

**GREATER GRAND RAPIDS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011**

- 1 Opening: Barb P opened the meeting at 7pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- 2 Reading of the 12 Traditions - Mike
- 3 Reading of the 12 Concepts - Tom
- 4 Reading of A Vision for NA Service

ASC Roll Call

Chair (Barb P) - Present
 Co-Chair - open
 Secretary (Lynn H) - Excused
 Co-Secretary - open
 Treasurer (Cat L) - Present
 Co-Treasurer (Lynda R) - Present
 RCM (Adam G) - Present
 Alternate RCM (Tony H) - Present
 H&I (Pepe V) - Present
 PI - (Jeff K) - Present
 Activities (Fred S) - Present
 Literature (Sue S) - Present

Group Roll Call

Present	Unexcused	Excused
Downtown Resting Place	Home Group	Progress not Perfection
Just for Today	Just Hope	Surrender to Win
Keeping the Dream Alive	Keep it Coming	
Natural Life	Men of Character	
No Name	Next Phase	
Open to Change	Sat Night Calvary	
Principles Before Personalities	Staying in the Solution	
Sat Night Candlelight	Steps into Freedom	
Sisters of Serenity	Never Alone	
Sunrise to Sunset		
TGIF		
The Path Begins the Journey		
Traditionally Speaking		
We Qualify		
Work the Steps or Die		
Young in Recovery		

- 5 All reports are typed at the bottom (see #9).
- 6 Old Business:
- A Elections
- i) Co-Chair - Tom W declined nomination from August, position remains open
 - ii) Co-Secretary - remains open

7 New Business:

A Subcommittee Elections

- i) Activities - Fred S was reelected to another term as Activities Chair
- ii) H&I - Lisa M was elected H&I Chair
- iii) Literature - Susan S was reelected to another term as Literature Chair
- iv) PI - Jeff K was reelected to another term as PI Chair

B Budgets:

- i) Activities budget of \$30 for 4 months rent was approved.
- ii) Literature budget of \$5.30 for new IP's was approved.

C Motions:

- i) Motion made by Literature Committee, second by Lisa

"The Literature Committee be allowed \$500 to purchase literature and keep stock of basic items."

The intent is to keep literature on hand so that GSR's can leave with some or all of the literature they need.

After discussion, no consensus could be reached a vote was taken. The motion passed with 4 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 abstaining.

- ii) Motion made by RCM, Adam G on behalf of the Region, seconded by Cat

"To change hotel reimbursement to 50% instead of 100%."

After discussion, no consensus could be reached a vote was taken. The motion failed to pass with 0 in favor, 6 opposed and 1 abstaining.

- iii) Motion made by Adam G, seconded by Fred S

"To have area give clear guidance for splitting the cost between region and area for members traveling to regional events (meetings)."

The intent is to keep Trusted Servants accountable.

After discussion, it was determined the motion failed. The trusted servants would continue to use their discretion and split the costs as they determine is fair and reasonable.

D Activities - Post Event Report

Campfire Meeting, Rogue River Campground

9/17/11

Suggested Donation: \$3

Number in Attendance: 21

Seed Money from Area \$60.00

Income:

Donations \$63.00

Water Sales \$24.50

Total Income: \$87.50

Expenses:

Rent \$63.00

Beverages \$12.50

Fliers \$ 4.27

Total Expenses \$79.77

Final Status

Gross Income (start up money & income) \$147.50

Total Expenses 79.77

Seed Money (returned to area) 60.00

Net Profit/Loss \$ 7.73

*\$69.50 returned to area

8 Please discuss at regular and next business meetings:

A Open Positions - Co-chair, Co-secretary

B No Name Group Speaker Meeting on the 2nd & 4th Friday, every month

C Activities subcommittee meeting on 2nd Sunday of October at 6pm

D Nature Walk, October 8, 2pm at Pickeral Lake Park, 6011 Ramsdell Rd, Cannonsburg, MI

E Paintball, October 29, flyers to follow, check website for details

F NA Feud in December, details coming soon! See Fred S or Lora V for info.

