

Central Massachusetts Area of Narcotics Anonymous Meeting Minutes

Monday August 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Mailing Address: Central MA Area Service Committee
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Next Meeting: Monday **September 9th** at 6:30 p.m.
Hybrid Format
Physical Location: Greendale People's Church
25 Francis Street, Worcester, MA. 01606
Zoom: Meeting ID: 982 1512 6502
Passcode: NA1953

Meeting Opened

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence, followed by the "We" version of the serenity prayer, the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and A Vision for NA Service.

Announcements to Groups

GSRs are asked to please read all announcements at your group business meeting. If your group does not have a GSR, any trusted servant or group member can attend the Area meeting to bring concerns, changes, or announcements from the group and to bring information and Area news back to the group.

- Anyone new to Area should attend at 6:00PM for orientation
- Events:
 - "Spur of the Moment" campout Sept. 6th-8th @ Camp Marshall in Spencer MA
 - Halloween Dance Oct. 26th 7:15pm-10pm at 44 Temple St. Worcester MA \$10 suggested contribution
- New Meetings:
- New GSR:
 - "Hugs Not Drugs"- Ashley P.
 - "People in Recovery"- Mike W.
 - "Message is Hope"- Norma H.
 - "Solo Por Hoy"- Julio R.
- Announcements:
 - The inventory scan is now available to be filled out and submitted by groups, service bodies, and individual members. You can find the link to the survey [here](#).
 - This is the FINAL opportunity to cast a vote on the new logo for the CMA website. The votes will be tallied at the next ASC meeting, and a winner will be announced. To cast a vote please [click here](#).
 - **OPEN POSITIONS:**
 - **Alt. RCM**

- **Asst. Secretary**
- **Asst. Treasurer**
- **Outreach Chair**
- Meetings in need of addict support:
- Motions:
 - \$150 set aside for H&I learning day supplies, food, plates, visual items, etc..
 - **PASSED**
- Motions that affect policy and will need to be brought back to groups:
 - Permanently close the Dropbox account. All existing files will be downloaded and uploaded to the Google drive.

Attendance Report

Attached to these minutes.

Area Trusted Servants and Subcommittee Reports

Chairperson: Dennis M.

We did not receive any mail this month. I apologize for not being present this month and look forward to being back next month.

Vice Chair: Craig R

The next Executive Subcommittee Meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Monday August 26

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- The Executive Subcommittee met on July 29th
- We continued a review of the duties of the subcommittee and need further discussion on the financial audits, budgets and reports
- We need to review archived area minutes to identify any approved changes that need to be updated in policy
- We recommend files in the dropbox be migrated to google drive and the dropbox account be canceled

RCM: Teri T.

Greetings, CMA 'ers,

This past month of July, no NERNA service meetings were held.

The next meeting will be on the 10th and 11th of this month, virtually. From 11 am- 5pm.

At 7:15 August 5th today, western mass service committee met.

Southside UNITY day will be held on August 11th. All activities can be found on Nerna.org. any meeting changes can be given to the web chair.

All New GSR please give me your email address and I will send you the booklet on the importance of GSR coming to area. Also a brief PowerPoint from another Area Chicagoland.

Also D'lanor from region explained clearly the importance of "where the money goes". There were GSR who really did not know exactly how the service structure works. Also that their opinions are valid and their voice matters in the choices that are made financially with NERNA.

Great Area meeting.

GSR encourage other GSR from their homegroups to show up for CM area meeting. It would be great to see you all.

NA service is fun.

In loving service,

Teri T

Alternate RCM: *Vacant*

Secretary: Lila H.

Hi all!

I first want to thank this body for allowing me to be of service. While I am still learning how best to execute my responsibilities as secretary, I am grateful to gain experience and serve my fellowship to the best of my ability. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or feedback, as I am open to any suggestions.

Composing and sending out the minutes last month went pretty smoothly, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind those trusted servants who form reports to please send me both a full report AND a summarized version to include directly in the minutes.

Lastly, I have been in communication with a previous secretary regarding the dropbox account this body has, and the purpose it is currently serving. I will speak more to this later, as I intend to file a motion in regard to the account's existence.

In loving service,

Lila H.

Asst. Secretary: *Vacant*

Campout Committee: Evelyn F.

The campy committee met twice since the last area meeting.

We discussed the menu, the t-shirts, hoodies and the registrations. Registration is low this year. We have uploaded the flyer to the central mass website and Nerna. We are hoping that as the weekend of the Campout comes closer, we will see more registrations. We will be finalizing the speakers and

topics at our next meeting which will be held via zoom Sunday, August 11th at 6/30pm. Meeting ID: 607 769 6696 no passcode

In loving service

Campout Chair

Hospitals & Institutions: John D.

The last meeting was on July 21, 2024 Six 6 addicts were in attendance 4 in person and 2 online. Meeting opened with a moment of silence, the unity version of the serenity prayer, and collective reading of; the 12 Traditions of NA, the 12 Concepts for NA service and, A Vision for NA Service.

Patti M and I attended the World Service H&I Webinar last month on the subject of inspiring incarcerated people to make connections to the NA community. We are still waiting for the minutes more will be revealed. I plan on bringing background check forms for the next area service meeting for Framingham women's prison. If you are interested in going into Framingham please see me. I will attend Region on zoom this weekend.

We would like to work with PR if possible to set up a zoom call for facility staff to see what H&I is all about. We are in 14 facilities of which 12 are currently active. CHL will be active soon. We have 10 open commitments and most facilities are requesting additional commitments. The commitment sign up sheet is active.

We have a slot and a plan for Learning Day at SPUR of the Moment Campout on September 7th 12:30-2:00.

