

# GREATER GRAND RAPIDS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 23, 2011

1. Opening: Barb P. opened the meeting at 7PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. Reading of 12 Traditions
3. Reading of 12 Concepts
4. Roll Call

## ASC ROLL CALL

Chair (Michael K.) - Excused  
Co-Chair (Barb P.) - Present  
Secretary (Susan S.) - Present  
Co-Secretary (Lynn) - Absent  
Treasurer (Cat L.) - Present  
Co-Treasurer (Brian M.) - Present  
RCM (Adam) - Present  
Alternate RCM – (Tony) – voted in (present)  
H & I (Pepe) - Present  
PI (Michael B.) - Present  
Activities (Charles P) – Present (resigned)

## GROUP ROLL CALL

### **PRESENT**

Just for Today  
Keeping the Dream Alive  
Natural Life  
Principles Before Personalities  
Progress Not Perfection  
Sunrise to Sunset  
Sat. Night Candlelight  
Staying in the Solution  
TGIF  
We Qualify  
Sisters of Serenity  
Saturday Night Calvary  
Young in Recovery  
Steps into Freedom

### **UNEXCUSED**

Traditionally Speaking  
Downtown Resting Place  
Keep it Coming  
Home Group  
Just Hope  
No Name  
Open for Change  
The Path Begins the Journey  
Never Alone  
Next Phase  
Men of Character

### **EXCUSED**

Surrender to Win

5. All chair and group reports are typed at the bottom.
6. Old business:
  - a. Need Regional Web-servants.
  - b. This area needs phone-line help, clean time requirement is 18 months.
7. New Business:
  - a. P&A meeting before the Area meeting to revise the guidelines.
  - b. Literature Committee guidelines were reviewed and approved.
  - c. Charles resigned from the Activities Committee so that position is now open.
8. Please discuss at regular and next business meetings:
  - a. Literature chair has been filled. Encourage your GSR to bring the groups order and money to ASC.
  - b. Sponsorship behind the walls.

- c. Events coming up: May 14 Speakers on the traditions at Sts Peter and Paul Church. No Name's Unity Picnic is Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- d. New groups: Change in Recovery – 2005 S. Division, Thurs @ 8 PM and Sat @11:30 AM. Steps Into Freedom – Lamb of God Church, 57 Rena SW, Sat @ 1:30 PM.
- e. Motion submitted and approved for \$20 to help pay for a Public Service Announcement.

9. Reports:

**CHAIR**

Excused

**CO-CHAIR**

No written report given to the secretary.

**ACTIVITIES**

No written report given to the secretary.

**RCM**

**TREASURER REPORT**

Hello Family,

We have put Bryon M on the checking account and removed Fred S. I am getting the paperwork to add Barb P. per guidelines suggested.

The funds are low in the account but all bills are paid for this quarter except the AT&T advertising which will come in the mail shortly.

I did not list each check. If that is what you want on the report, let me know and I will do it in the future. I did buy postage stamps and will need a receipt book before the next meeting.

(Ending balance (minus prudent reserve of \$500) is \$88.35)

ILS, Cat L.

**SECRETARY:**

Next month are elections and I will not renew my position. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this position. I will now be concentrating on the Literature Committee.

ILS, Susan S.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

**Phone line**

. This month's Traffic Summary.

**For This Month To Date**

Call Count	Min In	Min Out	Total Call Seconds	Total Surcharges	Total Call Cost	Total Messages
46	210.10	96.20	12303	\$0.00	\$18.31	3

**Advertising**

As stated in last month's report Doug D. of the SW Area contacted me about 30 second PSA's (public service announcements) that were scheduled to run on Broadcast TV, Channel 3 from Battle Creek. They are now running and continue for 6 months on 4 broadcast channels, 2 of which serve the Grand Rapids area.

I have viewed 4 of these PSA's and one of them has a banner across the top that says (Battle Creek – Grand Rapids – Kalamazoo) and publishes the SW area's help line number along with the Michigan Regions Web address.

I have sent him a copy of our Meeting list, so the SW area helpline can assist addicts with finding our meetings.

The short of it all is they would like to have the GGRASC pay \$20.00 in order to recoup a fraction of the cost for the beta tapes they purchased and having them formatted with the local NA area's names and help line number.

Susan will submit a budget for this cost, keep in mind this is a very small percentage of the total cost. I hope you will all see fit to pass this budget, as this is good for NA and our area.

### Web-site

Doug H. seems to be doing well with the site it seems to be up to date, and has my thanks for his efforts.

### Meeting List

In loving service  
Michael B.

