

Northwestern Michigan Area Service of Narcotics Anonymous

December 21, 2025

Readings

Service Prayer

Twelve Traditions

Twelve Concepts

Administrative Roll Call

Facilitator (Dean A.)- Absent

Co-Facilitator- Absent

Treasurer (Kieffer B.)- Present

Co-Treasurer (Mike M.)- Present

Secretary (Karah B.)- Absent

Co-Secretary (Holly S.)- Present

RCM (Rob C.)- Absent

RCMA (Amanda K.)- Present

Webserver (Megan S)- Present

Co-Webservant (Megan S.)- Present

Subcommittee Roll Call

Activities (Josh O)- Present

Public Relations (Megan S.)- Present

Family Relations (Megan S) Retreat (Jenn V)- Present

Retreat (John V.) - Present
Literature (Adam N.) - Present

Group Roll Call

A= Absent B= Absent with report P= Present

Living in Harmony (Kalkaska)	A	P	P	A								
Lost Dreams Awaken (Brethren)	P	P	P	P								
Never Alone	P	P	P	P								
New Attitudes (Manistee)	P	P	P	P								
New Freedom (Cadillac)	P	P	P	P								
NU Way in Recovery	P	P	P	A								
Recovery @ 5/0	P	P	P	P								
Recovery First	P	P	P	P								
Rise and Recover	P	P	P	P								
Rock'n Recovery (Kingsley)	P	P	P	P								
Search for Serenity (Ludington)	A	A	A	A								
Women in Recovery +	P	P	P	P								
The Lie is Dead (Baldwin)	A	A	A	A								

Elections

No open positions

Vote to approve last month's minutes: Minutes approved

Administrative Reports

Secretary:

Hey family! I apologize for not being able to make it this month due to the holidays. Please make sure to sign the attendance sheet and grab the report forms from the table. If you are emailing a report, you can still send it to the same email address. I have finally updated the contact list and the positions, I will be sending it out in the same email as the minutes each month. If you need to be added, please add your name, email, and phone number. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for allowing us to serve!
Karah B. and Holly S.

Treasurer:

See attached report.

RCM:

RCM Report to Area, December 2025.

Hey all, First we would like to add to new business, and eventually a budget request, to discuss the CAR workshop for our area. We are looking at January 24th 2026, 1-3pm. To hold it at the intersection it would be \$100, Church of the Naz is \$50 and we also have Jacob's well as an option. We would love to talk details of where we can book it and if we could provide snacks.

Region met virtually on December 7.

Key Administrative Updates

- Treasurer's Report:
 - Total available balance as of 12/6/25: \$27,474.36.
 - Region will be sending \$2,367.91 to NA World Services
- Web Servant:
 - Region is transitioning to a new shared calendar platform that will propagate to all Areas. Training and setup are in progress.
- MSO Representative position remains vacant.

World / Zonal Service Updates

- World Service Conference (WSC):
 - Becky Meyer signed a five-year contract as Executive Director of NA World Services.
 - WSC 2028 will be held in Europe (Dublin, Frankfurt, or Lisbon under consideration).
 - The Group Business Meetings pamphlet is out for 90-day review with new sections on Decision Making and Delegation.
- Midwest Zonal Forum (MZF):
 - Next meeting scheduled February 13–15, 2026 in Minneapolis.
 - Multi-Zonal Service Symposium planned for October 2026 in Wichita, KS.

Subcommittee Highlights

- Public Relations:
 - Purchased literature early to avoid NAWS price increases.
 - Planning PR tables at professional conferences and a college outreach campaign.
 - Michigan Helpline received 154 calls in Oct/Nov with no major concerns.
- MRCNA 40 (Regional Convention):
 - Pre-registration remains \$30 until May 1, then \$45; fundraiser registration stays at \$25.
 - Proposed MRCNA 40 budget of \$41,256 was submitted for approval.

- April 2026 in-person Regional meeting location:
 - Southern Mid-Michigan hasn't been attending, region is looking at options to still hold region there and offer support to that area.

