

**GREATER GRAND RAPIDS  
AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JULY 25, 2007**

Bobby A. opened the meeting at 7:00 pm w/moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Mike F. read the 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.

Michael B. read the 12 Concepts of Service.

**ASC ROLL CALL**

Chair (Bobby A.): Present

Co-Chair (Richard H.): Excused

Secretary: Open

Co-Secretary: Open

Treasurer (Dan L.): Present

Co-Treasurer (Cat L.): Present

RCM (Michael B.): Present

Alt. RCM: Open

H&I (Valarie Y.): Unexcused

PI: Open

**GROUP ROLL CALL**

Courage to Change (U)

Downtown Resting Place (P)

Principles before Personalities (P)

Just For Today (U)

Men of Character (P)

Next Phase (P)

Progress Not Perfection (P)

Seeking NA Recovery (P)

We Qualify (P)

Home Group (U)

Sat. Night Calvary (E)

Sat. Night Candlelight (P)

Keeping the Dream Alive (U)

Natural Life (P)

No Name (P)

Recovery Zone (U)

TGIF (P)

Staying In the Solution (P)

With 11 out of 18 groups present quorum was established.

**AREA TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS**

**Chair:** NO REPORT SUBMITTED

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

**RCM:** NO REPORT SUBMITTED, NO REGIONAL MEETING LAST MONTH

**Alt-RCM:** OPEN

**H&I** (Unexcused): NO REPORT SUBMITTED

## GGRASCNA Treasury Report July-07

July 23, 2007

Beginning balance is	\$1722.64
Deposits	+ 435.00
Debits	-1090.93
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 1066.71</u></b>

### Debits

Ck# 2540- \$ 35.52- Mike B. RCM Mileage  
 Ck# 2541- \$300.00- Jeff K. Phone line  
 Ck# 2542- \$303.23- MRCNA 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr donation  
 Ck# 2543- \$303.23- NAWS 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr donation  
 Ck# 2544- \$ 75.00- Faith Lutheran- 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr rent  
 Ck# 2545- \$ 73.95- Meeting lists

### **June Donations**

<b>Group name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Donation</b>	<b><u>Accrued</u></b>
No Name Group	6/27/07	\$ 50.00	<b><u>\$ 50.00</u></b>
Just for Today	6/27/07	\$ 20.00	<b><u>\$ 70.00</u></b>
Natural Life Group	6/27/07	\$ 75.00	<b><u>\$ 145.00</u></b>
Calvary	6/27/07	\$ 15.00	<b><u>\$160.00</u></b>
Progress Not Perfection	6/27/07	\$ 50.00	<b><u>\$ 210.00</u></b>
Keeping the Dream Alive	6/27/07	\$ 25.00	<b><u>\$ 235.00</u></b>
<b>Return Seed Money- Feud</b>	6/27/07	\$200.00	<b><u>\$435.00</u></b>
<b>Total April Donations</b>			<b><u>\$235.00</u></b>

Hello, family,

The checkbook balances with the June 07 bank statement. Not allot of expenses coming up for a couple of months. Attached is the six month statement for 2007.

With Love; Dan L.

**P&A:** Bobby A. informed the committee nothing of importance was discussed. Was here at 6:15 pm and only 3 addicts in attendance, the 2 he brought and himself. He outlined what the P&A meeting is utilized for. If also stated if we have this meeting it should be to discuss policies and administration matters. Much discussion took place regarding what P&A is in place to do.

**Activities:** Fred S. reported he is working on another Area Feud. He's shooting for the last weekend in September or the first weekend in October. He's looking for 4 groups to participate, not specifically from this area. He also stated he needs help coordinating the event.

Cat L. submitted a Post Event Report (**see attachment**) for the picnic that was held at Ideal Park. The \$150 seed money was returned (her group made up the difference). The softball game was a success. They didn't have the auction or 50/50 raffle as planned.

### **GROUP REPORTS**

**Courage to Change                      UNEXCUSED**  
**Next Phase Recovery House II**  
**658 Worden SE**  
**Saturday @ 11:00 am**

**Downtown Resting Place**  
**Heartside Ministries**  
**54 S. Division SE**  
**Mon., Wed., & Fri. @ 5:30 pm**  
**Business Meeting: Last Friday of every month**

The meeting is going fine this summer. Still with about 20 to 25 addicts per meeting. Group conscience has decided to start a candlelight meeting from 10:00 pm until on Friday nights. The two celebrated cleandates were Tommie W. 18 yrs and Kathy H. 10 yrs. Every meeting we express the need to get involve with MRCNA by having the willingness to do service work. We had a total attendance of 65 addicts. An average of 15-22 addicts per meeting. Three 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings last month. An area donation of \$25 this month.

