

GREATER GRAND RAPIDS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 27, 2011

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

ASC ROLL CALL

Chair (Barb P) - Present
Co-Chair - Open
Secretary (Lynn H.) - Present/Late
Co-Secretary - Open
Treasurer (Cat L.) - Present
Co-Treasurer (Linda R.) - Present
RCM (Adam G.) - Present
Alternate RCM – (Tony H.) – Present
H & I (Pepe) - Present
PI (Jeff K.) - Present
Activities (Fred S.) – Present

GROUP ROLL CALL PRESENT

Keep it Coming
Home Group
Keeping the Dream Alive
Natural Life
No Name
Principles Before Personalities
Progress Not Perfection
Sat. Night Candlelight
Sisters of Serenity
Staying in the Solution
Surrender to Win
TGIF
Open to Change
Saturday Night Calvary
Sunrise to Sunset
Young in Recovery
Traditionally Speaking Home Group
Work The Steps or Die

UNEXCUSED

Never Alone
Just for Today
Men of Character
Next Phase
We Qualify
The Path Begins the Journey
Just Hope
Steps into Freedom

EXCUSED

Downtown Resting Place

5. All chair and group reports are typed at the bottom.

6. Old business:

A. Elections

c/o Chair – OPEN

c/o Secretary – OPEN

7. New Business:

A. Activities Budget forms

1) MRCNA Guidelines – To give RCM group conscience to vote for MRCNA Guidelines at Regional meeting. Intent – To allow guidelines to pass for future.

Motion failed.

2) Activities Budget Submittal – Intent: Campfire Mtg. Sept.

\$70 for Fliers, Rent and Water.

Motion passed.

8. Please discuss at regular and next business meetings:

A. Open positions – c/o Chair & c/o Secretary.

B. Unity V Free Family Picnic, Saturday, **Aug. 16th**, 9am – 9pm, at Richmond Park.

C. No Name Home Group Speaker Meeting on the **2nd & 4th Friday**, every month

D. Young In Recovery Luau Kickball, **Aug. 13th**, at Johnson Park, in Walker, 1- 8 pm

E. Activities Sub-Committee Meeting on the 1st Sunday of the month, at 6pm ,
at St Andrews Church

F. 7th Annual GR Area Campout, **Aug. 12 - 14**, Double R Ranch

Contact Fred S. or Lora V. for canoe reservations.

9. Reports:

CHAIR

Hi Family,

First let me thank everyone for their loyal service over this past year, especially those who helped me while fulfilling my chairperson's responsibilities. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Hopefully the next Chairperson will have the continued support of all the GSR's as well as the other Trusted Servants. I would hope that all positions get filled tonight, but if not please announce at your Home Groups. A lot of the time there seems to be 2 factions of NA in Grand Rapids; it is my hope that in moving forward in our recovery, we not alienate any group because of age, race, sex, or location. That we remember the one true thing we have in common...the disease of addiction. We need to be true examples of recovery and participate in other meetings as well as the ones we feel comfortable at. So once again, thank you for allowing me to serve and more so, thank you for being a part of my recovery.

ILS, Michael K.

CO-CHAIR

No Report

ACTIVITIES

Hello Family,

I have a post-activity report and a check to return to the Area for the Sweetside event. I also have a budget request for the Campfire meeting in September along with fliers. I will hand out remaining flyers at region next weekend.

Last month's committee meeting had 8 people in attendance. We discussed our budgets for upcoming events and worked out the details for the SweetSide event. We cut a check and paid rent for 3 months use of the facility, along with purchasing coffee supplies for event use. It was decided that if we printed small #'s of flyers, it would be prudent to go to Kinko's instead of Presto Print as cost is lower. We also decided to respect the PBP group's wishes and not hold event's at St. Andrews facility. We are working on getting a regional calendar put on-line so all upcoming events can be viewed at one time. We also discussed ways to get groups that put on their functions.

Our campout/canoe trip is coming up and we still have a few canoes left if anyone is interested please see Lora V., or myself, and we will reserve one for you. The campfire meeting is our main focus for the near future and we are going to start working on a large event for late Oct. or early Nov. We are thinking of NA comedy or possibly the Area Feud event. Please join us at our next meeting the first Sunday of the month at 6pm, if you have any ideas for upcoming events we believe that the more that join us, the better we will become.

In loving service, Fred S.

