

Central Massachusetts Area of Narcotics Anonymous Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7th 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Mailing Address: Central MA Area Service Committee
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Greendale Station
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Next Meeting: November 4th 2024 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:
 - Halloween Dance on Saturday October 26th from 7-10pm @ 44 Temple St. Worcester MA with a \$10 suggested contribution
- New Meetings:
 - None
- New GSR:
 - "Dose of Hope" - Amanda L.
 - "The Oxford Group" - Patty M.
- Announcements:
 - "From The Streets To The Seats" men's group in Fitchburg has closed and is no longer meeting.
 - The deadline for the inventory scan to be filled out and submitted by groups, service bodies, and individual members has been pushed to November. You can find the link to the survey [here](#).
 - There is a survey available to gather data on what option groups and members would prefer for how CMA would host IDT workshops. More information on this is covered in the reports below; you can find the survey [here](#).
 - You can now find both the Just For Today and Spiritual Principle A Day daily meditations on our area website! Click [here](#) to view!

- NA World Services has a survey available for individual members in an effort to anonymously gather demographic and related data. You can find the survey in English [here](#). **PLEASE ONLY SUBMIT ONCE.**
- Meetings in need of addict support:
 - “Get it Together” on Sunday nights 7pm-8:30pm at 19 Concord St. Framingham MA (ENTRANCE IN BACK)
 - “Message is Hope” on Tuesday nights 7:30pm-8:30pm at 33 Main St. Marlborough MA
- Motions:
 - Send \$400 of the available balance to NERC, leaving the remaining balance at \$148.94
 - **PASSED (*unanimous*)**
- Motions that affect policy and will need to be brought back to groups:
 - None

Attendance Report

Attached to these minutes.

Area Trusted Servants and Subcommittee Reports

Chairperson: Dennis M.

No mail received this month, no report otherwise.

Vice Chair: Craig R

- The next Executive Subcommittee Meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Monday October 28
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- The Executive Subcommittee met on September 30
- With no new agenda items, the subcommittee discussed the policy review and options on how to proceed.
- Gina W. reset the Dropbox login so Meredith D. could transfer the files to a google drive account. The transfer has been completed.

RCM: Teri T.

Report attached to these minutes

Alternate RCM: *Vacant*

Secretary: Lila H.

No report

Asst. Secretary: *Vacant*

Campout Committee: Evelyn F.

No report

Hospitals & Institutions: John D.

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.

9 (nine) addicts were in attendance. 8 in person and 1 online.

The Haven are currently in need of Panel Coordinators. We are currently in 10 facilities of which 9 are active. We have open commitments and many facilities want more commitments. The Commitment Schedule is up and active if anyone would like to see what is available. Ashley P. was nominated, qualified, and elected unanimously for Washburn. The applause caused the baby to cry.

ILS,

John D.

H&I Chair

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:

October 20th, 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.

BBQ event went well and had good attendance. It generated \$883; after paying the church and the DJ \$683 remains. Upcoming Halloween Dance at the end of October, flyer attached to these minutes.

Outreach Committee: Mike A.

3 Addicts in attendance

Discussed the purpose of the Outreach Sub Committee

Established a sub committee Secretary, and Vice Chair.

Treasurer TBD (if necessary)

Discussed the upcoming area Halloween Dance event and making sure flyers get to groups in the area, and that we bring some to the group visit of the month.

Group visit of the month to be Athol - Thurs night, (10/10/24)

In loving service,
Mike A
Outreach Chair

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](#).
- 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.
- Discussion around how the public may perceive the website as well as its navigation. (this will be further discussed with update/theme change)
- Discussion about inclusion of the JFT and SPAD being added to the website. (requires PHP update).
- The zoom team is still looking for members to train in using the equipment. And discussion about using a TV or Monitor at the ASC was discussed.
- There was an issue with our jetpack which will be troubleshot this month: **Total views: 1,632 and total visitors: 832**
- 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 October 18th at 7:00pm on the ASC Zoom:
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ILS,
Website subcommittee

Policy: Michelle B.

I have no report as Craig report on the Administrative sub committee.

In loving service,
Michele B

Public Relations: Riss R.

This month we met on 10/2 and had a lot to unfold. We are still looking for members of service for Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The chairperson will be attending Region and WSLD this month and will report back on both for the next month. For the literature racks we will be obtaining our rack that was left at region in previous months this weekend and have decided to reach out to Worcester Probation to place the literature rack there this month. The chair also attended H&I this month and asked for support from their Panel Coordinators and Facility Coordinators. We had a discussion about working on scripts and powerpoint updates Presentations and talked about organizing more of the Flyer Hanging Task Group to better prepare for when we have active members in that group.

ILS,
Riss

Inventory/Scan Ad Hoc: Jonathan S.

The subcommittee did not formally meet this past month but updates were made between members.

We are currently awaiting more responses from groups. At the time of this report there have been a total of 18 responses with 11 coming from groups.

A reminder to groups to please fill out the [form found here](#) before the October ASC meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE WILL BE A PRIZE DRAWN FROM THE GROUPS THAT SUBMIT RESPONSES!

Next meeting TBD, check the calendar on the website for updates.

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- Anyone interested may contact adhocchair@centralmassna.org and/or CoraleeDNA@gmail.com

ILS,

CMANA Inventory Ad-Hoc

Phone Line: Anthony L.

No calls this month.

Treasurer: Anastasia D.

Prior Bal: \$390.94

Contributions: 8 groups = \$415.00

Payed Out: (Rent, H&I, H&I Lit.)- \$257.00

Prudent: \$1900

Events:\$0

NESSNA Set Aside: \$500

GROSS: \$2948.94

AVAILABLE: \$548.94

Asst. Treasurer: *Vacant*

Old Business

- CMA has created a CashApp account to allow groups to contribute to the area digitally. The user is \$CMANA1953
- The Area Inventory Scan will stay up one extra month and will close responses in November.
- So far, the survey created to gather data on how groups/members would like CMA to host IDT workshops has generated 5 responses.
- Policy is still continuing to undergo review.
- **Open positions include:**
 - **Asst. Secretary**
 - **Asst. Treasurer**
 - **Alt. RCM**
- Concern has been expressed over the vacancy for the Alt. RCM position and how this leaves the area vulnerable to a lack of representation and regional involvement.

Group Concerns

- None

Open Forum opened @7:09pm

- It was discussed how, in accordance with the 12 Concepts, the Service Slam should have a single point of decision clearly defined. Also, increased communication between subcommittees would be helpful for coordinating the event. So far, 4 out of 5 subcommittees have been engaged in conversation around collaborative efforts.

New Business

- None

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ILS,
Lila H.