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When goodwill supports and motivates both the individual and the fellowship. We are fully whole and wholly full.

**North East Mass Area Service Committee
Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the North East Mass Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous was held on Sunday, January 31, 2021 virtually via **ZOOM ID 835-4005-0878@3:00 pm** with a moment of silence, followed by the “we” version of the Serenity Prayer. We read the tradition & concept of the month followed by the Roll Call of Administrative Committee. Next ASC will be Sunday, March 28, 2021 @ 3pm

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEMA DONATIONS=**
Please use the VENMO application and the link @Treasurer-Randy for any NEMA GROUP DONATIONS
*insert your GROUP NAME & Day/Time so your group gets the proper recognition DO NOT USE
NORTHEASTMASSAREA@GMAIL.COM FOR ANY DONATIONS!!
- Convention Committee will be meeting March 31st @6pm Zoom ID 881-0312-5658
- Fellowship Development subcommittee will be meeting on Zoom on March 28 at 12pm zoom code is 82511138075 password is nemaafd.
- H & I subcommittee meeting will be held on Sunday March 28, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 844 9598 8269 Password: 703768
- ACTIVITIES subcommittee meets every other Wednesday at 6pm EST on Zoom. We encourage all addicts regardless of clean time to attend our meeting, participate & join the committee.
Zoom ID # 848 5220 5273 (No password) Please contact Mike B, Chair for further information

NEMA AREA GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

- To keep our primary purpose, and with all the changes happening in the outside world today (virtual, hybrid and in person meetings) we ask that if there is a change to your home group's meeting status to please reach out via **our new website** www.nemana.org and update your group's information.
- New group, "Solutions NO Excuses" changed their name to "NO EXCUSES" meeting on Mondays in Medford at 470 Fulton St @ 7:30pm IN PERSON *updated meeting online with nerna.org, which reflects on nemana.org
- "Miracles in Medford" also meeting at 470 Fulton St 7:30pm Fridays is now added to the meeting list found on nerna.org and nemana.org

ADMIN REPORTS

CHAIR

NO REPORT

VICE-CHAIR

NO REPORT, ABSENT

TREASURER

Below is a summary of the donations and expenses for February 2021:

\$291.25 received in donations

\$75.00 will be paid for the NERSC phone line

\$216.25 will be donated to NERSC

Please see attached spreadsheet for the financial breakdown of the February 2021 Treasurer Report.

Any donations to NEMA please use @Treasurer-Randy through VENMO. Please use the MEMO/NOTE section to insert your GROUP NAME, DAY & MEETING TIME & NEMA DONATION AMMOUNT.

Tom S. (Treasurer) – 339-440-2388

Matt D. (Assistant Treasurer) – 413-231-0233

SECRETARY

Hi Guys,

Aside from the participating members of the NEMA administrative committee, who also are their home groups GSR's, there was only **7 people** who acted upon the request at the end of last month's minutes and confirmed they read the minutes and also read the minutes to their groups.

I have decided that I am going to start leaving roll call as a part of my report, so we all can have a better understanding of who attends the area regularly and represents NEMA. This attendance, along with the treasurer's breakdown of group donations, can hopefully show us which groups participate. This information can also be helpful for our Fellowship Development subcommittee.

Below is a list of which groups were represented at AREA:

GSR's in Attendance:

Sunday-

Johnny-Serenity by the Sea
Pete H- Not Alone, Together We Can
Dennis- Free to be Me
Christie- Cope without Dope

Monday-

Channel M- Discovery in Recovery
James- Steps to Recovery

Tuesday-

Sleepy John- Surrender is the Key
Chris G- Just for Tuesday

Wednesday-

Nikki- Spiritual Foundations

Thursday-

Mike B- I can't, We can

Friday-

Sam R- Anarchy in NA
Tricia H- Miracles in Medford

Saturday-

Sam B- Way of Life
Val- 24hr Clean Group
Dougie- New Beginners

Quorum for today was: 15 (9 being majority and 10 being 2/3rds)

Also, I forgot to mention this while at ASC, but I became the secretary of a new group that meets on Monday nights in person. We were told by our Literature Chair that "NEW MEETING PACKETS" are low in number, actually barely existent and we were responsible for paying for all the readings and treasurer books. Basically everything that comes in that new meeting packet. I would have loved to mention this at area, I DO think it needs to be addressed, especially as different groups form and start to return to meeting in person. We also were responsible for our own start up keytags. I am not sure if in the past, key tags were part of the NEW MEETING PACKETS but I did want to ask.

