

GREATER GRAND RAPIDS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 22, 2011

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

ASC ROLL CALL

Chair (Michael K.) - Present
Co-Chair (Barb P.) - Present
Secretary (Susan S.) - Present
Co-Secretary (Lynn) - Present
Treasurer (Cat L.) - Present
Co-Treasurer (Brian M.) - Present
RCM (Adam G.) - Present
Alternate RCM – (Tony H.) – Present
H & I (Pepe) - Present
PI (Jeff K.) - Present
Activities (Fred S.) – Absent/Excused

GROUP ROLL CALL PRESENT

Downtown Resting Place
Just for Today
No Name
Principles Before Personalities
Progress Not Perfection
Sat. Night Candlelight
Staying in the Solution
Surrender to Win
The Path Begins the Journey
Saturday Night Calvary
Young in Recovery
Traditionally Speaking Home Group

UNEXCUSED

Keep it Coming
Home Group
We Qualify
Men of Character
Just Hope
Keeping the Dream Alive
Natural Life
Next Phase
Open to Change
Sisters of Serenity
Steps into Freedom
Sunrise to Sunset
Never Alone

EXCUSED

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

6. Old business:

A. Elections

New Chair – Barb P.

c/o Chair – OPEN

New Secretary – Lynn H.

c/o Secretary – OPEN

New Treasurer – Cat L.

c/o Treasurer – Linda R.

RCM – Adam G.

Alt. RCM – Tony H.

Motion: To waive clean time requirement to fill the Alt. RCM position. Motion passed.

7. New Business:

A. Activities Budget forms

- 1) Game Night Budget request for \$ 40.95, to pay for water, rent, ice and fliers.

(Cat received an invoice for \$ 11.72, for the fliers. Balance requested.)

Motion passed.

- 2) Supplies for events budget for \$ 70, to purchase creamer, sugar, coffee, Styrofoam cups, and 3 months' rent.

Motion passed.

B. AT &T bill discussion.

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. Work The Steps Fundraiser at their meeting facility.

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

F. Activities Sub-Committee Meeting on **July 10th**, at St Andrews Church

G. The Sweet Side of NA on **July 22nd**, following the TGIF meeting.

H. 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

Sorry I could not attend tonight's meeting. I have family visiting from out of town and we are spending the evening with them.

We had our first activities meeting at St. Andrews Church on June 5th. What a success! We had 7 people attend and were able to elect officers for all positions. We have Erin L. as our co-chair, Julie G. as our secretary, and Lora V. as our treasurer. We decided since the next meeting would fall the Sunday of MRCNA and the Holiday weekend, we would have that

meeting the second Sunday instead (July 10th). If anyone wishes to join, we look forward to seeing you there.

We are planning a few events for the upcoming months. The first of which is The Sweet Side of NA on July 22nd after TGIF meeting. I have fliers and a budget request for this event. The 2nd is our annual campout in August. I have fliers and a budget request for this event as well. If anyone would like to reserve a canoe for the Sat. August 13th trip please contact myself, Lora V., or the Area email. We are also working on a campfire meeting possibly in Sept. and The Funny Side of NA in Oct.

We also discussed coffee at our events though it would be prudent to purchase it at Sam's Club and store it for events until needed. When we run low on any one of the supplies we would then replace it instead of adding these items to every events budget. I have a budget request for this also. On this request I included our first 3 months' rent to the church for our meeting.

In loving service, Fred S.

RCM

TREASURER REPORT

Hello Family,

The checkbook balances against the bank statement. Yea! Another successful month.

The balance I showed on the report does not include the Literature Committee deposit of \$ 311.87. I am trying to figure a way to show it separately, so we don't think we have more money in the Treasury than we do. This money goes right back out to pay for literature orders from that committee for our area groups.

Payouts this month are:

AT&T Advertising	\$ 53.45
Office Depot (Treasurer Supplies)	+ 102.53
	<u>\$ 155.98</u>

In July, we should give the 3rd quarter donations to WSO and MI Regional Service Committee.

We also, will pay rent for this meeting, of \$ 75, to Sts Peter & Paul Parish Hall.

In Loving Service, Cat L.

Checkbook: \$ 668.39

June 21, 2011	Beginning Balance	\$ 458.92
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Deposits:

May Donations	\$ 230.50
May Profits from Activities	\$.00
May Return of Seed Money	\$ 100.00
CD Profits	\$ 5.00
Lit. Order Discount Refund	\$ 29.95
Lit. Comm Deposit	+ \$ 311.87
	<u>\$ 824.37</u>

Withdrawals: (\$ 155.98)

June 21, 2011	Ending Balance	\$ 668.39
	Minus Prudent Reserve	<u>(\$ 500.00)</u>
		\$ 168.39

SECRETARY:

My term as secretary is over and I will not be running again. I am going to devote my time and energy to the literature committee now. I have forwarded all of the forms and documents that we recently purchased for the Area committee to Michael K.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

ILS, Susan S.

