balance of \$5231.43. The money the area received from the retreat is \$3,281.43.

If anyone has any questions and wants to view my records, I would love to assist in any of those questions.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Hannah B.

RCM Report:

Region Report December 16th

This month at region the .65 gas mileage was approved.

Jeff C. was successfully able to assume full responsibilities as the Regional Treasurer.

Current Regional bank balance as of 12/03/23: \$12566.57. A spreadsheet of Regional income and expenses is now available on the Google Drive for transparency. The 2023-2024 admin budget information is also included at this link. See below link for Regional Treasurer:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12ykOEIRhtqrNRKEG6ObaoMxCYVwW5hSi>

The theme for MRCNA 38 convention has been decided, it is: We Grow with Love. The logo will be voted on at the January MRCNA meeting. The winner will receive a free registration to the MRCNA 38 convention. Anyone interested in submitting logos that corresponds with our theme, please email in jpg format.

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The sixth Michigan Regional Guideline Update Ad hoc Committee Meeting was held on December 10, 2023, at 9:00am via Zoom. The next Guideline Update Ad hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 9am.

PR is going to buy 10 books for each of the 26 DOC prisons in the state of Michigan at a cost of \$3900.00.

It was agreed budgets will be submitted in August then approved in October going forward so there's time to review them before they are approved.

The MSO rep was given a list of questions and will respond to the questions at the next region meeting. The ad hoc guidelines committee may also visit the MSO office in April on the Saturday before the region meeting to be able to talk with board members.

- A. Describe the nature of the relationship between MRSCNA and the MSO.
- B. What is their function? What services do they provide to the Region, and what value is added to MRSCNA for the financial investment? How may we better utilize them?
- C. Where do they exist in the current NA service structure? Do they mainly serve the Detroit region, not our region?
- D. Is it appropriate within our MRSCNA guidelines to reserve a position for the MSO representative?
- E. In what ways would it be detrimental if MRSCNA ceased to maintain an MSO Representative position?
- F. What expenses do we pay to the MSO or for the MSO rep?
- G. Why does the MSO keep asking for donations from our Region, without explanation? Who is initiating those requests and why?

Saturday before the region meeting, we went to a workshop about predatory behavior at NA meetings. The RD and RDA have suggested doing this and other issue discussion topics at the area level. They are willing to help put a workshop together or help the RCM's put one on for their areas.

In regard to the NA meeting finder app., World services is no longer posting meetings. Instead, they will be done through the web servants of local areas. This is important for meetings that don't go to area that would normally contact world or region to be put on meeting list to be searchable online. Areas need to make sure that they are putting these meetings on the local website so they can be found.

We have \$15 to return to the area because the hotel was cheaper than expected.

The regional body is requesting \$15 per meal, instead of a per diem to be used at multi day service events. This request is to help trusted servants, offset the cost of attending these events. Similar to how we currently do requests for travel reimbursement, this will be automatic for the regional administrative body, and by request for RCM's.

Co-facilitator and co-treasury are open positions.

The next MRSCNA meeting will be held via Zoom, on February 4, 2024.

Region minutes were just released so I may have more to report next month if I missed anything.

Rob C and Zach W

Sub-Committee Reports:

Activities:

Report by Jared G.

There will be a dance in February, more information to come.

Literature:

Report by Jen S.

I have a co-chair!

Previous balance \$1,074.33

Expenses \$671.98

Income \$282.50

\$100 deposit transfer from PR

\$100 towards IP's to PR

Total \$684.85

Public Relations:

Hey family!!! Addict named Katy. Happy December folks.

This month has been moving along great!!

Schedules have been picked up and I made a huge mistake!! The dates are wrong OOPS. But thank you again for all for the grace that you have given me for the mistake. We have 1200 of them. We will be using at least 200 for the poster drive so I am considering asking if I can do that :)

First, I just wanna thank the area for being so supportive of all of our goals! The magnets for the poster drive have been ordered! Posters will be ordered this week, and I will double check them before I send them to print. The PR subcommittee is going to meet earlier in January so we can gather and put together 100 ish packets to take to our area's doctors offices, courthouses, bulletin boards, hospitals everywhere.

The speaker jam flyer is made and posted on the website. The location is secured. We have some fun ideas for this event. For a PR event I have a really hard time charging people for the food or event in general. I was thinking with the money we have for the event buying pizza and drinks which are being donated and having people "purchase" these items on a donation base. Donate what you can and if not, you still can have pizza :) I also want to have cans around with different jail names kind of showing what we are doing there. What institutions will be directly affected by the donations made during the event. It's going to be a fun-filled informative event! The correctional facility coordinator position is still open, yon is currently filling in as interim and he will be available to help the next person who has willingness to fulfill the position next.

