

***GREATER GRAND RAPIDS  
AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
AUGUST 22, 2007***

Bobby A. opened the meeting at 7:02 pm w/moment of silence.

Mike F. read the 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.

Matt W. read the 12 Concepts of Service.

**ASC ROLL CALL**

Chair (Bobby A.): Present

Co-Chair (Richard H.): Excused

Secretary (Michael K.): Present

Co-Secretary: Open

Treasurer (Dan L.): Present

Co-Treasurer (Cat L.): Present

RCM (Michael B.): Unexcused

Alt. RCM: Open

H&I: Open

PI: Open

**GROUP ROLL CALL**

Courage to Change (I)

Downtown Resting Place (P)

Principles before Personalities (P)

Just For Today (E)

Men of Character (U)

Next Phase (P)

Progress Not Perfection (U)

Seeking NA Recovery (P)

We Qualify (P)

Home Group (U)

Sat. Night Calvary (E)

Sat. Night Candlelight (P)

Keeping the Dream Alive (P)

Natural Life (P)

No Name (P)

Recovery Zone (P)

TGIF (P)

Staying In the Solution (P)

With 11 out of 18 groups present quorum was established.

**AREA TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS**

**Chair/P&A:**

Hi Family,

Everything is running smoothly and thank you for all the support. At our P&A meeting we discussed the attendance policy in the PI Guidelines. After much discussion we decided not to suggest any changes in the guidelines. However, we did come to an understanding that the guidelines need to be enforced as written. We have a lot to discuss in new business. I've been learning a lot.

In Loving Service

Bobby A.

**Co-Chair** (Excused): NO REPORT SUBMITTED

**RCM** (Unexcused): NO REPORT SUBMITTED

**Alt-RCM**: OPEN

**H&I**:

Due to conflicting scheduling with work and school I regretfully have to give up my position as the H&I Chairperson. This position has provided an enjoyable experience. It was a pleasure to do for the short time that I have but I cannot adequately provide the time needed for the position.

I am still willing to commit to facilitating a meeting at the Grand Rapids Correctional Facility one Friday a month.

I would like to report the following to the area regarding H&I.

Michael B. is no longer able to facilitate the meetings on Wednesdays at the Kent County Correctional Facility.

Sabrina is no longer able to facilitate the meetings bi-weekly at the Grand Rapids Correctional Facility. I do however have Janice A. and Valerie Y. attending one Friday a month.

Roger M. is no longer able to facilitate the meeting at the Jellema House, and Pine Rest Women's Lodge needs a female to facilitate the meetings on Tuesday.

We will just have to keep praying and hoping that more trusted servants will have the willingness to share their experience, strength and hope. If you have any questions regarding any of the facilities please feel free to give me a call.

In Loving Service  
Valerie Y.

**PI**: OPEN

*Bobby A. stated there were new meeting lists available with the proper addition(s) and deletion(s).*

**TREASURER**: SEE ATTACHMENT ON PAGES 10 & 11

**SECRETARY:**

Hi Family,

I didn't have any e-mail addresses or home addresses to distribute the minutes that way, so I apologize for any inconveniences that may have caused. I did forward a copy to Jeff K. and he put them on the website. I will be sending a list around for people to provide their contact number, e-mail address and address. Those who would like the minutes sent to them via e-mail or mail please indicate that accordingly. If you don't indicate anything I will assume that you will get the minutes of the website.

In Loving Service  
Michael K.

**ACTIVITIES :**

Michael K. submitted a Post Event Report (**see attachment**) for the August 11<sup>th</sup> picnic that was held at Richmond Park. Fred S. submitted a Post Event Report (**see attachment**) for the Natural Life Campout that took place on August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.

**GROUP REPORTS****Next Phase****Next Phase Recovery House I**

**1145 Alexander SE**

**Tues. @ 7:00 pm**

**Business Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month**

The group is still maintaining our message of recovery. Total attendance for the month was 87 addicts, with an average per meeting of 24. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$22.00. We are making a donation of \$5.00 to area this month.

In Loving Service  
Mike F.

**Courage to Change**                    *INACTIVE*

**Next Phase Recovery House II**

**658 Worden SE**

**Saturday @ 11:00 am**

**Downtown Resting Place**    *NO REPORT SUBMITTED*

**Heartside Ministries**

**54 S. Division SE**

**Mon., Wed., & Fri. @ 5:30 pm**

**Business Meeting: Last Friday of every month**

**Men of Character**                    *UNEXCUSED*  
**Hope House**  
**1036 Alexander SE**  
**Saturday @ 11:00 am**  
**Business Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month**

**Saturday Night Calvary**        *UNEXCUSED*  
**Calvary Church**  
**777 E. Beltline NE**  
**Saturday @ 7:15 pm**  
**Business Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month**

**Principles before Personalities**  
**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**1025 3 Mile Rd NE**  
**Sunday @ 7:00 pm**  
**Business Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month @ 8:30 pm**

Hi Family,

We at Principles before Personalities have enhanced the warm atmosphere newcomers have at our meeting. All traditions are being followed, doors are opened on time and our home group members keep growing. At our last business meeting a decision was made to read to the newcomers the first three chapters of the Basic Text along with giving them a For the Newcomer IP and a meeting list. We had two 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings this month. We celebrated 2 anniversaries this past month. Total attendance for the month was 150 addicts, with an average per meeting of 40. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$180.00. We are making a donation of \$75.00 to area this month.

