

# GREATER GRAND RAPIDS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Oct 26, 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 – Gilbert
3. Reading of 12 Concepts - Linda
4. A Vision of NA Service - Lynn
5. Roll Call

### ASC ROLL CALL

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

### GROUP ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Downtown Resting Place  
Home Group  
Just For Today  
Principles Before Personalities  
Progress Not Perfection  
Sat. Night Calvary  
Sat. Night Candlelight  
Sisters of Serenity  
Staying In The Solution  
Sunrise to Sunset  
Surrender To Win  
TGIF  
Traditionally Speaking  
We Qualify  
Work the Steps or Die  
Young In Recovery

#### UNEXCUSED

Keep It Coming  
Keeping The Dream Alive  
Natural Life  
Open For Change  
The Path Begins The Journey

#### EXCUSED

No Name

#### INACTIVE:

Never Alone    Just Hope    Men of Character    Next Phase    Steps into Freedom

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

6. Old business:

A. Elections

c/o Chair – OPEN

c/o Secretary – OPEN

B. Nominations

c/o Chair – Tom W. (Will respond during the September meeting).

7. New Business:

A. Motion forms

a. Creates or Changes procedure of the committee –

New Motion – Change Area meeting to the third Wed. of the month of Nov. New Date is Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm.

Intent – Have meeting early to avoid Thanksgiving conflicts.

Motion Passed

B. Budget Forms – Approved

a. 16 – Fliers @ \$ 0

Coffee already purchased

25 – Fliers @ \$ 2.65

b. H & I Chair – Literature Order (Order thru the end of the year) \$ 429.15

500 – Asst. IP's \$.20 @ \$100

400 – White Booklets Intro \$.67 @ \$268

100 – New IP's \$.48 @ \$48

1 – H & I Handbook @ \$ 8.75

4 – Guide To H & I Basics \$.55 @ \$2.20

5 – IP # 2005 \$.28 @ \$ 1.10

5 – IP # 2204 \$.28 @ \$1.10

8. Please discuss at regular and next business meetings:

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

B. H&I Sub-Committee Meeting at 6pm, before ASC Meeting.

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

D. Southwest MI Area Activities Committee is hosting Haunted Forest, on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7p – 12 at the Fountain Springs Club House, 1410 S 9<sup>th</sup> St, Kalamazoo (Stadium Dr, Right on 9<sup>th</sup> St., first light, to turn left)

E. Southwest MI Area Activities Committee is hosting The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NA Idol on Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 7p, at the Coffee house on N. Burdick at Patterson.

F. Activities Sub-Committee Meeting on the 2nd Sunday of September, at 6pm, at St Andrews Church.

G. NA Feud is scheduled for St Patrick's Day, at the North Alano Club.

9. Reports:

## **CHAIR**

HI Family –

In Lynn's absence, I prepared the minutes last month. They are posted on the website, but due to lack of the contact list, I was unable to email them to everyone. Please go to the website and download a copy for your records.

In light of that, I have prepared a form which I will be sending around. Please put your contact information on it. I will make it available to all trusted servants, but it will not be posted on the website.

Also, the following groups have been moved to 'inactive' status and will not be listed as active groups when meeting lists, etc., are updated:

Never Alone

Just Hope

Men of Character

Next Phase

Steps Into Freedom

The following group has two consecutive absences and will become inactive with another absence: Home Group

Don't forget to have some fun in your recovery!!! Young In Recovery and the Activities Committee are putting on a paintball function this Saturday! If you are not a paintball fan, there are various other NA functions around the region – there is Halloween Dance in Traverse City on Friday which is MRCNA Fundraiser, there is also a Family Night Costume Party, sponsored by Western Wayne and Washtenaw on Saturday, in Livonia. Check region website or more information on these and other activities. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Idol & Haunted Forest on Sat., in Kalamazoo.

One last thing – PLEASE announce our open positions of Co-Chair and Co-Secretary. Maybe dedicate one of your home group meetings to the topic of service work!

Have a safe Halloween weekend and see you all next month on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> (one week early, due to Thanksgiving)

ILS,

Barb P

## **CO-CHAIR**

No Report

## **ACTIVITIES**

Hello Family,

I apologize for not being able to attend tonight; I am traveling for work and probably crossing the border back to state while this is being read. The Nature walk was a wonderful event and enjoyed by those who attended. I am turning in a budget for the paintball event. It is only for fliers. The group plans to pass the basket during the speaker meeting in order to recover these funds. We are planning a game night for

Thanksgiving weekend. We will be having a bake sale, with the baked goods donated by the members in attendance. The facility offered us the building for free, but in accordance with our traditions, we decided to pay the 10% of the cover we take at the door. We also plan to sell beverages to raise some funds to give back to the Area. I believe a game challenge was created between GR and West Shore so come out and support this event. The Area Feud has a date set and work has started to put this event on. We will be holding it at the North Alano Club on St. Patrick's Day, next year. Look for more to come on this event, as it will be a MRCNA Fundraiser that our Area puts on.