After an extended period of patient, principled, and persistent attempts to establish a consistent and honest communication with the current GTCJ administration in regards to NA meetings in their facility we have made the decision to reach out to other sources such as direct communication with the County Sheriff. As of this week there has been an email exchange with the City Law Enforcement counselor to the County Councilor and the Sheriff with us included. Sheriff Shae responded with a desire to have a meet up planned in the future.

The treatment centers are going wonderfully! We could always use more volunteers for Detox, which is a one-year clean time requirement. We are collecting the IPs today to hand out to the facilities today from LIT.

We request 100\$ more for the speaker jam and roughly 30\$ more for a reprint of correct schedules for the poster drive!!

In loving service

Katy G!

Retreat:

Melissa W.

Sorry I couldn't be present due to a death in my immediate family. We did not hold a meeting this month. We are waiting for the "reimaging" surveys and hope you all remembered to bring them back from your groups. We will look over that info from the fellowship to help us decidde how to proceed with the retreat.

Open positions are co-chair, treasure and facilities coordinator. A couple of dates to save:
March 16th, 2024 for the annual Talent Show
May 4th, 2024 for a Spring Fling dance with possibly an 80's theme.
There was no income or expenses this month, so the retreat balance remains at \$2,145.
Thanks for letting me serve.
Melissa W.

Group Reports:

Group: Anonymous Group

GSR: Mike B acting GSR, Jen S. Proxy

Average attendance: 15

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Yes, most

How is the group going? Great! Attendance solid, saving money to throw a party this winter.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Back to Basics

GSR: Adam N. Jen S. Proxy

Average attendance: 2

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Group is going ok. We are still having low attendance. We are giving it until February to see if attendance improves but if it doesn't, the meeting will close. All money and literature will be donated to Area or another group

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Fifth and Oak

GSR: Kari R.

Average attendance: 10-15

Donation to Area: \$54

Any open positions? Co-chairs and co-GSR

How is the group going? The group is going well. I brought up to the group about doing an event and we are thinking of doing one possibly in March.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: Agreed and in the works, also brought surveys to the group

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Gratitude in Action

GSR: Ginny

Average attendance: 2-4

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? all

How is the group going? We are struggling

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Just For Today By The Bay

GSR: Tim C.

Average attendance: 10

Donation to Area: \$25

Any open positions? Yes, GSR Alt., Secretary and Co-Chair

How is the group going? Group is doing well. Still a Leas Speaker meeting and still on Zoom. If anyone wants to be a les speaker, let us kknow

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Lean on Me

GSR: Brad S.

Average attendance: 20

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? No

How is the group going? Good

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: New Attitudes

GSR: Jim C.

Average attendance: 4

Donation to Area: \$10

Any open positions? Yes

How is the group going? Group is maintaining with an average of 4 members per meeting.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: Group members completed survey online and hopefully many area members did also. It was simple and clear.

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Recovery First

GSR: Jared G.

Average attendance: 50-60 Tuesday nights, 6 at nooners

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Co-secretary, Thursday noon chair

How is the group going? Schedules are out for the holiday party.

Group: Rise and Recover

GSR: Don R.

Average attendance: 12-18

Donation to Area: None

Any open positions? Co-treasurer, Co-secretary, Co-chair

How is the group going? Getting on our feet, changing group conscious to the 2nd Friday of the month starting January 12th

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Rock'n Recovery

GSR: Alt. Travis D.

Average attendance: 12

Donation to Area: \$25

Any open positions? No

How is the group going? Great. We are having our 5th Wednesday of the month Potluck on January 31st. Potluck starts at 6pm, 3 speaker meeting at 7pm. Bring a dish to pass if you can.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Group: Woman in Recovery +

GSR: Melissa W.

Average attendance: 17

Donation to Area: \$35

Any open positions? None

How is the group going? Going well!! All positions are finally filled! Will be open on December 25th thanks to our awesome chairperson Tina W!

Decision on subject(s) presented to the Group: None

Subject(s) brought to Area from the Group: None

Groups not present:

Boardman Group, Clean and Free (Ludington), Clean in the County, Growth Through Recovery, Just for Today (Irons), Living in Harmony (Kalkaska), New Freedom (Cadillac), Search for Serenity (Ludington)

Budget Request:

Zach reimburse \$34 for PO Box key

Activities \$100 to pay Church of the Naz for dance (no approval needed)

PR request \$100 for Speaker Jam and \$35 to reprint 200 schedules = \$135

Old Business:

Reminder for Retreat Survey

Ad-Hoc, Area inventory event information coming after the holidays

New Business:

Region wants \$ for meals for admin committee to replace a per diem to be paid from the Region budget. Rob C. brought the issue from Region. There was discussion for and against it. Our Area opposed to this.

Purchasing 12 Concept Booklet for \$2.42 for the Area Meetings

Next Meeting: January 21st, 2024, at 4pm

Close

Thank you for letting me serve and thank you again Jen S. for taking notes for the December Area Meeting. I am very grateful!

Christina R. Area Secretary