RCM

TREASURER REPORT

Hello Family,

The checkbook balances. Please see the attached sheets for the particulars of the checking account and Area donations.

The second quarter donations to NAWs and Region have been sent in. Rent is paid here through September. There is money available when the phone line needs it.

The old signers are off the checkbook and the new co-Treasurer and Chairperson have been added. I will need to order more checks in the next month or so.

In Loving Service, Cat L.

Checkbook: \$ 668.39

June 21, 2011	Beginning Balance	\$ 458.92
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Deposits:

June Donations	\$ 714.25
June Profits from Activities	\$.00
June Return of Seed Money	\$ 100.00
Lit. Comm Deposit	<u>+\$ 311.87</u>
	\$ 1694.51

<u>Withdrawals:</u>	(\$ 930.20)
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June 21, 2011	Ending Balance	\$ 764.31
	Minus Prudent Reserve	<u>(\$ 500.00)</u>
		\$ 264.31

Withdrawals:

Sts Peter & Paul Rent	\$ 75.00
RCM	62.00
Activities Reimbursement	99.23
MSO Lit. Order	331.23
Presto Print	47.89
AT&T Solutions	53.45
MRSCNA 2 nd Qtr. Donation	130.00
NAWS 2 nd Qtr. Donation	<u>130.00</u>
Total	\$ 930.20

SECRETARY:

No Report.
ILS, Lynn H.

LITERATURE CHAIR:

The literature committee is doing pretty well. I am looking for members to fulfill each position in our committee. At this point there are only two of us and I do not see the point of paying for a place to have a monthly meeting. If you are interested in joining, please contact me.

We have placed a couple of orders over \$500, so that there was no shipping cost. We no longer have to pay sales tax and get some items at a discount. This will save the groups hundreds of dollars each year.

If you need help filling out the order for please do not hesitate to ask. Also, if you could encourage other groups to utilize the literature committee each month we would not have to pay shipping in any month.

I was not here last month so there are a few groups who still owe shipping from June. I have contacted the people in that group to let them know to bring that money tonight. As of July 1st, some items had a price increase so I filled out a new order form for each group that ordered and also called them with any money they needed to bring due price increases.

If you have not gotten the order you placed for July, please see me as I have everything with me tonight. If you placed an order tonight, please see me before you leave to ensure the accuracy and pricing of your order as I will be checking all of them before the meeting ends.

ILS, Susan S.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Good evening!

Since the June ASC meeting, we updated the website, phone line, and the meeting list to include the changes since the last ASC meeting.

Doug and I were finally able to coordinate our efforts on the website and the meeting list. Doug made the changes to the website and the meeting list to include the updates from the last meeting. He sent me the list on July 19th, and I had 650 copies of the list printed at Presto Print on the same day. I've have provided the invoice for this service to the treasurer today. Thank you, Doug, for your service! You're doing a great job.

Below is a traffic summary report of the phone line activity from July 1 through July 27:

Call Count	Min In	Min Out	Total Call Seconds	Total Surcharges	Total Call Cost	Total Messages
58	150.90	36.50	8281	\$0.00	\$11.27	1

Michael and Matt have been doing well on the phone line. Thank you both for your service to NA!

Speaking of the phone line, the regional phone line is currently in its testing phase. So far, it's testing very well. I will be going to the regional meeting in Saginaw to present the test results, answer questions about the implementation, and possibly come back with an implementation time line and go-live date. This is very exciting stuff! If you're interested in checking out the regional phone line test site, please get with me on the break or after today's ASC meeting.

ILS,

JeffK

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

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

7th Tradition collected: \$

Area Donation: \$

Trusted Servant, Tommie W.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 30

Area Donation: \$ 0

Home Group is still in need of more Trusted Servants. We are still glad to say that we are doing well.

Thanks, Home Group

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

7th Tradition collected: \$

Area Donation: \$

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 21

Area Donation: \$ 0

Good evening!

The Just for Today group continues to do well. We have no donation this month because we paid our rent through the end of November.

At our business meeting today we discussed the possibility of hosting an NA event. We will first work with the GGRASCNA Activities Committee to determine the best type of event for us to host, a date, and a location. From there we will discuss the possibilities and decide what to do from there.

ILS, Jeff K

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 20

Area Donation: \$ 5

Business meeting 4th Saturday, Open meeting.