G Groups in need of support: Work the Steps or Die, Sisters of Serenity, Keeping the Dream Alive, The Path Begins the Journey

9 Reports:

Chair

Hi everyone! The month of September is flying by. I was grateful to have the opportunity to attend the World Convention in San Diego. What a great experience. If you haven't attended a world convention, the next world convention will be held in Philadelphia in 2013. If the world convention is not in your budget, the Michigan Regional Convention will be held in BelAire, Michigan at Shanty Creek Resorts. Make a plan, set your priorities - conventions are truly moving and motivational events that you will remember for years to come. It will be well worth your efforts!

This month there is a policy and admin meeting for all committee elected servants and subcommittee chairs - and anyone else who would like to attend. We will be doing some housekeeping/cleaning of the guidelines and the contact list. There will be another policy and admin meeting next month to hopefully complete this task.

Following along this line, according to the last two months roll call, the following meetings have two unexcused absences and will be removed from the meeting list/phone line list and website if they have an unexcused absence at the September meeting:

Just Hope
Next Phase
Never Alone

Men of Character
Steps into Freedom

This is a reminder of each home group's requirements to stay active and on the meeting/phone line list and website according to our guidelines. Attendance at the ASC monthly meetings is required of each active home group. Three unexcused absences will result in an inactive status and removal from the meeting list, phone line and website.

It is important that each group be represented at the Area level not only to communicate their accomplishments, struggles and needs in their group report, but to receive information from the Area regarding other groups in the Area, Area activities and reports from the Regional level. Without attendance at the Area meeting for a period of time, there is no way of knowing whether or not the doors of the absent meeting are being opened and a message of recovery being shared. As responsible, productive members of not only society but NA it is our obligation to see our guidelines are being followed - for it is only through application that they work!!!

Also this month, elections will be held for Subcommittee Chairs. I would like to thank all the current Subcommittee Chairs for their commitment and service. We are blessed with current meeting lists, an awesome phone line and website, committed servants bringing the message to those in institutions, activities to attend where we can have fun and fellowship with other recovering people and a literature committee to assure literature is available to our home groups and members. Thanks you one and all!

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.
Barb P

Secretary - excused, no report.

Treasurer

Checkbook	
Beginning Balance (7/21/11)	\$ 724.28
Deposits:	
August Donations	\$ 225.91
Literature Committee Deposit	\$ 346.60
Subtotal	\$1,298.70
Withdrawals	\$ (744.29)
Ending Balance (9/28/11)	\$ 552.50
Minus Prudent Reserve	\$ (500.00)
Ending Balance (9/28/11)	\$ 52.50

The figures speak for themselves.
Cat L.

Quarterly reports and Area Donation reports were submitted and distributed to committee members. (Sorry I didn't retype these and didn't have an electronic version to include with the minutes.)

Co-Treasurer - no report.

RCM Report

Hi family,

Not much to report but have a couple of issues that could use resolving before the next region meeting Sunday.

First being the motion that was brought before the Region body by Marty that we change the reimbursement for regional officers to - Reimburse officers for all mileage and if further than 90 miles to cover 50% of hotel cost. this differs from the current reimbursement of 100% of hotel costs for those traveling over 90 miles and full mileage reimbursement.

Second, I could use the area's input on how they would like sharing of expenses handled when multiple trusted servants car pool to region. I am suggesting that both hotel and mileage gets split by both region and area, in the past we have used our own judgement on who gets charged for what and are not too sure that's what should be done.

ILS, Adam G

Alternate RCM - no report.

H&I Report

Verbal report given by Pepe V. No written report to submit with minutes.

PI Report

Good Evening!

There is not a lot to report this month for Public Information.

As for the Website, I had promised to meet with Doug and review change requests to the website. However, due to unforeseen changes in my job and the commitments I have to it, I have not had much time to meet with him to do this. I hope to begin this process before the next area meeting now that things have mellowed some.

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

Call Count	Min In	Min Out	Total Call Seconds	Total Surcharges	Total Call Cost	Total Messages
53	120.00	45.70	6430	\$0.00	\$9.94	1

I have the September/October meeting lists here today. I had 600 copies printed for a total of \$70.26. I have already handed the invoice to Cat for payment. Please take what you need and leave the rest.