New Business – Decisions

- Policy & Administration (P&A) Committee:
 - Decision to track procedural changes in Standing Rules throughout the year, with formal guideline updates to occur annually at the February P&A meeting.
- Travel Approvals:
 - Approved funding for RD & AD travel to:
 - Midwest Zonal Forum (Feb 2026 – Minneapolis)
 - World Service Conference (May 2026 – Los Angeles)
- Quorum clarification:
 - Confirmed quorum requirements per existing guidelines. This discussion made me think of our area and if we check quorum prior to deciding on business.
- Zoom Orientation:
 - Zoom orientation scheduled prior to February meeting at 8:30am, per Flint Area request.

Action Items to Bring Back to Areas

- Elections in February 2026:
 - Secretary
 - Co-Secretary
 - Public Relations Chair
 - MSO Representative
- Encourage groups and members to:
 - Review and respond to the Group Business Meetings pamphlet survey
 - Participate in CAR discussions

Next Meeting

- Sunday, February 1, 2026 | 9:00am | Virtual

Thanks for letting us serve, Rob C & Amanda K

Webservant:

Hi all,

Our website has had some updates throughout the month of November and December including posting minutes, new event flyers from Subcommittees/home groups and keeping our event calendar at the bottom up to date. Also please make sure your event flyer is sent to us in a timely manner if you'd like it on the website, we will not be approaching groups asking or

looking for flyers on social media. It is the event-hosting group's responsibility to make sure we get it if you want it on the Area page.

We will have some new Area Announcements this month added to the top of the page including the link to the audio Basic Text and Into Guide provided by WSO on the NA.org page. Also we will be listing any closed meetings coming up for the Xmas Eve/Day and NYE/ Day holidays. I have communicated with all home groups scheduled on those days (Wednesday and Thursday weekly) and the only ones who will be closed are Clean in the County Benzie of Xmas Day and Just for Today Ludington, Clean and Free Ludington closed on NYE. I am waiting to hear if Clean in the County will be open on NY Day. I have also asked that any closed meetings put a sign on the building door if allowed so if addicts show up they know its closed and a possible suggestion for where the next closest meeting is. If you hear that your group has changed to closed for any of these holidays, please let me know ASAP.

We also had some home group detail changes made this past month so those have been reflected on the online schedule. I have returned Rockin' Recovery back to a 1 hour meeting as well as removed the Lost Dreams Awaken Brethren meeting completely.

We have also moved the electronic file of our NWMASCNA Being of Service IP to the Additional Resources folder in case anyone needs it in that format. We will continue to print more in hard copy as needed. If you find your home group needing more and the box on the shelf is empty please let me know.

We will also be rotating out the old NAWS order form with the new one in Area Resources folder after this meeting. So please remember to get new hard copy NAWS 2026 forms directly from Literature or you will be able to print the new one from the website to use for your Group Conscience meeting or Area next month soon.

That's all we've got for this month, remember it's OK to be clean!

Megan S. and Emalyn R.

NWMASCNA Web Servant And Co-Web Servant

Subcommittee Reports

Activities:

Chair: Josh O.

Attendance: 1

Open Positions: All

Budget Request: \$100

Report: Friendsgiving went well and we didn't use the \$100 requested. No one showed up for the activities meeting this month and we are having a new years eve event on Dec 31st from 8-1.

Ad-hoc:

Committee on hold

Literature:

Chair: Adam N.

Attendance: 1

Open Positions: Co-Chair

Budget Request: In the interest of keeping things simple, I would like to round up or round down to the nearest dollar for literature. If it is under 50 cents, round down and if its over 50 cents, round up. Do we need to vote on this?

Report: I am going over my numbers with the current and past Treasurer to ensure accuracy. Amended/double checked totals on literatures end, should be available for sept 2025- dec 2025 at January's Area meeting. Also, please use the new 2026 NAWS order form at the next Area in January.

Adam N.

Previous Balance (11/16/25)	\$1,030.27
Order (11/20/25)	-\$417.60
Income (12/21/25)	\$576.00
Current Balance (12/21/25)	\$1,188.67

Public Relations:

Hi Fellows,

As always there are big, beautiful things happening in Public Relations this month!