LITERATURE CHAIR:

Last month's Literature order was placed and delivered to the groups. We did not receive enough of an order for free shipping. So there are a few groups that will need to get me the money for shipping expenses.

I did miss some items on the order this time and those will be ordered on this order and delivered to that group.

Sorry I could not be in attendance tonight. Please forward any orders and money to Adam G., and I will place the order as soon as possible.

Please be mindful that prices will go up by 5% as of July 1st (except the Basic Text). So it would be great to have more groups order through the Committee to offset this increase by taking advantage of all of the discounts offered through the Committee (i.e. discounted prices, no tax, free shipping).

I deposited the money from the last order into the GGRASCNA account, per Cat's request, and she pay the invoice.

ILS, Susan S.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

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

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

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 71.67

Area Donation: \$ 0

Hello Area,

We are happily excited at this time, our future looks bright, and as our home group members are coming back to meetings. After taking long breaks because of late shift jobs. Thank you again for bring present and patient with this home group. We hope to be more self-supporting in our giving in the future. Again, thanks.

Trusted Servant, Tommie W.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 25

Area Donation: \$ 5

The Home Group Meeting which meets on every Thursday at 7 to 8:30 pm is well. We have had men and women treatment centers in attendance. We are in need of more trusted servants to help serve at this meeting. We do thank God for the new facility He has provided.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 0

Area Donation: \$ 0

Meeting attendance is going well.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$21

Area Donation: \$ 0

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ILS, Jeff K

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

7th Tradition collected:

Area Donation: -

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE: 650 Bates, Grand Rapids

7th Tradition collected: \$ 0

Area Donation: \$ 10

Meeting attendance about the same.

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: -

Area Donation: -

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: \$ 314.85

Area Donation: - \$ 25

Hi Family,

Everything is going well at the no Name Group. Attendance is down and 7th Tradition is low. Donations for our 5th Annual Unity Picnic haven't gone as well either; this is about the time donations pick up though. We have speakers the 2nd & 4th Fridays of every month, so if you aren't doing anything come out and support the speakers. All our positions are filled. We have a \$ 25 donation for Area tonight. Please continue to announce our picnic at your meetings. Also, our Home Group will be bringing ideas to the next Activities Subcommittee meeting. At our last business meeting, we discussed doing a Group Inventory. If there are any in the Secretaries paperwork, we would love to see them.
ILS, Fischen W.

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

7th Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 128.25

Area Donation: \$ 442.62

Hello Family,

During our transition from our past Treasurer to our newly elected Treasurer, we found \$ 338.72, from an old account. So we are including that amount with our Area donation.

We are transitioning well with our newly elected service members, always remembering to carry the message.

In Loving service, Tom W.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 68

Area Donation: \$ 0

Family,

Attendance has been near to slightly below normal lately.

We are having trouble with finding reliable members to serve in service work, including GSR. I am resigning as GSR, and the only other member who is able and willing to make the commitment, is Michael V.

In Service, Ron T.

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

7th Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

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

7th Tradition collected: -

Area Donation: -

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

7th Tradition collected:

Area Donation: -

We are struggling and in need of support.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 57.25

Area Donation: \$ 69
Group has been very consistent with attendance.

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:
Area Donation:

SURRENDER TO WIN: 940 Clancy St, Grand Rapids (Clancy Street Ministries)
7th Tradition collected: \$ 38.72
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: - \$ 19.20
Area Donation: - \$ 10.00
Group is doing fairly well carrying the message of recovery. Book Study on Traditions 1 thru 12. Member participation is very good with questions and answers, and sharing of experiences, strength, and hope. We could always use more experienced members to attend so we could understand how to apply the Traditions.
Thank you for your support, Michael F.

TGIF: 1224 Davis Ave. NW, Grand Rapids (Trinity Reformed Church)
7th Tradition collected: - \$ 135.63
Area Donation: - \$ 57.63
Our group is doing well. We are so blessed to be able to carry the message to so many addicts every week.
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:
7th Tradition collected: \$ 15
Area Donation: \$ 0
Meeting attendance about the same. No donation this month, due to low attendance. Hope to be able to donate in the future.
This Home Group is having a Fundraiser on the 17th of July, to get the meeting location out there and in hopes of increasing meeting attendance.

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

7th Tradition collected: \$ 60

Area Donation: \$ 0

Everything is going great! We are hosting an event on Aug. 13th, so all our extra money right now, is going toward lit. and this event. Our meeting continues to grow, and in the near future we will donate to the Area level.

Thanx, Tony H.