ILS, Jeff K

Activities

The campfire meeting was a success and we made a small amount of profit. I have a post activities report and funds to be returned to area. There was left over water bottles and ice which we will use for the next event. Our next event is the Area Nature Walk and I have flyers for this with me. To save cost members have agreed to print small amount of flyers for small local events. We decided to print large quantities was unnecessary and not prudent. We also have an event scheduled at the end of October. It will be a paintball activity. Ryan was to print flyers for that one. Hope to see all of you at these events. We are also working on a couple of future events the first to be a Left Over Thanksgiving Potluck the weekend after the holiday and the Area Feud sometime in January.

The committee is going stronger than I ever could have imagined. We had 15 members in attendance and broke up into small sub-committees to work on multiple events. This has been an awesome experience and a great way for lots to get involved with service. Please announce our events and our meeting time and location at your home groups. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Fred S

Literature

We did not have an order over \$500 for the month of September so the groups did have to split shipping cost this time. I continue to struggle with getting orders over \$500 which greatly benefits this Area as then shipping is free.

I placed an order for one IP of each of the new IP's so that we could have them to look at to see if any group would like to order them.

Also, I have included here how much each month the Literature Committee has saved area groups since starting to place orders in March 2011. The total is \$124.71. August alone we saved \$63.90 because the order was over \$500.

On a trial basis, I would like to keep a basic supply of literature in stock so that groups can leave with some items that they need.

March	\$ 4.08
April	No order
May	\$ 28.65
June	\$ 8.20
July	\$ 23.36
August	\$ 63.90
September	\$.60
Total	\$ 124.71

ILS, Susan S

Group Reports: Downtown Resting Place

August

Total attendees: 183

Average per meeting: 20-26

Total First Step meetings: 1 or 3

Total 7th Tradition: \$67.17

Anniversaries Celebrated: Maybe one or two

The group has had a misfortune but we will bounce back. I have faith in this group. We are a resilient group of people. Thanks area for being there. We need you guys support. (Note: There are some problems with mold and a slight smell of urine in the building we meet in.)

September

Total attendees for the month: 221

Average per meeting: 15-25

Total 7th Tradition: \$64.00

The home group will discuss whether to continue the candlelight meeting because there has been no one showing up to the candlelight meeting. There also will be a discussion on whether to keep the meeting in the basement of Heartside Ministry. Problems exist. But there will be other discussion also in concern of lots of problems and questions.

ILS, Tommie W

Home Group - absent, no report sent (unexcused)

Just for Today

Total attendees: 58

Average per meeting: 14

Total 1st Step Meetings: 0

Total 7th Tradition collected: \$43.00

Area Donation: \$25.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: None

Good evening!

The Just for Today group continues to do well. We are donating \$25 to the area this month.

Although our group is stable and continues to have regular attendance, we only have three home group members active in the group. So, if you're looking for a home group that meets for only one hour every Wednesday at Noon on very comfortable furniture, please drop in for a meeting.

ILS, Jeff K

Just Hope - absent, no report sent (unexcused)

Keep it Coming - absent, no report sent (unexcused)

Keeping the Dream Alive

Total attendees: 11

Average per meeting: 4

Total 1st step meetings: 6

Total 7th tradition: 440.00

Area donation: \$20.00

Anniversaries celebrated: 6

About 4 people a meeting. Need more support.

Men of Character - absent, no report sent (unexcused)

Natural Life

Total attendees: 109
Average per meeting: 15
Total 1st Step meetings: 3
Total 7th tradition: \$95.00
Area donation: \$50.00
Anniversaries celebrated: 2

3 new home group members!!!

Next Phase - absent, no report sent (unexcused)

No Name

Total attendees: 723
Average per meeting: 29
Total 1st Step meetings: 4
Total 7th tradition: \$276.31
Area donation: None
Anniversaries celebrated: 4 (Doug P - 1 yr, Charles F - 16 yrs, Serina A - 4 yrs, Ardell C - 15 yrs)

Hi Family,

Everything is going well at the No Name group. Our home group was wondering when the activities sub-committee was going to host their next event. We have been discussing bringing some ideas to that subcommittee. We have fliers available for our upcoming speakers through the end of the year. Please distribute at your groups. Our meeting attendance has declined this past month as has our 7th tradition. We don't have a donation for area this month.

