

**GREATER GRAND RAPIDS
AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 26, 2008**

1. Opening

Richard opened the meeting at 7:10pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He forwarded a meeting agenda.

2. Reading of 12 Traditions

The 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous were read by George.

3. Reading of 12 concepts

The 12 Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous were read by Fred.

4. Roll Call

ASC ROLL CALL

(Present)	Chair (Richard H.)
(Open)	Co-Chair (open)
(Present)	Secretary (Earl)
(Open)	Co-Secretary: (open)
(Present)	Treasurer (Kat)
(Open)	Co-Treasurer (open)
(Present)	RCM (Fred)
(Open)	Alt. RCM (open)
(Open)	H & I (open)
(Present)	PI (Michael B.)
(Present)	E & F Ad-Hoc (Latonya)

GROUP ROLL CALL

(p)	Courage to Change
(a)	Downtown Resting Place
(a)	Home Group
(p)	Just For Today
(p)	Just Hope
(p)	Natural Life
(p)	No Name
(a)	Open For Change
(p)	Principles Before Personalities
(p)	Progress Not Perfection
(a)	Saturday Night Calvary
(p)	Saturday Night Candlelight
(p)	Staying in the Solution
(p)	TGIF
(a)	Traditionally speaking
(p)	We Qualify

11 Total number of groups present. Quorum was established.

Non-active meetings: Courage To Live, Keeping The Dream Alive, Literature Study, Next Phase, Men of Character, Work The Steps or Die

5. Chair Report/P. & A. Report

Chair submitted meeting agenda. Co-Chair: Vacant.

6. Secretary's Report

Minutes from October's meeting was made available by Earl G.

7. Treasurer's Report

GGRASCNA Treasury Report November '08

11/26/2008

Hello, family,

Bank statement reconciles with checkbook.

Checking account:

Beginning balance	\$915.88
Deposits Area meeting (Oct.)	169.88
Donation from group	<u>+50.00</u>
November 25 balance	\$1135.76

Debits:

Office Depot	\$26.16
Ending balance	\$1109.60

Groups' donations 10-22-08

TGIF	\$44.88
Natural Life	60.00
We Qualify	20.00
Progress Not Perfection	20.00
Sat. Night Candlelight	50.00
Next Phase	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL	\$219.88

The check for the 3rd quarter payment to Region has not cleared yet so the balance is off by the \$126.40 (check 2599) that was sent to Regional in October.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

ILS,
Cat L

8. RCM report/Alternate RCM Report

Report:

Hello Family,

Nothing new to report this month as there was not a region meeting to attend. I plan to attend the next meeting which will be held in Gaylord on the 7th of Dec. I will be spending the night on Sat. and will turn in my mileage and hotel receipt at Dec.'s meeting. If there is anything you would like for me to discuss or ask at the meeting please let me know and I will bring it up. Thank-you for allowing me to serve you.

In Loving Service,
Fred S.

9. Hospitals & Institutions (H. & I.) Report:
Vacant.

10. Public Information (P. I.) Report:

November 26, 2008

The following are the charges for this months information line minutes.

**Traffic Summary
For This Month To Date**

Call Count	Min In	Min Out	Total Call Seconds	Total Surcharges	Total Call Cost	Total Messages
29	99.50	48.10	5544	\$0.35	\$9.19	3

I have not heard from Susan this month, but will give her a call or drop an e-mail soon. I will also check the Web site but I'm sure she has it up to date. There should be new meeting lists this month. Anyone who would like to participate in the PI sub committee should contact me at the GGRASCNA e-mail address, Although I hope to have some flyer's to take back to the groups next month.

Have a great Thanks Giving
Michael B.

11. Entertainment & Fundraising/Activities Ad-Hoc Committee Report:

Hello Family. Activities held its first meeting. Welcome to Terrie P. for stepping up to be Secretary. There will be no New Years Dance due to timing and lack of location. If anyone has any suggestions on locations or potential locations, please contact me ASAP via phone or email at 616-719-6290 and latonyaprude1@sbcglobal.net.

We are hoping for a Valentines Dance. Fred S. will look into Faith Lutheran for possible dates. We do not have a set of guidelines and was suggested to contact MSO or last chair Juanita. We will have any emergency meeting on December 6th @ 12 noon. The location is 830 Malta Ne. Also we will meet an hour before Area.

Here is a list of Activities for 2008 that are in need of locations if anyone has suggestions.
Valentines Day Dance) February 14 or 21, (Newcomer Appreciation Day by Traditions Home Group) day pending in March, (2nd Annual Prom Night) April 25, (Car Wash Fundraiser for MRCNA) June?, (Spiritual Retreat) August?, (Learning Day Work Shop) September ?

May, October, November and December are open for Home Groups to have an opportunity to have a function with the help of Activities.

ILS,
Latonya J.

