

GREATER GRAND RAPIDS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Nov. 14, 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 – Dave
3. Reading of 12 Concepts - Erin
4. A Vision of NA Service - Linda
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.) - Excused/Absent
Activities (Fred S.) – Present

GROUP ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Downtown Resting Place
Home Group
Natural Life
No Name
Principles Before Personalities
Sat. Night Candlelight
Staying In the Solution
Sisters of Serenity
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
Open For Change
Progress Not Perfection
Sat. Night Calvary
The Path Begins The Journey

EXCUSED

Just For Today

INACTIVE:

Never Alone Just Hope Men of Character Next Phase

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. Motion forms

a. Literature Committee –

New Motion – To have the Area pay shipping cost if the order does not meet the free shipping status.

Intent – To not force the committee to collect funds from groups after orders are placed.

Motion Passed

b. Literature Committee –

New Motion – Lit Com: if order is \$100 or less to number needed for free shipping, Susan is authorized to order materials to have available.

Motion passed.

c. Activities Committee –

New Budget Form – “GGRASCNA Budget Form” to be used on the website, in place of the current Activities and/or Post-Activities Form. This form will auto-populate and sum online.

B. Budget Forms – Approved

11/19 Bake Sale/Game Night

10% of profit will go directly to the facility

Water – 1 case/32 bottles at \$ 4.22

Red Bull – 24 at \$ 36.85

Plates at \$ 5.00

Total \$ 46.07

8. Please announce/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 **2nd & 4th Friday**, every month

D. 11/19 Game Night at 502 Leonard St NW, at College

E. Literature Committee Sub-Committee meeting the 1st Mon. in Dec. at Biggby Coffee, on West River, in Comstock Park.

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.

H. New Meeting – Mon/Wed/Fri at 502 Leonard St. NW at College, from 12p – 1pm.

I. Sat. Night Candlelight Celebrations Meeting – 1st Sat in Nov.

9. Reports:

CHAIR

HI Family –
ILS,
Barb P

CO-CHAIR

No Report

ACTIVITIES

Hello Family,

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 1st Sunday of the month at St. Andrews Parrish, on 3 Mile Rd.

In loving service,
Fred S.

RCM

Hello Family,

Nothing to report, next Region meeting will be in Kalamazoo, on Dec 4th. Please get all fliers to be distributed to Tony and me.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service,
Adam G.

H&I REPORT:

Hi Family,

Attendance is up at our sub-committee meeting. We have been approved to have meeting at Wedgewood, for women at this time. I have submitted Tony H's information to undergo their clearance process, to get additional meetings, and to get a men's meeting started. Currently, Turning Point has 2 Chairpersons, and the Jail has 3 chair-people. There's been a scheduling issue, with the Jail, however, the chair-people have it under control.

ILS,
Lisa M.

SECRETARY:

No Report
ILS, Lynn H.

TREASURER REPORT:

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|---|--------------------------|
| <u>Withdrawals</u> | \$ 551.21 |
| Nov 16, 2011 <u>Ending Balance</u> | \$ 781.87 |
| <u>Minus Prudent Reserve</u> | <u>\$(500.00)</u> |
| | \$281.87 |

Debits:

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| AT&T | \$ 53.45 |
| MSO | 307.32 |
| Sts Peter & Paul | 75.00 |

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| RCM expenses | 103.25 |
| Lit comm. Reimb | 2.65 |
| Chair reimb | 9.54 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | \$ 551.21 |

2011

| | <u>Budget Amount</u> | <u>PAID</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>DATE PAID</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| <u>Quarter 1 (JAN FEB MAR)</u> | | | | |
| 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 |
| <u>Quarter 2 (APR MAY JUN)</u> | | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| <u>Quarter 3 (JUL AUG SEP)</u> | | | | |
| Rent | \$75.00 | yes | 75 | 06/21/11 |
| Phone Line - Work Easy | \$325.00 | | | |
| H & I Literature Order | Area Approval | Yes | | |
| Regional Donations | 10% of Income | Yes | \$120.00 | 09/30/11 |
| World Donations | 10% of Income | Yes | \$120.00 | 09/30/11 |
| <u>Quarter 4 (OCT NOV DEC)</u> | | | | |
| Rent | | YES | | |
| Phone Line - Work Easy | \$325.00 | YES | \$100 | 10/11/11 |
| H & I Literature Order | Area Approval | | | |
| Regional Donations | 10% of Income | | | |
| World Donations | 10% of Income | | | |

Hello Family,

The checkbook balances with the bank. We will have to order checks in the next month or so. I'm looking at some options that may be more cost effective than ordering through the bank. Is the current checkbook acceptable or do we want to go back to the larger business checks. I prefer the current one; the 2 signatures is not a problem.

ILS,
Cat L.

LITERATURE CHAIR:

Hi Family,

We had our first literature committee meeting the first Monday of November. The next one will be December 5th at Biggby on West River, by the baseball park and 131.

Please announce at meetings that the literature committee is in need of help, has open positions or attend in order to see how it works or if you have any suggestions.

I called Shannon at the MSO to see if we were close enough on our literature order, at over \$400, to receive free shipping. She told me no. Because if they let this Area do that they would have to let all the Areas do that. So the \$500 mark is a strict amount. And we did not make that, every group will be responsible for some shipping costs. I have not calculated that yet so I will bring that to the next Area meeting. We have time to pay our Literature order so that time frame of waiting until month is fine with MSO.