ILS, No Name Group Members

Open to Change

Total attendance: 170
Average per meeting: 42
Total 7th tradition: \$120
Area donation: \$0
Anniversaries celebrated - 4

The Path Begins the Journey

Total attendance: 84
Average per meeting: 20
Total 1st Step meeting: 1

Total 7th tradition: \$44.00
Area donation: \$20.00
Anniversaries celebrated: 0

Attendance remains consistent, contributions have dropped. We are still looking at doing a flat book study one Sunday a month.

ILS, Wilbur W

Principles Before Personalities

Total attendance: 132
Average per meeting: 33
Total 1st Step meetings: 2
Total 7th tradition: \$129.47
Area donation: \$31.82
Anniversaries celebrated: 0

Hello Family,

Nothing new or pressing to report. We do have our 5th Sunday potluck-speaker meeting coming up on October 30th, potluck starting at 5:30-7:00 when speaker meeting starts. Otherwise all is well.

ILS, Tom W

Progress Not Perfection

Our group is ok even though numbers are way down. The treasury was at \$96.00 as of last night. The treasurer will send a check for our area donation. I think it is going to be \$70 or maybe \$60.00.

ILS, Michael B

Saturday Night Calvary - absent, called, no report (unexcused)

Saturday Night Candlelight

Total attendees: 75
Average per meeting: 14
Total 1st Step meetings: 1
Total 7th tradition: n/a
Area donation: \$100.00
Anniversaries celebrated: 0

Meeting is doing well. The rent is paid through the end of the year. We have literature and supplies. We are able to make a donation to the Area and order coins for upcoming anniversaries of home group members.

ILS, Cat L

Sisters of Serenity

Total attendees: 40
Average per meeting: 5
Total 1st Step meetings: 1
Total 7th tradition: \$15.00
Area donation: 0
Anniversaries celebrated: 1

Not doing good. Need people to come. Need women to come. HELP HELP HELP!!!!

Staying in the Solution - absent, no report sent (unexcused)

Steps into Freedom - absent, no report sent (unexcused)

Sunrise to Sunset

Total attendees: 335
Average per meeting: 10
Total 1st Step meetings: 2
Total 7th tradition: \$226.00
Area donation: \$15.00
Anniversaries celebrated: 0

Doing good!

Surrender to Win - absent - called, no report sent (unexcused)

TGIF

Area donation: \$133.95
All is well!!!

Traditionally Speaking

Total attendees: 31
Average per meeting: 7-8
Total 7th Tradition: \$36.00
Area donation: \$15.00

Group is doing our speaker format for the remaining 7 weeks. Good information being discussed at meetings regarding the 12 Traditions. We still need support from older members to share their experience strength and hope in relation to the 12 Traditions.

We Qualify

Total attendees: 80
Average per meeting: 20

Total 1st Step meetings: 0
Total 7th tradition: \$35.00
Area donation: \$10.00
Anniversaries celebrated: 0

Hi family,

The We Qualify Group is doing well. We discussed the possibility of shortening our meeting time by 15-30 minutes, as well as changing the format by decreasing the number of readings in the beginning of the meeting. However, in the end we decided we would keep everything the same! We are enjoying the savings offered by the literature subcommittee!

ILS, Lisa M

Work the Steps or Die

Total attendees: 40
Average per meeting: 7-8
Total 1st Step meetings: 2
Total 7th tradition: \$30.00
Area donation: \$10.00
Anniversaries celebrated: 1

Meeting is doing good. Attendance is up. Donation is up this month but the meeting can still use more support with love and support.

Work the Steps or Die

Young in Recovery

Attendance: 120
Average per meeting: 15
Total 1st Step meetings: 4
Total 7th tradition: \$50.00
Anniversaries celebrated: 5

The meeting is growing every week. We have some events coming up and are saving money for literature. It is awesome to see this meeting taking off. We will be making a donation to Area shortly.

Thanx, Tony H.