As always, remember the more diverse our committee, is the diverse our functions will be. If you or any one you know has an idea for an event, please join our group on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at St. Andrews Parrish, on 3 Mile Rd.

In loving service,  
Fred S.

### **RCM**

Next Region Date and Location – 12/4/11 in Kalamazoo

Hello Family,

I did attend the Oct 2, Region meeting in Adrian hosted by Guys Pizza. I made our donation and have brought back a receipt for the Treasurer. Also, I am turning in my mileage reimbursement and no hotel charge, as I stayed with Fred.

MRCNA reported that they have Co-Treasurer and Entertainment and Fundraising positions open. Also, there seems to be some issues with a form needing to be filled out and they are asking to spread the word to not call for reservations, but to fill out the special form.

MSO showed off a new book called “Miracles Happen”. It is book about the history of NA and could go well with introducing ourselves possibly for H & I purposes.

SBW needs men sponsors – 1 yr clean and be working with a sponsor of your own required. Also recommended to be off paper.

Motion # 100 was tabled, as not enough RCM’s brought back input from their Area’s.

Requested to include in minutes, Sept. Meeting Report

Next Region Date and Location – 10/2/11 in Adrian, Southern –Mid MI Region

Hello Family,

Not much to report but do 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.

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 judgment on who gets charged for what and are not too sure that’s what should be done.

ILS,

Adam G.

### **H&I REPORT:**

Hi Family,

We had 2 people in attendance at the last meeting. Please announce at meetings we need support. We did get into Wedgewood and will be able to have speaker meetings soon, so we are moving along. The next sub-committee meeting will be before the ASC meeting at 6pm.

In Loving Service,

Lisa M.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

**Checkbook: \$ \$649.05**

**Sept 21, 2011    Beginning Balance**

**\$ 552.50**

**Deposits:**

Sept Donations	\$ 490.77
Sept Profits from Activities	\$ 69.50
Sept Return of Seed Money	\$ 0
Lit order	\$ 0
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>\$1112.77</b>

**Withdrawals**

	\$ 463.72
<b><u>Insert Date</u></b>	<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>
	<b>\$ 649.05</b>
	<b><u>Minus Prudent Reserve</u></b>
	<b><u>\$(500.00)</u></b>
	<b>\$149.05</b>

**Debits:**

AT&T	\$ 53.45
Work Easy	100.00
Presto Print	70.27
NAWS	120.00
MRCNA	120.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$463.72</b>

**2011**

	<b><u>Budget Amount</u></b>	<b><u>PAID</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>DATE PAID</u></b>
<b><u>Quarter 1 (JAN FEB MAR)</u></b>				
Rent	\$75.00	YES	\$75.00	02/25/11
Phone Line - Work Easy	\$325.00	YES	\$325.00	03/19/11
H & I Literature Order	Area Approval			
Regional Donations	10% of Income	YES	\$90.00	05/16/11
World Donations	10% of Income	YES	\$90.00	04/28/11
<b><u>Quarter 2 (APR MAY JUN)</u></b>				
Rent	\$75.00	YES	\$75.00	02/25/11
Phone Line - Work Easy	\$325.00	yes	325.00	05/26/11
H & I Literature Order	Area Approval			
Regional Donations	10% of Income			
World Donations	10% of Income			
<b><u>Quarter 3 (JUL AUG SEP)</u></b>				
Rent	\$75.00	yes	75	06/21/11
Phone Line - Work Easy	\$325.00			
H & I Literature Order	Area Approval			

Regional Donations	10% of Income	Yes	\$120.00	09/30/11
World Donations	10% of Income	Yes	\$120.00	09/30/11

**Quarter 4 (OCT NOV DEC)**

Rent		YES		
Phone Line - Work Easy	\$325.00	YES	\$100	10/11/11
H & I Literature Order	Area Approval			
Regional Donations	10% of Income	YES		
World Donations	10% of Income	YES		

Hello Family,

The checkbook balances with the bank. The rent for Area business meeting will be paid today.

There was not a Lit Comm. deposit for September. I should get that tonight.

ILS,  
*Cat L*

**SECRETARY:**

No Report  
ILS, Lynn H.

**LITERATURE CHAIR:**

Hi Family,  
I will be putting together a place and time for a committee meeting. I have some planning to do and will get with the other member of the literature committee to see what we can come up with as far as a date, time and place to meet and possibly a fund-raiser.  
Our order was not over \$500, for October, but we are still saving groups money by cutting everyone's shipping costs. If we could rally the other groups that don't participate and get over the \$500 mark, we would receive a 6% discount.  
ILS,  
Susan S.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

Good evening!  
Doug did some more updating of the website. The latest version of the meeting list is posted, as is one event (the paintball for addict's event).  
With the changes in the meeting list, we also updated the phone line info boxes to reflect those changes. Below is a traffic summary report of the phone line activity from October 1 through October 25:

Call Count	Min In	Min Out	Total Call Seconds	Total Surcharges	Total Call Cost	Total Messages
49	160.00	63.00	9129	\$0.00	\$13.39	5

I still have some September / October meeting lists available. Please take what you need and leave the rest.