In Loving Service  
Earl G.

**Keeping the Dream Alive**  
**The Meeting Place**  
**813 Burton SE**  
**Monday @ 7:00 pm**  
**Business Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month before the recovery meeting**

Keeping the Dream Alive is going well, we're still meeting at the Meeting Place. Although we have no trusted servants at this time. We are making a \$20.00 donation to area today.

In Loving Service  
San C.

**Seeking NA Recovery**  
**Westwood Community Church**  
**2828 Richmond NW**  
**Monday @ 7:15 pm**  
**Business Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month**

Things are going very well, rent is paid and literature is stocked. We are having a speaker meeting next week and the speaker will be Tyler F. We do need speakers for this meeting. Our speaker meetings will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month. If anyone wants to speak please contact Eric G. Our home group is growing and we have a lot of people saying they will do service which is a good thing. We had one 1<sup>st</sup> Step meeting this past month. Total attendance for the month was 55 addicts, with an average per meeting of 18. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$46.31. We are making a \$40.00 donation to area this month. We also celebrated 4 anniversaries this past month.

In Loving Service  
 Eric G.

**Home Group** *UNEXCUSED*  
**Burton United Methodist Church**  
**100 Burton St. SE**  
**Thursday @ 7:00 pm**  
**Business Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month**

**Recovery Zone**  
**Lowell Serenity Club**  
**101 West Main St. Lowell, Mi**  
**Monday and Thursday @ 6:00 pm**  
**Business Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month**

It is with sadness that I must say that due to powers beyond my control that the Recovery Zone meeting will be closing its doors. The last meeting will be held on August 23, 2007 at 6:00 pm.

In Caring Service  
 Scott W.

**Progress Not Perfection** *UNEXCUSED*  
**1 Damascus Rd Big Rapids, Mi**  
**Tuesday @ 8:00 pm**  
**Saturday @ 10:00 am**  
**Business Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 6:00 pm before recovery meeting**

**Saturday Night Candlelight  
Roadbed Ministries  
5010 S. Division  
Saturday @ 6:30 pm  
Business Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month**

The meeting is stable. Attendance is down some but will pick up after summer. The treatment center people do come on a regular basis. We have added another home group member which is always good. Elections for group trusted servants should be held at the next business meeting. We have changed the format slightly and added another reading at the meeting. Total attendance for the month was 65 addicts, with an average per meeting of 12 Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$35.00. We are not making a donation to area this month.

In Loving Service  
Cat L.

**TGIF  
Trinity Reformed Church  
1224 Davis NW  
Friday @ 7:00 pm  
Business Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month**

All is well at TGIF. Our group voted to split into 2 meetings in order to better serve all addicts by allowing more people an opportunity to share. I'll be acting as GSR for the next three months. We had a total attendance of ???, with an average of about 40 per meeting. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected in June was \$123.46. We are making a \$52.06 donation to area this month.

Thank you,  
Vonnee

**Staying in the Solution  
Holy Spirit Church  
1200 Post Dr NE  
Friday @ 7:00 pm  
Business Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month**

We are pleased to say we are starting strong and were able to pay our first months rent and make a literature order. Thank you for your support. No 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings this month. Total attendance for the month was 55 addicts, with an average per meeting of 11. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$97.00. We are making a \$20.00 donation to area this month.

In Loving Service  
Fred S.



**No Name**  
**Grace Reformed Church**  
**100 Buckley SE**  
**Monday - Friday @ 11:00 am**  
**Business Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month**

Everything is going well at our group. The Unity Picnic was a big success. There is a copy of the Post Event Report going around for your perusal. We estimated 150-200 people were in attendance. There were addicts from Battle Creek, Lansing and Kalamazoo in attendance. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported this event. We were planning to play softball but no challengers showed up...fear of defeat will do that. Leon Jr. from the MRCNA XXIV Tickets and Registration Committee sold 42 pre-registrations for the convention. Also, Jason O. the Merchandise Chairperson sold merchandise from last years convention. We had a 50/50 Raffle and donated our half (\$67.50) to MRCNA XXIV. Clyde S. brought the message on unity. We hope this can become an annual event with the continued support of our area members. We elected 2 new trusted servants at our last business meeting, Curtis B. is our new GSR and Ed B. is our new Alt. GSR. We made a big literature order last week for \$263.76, rent is paid and traditions are being followed. Karima D. was the speaker for August and Harold M. will be the speaker in September. We have implemented some changes in our format which are going fairly well. Total attendance for the month was 1000 addicts, with an average per meeting of 50. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$338.73. We also had 13 newcomers attend our meeting this past month. We have no donation for area this month. We celebrated 5 anniversaries last month: Kathy W. 1 yr., Darcella W. 3 yrs., Verlissa B. 4yrs., Anneshia F. 7 yrs., and Harold M. 14 yrs. We are making a donation of \$25.00 to area this month. Hope to see you at the picnic.