Trusted Servant  
Tommie W.

**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 meeting has been consistent in carrying the message. We still haven't made enough in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations to make an area donation but we will keep trying. Still in need of trusted servants. Total attendance this past month was 65 addicts, with an average per meeting of 16. No anniversaries celebrated.

In Loving Service  
Mike F.

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

All is well with the Men of Character group. Still in desperate need of trusted servants. Going to be making a literature order. And buying supplies. Total attendance for the month was 95 addicts, with an average per meeting of 25. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$45.68. We are making a donation of \$40.00 to area this month.

In Loving Service  
Ed C.

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

All is well with the Saturday Night Calvary group. Still carrying the message. Total attendance for the month was 159 addicts, with an average per meeting of 40. We had one 1<sup>st</sup> Step meeting and no anniversaries celebrated.

In Loving Service  
Richard H.

**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**



The meeting goes well. We have added another home group member which is always good. Elections for trusted servants will be held at the next business meeting. We went over the picnic details. I have the post activity report. The group has donated the short fall so we can return the seed money to area. We have the release from the City of Wyoming Parks and Receptions thanking us once again for leaving the facility in better shape than we found it. This is a positive image for NA to leave in the community. Total attendance for the month was 75 addicts, with an average per meeting of 15 Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$85.00. We are making a donation of \$100.00 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**

The TGIF Group is sorry we didn't have our GSR at area last month. Our group is donating a total of \$216.04 for the months of June and July. We had 3 cleandates celebrated last month and they were Lora V. 11yrs, Donna C. 17 yrs, Bruce C. 17 yrs and Sue R. 18 yrs. We had a total attendance of 130, with an average of 26-35 per meeting. We had 1 or 2 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected in June was \$142.66 and July \$123.38.

In Loving Service  
Pepe V.

**Just for Today**                      **UNEXCUSED**  
**Midtown Church**  
**15 Diamond NE**  
**Wednesday @ 12:00 pm**  
**Business Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month**

**Progress Not Perfection**  
**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**

Our group is doing well, the literature is well stocked and the doors are being opened on time and regularly. As previously mentioned due to new rules at the church, starting Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> our meeting will start at 7:00 pm instead of 8:00 pm. At the business meeting last night 7/24/07 there was 8 home group members in attendance. New business was confined to area donation, and how we can get the word out about our meeting. A couple who now attend our meeting regularly live in Big Rapids and didn't find out about our meeting here until 3 months after getting clean. Old business was discussion about a home group picnic that we will probably hold on September 9<sup>th</sup>, for home group members and their families. Total attendance for the month was 69 addicts, with an average per meeting of 10. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$59.60. We are making a donation of \$50.00 to area this month. We had two 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings last month, and celebrated 2 anniversaries.

In Loving Service  
Michael B.

**We Qualify**  
**Roadbed Ministries**  
**5010 S. Division**  
**Wednesday @ 7:30 pm**  
**Business Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month**

Hello Family,  
I'm Jeff and I'm an addict. Not much to report this month. Everything is running well. Total attendance for the month was 70 addicts, with an average per meeting of 17. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$48.00. We are not making a donation to area this month.

In Loving Service  
Jeff T.

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

**No Name**  
**Grace Reformed Church**  
**100 Buckley SE**  
**Monday - Friday @ 11:00 am**

**Business Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month**

The No Name group is doing well. Planning for the August 11<sup>th</sup> picnic at Richmond Park is well underway. We have involvement from newer and older members. As of today our members have donated \$737.18 for the picnic. We have a speaker meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month, last month Curtis B. brought the message. The female speaker for August hasn't been determined as of yet. We've discussed a change in our chairperson's format, which has been tabled until after the picnic. We have to order literature, purchase supplies and pay rent. Total attendance for the month was 959 addicts, with an average per meeting of 50. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$321.66. We had 8 newcomers attend our meeting last month. We celebrated 9 cleandates last month: Carolyn AB, Mike F., Brenda C., and Karima D. all 1 yr., Dionna B. 2 yrs., James H. 3 yrs., Craig W. & Leslie B. 7yrs. each, and Kent A. 17 yrs. We are making a donation of \$25.00 to area this month. Hope to see you at the picnic.

In Loving Service  
Joe W.