We had a good turnout at the PR Workshop event on Saturday November 22, 2025 in Irons Michigan! The event had people making connections, learning about PR and offering some good suggestions on how we can better reach addicts who need us, especially in the outlying cities of our large Area. I have \$6.60 to return in cash from the food check that was written. I have also sent the digital copies of food receipts to the Treasurer but do have them on my phone if anyone would like to see them for accountability!

We are still working on reconnecting with the GTC jail, there was a lot of buzz and then contact has been sparse. However, we are still getting Basic Texts into the jail and are not giving up on returning NA meetings to that space. We are also in the process of rebuilding a relationship with the Wexford County jail. We have had some trouble with maintaining a relationship with them through PR however circumstances have changed and we are hoping to return there as well soon. The Manistee Prison is going well as always, we have some solid gentlemen that continue to show up and serve there as scheduled.

We were finally able to install the NA little library at Jubilee House! So, if you're in the area of Washington St and Boardman Ave go check it out! We will be continuing to fill it with Basic Texts, White Booklets, IP's and our Areas meeting schedules.

I have made some meeting list changes requested by the groups and have the new January-March 2026 schedules for GSR's to take back to groups today. Please take some! If you find through out the three-month quarter that your meeting lists are low at your group and the box on the shelf here at the JW is empty, please let me know. I don't want to waste money re-printing them just because the box is empty if home groups are stocked up for the quarter.

We have an open trusted servant position in PR that needs to be filled: Fellowship Development. This position visits various meetings during the month (usually 1-2) and checks in

to see if they are in need of any services, have any questions or need support. This position requires at least 6 months clean, reliable transportation to get to meetings and the willingness to participate in the monthly PR meeting. Please announce this at your home groups!

As I've mentioned in the past, we have a PR liaison group lovingly referred to as "PR South" working in tandem with the PR Subcommittee to ensure that PR efforts are being met towards the Manistee corner of our Area. They are holding a monthly "PR South" business meeting every last Wednesday of the month at 8pm which immediately follows the New Attitudes Meeting at the First Congressional Church in Manistee. They should be going Hybrid this month so look for the new Hybrid icon under the Virtual Meetings section on our Area homepage.

I do not have money to turn in this month to the Area from our December 2025 PR Open Talk Meeting. Our 7th Tradition collected was \$9.00. This money went to paying our rent for the space to Recovery First. We had a total of 17 people attend the meeting. This is one of only a very few meetings in our Area that hosts a speaker monthly so come hear some ESH every first Sunday of the month at 7pm at Jacobs Well! We have also discussed this month how we can return to the original purpose of the PR Open Talk meeting. When it was created, we would invite professionals in the area to come hear speakers who were active in PR, NA service and the program speak. This would help professionals understand more about the benefits of our program, which increased the likelihood of them suggesting it to their clients or people they come into contact with that may need to hear our message of hope. We have decided to try doing this quarterly, meaning every three months we will hold a professionals (and fellowship) open talk meeting. We will still hold the monthly PR Open Talk meeting however every three months it would be geared more towards professionals and people in the community that would like to attend to hear about our program.

I do have a budget request this month for the following:

- A budget request for the restock of our Literature to be used for PR events, Outreach and Treatment meetings-
 1. 4 soft cover Basic Texts
 2. 25 of each IP: Recovery and Relapse, Am I an Addict?, Sponsorship, For the Newcomer, Welcome to NA and Into to NA Meetings.

Which equals \$224.84 including 10% shipping.

That's all I have this month; we are looking forward to finding more ways to reach the still sick and suffering addicts who need us the most. WE DO RECOVER!

Thanks for letting me serve!

Megan S.

PR Chairperson

Retreat:

Chair: Jenn V.

Attendance: 6

Open Positions: Hospitality

Budget Request: \$150 for food, drinks, and prizes at the min 2 win challenge event.

Report: Started with \$2,000

- \$200 for venue for church of the naz, min 2 win and talent show ending with \$1,800.