There are a few things that I would like to remind everyone of:

1. I will no longer be accepting order forms that are not completely filled out. If there is no total, contact information (which includes a group, a person's name, AND a phone number OR email address), I will be handing it back to you to complete as the committee is too busy during the meeting.
2. If you have questions or concerns about a previous, current, or future orders please see me after the meeting. I will no longer be discussing these things while the meeting is taking place as I feel this is distracting to others.

Thank you,
ILS, Susan S.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

No Report

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

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 150 - 160

Area Donation: \$ 0

Hi Family,

The meetings are picking up, but not like it use to be. It seems that everyone has found that quick fix, that magical cure. But yet I am optimistic that it will pick up.

Trusted Servant,

Tommie W.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 20

Area Donation: \$ 0

Hi Family,

We are in need of more support. No meeting on Thurs., Nov. 24th, in lieu of Thanksgiving.

Thanks,

Rod T.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$

Area Donation: \$

No Report

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

7th Tradition collected: \$

Area Donation: \$

No Report

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE: 650 Bates, Grand Rapids

7th Tradition collected: approx. \$

Area Donation: \$

No Report

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 75

Area Donation: - \$ 50

Hi Family,

We have 2 new homegroup members. We are going to vote at next business meeting about reducing our meetings to once per week, due to low attendance.

ILS,

Jose

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

7th Tradition collected: \$??

Area Donation: - \$ 0

Hi Family,

We are having a meeting on Thanksgiving, but everything else is going good.

ILS,

Roger M.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$

Area Donation: \$

No Report

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 229.46

Area Donation: \$ 95.48

Hello Family,

The 5th Sunday potluck went well, there was a great speaker and message. Since each home group members has shared we will be finding members outside our home group to share their story to keep the potluck going.

Otherwise, all is well.

In Loving Service,

Tom W.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$
Area Donation: \$
No Report

New Meeting

SACRED GROUNDS: 502 Leonard St. NW, Grand Rapids (Sacred Grounds Recovery)

7th Tradition collected: \$ 100

Area Donation \$0

Hi Family,

Sacred Grounds is a new meeting on the NE side of Grand Rapids. We met on Mon., Wed., and Fri., from noon to 1pm. We are a small group, but hope to grow and carry the message to the addict needing a good noon meeting. Mon. and Wed. have lesser attendance, but Fri. seems to have a bigger attendance. We have just paid off all the seed money to start, and are hoping to give an Area donation next month.

ILS,

Joe L.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 43.00

Area Donation: \$ 0

Hello Family,

In Loving Service,

Richard H.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ n/a

Area Donation: \$ yes

Hi Family,

Meeting continues to grow. Celebrated 12 yr anniversary this month and will celebrate 4 anniversaries at the first Saturday in December. Come out and celebrate with us if you're free.

Sold our last Basic Text and step book so will be making a Lit order tonight.

We gave a \$50 donation to Area at our last business meeting. The rent is paid through the end of the year so we are setting quite well.

We are starting to plan our annual picnic for next summer. Trying to come up with a centrally located park so it will attract more people.

In Loving Service,

Cat L.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 9

Area Donation: \$ 0

Hi Family,

We need more people to come.

Report submitted by Lisa M.

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

7th Tradition collected: Not given

Area Donation: Not given

Hi Family,

There is no new business to report, as we have not had our business meeting yet. We will have that this Friday, Nov. 18th. I will have that report available at the next Area meeting.

ILS,
Erin L.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 198

Area Donation: \$ 0

Hi Family,

We are growing and doing good.

Report submitted by Lisa M.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 68

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 10th, doors open at noon, Speakers begin at 1p.

In Loving Service,

Lynn H.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 31.17

Area Donation: \$ 10.17

Hi Family,

We meet every Fri. for a 12 Tradition book study speaker format. On Nov. 18th, we will be starting the book study portion of our format, for the next 12 weeks. Thanks for all the members who gave of their time to share their experience strength and hope at our group, to help us learn about the twelve traditions. As always, we need support from experienced members to share their experience, strength, and hope.

ILS,

Michael F.

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

7th Tradition collected: Not Given

Area Donation: Not Given

Hi Family,

Nothing new to report, as our business meeting will be Nov. 19th, 2011.

ILS,

Susan S.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$

Area Donation: \$

No Report

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

7th Tradition collected: \$50

Area Donation: \$10

Hi Family,

I'm an addict named Austin, thanks for letting me serve. Attendance has been sporadic, donations have been somewhat steady at about \$10 – 15 a month. We do still need servants at the Home Group Meeting, though I hope to serve in the Area's of Treasurer or Secretary.

Thanks and sincerely,

Austin S.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 20.00

Area Donation: \$ 5.00

Hi Family,

The meeting is doing well. Area donations are still small, hope to do better in the future.

Meeting attendance is up, but still need some support.

As always, with love.

Gilbert

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 72

Area Donation: \$ 0

Hi Family,

The meeting is going great and attendance continues to rise. We are going through some service changes and a little mixed up at the moment, but should have an Area donation next month. All in all, going great and having fun.

Thanx, Tony H.

INACTIVE GROUPS:

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

7th Tradition collected: \$

Area Donation: \$

No Report

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

7th Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

No Report

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

7th Tradition collected: - \$

Area Donation: - \$

No Report

CLOSED GROUPS:

STEPS INTO FREEDOM: 57 Rena SW, Grand Rapids

7th Tradition collected:

Area Donation:

No Report