

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

Following are abbreviated minutes for the December 28 meeting due to secretary's absence. Because some trusted servant reports were electronically sent to the secretary they were not available to me at the time of preparation of these minutes. Thanks for your understanding!

- 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 - Cat L
- 3 Reading of the 12 Concepts - Joe
- 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 (Lisa) - Present  
 PI - (Jeff K) - Present  
 Activities (Fred S) - Present  
 Literature (Sue S) - Present

**Group Roll Call**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Unexcused</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Downtown Resting Place	Keep It Coming	Saturday Night Calvary
Home Group	Men of Character	Surrender to Win
Just Hope	Never Alone	
Just for Today	Next Phase	
Keeping the Dream Alive	Progress Not Perfection	
Natural Life		
No Name		
Principles Before Personalities		
Sacred Grounds		
Saturday Night Candlelight		
Sisters of Serenity		
Staying in the Solution		
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 No nominations were made for open positions
  - B Changes to ASC Guidelines tabled until January
  - C Activities submitted budget form for 11/19 event showing a profit of \$40.55
- 7 New Business:
  - A Budgets:
    - i) Activities budgets of \$15.30 and \$96.60 were approved.
    - ii) Literature budget of 72.85 was approved.
- 8 Please discuss at regular and next business meetings:
  - A Open Positions - Co-chair, Co-secretary
  - B No Name Group Speaker Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, every month
  - C Activities subcommittee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 6pm
  - D Literature subcommittee meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at Biggy Coffee on West River Road
  - E New Meeting: Sacred Grounds
  - F Chili Cook Off, Saturday, January 14, 3-6pm, 1200 Post Drive, Belmont, MI
  - G NA Tubing, Saturday, January 28, 3-6pm, Pando Ski Center, 8076 Belding Road, Rockford, MI
  - H NA Area Feud, March 17, 6pm, N Alano Club, 1020 College Ave, Grand Rapids, MI
  - I Groups in need of support: Work the Steps or Die, Sisters of Serenity, Keeping the Dream Alive, The Path Begins the Journey, The Path Begins the Journey, Traditionally Speaking
- 9 Reports:

## Chair

Hi everyone -

This is the last ASC meeting of 2011! Reflecting back on 2011, it was quite an amazing year. Looking forward to 2012, may it hold good health and happiness for each of you.

On to business: The following groups have become inactive due to 3 unexcused absences in the last 6 months: Keep It Coming, Open for Change and The Path Begins the Journey. These meetings will be removed from the phone line, website and meeting list and will need to meet ASC guidelines to become active again. Remember, if you are a GSR and unable to attend the meeting and unable to get a substitute to attend, to get an excused absence you must notify either the Chairperson or Secretary AND submit a written report. If there is no report for your group in the minutes, then you are considered unexcused!

Lots of activities in our area and others for the month of January. I have printed off a flyer from those listed on the various websites. Some good clean fun at the New Year's Eve Bash in K'zoo (music, dj, karaoke, dancing, potluck - movies & popcorn for the kids, euchre tournament, games, special guest speaker, clean time countdown at midnight - phew- they got it goin' on!) New Year's Day meeting & potluck in Livingston County. We are having a chili cookoff on 1/14 and there is a Sliding party in K'zoo (bring your own sled), Bowling in the D on January 20 (Oakland Bowling Party) AND on January 21 (Western Wayne Lucky Strike Contest) and tubing here on January 28. No reason to be bored! Experience fun in NA!

Looking ahead, you still have time to register for MRCNA 28 - "Recovery: Priceless". This year it will be held at Shanty Creek Resort in Bell Air, MI. What a great convention site! Registration is \$20 until December 31, then increases to \$25. If you would like to register before the end of the year, see me! If you would like to do a workshop or submit a speaker tape, let me know that too!

I want to thank each of you for the endless hours of service you have given to the fellowship this past year and look forward to working with you in the New Year! Enjoy!