Also, I am told how the literature works: any money made is replenished into new inventory, leaving the inventory always plentiful. I am confused why NEW MEETING PACKETS did not make that cut? Where we stand on Area Literature Inventory and if a monthly report could be generated of any selling/buying that happens with our Literature? I plan to bring this up on March 28 at our next ASC and hope the literature chair is present or an experienced member of ASC can answer.

I have also been a HUGE advocate for meeting lists (hard copies) to be not only updated, but distributed as well. I am wondering when this will take place? Our Website

Design Chair did send me a meeting list, however I discovered a few errors and would like to know, once again, whose responsibility it is to keep this information up to date, printed out, distributed and accurate? And if it falls on no one, can we delegate a trusted servant specifically for this responsibility, going forward?

In loving service,
Tricia

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

1. Started the meeting in the customary way:
 - a. Moment of Silence
 - b. Serenity Prayer
 - c. 12 Traditions 12 Concepts
2. Continued the meeting in the customary way:
 - a. Definition and purpose
 - b. Attendance
 - i. 15 People in Attendance
 - c. Approved Previous Month's Minutes
3. Roll call:
 - a. 3 of 3 Facilities had Panel Coordinator reports given
4. Voting and Motion Making policy
 - a. Quorum was 11, Majority 6, 2/3 Was 8
- i. No money motions
- ii. Congratulations to Eddie S., new panel leader
5. New Business
 - a. Presentation to review all trusted servant positions
 - b. Contact from the WIT program, wants commitments, Dennis to contact program to follow through to see if they will allow Zoom commitments
 - c. Tom S. to have phone call with RCA, interested in restarting commitments
6. Commitments
 - a. Commitment Status:
STATUS START END
OPEN 4 3
OPEN / COVERED 4 3
COVERED 25 23
 - b. Panel Coordinator Positions OPEN at: none
 - c. Panel Coordinator Positions OPEN / COVERED at: RCA, Serenity at Summit
7. Closed the meeting in the customary way.

In Loving Service,
Kaitlin M. and Jennifer A.

RCM

Hello NEMA family, my name is Chris and I am an addict. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Next RSC: April 10th subcommittees, April 11th RSC.

Our Regional subcommittees met February 13th at 11am. Thank you NEMA for your support in running the lobby. The RSC as a whole met February 14th at 11am. NEMA hosted the last regions subcommittee Saturday via zoom from 10:30- 2. Thank you Alan B for stepping in and helping. There were many things discussed at the RSC, such as: Do we donate money to the NEZF for unfunded servants to attend? The insurance has been updated to include that we are not covered if someone contracts COVID-19 at one of our meetings. Our region has voted and passed to move the P.O. box from Quincy to Worcester. It is a more central location and easier for members of the finance committee to pick up mail.

Our region has also picked up a time slot for the Northern Idaho/Washington Region, a month of caring and sharing events. We have been asked if we would like to take a 2-6 hr time slot. Any part of the service structure is welcome to take a time slot. This is a video explaining the event:

<https://youtu.be/k7JFbdLdN5M>. This is a link to the flyer: <http://tjcna.org/>

Lastly the FD committee has put together a survey to be completed by anyone who is willing. I would like to ask for a couple minutes to complete this survey to see how FD can better serve our area, groups, and members. A link to the survey is here:

<https://forms.gle/6cd5NTqpU9Et5z9S9>.

In loving service,
Chris G
978-998-9929

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

At area we voted based off last month's motion to have a convention

Here are the results (10Yes 4NO 2Abstain), as well as, the people who said they would send a member of their home group to join the committee vs those that actually showed up March 6th on zoom. Info was provided by John aka Sleepy

ASC motion based volunteers: 7 of the 10 yes's gave us a group member:

Mike O- Free to be Me (Online, 830am Sundays)
Sam B-Way of Life (Revere, 6pm Saturdays)
Mike B- I can't, We Can (Online, 8pm Thursdays)
Johnny-Serenity by the Sea (Winthrop, 7pm Sunday)
Jessica-24 Hour Clean Group (Online, 9am Saturdays)
Maggie-978-962-7320 (Group unknown)
Vlad- Cope without Dope (Online, 7pm Sundays)

Actual attendance March 6th on zoom:

Mark, Sleepy, Mikey O, Mikey B, Pam, Jama, Jessica, Maggie

Positions filled at this time are: Pam, Chair elect and 2. Jessica, Assist Treasurer

The NEMA Convention Committee will next meet on Wednesday, March 31st at 6pm on Zoom 881 0312 5658 (No PW)

We are in need of trusted servants to fill open positions. All addicts are welcome & encouraged to attend!!