Thanks for letting me be a trusted Servant. Jennifer M.

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE: 650 Bates, Grand Rapids

7th Tradition collected: approx. \$ 20

Area Donation: \$ 15

Keeping the Dream Alive is good. Our attendance is low, but great meetings.

Grateful to serve, San C. & Natalie C.

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

7th Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

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

7th Tradition collected: - 7.85

Area Donation: - \$ 0

Low attendance only 5 home group members.

Submitted by Jose B. (616) 723-6627

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

7th Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

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

7th Tradition collected: N/A

Area Donation: - \$ 25

Hi Family,

Planning is in the final stages for our 5th Annual Unity Picnic. Please announce the picnic at all the meetings you attend. It will be at Richmond Park, Saturday Aug. 6, 2011, from 9am – 9pm.

Our meeting is going well, rent is paid, coffee is available and the message is being carried. We hope to see everyone at the picnic.

ILS, Roger M.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$120

Area Donation: \$ 0

Group is going really well, getting a lot of support every week. Room rent is high, so it is hard to give an Area donation. Gonna try to make a donation next month, for sure. Meetings are a great thing, so grateful for this meeting.
In Loving Service, Ryan M.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 152.26

Area Donation: \$ 45.29

Hello Family,

The decision was made to cancel the 4th Sunday women meeting. We will need to have it removed from the meeting list. Also, we will be having our potluck speaker meeting the Sunday the 31st; Fred S. will be our speaker, so please come out and show your support.

In Loving Service, Tom W.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 64

Area Donation: \$ 24

Doing well. Attendance down. 7th Tradition down.

In Loving Service, Michael B.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$

Area Donation: \$ 0

Meeting is going pretty good & following traditions to the best of our ability. Nothing major to report.

In Loving Service, Richard H.

SATURDAY NIGHT CANDLELIGHT: 300 68th St. (Pine Rest Campus)

7th Tradition collected: N/A

Area Donation: \$ 200

Meeting continues to grow in attendance. Rent is aid, literature is available and we are making another donation to Area this month.

The picnic seemed a success but not overly attended. There was not a profit from this event but those that were there, seemed to have a great time. Next year, we hope to do some things different to hopefully boost attendance and awareness of it.

In Loving Service, Cat L.

SISTERS OF SERENITY: 766 7TH St. (Matthew's House of Ministry)

7th Tradition collected: \$ 61

Area Donation: \$ 6

Attendance has been consistent. Many people share that they love this meeting and feel safe there.

Report submitted by Julie G. (616) 443-6646

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

7th Tradition collected: \$

Area Donation: \$

STEPS INTO FREEDOM: 57 Rena SW, Grand Rapids

7th Tradition collected:
Area Donation:

SUNRISE TO SUNSET: 766 7TH St. (Matthew's House of Ministry)

7th Tradition collected: \$ 225
Area Donation: \$ 7

Doing good.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$
Area Donation: \$ 0

Surrender to win is continually growing and has a lot of newcomers and newer members. We are still in need of support and Trusted Servants to continue to share a more experienced message because of the newer members and treatment facilities that attend our meeting. We meet every Wednesday at 8-9:30pm.
In Loving Service, Lynn H.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 49
Area Donation: \$ 100

Group is doing Book Study out of "How It Works & Why" on the 12th Traditions. We could use the experience strength and hope of older members. Looking forward to our 2nd Annual Tradition Speaker Jam.
Thank you for your support, Michael F.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 180
Area Donation: \$ 63.50

We continue to carry the message to a couple of treatment centers and are blessed as always to have such a large number of addicts attend regularly.
ILS, Susan S.

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

7th Tradition collected:
Area Donation:

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

7th Tradition collected: -
Area Donation: -

WORK THE STEPS OR DIE: Adam Street Apts., Grand Rapids

7th Tradition collected: \$ 15
Area Donation: \$ 5

Work The Steps or Die meeting attendance is up slightly. The Speaker Jam was a success. We now have money for some literature, and to make a donation to Area this month. The meeting still is in need of support.
With love, Work the Steps or Die

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 40

Area Donation: \$ 20

Our meeting is going well and growing every week! We were able to make an Area donation this month and are getting ready for our "Kickball Luau"! We are putting in lit. orders every Area for the last and are stocking our lit. up! We are happy with the way things are going and looking.

Thanx, Tony H.