12. Forward Motions and Donations

13. Group Reports

Courage to Change

Next Phase Recovery House II
658 Worden SE
Saturday @ 11:00am
Business meeting 3rd Saturday of the month, 12:30-1:00pm

Total Attendees for the Month: 38
Average per Meeting: 10-15
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$16.00
Area Donation: \$10.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: n/a

That the Courage to Change Group is still in the process of trying to get on our feet. And to carry the message to the still sick addict. That is our primary purpose. We are discussing the process at the next business meeting. Still discussing in ordering book, keytags, literature, and rent and also donating some money back to area. So we not where we want to be. Thank GOD we are still on the meeting list. And still on the path to recovery.

ILS San C.

Downtown Resting Place

Heartside Ministries

54 S. Division SE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 5:30pm-7pm

Business meeting is last Friday of every month

Total Attendees for the Month:

Average per Meeting:

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$

Area Donation: \$

Anniversaries Celebrated:

No report.

Home Group

Burton United Methodist Church

100 Burton St. SE

Thursday @ 7:00pm-8:30pm

Business meeting is 4th Thursday of every month

Total Attendees for the Month:

Average per Meeting:

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$

Area Donation: \$

Anniversaries Celebrated:

Just For Today

Trinity United Methodist Church

1100 Lake Drive SE

Wednesday @ 12:00pm

Closed Meeting

Business meeting is 4th Wednesday of every month at 11:30am

Total Attendees for the Month: 30

Average per Meeting: 7

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$34.00

Area Donation: \$45

Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

Group is still running smoothly. No significant changes to report. Matt K., GSR

Just Hope

130 Delaware SW

Tuesday @ 5:30-7pm

Open meeting

Business meeting is 2nd Tuesday of each month

Total Attendees for the Month: 35

Average per Meeting: 10

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$12.00

Area Donation: 0

Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

We here at the Just Hope group are still working on more people learning of this group. We look forward to being on the list, so they can know where this meeting is.

Natural Life

Faith Lutheran Church

2740 Fuller Ave. NE

Tuesday and Thursday @ 7:30pm-9pm

Business meeting is 3rd Thursday of every month following the meeting

Total Attendees for the Month: 474

Average per Meeting: 53

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 7

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$238.76

Area Donation: \$40

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1-4 yr.

Hi Family, I'm an addict named Jeff T. representing Natural Life Group of NA. Our last speaker Barb was a good expression of her experience, strength and hope. This month's speaker will be Leroy from the Just 4 Today meeting. This home group is sponsoring a family nite. It will be Saturday, December 27th from 6-10pm.

In Service, Jeff T.

No Name

Grace Reformed Church

100 Buckley SE

Monday through Friday @ 11:00am to 12:30pm

Business meeting is 3rd Friday of every month

Open meeting

Total Attendees for the Month: 914

Average per Meeting: 37

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 8

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$316.91

Area Donation: \$20.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: Edward B. 2 yrs., Sedric C. 2 yrs., Lena T. 2 yrs., Michael H. 2 yrs., Lucious E. 17 yrs., & Larry B. 1 year.

We at the No Name Group are following Traditions. Keeping the doors open for the still suffering addicts in and outside. We are thinking of having a marathon meeting for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. Renee C. will be speaking on Dec. 12th.

Open For Change

North Club

College Ave. NE, Grand Rapids MI

Monday @ 8:00pm

Business meeting is every 3rd Monday of the month

Total Attendees for the Month:

Average per Meeting:

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$

Area Donation:

Anniversaries Celebrated:

Principles Before Personalities

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

1025 3 Mile Rd. NE Grand Rapids, MI

Sunday @ 7pm-8:30pm

Business meeting is 2nd Sunday after recovery meeting

Total Attendees for the Month: 200

Average per Meeting: 50

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$153.00

Area Donation: \$150.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

Family,

Our business meeting had about 8 members in attendance. That in itself shows our strength as a home group and our intent to follow Traditions. We would like to present a motion to the service body of the area. Old business from previous month's meeting was a "no" vote to host a fundraiser event. Area donation includes last month's and this month for a total of \$150.00.

ILS, Earl G.

Progress Not Perfection

St. Paul's Campus Parish

1 Damascus Rd. Big Rapids, MI

Tuesday @ 8pm & Saturday @ 10:00am

Business meeting is 4th Tuesday of every month @ 6:00pm before recovery meeting

Total Attendees for the Month: 125

Average per Meeting: 15

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 2

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$76.55

Area Donation: \$50.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

Attendance has been up this month. Bettsie has declared her willingness to become the new alternate GSR for our group. She has been accepted as such. All has been going well with our group this month.

In Service, Ron T.

P.S., Lisa M. extends a BIG apology to Ron T. and his Home Group for the loss of their submitted report for October, 2008. Sorry everyone! I have a new system for tracking things better this month.

ILS, Lisa M.

Saturday Night Calvary

Calvary Church

777 East Beltline NE, Room 112

Saturday @ 7:15pm

Business meeting is 4th Saturday of every month

Total Attendees for the Month: 44

Average per Meeting: 7

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$38.30

Area Donation: 0

Anniversaries Celebrated: n/a

I'm sorry I could not attend this month's meeting because of my job. Try to attend next month.