PUBLIC RELATION
NO REPORT-ABSENT

POLICY
NO REPORT

LITERATURE
NO REPORT-ABSENT

ACTIVITIES

Hi, I am an addict named Mike. I am the Activities chair person. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. It's an honor & a privilege!

The Activities Subcommittee met 3 times at 6:00 PM on Zoom

We discussed the aftermath of our virtual speaker jam event "Champions in Recovery"

The event was from 12pm-8pm EST and we had a steady attendance of 60+ addicts at all times.

The 7th tradition basket brought in \$60 in contributions. Our balance \$87.09.

We made a motion to send a \$50 contribution to area and \$15.93 for the rental & room expansion on Zoom.

We discussed & planned an event for Saturday, February 27th in Malden called "Sledding to Serenity" but was postponed due to inclement weather.

The Activities Subcommittee meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6pm on zoom.

(Zoom ID # 848 5220 5273) No PW

Any addict who is willing to serve or check out what Activities Subcommittee is all about is more than welcomed! No clean time required.

Thank you!
In loving service,
Mike B.
Activities Chr.

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT & WEBSITE DESIGN

At ASC today, both groups decided to MERGE. Below are their separate reports prior to the newest blend of their subcommittees. Dennis M will be the appointed chair of this new committee, going forward

Website Committee Update

- The website is up and running and has consistent traffic
- As of 2/28 we have 33 subscribers
- We have had 120 site sessions in the last 30 days, down 50% but consistent use
- Email set up and website administrator(s) email is nemanawebsite@gmail.com

- Motion to merge website subcommittee with Fellowship subcommittee will be put forward by FS
- Created a paper meeting list, did not update to new meeting in minutes because posting incomplete, no format or end time, length of meeting
- Added a minutes, and other reports archive sub tab
- Added a meeting resources subtab, started with posting readings, links to NAWS Resources
- Created a paper meeting list, updated Feb. 2021

FD Report:

Hello All,

Fellowship Development met on Sunday Feb 28th at 12pm as scheduled.

Our conversations and key topics are as follows:

1. Contacting active groups without representation at Area.
2. Contacting Solutions No Excuses group to get them added to the meeting list.
3. Adding formats for business meetings to the website.
4. Looking to take on responsibilities once held by other subcommittees such as outreach.
5. Combining Fellowship Development and Website together to form Fellowship & Website Development.

We made this decision based on lack of participation for both sub committees who have the same goals and interests.

With that we closed the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

In Loving Service

Dennis M

GROUP CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FORUM

There were a few topics discussed during this allotted time

1. Website Design Subcommittee and Fellowship Development Committee raised concerns and a request to join together to form one committee. We voted as a service body and the vote passed. Moving forward the two committees will become one, with Dennis M as the Sub Committee Chair
2. Walked through how to find a meeting on our new website NEMANA.ORG
3. Discussed again how if a NEMA group needs to update their group information they should use NEMANA.ORG (our area) to do so, which in turn also reflects on NERNA.org

(region) lists. Groups can reach out to the admin body or the subcommittee to learn how to do so.

OLD BUSINESS

Last months motion for our area to host a Convention in 2024, and specific group volunteers to help form such a committee were given. See Convention Committee Report for more details. The vote was 10 yes, 4 no and 2 Abstain.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Positions:

Convention Committee Chair

Alt. RCM

After discussing the open positions, Val B volunteered, qualified and was voted in to be our NEMA Area new Alternate RCM.

WELCOME VAL B :)

We also voted for our Area to be a part of "Caring and Sharing" put on by Idaho NA and can be helpful for our AREA to use as a learning day. This is a month long zoom from NA regions throughout the world hosting different days in April. Joe P volunteered to head this ADHOC and plan for a day in April for NEMA to represent. We also took a survey, as a group, based on any needs our area could use at this time, given by our RCM and to be returned to Region when they meet again. See attached video and paper regarding getting involved in the project and contact either Joe P or Chris G to learn how to participate in our allotted day

MOTIONS TO BE TAKEN BACK TO GROUPS

To Be

VOTED ON NEXT ASC

****NO MONEY MOTIONS WERE PRESENTED AT THIS TIME****

NEXT NEMA ASC:

SUNDAY, March 28, 2020 @ 3PM
VIA ZOOM LINK LISTED ABOVE IN FIRST PARAGRAPH