Curtis B.

**Natural Life**  
**Faith Lutheran Church**  
**2740 Fuller Ave. NE**  
**Tuesday and Thursday @ 7:30 pm**  
**Business Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month**

All is good with Natural Life. There has been some outside funding found for the hearing impaired addict who attends our meeting, which now there are two attending regularly. Also, we have an issue with a missing envelope and hope to resolve that this month. We had one 1<sup>st</sup> Step meeting this month. Total attendance for the month was 355 addicts, with an average per meeting of 36. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$244.15. We are making a donation of \$100.00 to area this month. We had two 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings last month. We celebrated 3 anniversaries last month an addict with 18 months, 3 yrs and another with 4 yrs.

In Loving Service  
 Fred S.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion was made from the floor of the ASC by Fred S. and seconded by Cat L. to dissolve the existing Ad-Hoc Committee. There was no opposition to this motion, motion passed.

Matt W. gave a brief overview of what he feels would be a good direction for the new Ad-Hoc Committee to take. He also expressed the willingness to be the chair of that committee. There was no opposition, Matt W. is the chairperson of the yet to be named Ad-Hoc Committee. This committee will meet every other 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

Motion was made from the floor of the ASC by Fred S. and seconded by Eric G. to move to Nominations/Elections so voting members who were going to leave would be able to vote before quorum was broken. No opposition to this motion, motion passed.

### **NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS**

Fred S. expressed the willingness for the Alt. RCM position. Much discussion took place concerning this expression of willingness. The consensus of the ASC was to have Fred travel to the next regional meeting with Michael B., see how he feels about the experience and discuss his willingness thereafter. This issue was table until the October ASC (after the regional meeting).

H&I: open  
Co-Secretary: open  
Alt.-RCM: open  
PI: open

*Please announce that these positions are open at our meetings.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bobby A. stated that the minutes from the last meeting will need to be approved and accepted during the ASC. So everyone should read the minutes and if there are any changes that need to be made we will go over that before accepting the minutes.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Open positions at the area level as well as on the convention committee.

Eric G. needs speakers for the Seeking NA Recovery meeting.

Motion to close by Mike F. seconded by Cat L.  
Meeting closed at 8:55 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michael K.

## GGRASCNA TREASURY REPORT AUGUST 2007

August 21, 2007

Beginning balance:	\$1066.71
Deposits:	871.04
Debits:	- 56.00
Ending balance	<u>\$1881.75</u>

### Debits

Ck# 2546: PO Box fee for 7/08 1 year

### July Donations

<i>Group Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Donation</i>
No Name Group	7/25/07	\$ 25.00
Principles before Personalities	7/25/07	\$175.00
Natural Life	7/25/07	\$ 75.00
Saturday Night Candlelight	7/25/07	\$100.00
Progress Not Perfection	7/25/07	\$ 50.00
Men of Character	7/25/07	\$ 40.00
TGIF	7/25/07	\$216.04
Seeking NA Recovery	7/25/07	\$ 40.00
Total July Donations		\$721.04
Returned seed money (Sat. Night Candlelight)		<u>\$150.00</u>
Total July Deposit		<b>\$871.04</b>

Hello Family,

The checkbook balances with the July 2007 bank statement. Not a lot of expenses coming up for a couple of months. Attached is the first six month statement for 2007.

With Love,

Dan L.

## GGRASCNA 2007 Six Month Statement

Beginning Balance – End of December 2006	\$1768.58
Ending Balance – End of June 2007	\$1722.64

### January through June Credits

\$3032.06	Group donations
\$ 260.85	Return of activity seed money
<u>\$ 54.00</u>	Profit from activities
\$3342.91	Total Credits

### January through June Debits

\$600.00	Phone line
\$286.38	MRCNA Donations
\$286.38	NAWS Donations
\$300.00	Rents
\$362.26	Meeting Lists – Presto Print
\$825.35	Activity seed money
\$172.00	Yellow Pages ad
\$542.00	H&I Literature
<u>\$ 14.48</u>	Treasurers expenses
\$3388.85	Total Debits

Starting Balance	\$1768.58
Credits	<u>\$3342.91</u>
	\$5111.49
Debits	<u>\$3388.85</u>
Ending Balance	\$1722.64

Here is a summary financial statement for our area for the first six months of 2007. I will be happy to answer any questions.

With love,  
Dan L.