**(GROUPS): (- means the information was not provided)**

**DOWNTOWN RESTING PLACE:** 54 S. Division, Grand Rapids (Heartside Ministry)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected:

Area Donation:

**HOME GROUP:** 1050 Fisk St. SE, Grand Rapids (Life Quest)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

**JUST HOPE:** 130 Delaware St. S.E., Grand Rapids (New Hope Missionary Baptist Church)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected:

Area Donation:

**JUST FOR TODAY:** 1100 Lake Dr. SE, Grand Rapids (Trinity United Methodist Church)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$45

Area Donation: \$20

This month we've had a lot of recovery is a lot of recovery being celebrated. It's been really uplifting and full of hope. Thanks for letting me serve. Vonnee K.

**KEEP IT COMING:** 1018 Madison S.E., Grand Rapids (Gratitude House)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

**KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE:** 650 Bates, Grand Rapids

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: \$15

Group is going well – Average about 10 people every Monday. Glad to be back on the meeting list. ILS, Doug P.

**MEN OF CHARATER:** 1145 Alexander, Grand Rapids (Next Phase Recovery House)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

**NATURAL LIFE:** 2340 Dean Lake Ave, Grand Rapids (New Community Church)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: \$20.91

This is my last report as GSR for Natural Life. The group continues to meet on Tues and Thurs at New Community Church on Dean Lake Rd NE. Attendance is good, literature stocked, rent is paid. The home group is in need of members – so if you are looking for a place to call home, consider Natural Life! Great opportunity to do some service work and give back what was freely given....ILS, Barb P.

**NEVER ALONE:** 831 Chestnut, Reed City (St. Philip Nevi Catholic Church)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

**NEXT PHASE:** 1145 Alexander, Grand Rapids (Next Phase Recovery House)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

**NO NAME:** 100 Buckley, Grand Rapids (Grace Christian Reformed Church)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected:

Area Donation:

**OPEN FOR CHANGE:** 1020 College Ave NE (N. Alano Club Room #3)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected:

Area Donation: -

**PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES:** 1025 3 Mile Rd. (St. Andrews Episcopal Church)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$85

Area Donation: \$75

Family, we have decided to make our literature order through the Literature Committee. Please remember our potluck and speaker meeting is every fifth Sunday starting at 5:30PM. Joy is in the ears that hear. Earl G.

**PROGRESS NOT PERFECTION:** 1 Damascus Rd, Big Rapids (St. Paul's Campus Parish)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

**SATURDAY NIGHT CALVARY:** 707 E. Beltline, Grand Rapids (Calvary Church)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

**SATURDAY NIGHT CANDLELIGHT:** 300 68<sup>th</sup> St. (Pine Rest Campus)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$90

Area Donation: \$0

Meeting continues to gain in attendance. Plans for the June picnic are progressing and I have flyers available. It is at Pinewood Park from noon to 5 PM. Come out and have some fun with us. Bring a favorite dish to pass. Lots of play areas for the kids (big and small). Also, softball and volleyball. Get a team together and come on out.

ILS, Cat L.

**SISTERS OF SERENITY:** 766 7<sup>TH</sup> St. (Matthew's House of Ministry)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$25

Area Donation: -

Very small, need support.

**STAYING IN THE SOLUTION:** 1200 Post Dr. (Church of the Holy Spirit)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$61

Area Donation: \$60

Attendance is rising. ILS, Julie

**STEPS INTO FREEDOM:** 57 Rena SW, Grand Rapids

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$21

Area Donation: \$5

Since the meeting began in January, we have been consistent with between 8-12 in attendance. We have had two speakers, one each month. Steps into Freedom could use support from other fellow recovering addicts. This group has ordered some literature and key tags totaling \$28.

ILS, Crystal K.

**SUNRISE TO SUNSET:** 766 7<sup>TH</sup> St. (Matthew's House of Ministry)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$195

Area Donation: \$15

Doing well.

**SURRENDER TO WIN:** 940 Clancy St, Grand Rapids (Clancy Street Ministries)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

**TRADITIONALLY SPEAKING:** 54 Division, Grand Rapids (Heartside Ministry)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

**TGIF:** 1224 Davis Ave. NW, Grand Rapids (Trinity Reformed Church)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: - \$164.74

Area Donation: - \$135.74

The attendance continues to grow. I believe there are women coming from two treatment centers. It is always a blessing to carry the message to so many people.

ILS, Susan

**THE PATH BEGINS THE JOURNEY:** 834 Lake Dr. SE (Bethel Abundant Life Center)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

**WE QUALIFY:** 5333 Clyde Park Ave. SW, Wyoming (Holy Trinity Episcopal Church)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

**YOUNG IN RECOVERY:** 222 Division, Grand Rapids (Take Hold Church)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$40

Area Donation: \$0

Our attendance is up, however still just skating by on making room rent. We were not able to make a donation to area because of our event coming up April 2. So we will make a donation at the next area meeting.

ILS, Tony