

**Northwest Michigan Area
Public Relations Subcommittee Minutes
May 5, 2019**

Members Present James K, Haven J, Ashley A, Casey J, Sally S, Krystal C, Darick F, Alicia M, Tiff C, Dylan W, Jen S, Maria P, Yon K, Tim C, Bryan B, Amanda C, Pete M, Shawn J, Kendra N, Adam N

Opening:

Recognize New Committee Members: Shawn J, Kendra N

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and serenity prayer at 5:35pm

Readings: Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous: Alicia M

Twelve Concepts of Service: Yon K

Open Positions: Co Web Servant, Web Servant

Reports

Chair – Casey J. – If you're new to public relations, 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. With that being said, please follow along on our agenda. Our coordinators will give their reports and there will be time for questions and comments after. Diversity is our strength and we are looking for all perspectives at PR. Often the newer members experience shared sheds needed light on the topics we discuss here. We are all so grateful for the help of our Activities Subcommittee in putting on such a successful event with us based on Service!! We had a turnout of 80, to talk about service. Sally and I had a chance to zoom with Jonny and some other folks from around the region. There wasn't anything pressing or super interesting to report in my opinion. There will be a CAR/CAT workshop with world board members January 25th, 2020 in Brighton, Michigan – see you there! Bryan B and I are planning on attending the Recovery Road Riders event on August 25th.

Co-Chair – Dylan W. – Not much to report on my end this month. I've been out of town and recovering from some medical issues for a large portion of the month. But I'm back now so feel free to contact me with anything you need help with.

Correctional Facility Coordinator – Yon K. –

Oaks Facility: Nothing but good stuff to report. The attendance is good. The inmates are very appreciative and interactive. We also have quite a few repeat attendees.

Wexford: There is a need for male willingness. The female meetings are going great! The meetings are on Friday at 7pm.

GTC: The meetings at this facility are going well. There are ongoing issues with getting the most recent orientation attendees fully cleared because of the change in the ranking office in charge of jail. We have quite a few willing and cleared women to take meetings in but we are very thin when it comes to the men's meetings. As the chair of the PR committee has pointed out, if we don't have any male volunteers show up, they have no meeting. The jail is currently not letting us do the women's privileged meetings. I am very thankful for the fellows that continue to make this meeting possible.

KCJ: The attendance is spotty but we are going in every Friday. The women's meeting appears to be going well. I have nothing but praise for the volunteers who help us carry the message into this facility as well.

Treatment Facility Coordinator – Dylan W. - This month went pretty smoothly. From what I'm told, the meetings are going well and adding more people to the schedule has really made it easier to ensure at least 2 people make it to each meeting every week.

Web Servant – Gary S. –

Schedule Coordinator – Adam N. – All meeting schedule changes must be turned in by 5/6/19 as the schedules will be submitted for printing this week.

Phone Line Coordinator – Sally S. – We had two calls last months: 1 female needed help getting to a meeting and 1 male from downstate was looking for a meeting schedule for his area.

Community Outreach Coordinator – Sally S. – Still no response from Safe Harbor. PR week will be taking place June 3-9, 2019!!! We have the use form for the Intersection for the event for the Recovery Community that will be taking place 6/8/19, from 1-8pm. There is a \$75 fee for room use. We'll talk about things like H&I, Poster Drive, Phone Line Training, Sponsorship Behind the Walls, and more! Our event for professionals will be held at the library and there is a \$100 fee for room use.

Fellowship Development Coordinator – Haven J – Nothing to report for this month because I had reported about Central Lake last month. Will be going to Cadillac tomorrow if anyone wants to join us.

Old Business

New Business

1. *H&I Clearance Method* – It was proposed that coordinators should have the ability to clear individuals interested in H&I service one on one. This was approved and will be in effect immediately.
2. *PR Folders for Homegroups* – Dylan W will be putting together folders for each homegroup within info on PR. Included will be IP's , H&I Do's and Don't's, Open Positions and Position Descriptions, NW MI IP's – Being of Service, Req's for H&I Service, and more! Amanda C will be serving as a liaison for PR between TC and Manistee, Benzie, Ludington, and Brethren.

3. *PR Week* – Regarding the money needed for room rentals, we will announce at meetings that donations are being taken with the 7th tradition for the room rental fee. We decided on Tuesday, 6/4 from 1-3pm for the event for professionals (update: We had to change the date to Wednesday, 6/5 as the room was booked). If we have adequate donations, we will use the funds to order Jimmy John's for the professionals meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:57pm with a moment of silence and the gratitude slogan.