Group Reports

Anonymous:

GSR: Chris W.

Attendance: 35

Donation: \$0

Any open positions: Co-Treasurer

How is the group doing: The group is doing great, it is continuing to grow. Lots of newcomers as well as more homegroup members.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Boardman:

GSR: Mike M.

Attendance: 35

Donation: \$46

Any open positions:

How is the group doing: The group is going well with constant attendance.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Just for Today:

GSR: Bob W.

Attendance: 1

Donation:

Any open positions: All

How is the group doing: Not good.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Lean on Me:

GSR: John P.

Attendance: 12

Donation: \$50

Any open positions: No

How is the group doing: Awesome.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Living In Harmony:

GSR: Danielle S.

Attendance: 4-5

Donation:

Any open positions: No

How is the group doing:
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Lost Dreams Awaken:

GSR: Bob W.
Attendance: 1-3
Donation:
Any open positions: All
How is the group doing:
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Never Alone Group:

GSR: Adam N.
Attendance: 6
Donation:
Any open positions:
How is the group doing: Well, but we gots no money.
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

New Attitudes:

GSR: Jim C.
Attendance: 6
Donation:
Any open positions: Yes.
How is the group doing: Hi Family, I'm sorry I couldn't make the area meeting today. Work obligations prevented me from getting the time off. The New Attitudes Group continues to meet twice a week—Wednesdays and Sundays—at First Congregational Church, 412 4th St., at 7:00 p.m. in Manistee. Our attendance was down last month, averaging four members per meeting. At our last business meeting, we reached a consensus to begin studying from the Basic Text on Sundays. We do not have a donation this month and have nothing to bring back for area consideration.
In Loving Fellowship,
Jim C.
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

New Freedom:

GSR: John P.
Attendance: 10-15
Donation: \$25
Any open positions: None

How is the group doing: Awesome.
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

NU Way in Recovery:

GSR: Bob W.
Attendance: 3-4
Donation:
Any open positions: All
How is the group doing:
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Recovery @ 5/0:

GSR: Kieffer B.
Attendance: 20
Donation: \$0
Any open positions: Co-GSR
How is the group doing: Group is going well. We mentioned doing something on new year.
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group: We had two people potentially say they wanted to be involved with the adhoc committee.
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Recovery First:

GSRA: Dave M.
Attendance: 280
Donation: \$0
Any open positions: Secretary, Co-Secretary, Co-Chair for the Sunday meeting.
How is the group doing: Things are going very well.
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Rise and Recover:

GSR: Tim C.
Attendance: 14
Donation: \$123
Any open positions: All Co-positions are open.
How is the group doing: The group is doing well and attendance has been up lately.
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Rock'n Recovery:

GSR: Jenn V.
Attendance: 15

Donation: \$0

Any open positions: No

How is the group doing: The group is going great, we have added quite a few people to become homegroup members recently. We will be open both Dec 24th and Dec 31st.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group: We would like to change the time on the schedule from 7-8:15pm to 7-8pm til further notice. We would also like to change it to a literature study.

Women in Recovery +:

GSR: Tiffany

Attendance: 14

Donation: \$9

Any open positions: None

How is the group doing: Pretty good attendance, good conversation.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Budget Requests

PR Request: \$224.84 (see report)

Retreat Event: \$150

CAT/CAR: \$75

Budget requests approved.

Old Business

1. Adhoc committee

- a. Discussion: The adhoc committee was created last year to revise our area's guidelines. We discussed the importance of keeping accurate records and updating them as necessary. We are looking to resume this committee and are trying to gauge willingness. It would be ideal for members from outlying groups to join the committee in order to ensure that every voice is being heard, group is being represented, and needs are being met.
- b. Decision: We will bring this information back to our homegroups and discuss at the next area meeting.

2. Literature IP rack

- a. Discussion: There has been some miscommunication with the extra IP racks being kept at Jacob's well. Tim C. brought one and traded with PR. The extra rack was donated to a different homegroup. The literature subcommittee has placed the order for the rack and is wondering who will be responsible for the funds.
- b. Decision: Area will pay for the IP rack and it is in the budget requests.