ILS, Barb

**Secretary** - excused, no report.

**Treasurer** Print copy of report was distributed at meeting. I do not have a copy of this report to attach to minutes.

**Co-Treasurer** - no report.

**RCM Report**

Verbal report given at meeting. No written report to submit with minutes.

**Alternate RCM** - no report.

**H&I Report**

Verbal report given by Lisa M. No written report to submit with minutes.

## PI Report

Good evening!

Doug did some more updating of the website, and the latest version of the meeting list is posted. New printed meeting lists will be available next month, so please inform me of any changes to the meeting list before we go to print.

There is news to report about the regional phone line. The region decided to go live with it in February. I will be traveling with Fred down to Washtenaw on February 4<sup>th</sup> for a phone line workshop to bring the areas up to speed with what they'll need to know. Once the phone line goes live, our phone line, as we know it, will be discontinued. This will save our area approximately \$50 a month beginning in March 2012.

Below is the summary of the phone line usage for December 1 through December 27, 2011:

Call Count	Min In	Min Out	Total Call Seconds	Total Surcharges	Total Call Cost	Total Messages
38	122.20	57.70	6859	\$0.00	\$10.79	2

ILS,

JeffK

### Activities

Verbal report given by Fred S. No written report to submit with minutes

### Literature

The Literature Committee really needs some help. Please announce our business meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 6pm at Biggby Coffee on West River and 131. This month the meeting will be on January 9 due to the holidays. Next month I plan to have some spreadsheets showing our progress with the ordering since the beginning. This month I brought a spreadsheet for Literature in Stock and what groups owe money. If I do not get that tonight I will not place your next order until you are caught up. I understand I had a hard time getting with people because of the holidays.

ILS, Susan S

### Group Reports:

#### Downtown Resting Place

Total attendees:

Average per meeting:

Total First Step meetings:

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

Anniversaries Celebrated:

No written report turned in.

### Home Group

Total attendees: 25  
Average per meeting: 8  
Total First Step meetings: 0  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$20.00  
Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

This meeting is in dire need of support, there is no way we can continue with this group without support and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition to keep the doors open for the still suffering addict.

### **Just for Today**

Total attendees: 60  
Average per meeting: 15  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: 0  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$74  
Area Donation: \$28  
Anniversaries Celebrated: None

Good evening!

The Just for Today group continues to do well. Today, we paid our rent for the next six months. We are donating \$28 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,

JeffK

### **Just Hope**

Total attendees: 70  
Average per meeting: 15  
Total First Step meetings: 0  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$50.00  
Anniversaries Celebrated: 5

Group is doing well. Meeting attendance is steady. We have a small area donation. Hope to do better in the future. Working to get back on the meeting list.

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

### **Keeping the Dream Alive**

Total attendees: 30  
Average per meeting: 10  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> step meetings: 0  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> tradition: 37.00  
Area donation: \$15.00  
Anniversaries celebrated: 2

Keeping the Dream Alive is doing well. We apologize for our absence last month. We are grateful to say that we have new trusted servants and meeting attendance has improved again. Our GSR is now Peter B, Secretary is Natalie J, Co-secretary is Michelle W, Treasurer is San'C --- subject to change.

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

### **Natural Life**

Total attendees: 45  
Average per meeting: 13  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings: 1  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> tradition: \$53.00  
Area donation: \$30.00  
Anniversaries celebrated: 3

We all decided to go to one meeting a week due to attendees. Starting the first week of January 2012. Only having meeting on Tuesday's so please can we have that change in the NA meeting list starting January 2012.

Thank You

**Next Phase** - absent, no report sent (unexcused)

### **No Name**

Total attendees: 945  
Average per meeting: 27  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings: 6  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> tradition: \$438.08  
Area donation: None  
Anniversaries celebrated: 6

Hi Family,

Everything is well at our group. No Marathon Meetings this year! One missed day, meeting was closed due to no power.

**Open to Change** - absent, no report sent (unexcused)

### **The Path Begins the Journey**

Total attendance: 85

Average per meeting: 21  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step meeting:  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> tradition: \$  
Area donation: \$10.00  
Anniversaries celebrated: 0

Meetings are going well. Still looking for trusted servants to chair, set-up and make coffee.