ILS,  
Jeff K

**(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: \$

NO REPORT

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 30

Area Donation: \$ 0

Hi Family,

Marvin H. was last month's speaker. Yvonne M is going to be the speaker on Oct. 27, 2011.

Our meeting is in need of more service and support.

Thanks, Home Group (Rod T.)

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

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

Area Donation: \$

NO REPORT

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 47

Area Donation: \$ 23

Good evening!

The Just for Today group continues to do well. We are donating \$23 to the area this month.

Although our group is stable and continues to have regular attendance, we only have two 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

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

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

Area Donation: \$

NO REPORT

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: approx. \$

Area Donation: \$

NO REPORT

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

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

Area Donation: -

NO REPORT

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

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

Area Donation: - \$ 0

NO REPORT

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

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

Area Donation: - \$

NO REPORT

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 363.20

Area Donation: - \$ 0

Hi Family,

Everything is going well at our group. As usual the doors are being opened, coffee is being made and recovery is being shared. Attendance has been down and in turn 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is low. We have no Area Donation this month. Our rent is due on the 1<sup>st</sup>, and we have just enough to pay rent. Hope everyone is ready for winter...because it is on the way. This Friday, 10/28, we have our 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly Speaker Meeting, Wallace C (NY), will be speaking. If you're not doing anything Friday an 11am, please come out and give him some support.

ILS,

No Name Group (Roger M.)

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

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

Area Donation: \$ 0

In Loving Service, Ryan M.

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 121.15

Area Donation: \$ 70.26

Hello Family,

Nothing new or pressing to report. We do have our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck-Speaker Meeting, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, potluck starting at 5:30-7:00, when speaker meeting starts. Otherwise, all is well.

In Loving Service,

Tom W.

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 48

Area Donation: \$ 30

Hi Family,

Our meeting is ok, very small at this time. No problems. Doors open regularly.

In loving service,

Michael B

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 43.00

Area Donation: \$ 0

Hello Family,

My name is Richard H., a grateful recovering addict. Everything is going well and Traditions are being followed to the best of the group's ability.

In Loving Service,

Richard H.

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 0

Area Donation: \$ 0

Meeting is doing well. The rent is paid through the end of the year. We ordered literature and supplies. We celebrated one home group member's clean time anniversary. I won't know about an area donation until after the business meeting this Saturday.

In Loving Service,

Cat L.

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 8.00

Area Donation: \$ 0

Hi Family,

We need more women to come.

Report submitted by Lisa M.

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 48

Area Donation: \$ 50

Hi Family,

Considering re-formatting our meeting outline – all positions filled. Literature prices decided – order turned in. Everything else – progressing as usual.

ILS,

Erin L.

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

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

Area Donation:

NO REPORT

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 229.00

Area Donation: \$ 10.00

Hi Family,

Meeting is doing well.

Report submitted by Lisa M.

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 73.25

Area Donation: \$ 0

Hi Family,

All is well. The doors are open and attendance is up. The fliers are out and please announce the up-coming fundraiser to pay rent and purchase literature...Finding Freedom III, on Sat., Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, doors open at noon, Speakers begin at 1p.  
In Loving Service, Lynn H.

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 34.00

Area Donation: \$ 10.00

Hi Family,

We meet once a week. We are currently going thru our Speaker phase of our format. We are on Tradition 10. We are still in dire need of support from older members, to share their experience, strength, and hope.

In Loving Service,  
Michael F.

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ Not Given

Area Donation: \$ 113.45

Hi Family,

We continue to struggle with home group members showing up, like most groups. And we do have issues with getting everything clean enough per the church's guidelines. So please, if you are attending the TGIF meeting, make sure to clean up after yourselves. Thank you.

ILS,  
Susan S.

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

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

Area Donation: \$

NO REPORT

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

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

Area Donation: -

NO REPORT

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 30.00

Area Donation: \$ 5.00

Hi Family,

Meeting attendance is picking up. New members attending, having some increase from new comers making that meeting their home group. The group has been able to place an order. Over all, the meeting is doing well. Still needs support. With love and respect. Also, the group is able to make a donation this month, hope to give more in the future.

As always, with love.  
Gilbert

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

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$ 40.00

Area Donation: \$ 0

Hi Family,

The meeting is growing in numbers week to week. Our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is currently tied up in Lit., and our up-coming event, this weekend, or we would make an Area Donation. We are doing very well though.  
Thanx, Tony H.