3. CAT/CAR workshop

- a. Discussion: The conference agenda report is out along with multiple surveys. The RD and AD are willing to do CAR workshops. With the AD being in our Area, it is

suggested that we should use this opportunity for a workshop so that our Area can contribute and give feedback.

- b. Decision: Our RCM and RCMA will work together with our Regions Alternate Delegate to plan a workshop in January or February.
- 4. MRCNA using the Areas PO box
 - a. Discussion: Kieffer B. has the willingness to check the PO box before the MRCNA meeting each month.
 - b. Decision: No opposition
- 5. MRCNA using Jacobs Well
 - a. Discussion: MRCNA is asking if our Area would like them to pay rent, or if using the space could be our Areas donation to MRCNA.
 - b. Decision: MRCNA writes a \$20 check each month to our Area and Area will add an additional \$20 donation to the rent they currently pay to the church.
- 6. New budget request forms

New Business

- 1. New Meeting
 - a. New NA meeting opening in Grawn- details to come soon.
- 2. Literature
 - a. As of today, pennies are no longer accepted for orders (see literature report).

GSR's bring back to your homegroups

- 1. We are looking for members with willingness to join the adhoc committee in revising our Areas guidelines.
- 2. Please check the website for flyers on upcoming events
- 3. Next ASC meeting is Sunday, January 18th at 4pm
- 4. CAT/CAR Workshop

November 16th 2025 Treasurer's Report

Greetings fellow recoverers addict named kieffer. Here is the report and balances from october to november. Things are goiing smoothly enjoying my service commitment and enjoying serving with you ladies and gents! Tis Alll

Area Account

<u>Starting Balance:</u>	1936.30
<u>Income (Groups):</u>	\$298.00
<u>Income (Transfer):</u>	0
Boardman	\$110.00
Lean on me cadillac	\$100.00
New attitudes manistee	\$20.00
New Freedom (Cadillac)	\$25.00
Rise and recover	\$28.00
Women in recovery	\$15.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	\$692.69
Rent: Faith Reformed Church (Ck #1670)	\$115.00
The copy shop (#1671)	\$19.20
Pr transfer for irons event check 1667	\$50.00
rADIO STATION AD 1673	\$187.50
Yon reimbursement ck 1668	\$20.99
<u>New Balance:</u>	\$1541.61
Prudent Reserve	200.79

For Calculation Purposes Only See Bank Statement Reconciliation Form

<u>Outstanding Checks:</u>	753.02
Sally s reimbursement	\$135.42

Lit order	\$417.60
Activities friendsgiving 1669	\$100
Food pr sally 1666	\$100

Activities Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$0
Income:	1437.00
Expenses:	\$100.00
Ending Balance:	\$1337.00

Retreat Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$2000
Expenses:	\$200
Ending Balance:	\$1800.00

Literature Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$1405.76
Income Total:	\$345.75
~Income Cash/Check:	\$345.75
~Income Transfer:	\$
Expenses: check # 1674	\$417.60
Ending Balance:	\$1333.31

Bank Statement Reconciliation Form
Northwestern Michigan Area Service Committee
Of Narcotics Anonymous

Checking account reconciliation for the month ending: **december 21st**

A) Bank Statement Balance \$ 6765.54

B) Subtract Activities Ending Balance \$ 1337.00

C) Subtract Retreat Ending Balance \$ 1800.00

D) Subtract Literature Ending Balance \$ 1333.31

E) Subtract “outstanding checks” \$ 753.02
(Total of all checks written that have not yet cleared the bank.)

F) Ending balance \$ 1541.61
(This should match the balance of Area)

If those figures don't match exactly, one of the following mistakes may have occurred.

1. A mathematical error somewhere in the treasurer's report form.
2. A mistake in entering (or failure to enter) a check or deposit in the treasurer's report form.
3. A math error in steps A through F above.
4. Entering the wrong figure in Step A above.
5. Failure to subtract service charges or add interest in your treasurer's report form.