**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**

Hello Family,

I ask that you help me welcome a new meeting to our area. We meet on Fridays at 7:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church on 1200 Post Dr. Our format will be literature studies and open discussion on what was read. At this time we aren't asking for any help except support from members of the area. We want to thank our Higher Power for allowing us the opportunity to have a meeting on the north end of town to reach addicts who might not be reached. Total attendance for the month was 22 addicts, with an average per meeting of 11. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$95.00. We are not making a donation to area this month. An addict celebrated 6 months and another celebrated 18 months.

In Loving Service  
Fred S.

**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**

Hello Family,

I am pleased to report it has been a great month for Natural Life. It was awesome to see many of our home group members at MRCNA 23 and in attendance at this month's business meeting. We are looking forward to our campout this coming month and the No Name group's picnic to follow. Hope to see you attend these events and grow with us. We have been presented with an issue and would like to ask area's advice on how to handle it. We have a new member attending meetings who is hearing impaired. He has a short amount of cleantime but a strong will to learn how to stay clean. The issue lie's with an interpreter; he was funded by the treatment center but that funding has run out. The question is what can we do to help him. Total attendance for the month was 339 addicts, with an average per meeting of 42. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected was \$259.00. We are making a donation of \$75.00 to area this month. We had two 1<sup>st</sup> Step meetings last month. We celebrated 2 anniversaries last month an addict with 4 yrs and another with 15 yrs.

In Loving Service  
Fred S.

*Much discussion took place about the hearing impaired addict who attends this meeting. It was stated we as a fellowship aren't financial responsible to assist in anyway. But a suggestion from Joe W. that it be announced at our meetings if there is anyone who knows of anyone in the fellowship who knows sign language to please get in contact with someone from the Natural Life home group*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Cat L. gave her post activity report from the Saturday Night Candlelight meeting picnic.

### **NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS**

Michael K. expressed the willingness for the Secretary position. He was asked by Cat L. if he planned on remaining in the position as he didn't do so the last time (due to a new job). Michael said yes. He stated his qualifications. Vote was taken.

***Congratulations Michael***

Co-Secretary: Still open  
Alt.-RCM: Still open  
PI: Still open

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



## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion #1:** Michael K./Cat L.

To form an ad-hoc committee for the GGRASCNA to host an event.

Intent: To promote unity and acknowledge the diversity in our fellowship in the Grand Rapids area.

6 yes 1 no 1 abstention      **Motion passed**

*In our haste a chairperson for this committee wasn't voted in; as stipulated in our guidelines this should've occurred after the motion passed. This should be added to old business for next months meeting.*

Cat L. read her MRCNA XXIV Planning Committee Report which listed all open positions and elected trusted servants. **See page 10.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

At the August 11<sup>th</sup> picnic the MRCNA XXIV Tickets & Registration committee will be there offering a **one time only** \$10 pre-registration.

We have a hearing impaired addict in need of a person to perform sign language for him at the Natural Life home group.

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

Motion to close by Joe W. seconded by Fred S.  
Meeting closed at 9:00 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michael K.

**MRCNAXXIV Planning Committee  
July 25, 2007**

**The first planning meeting was held Sunday at the Crown Plaza Hotel. It was great to see the attendance of area addicts and the willingness of them to step up to positions. Still need people to step forward to join the sub-committees, Get Involved ! It is your convention! The meetings are 11AM on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the hotel. Hope to see you there!**

**Here is a list of the sub-committees & trusted servants:**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Cat L.</b>	
<b>Co-chair:</b>	<b>Pablo P.</b>	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Barb P.</b>	
<b>Co/t</b>	<b>Matt W.</b>	
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Theresa T.</b>	
<b>Co</b>	<b>(open)</b>	
<b>Additional Needs:</b>	<b>(open)</b>	
<b>Arts/Graphics:</b>	<b>Dale V.</b>	
<b>Conv. info</b>	<b>Jeff K.</b>	<b>(provisional)</b>
<b>E &amp; F</b>	<b>Shawn V.</b>	<b>entertainment/fundraising</b>
<b>Hug&amp;S/keepers</b>	<b>Carlos V.</b>	
<b>H &amp; H</b>	<b>Roland M</b>	<b>Hotel &amp; hospitality</b>
<b>Merchandizing</b>	<b>Jason O.</b>	
<b>T &amp; R</b>	<b>Sabrina J.</b>	<b>Tickets &amp; Registration</b>

**Remember, all subcommittees need members to be a success. Also, T&R plans to be at the August picnic to pre-register at reduced rates.**

**Cat L.**