Patti M is organizing the activity which will be cool so don't miss it, if approved by the sub committee of course. We are putting in a request for \$150 for supplies and ice cream.

The rent is paid and literature is available if needed see me.

ILS,

John D.

CMANA H&I Chairman

Links:

Draft of the Panel Member Survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOtjC9w40bkpvakgovRYTYiG8RUt0M2DC2ZwpINnJEggRhQA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

H&I Orientation video: <https://youtu.be/izgiNI81qeM>

Next Subcommittee Meeting:

August 18th, 6:00pm at 44 Temple Street (Saint John's Church) in the Rectory, with orientation held at 5:30pm.

The meeting will also be available via Zoom: ID: 98215126502 Passcode: NA1953

Events: Courtney B.

July 2024 bbq. Over 180 in attendance. \$883 collected. \$100 donated to DJ. \$100 donated to Father Madden. Respectfully asking that we put all \$683 into events fund.

In loving service,

Courtney

Outreach Committee: *Vacant*

Website/Media: Jonathan

- A reminder that for any events that groups or subcommittees would like placed on the [NERNA calendar](#), we will do so for you and to let us know as soon as possible (you do not have to wait for the next ASC meeting)
- Please email event information to websitechair@centralmassna.org so it can be uploaded to our [area calendar](#).
- Logos for the contest will be tallied this month and the winner will be announced at the next ASC meeting. To vote [click here](#)
- Will continue to ask for contacts for every group that is currently meeting to get email contact information for the BMLT. (this does not have to be a GSR).
- [ASC minutes and Attendance](#) were uploaded when they were emailed out.
- Updates to login info for WP, Timely, and BMLT were sent to respective members.
- A [clean time calculator](#) plug-in was installed and went up at the last ASC meeting.
- Discussion about possibly changing hosts will be discussed at the next meeting.
- The zoom team is still looking for members to train in using the equipment.
- Zoom team is still pricing computers.
- There was an issue with our jetpack which will be troubleshot this month: **Total views: 1,778 and total visitors: 805**
- We continue to offer walk-thrus for any interested member, please contact websitechair@centralmassna.org to schedule.
- [Full report can be found here](#)

Next Meeting will be held on August 18th at 3:00pm on the ASC Zoom:
[Zoom: ID: 98215126502 Passcode: NA1953](#)

ILS,
Website subcommittee

Policy: Michelle B.

Policy asked for help for a subcommittee to be formed to go over the policy and researching through old minutes/drop box to update any changes that have not been made over some time. Currently I

know that region is going over their minutes to do some of the same. I already have 3 other members that are willing to help. We can do this in person or via zoom on our area account. Any and all help will be appreciated.

In loving service,
Michele

Public Relations: Riss R.

Public relations is still in need of the following trusted servants vice chair, secretary, and treasurer. Public Relations did discuss holding a presentation learning day, however this will currently be on hold due to lack of support.

ILS, Riss

Next PR subcommittee meeting will be held on Wednesday August 28th at 6:30pm over zoom.

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Inventory/Scan Ad Hoc: Jonathan S.

The final form of the inventory survey was presented to the area. It is now available to be filled out and submitted by groups, service bodies, and individual members. The link to the survey is available [here](#).

Phone Line: Anthony L.

Continuing issue where the previous number connected to the phone line is receiving all incoming calls. Five calls received last month. Will continue to work to find a solution.

Treasurer: Annastasia

Prior Bal: -\$52.92
Donations: (10) \$505.00
Paid Out: Rent, PR, H&I, Checks- \$297.49
Prudent: \$1900
Events:\$0
NESSNA Set Aside: \$500
GROSS: \$2554.59
AVAILABLE: \$154.59

Asst. Treasurer: *Vacant*

Old Business

- In regards to the effort to determine the best digital means for groups to contribute to CMANA, the next action step includes connecting with NERNA and receiving feedback.

- It was stated at the previous ASC meeting that the chair was going to create a few different options for this body to review regarding the best way to host IDT workshops for CMASC. As the chair was absent this month, discussion will continue next month.
- The survey to be used for the inventory scan was presented to this body and an opportunity for questions and comments was provided. The active link to the survey is included above and is now available to be filled out and submitted.
- According to data provided by NERNA, the average cost for two people to attend NESSNA is about \$480. The previous set aside of \$500 to remain in place without adjustment.
- Communication with NERNA Fellowship Development is ongoing in regards to a potential presentation.
- The votes for the new website logo are to be tallied at the next ASC meeting. For the final chance to place a vote, the link is included above.
- In regards to a potential change to the time and date for the monthly ASC meeting, it was decided to not move forward with exploring possible options due to a lack of interest.

Group Concerns

- (None at this time)

Open Forum opened @

- A concern was raised by a member in regard to a section of policy not being adhered to. Please submit all receipts related to subcommittee spending to the treasurer, along with an itemized list of how much was spent on each item.

New Business

- In regards to the current financial policies and reform surrounding them, this is to be discussed further at the next executive subcommittee meeting.
- The CMANA policy is still being edited and reviewed. Policy chair requested assistance in combing through current policy and making adjustments. Also, there is an effort being made to look through policy changes that were decided on and then not adopted into the actual policy document.
- Discussion around the function the Dropbox account is currently serving. To be included in motions.

Motions:

- (Money motion) Create \$150 set aside for H&I learning day supplies, food, plates, visual items, etc.
 - **PASSED**
- (Policy Motion) Permanently close the Dropbox account. All existing files will be downloaded and uploaded to the Google drive.
 - **TO BE BROUGHT TO GROUPS**

ILS,

Lila H.