Income	Amount		Expenses	Amount	Check #	
Anonymous			Rent - Faith Reformed	\$115.00	1670	
boardman	\$110.00		Region Donation	\$200.00	1672	
Clean & Free (Ludington)			RCM			
Clean in the County			P.O. Box			
Growth Through Recovery			Liability Insurance			
Just for Today (Irons)			WSO			
Just for Today (Ludington)			The Copy Shop	\$19.20	1671	
Lean on Me (Cadillac)	\$100.00		Public Relations (only \$ directly given to them, if it's a transfer to PR to get Lit, write it below as a transfer to Lit)			
Living Free Kaleva			Transfer: Circle One Literature Activities Retreat	retreat 200		
Living in Harmony			yon reimbursement	\$20.99	1668	
Lost Dreams Awaken			radio station	\$187.50	1673	
Never Alone			donation to irons church for event	\$50.00	1667	
New Attitudes (Manistee)	\$20.00		irons potluck	\$100.00	1666	
New Freedom (Cadillac)	\$25.00					
NuWay			Activities Committee			
Recovery @ 5/O			Starting Balance	\$0.00		
Recovery First			Income	\$1,437.00		
Rise & Recover	\$28.00		Expenses/Transfer	\$100.00	1669	
Rock'n Recovery			New Balance	\$1,337.00		
Search for Serenity						
Steppin in the Dunes			Retreat Committee			
Women in Recovery+	\$15.00		Starting Balance	\$2,000.00		
			Income			
total	\$298.00		Expenses/Transfer	\$200.00	1663/1664	
			New Balance	\$1,800.00		
PR (cash/check only)			Literature Committee			
Activities (transfer only)			Starting Balance	\$1,405.76		
Retreat (transfer only)			Income: Cash/Check	\$345.75		
Area Account			Income: Transfer			
Starting Balance	\$1,936.30		Expenses	\$417.60		
Income: Groups (Bank Statement)	\$298.00		New Balance	\$1,333.91		
Income: Transfer (Paper only)						
Total Expenses	\$692.69					
New Balance	\$1,541.61					
Prudent Reserve	\$200.79					

Income	Amount		Expenses	Amount	Check #
Anonymous			Rent - Faith Reformed	\$115.00	1645
Boardman	\$169.00		Region Donation		
Clean & Free (Ludington)			RCM		
Clean in the County			P.O. Box		
Growth Through Recovery			Liability Insurance		
Just for Today (Irons)	\$3.00		WSO		
Just for Today (Ludington)			The Copy Shop		
Lean on Me (Cadillac)			Public Relations (only \$ directly given to them, if it's a transfer to PR to get Lit, write it below as a transfer to Lit)		
Living Free Kaleva			Transfer: Circle One Literature Activities Retreat		
Living in Harmony			jen.s reimbursement	\$90.60	1647
Lost Dreams Awaken	\$4.00		amanda koon	\$41.10	1646
Never Alone	\$5.00				
New Attitudes (Manistee)					
New Freedom (Cadillac)	\$75.00				
NuWay	\$5.00		Activities Committee		
Recovery @ 5/O			Starting Balance	\$260.00	
Recovery First			Income		
Rise & Recover	\$21.00		Expenses/Transfer		
Rock'n Recovery			New Balance	\$260.00	
Search for Serenity					
Steppin in the Dunes			Retreat Committee		
Women in Recovery+			Starting Balance	\$3,944.30	
			Income		
			Expenses/Transfer	\$1,944.30	
quarter from jen	\$0.25		New Balance	\$2,000.00	
return from casey	\$17.64				
PR (cash/check only)			Literature Committee		
Activities (transfer only)			Starting Balance	\$1,135.60	
Retreat (transfer only)	\$1,944.30		Income: Cash/Check	\$810.00	
Area Account			Income: Transfer	\$51.97	
Starting Balance	\$652.45		Expenses	\$671.09	
Income: Groups (Bank Statement)	\$299.98		New Balance	\$1,326.48	
Income: Transfer (Paper only)	\$1,944.30				
Total Expenses	\$246.70				
New Balance	\$2,650.03				
Prudent Reserve					