ILS, Wilbur W

### **Principles Before Personalities**

Total attendance: 116  
Average per meeting: 23.2  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings: 3  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> tradition: \$88.73  
Area donation: \$40.67  
Anniversaries celebrated: 1

Hello Family,

As a group we decided to change our format. We will be doing the same step and tradition meeting, but we will be reading from the "It Works How and Why" instead of the basic text. Otherwise all is well.

ILS, Tom W

**Progress Not Perfection** - absent, no report sent (unexcused)

### **Sacred Grounds**

Total attendees: 128  
Average per meeting: 8  
Total First Step meetings: 0  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$60.00  
Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

Attendance is slowly increasing and we are staying positive about our future. It is normally a smaller meeting with varied views and experiences shared. Attendance from West Brook Treatment facility is becoming regular.

### **Saturday Night Calvary**

Total attendees:  
Average per meeting: 25  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings:  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected:  
Area Donation:  
Anniversaries Celebrated:

Bus. Mtg.: Every 4th Sat.

Hello family, I am grateful recovering addict name Richard H. The Calvary Sat. Night NA is going quite well, & following traditions to the best of our ability. No immediate changes except no meeting will be held Christmas or New Years Eve. The Church as a whole will be closed for those eve holidays, & will be back on the regular schedule the 7th of Jan. 2012. Hope everyone will have a happy & safe holiday season.  
In loving service Richard H.

### **Saturday Night Candlelight**

Total attendees:

Average per meeting:

Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings:

Total 7<sup>th</sup> tradition:

Area donation:

Anniversaries celebrated:

No written report turned in.

### **Sisters of Serenity**

Total attendees: 50

Average per meeting: 5

Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings: 1

Total 7<sup>th</sup> tradition: \$15.00

Area donation: 0

Anniversaries celebrated: 3

Need more members!

### **Staying in the Solution**

Total attendees: 47

Average per meeting: 12

Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: 1

Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$58.00

Area Donation: \$21.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

The chili cook off will be hosted at our location on January 14 from 3-6pm. We had a motion made to keep our group a literature study and have the option of candlelight. We will reformat to include this at our next business meeting.

ILS, Erin

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

### **Sunrise to Sunset**

Total attendees: 225

Average per meeting: 5-20

Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings: 2

Total 7<sup>th</sup> tradition: \$234.00

Area donation: \$10.00  
Anniversaries celebrated: 0

Meeting going good!

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

### **TGIF**

Total attendees:  
Average per meeting: 49  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings:  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$126.70 (Dec), \$101.82 (Nov)  
Area Donation:  
Anniversaries Celebrated:

Overall, TGIF is doing fine. The meetings are big with treatment centers here. We struggle with trusted servants like most groups.  
ILS, Susan

### **Traditionally Speaking**

Total attendees: 20  
Average per meeting: 3-4  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$20.00  
Area donation: \$15.00

Tradition Study until the month of February. Starting speaker meeting. Need support. Trusted servants needed also!

### **We Qualify**

Total attendees: 40  
Average per meeting: 10  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings: 0  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> tradition: \$60.00  
Area donation: \$90.00  
Anniversaries celebrated: 1

Dear Family -

The We Qualify Group is doing well. Lots of good sharing and fairly loyal attendance. Hope everything is going well and we could use some support!

Thanks, Austin

### **Work the Steps or Die**

Total attendees:  
Average per meeting:  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings:  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> tradition:  
Area donation:

Anniversaries celebrated:

No written report turned in.

## **Young in Recovery**

Attendance: 120

Average per meeting: 30

Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings: 2

Total 7<sup>th</sup> tradition: \$120.00

Anniversaries celebrated: 5

Everything is going good. Our meeting continues to grow and we are very excited for the upcoming year! We are going through service position changes and will turn over a new leaf in the new year.

Thanx, Tony H.