Thank you, Kimberly G.

Saturday Night Candlelight

Pine Rest Chapel

300 68th St. SW

Saturday @ 6:30pm to 8pm

Business meeting is 4th Saturday of every month

Total Attendees for the Month:

Average per Meeting:

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:

Total 7th Tradition Collected:

Area Donation:

Anniversaries Celebrated:

Staying in the Solution

Church of the Holy Spirit
1200 Post Dr. NE
Friday @ 7:00pm
Business meeting is 3rd Friday of every month

Total Attendees for the Month: 47
Average per Meeting: 12
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$54.37
Area Donation: \$30.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: n/a

No report.

Steady growth. Staying in the solution.

Submitted by George N., GSR

TGIF

Trinity Reformed Church
1224 Davis NW
Friday @ 7pm-8:30pm
Business meeting is 3rd Friday of every month

Total Attendees for the Month:
Average per Meeting:
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$
Area Donation: \$
Anniversaries Celebrated:

Traditionally Speaking

Not currently on meeting list.

Total Attendees for the Month:
Average per Meeting:
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$
Area Donation:
Anniversaries Celebrated:

We Qualify

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

5333 Clyde Park Ave. SW

Wednesday @ 7:00-8:30pm

Business meeting is 3rd Wednesday of every month before recovery meeting

Total Attendees for the Month: 100

Average per Meeting: 25

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$50.00

Area Donation: \$5

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

Hi Family. The We Qualify Group is doing well. Attendance is steady. During our business meeting, we had two new home group members express a willingness to split the Secretary's responsibilities, thanks DeAnn and Nicole! We are still in need of an alternate GSR and a Treasurer. We also discussed the importance of regularly making a donation to ASC, no matter how small, and incorporating the 12 Concepts into our Group.

14. New Business/Issue Discussion

- A. All of the following motions presented will be tabled until January, 2009, due to change in meeting date to accommodate holidays. Intention was to allow all home groups to be able to discuss and vote on the motions at their business meetings.
- B. Earl made the following motion, which was brought back from his last home group business meeting: Revise guidelines so that home groups vote on all area motions. Intent: To restore home groups' as final say on motions, and therefore be in line with 12 Concepts of service. Earl agreed to make friendly amendment suggested by Lisa M. to replace the word "all" with "pertinent". The following pros and cons were discussed at Earl's home group business meeting: Pros: The stated intent, and that home group members run area business to an extent. Cons: Opening can of worms concerning guidelines, home groups told us to take care of area business, and too much area business takes groups from primary purpose.
- C. Pepe made the following motion: Groups who cannot attend Area meeting will sign a waiver for voting so as not to interfere with quorum. Waiver is in effect for up to 90 days. Intent: Not interfere with quorum and maintain voting rights. Pros: To increase the ASC's ability to conduct business that requires a quorum be present to vote. Cons: Leaves groups with no accountability to attend area meetings, also, several ASC guidelines would have to be changed to accommodate motion.

15. Old Business

- A. ELECTION OF TRUSTED SERVANTS: Two nominations were made for co-chairperson, Jeff and Matt, however, due to lack of quorum at the time of voting, the matter was tabled until next month.
- B. The following motion was previously tabled, Lisa M. resubmitted the motion, seconded by George: I make a motion that if a GSR from a new group or from an inactive group attends an ASC meeting, she/he will be penciled on to the group roll call agenda for that meeting and have voting privileges for that ASC meeting as they attempt to achieve/regain active group status. Pros: According to the 12 Concepts for NA Service, particularly Concept 2, which states "The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups," and

Concept 7 “All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body’s decisions and should be allowed to fully participated in its decision-making processes,” and Concept 8, “Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications,” it is important to give the representative of a particular group the power to contribute the conscience of their group via a vote, and the responsibility to be the conduit of information from ASC back to the group. Cons: Knowing a group service representative will automatically be given the right to vote, groups might not be as motivated to regularly send a GSR to attend ASC.

16. **Please discuss at your business meeting:**

- A. The following ASC positions remain open, and nominations for these positions will continue to take place each month until filled: co-chair, co-secretary, co-treasurer, and alternate RCM.
- B. Earl made the following motion, which was brought back from his last home group business meeting: **Revise guidelines so that home groups vote on pertinent area motions.** Intent: To restore home groups’ as final say on motions, and therefore be in line with 12 Concepts of service.
- C. Pepe made the following motion: **Groups who cannot attend Area meeting will sign a waiver for voting so not to interfere with quorum. Waiver is in effect for up to 90 days.** Intent: Not interfere with quorum and maintain voting rights.
- D. Lisa M. made the following motion, seconded by George: **I make a motion that if a GSR from a new group or from an inactive group attends an ASC meeting, she/he will be penciled on to the group roll call agenda for that meeting and have voting privileges for that ASC meeting as they attempt to achieve/regain active group status.**

17. **Please announce at all regular meetings:**

- A. TGIF is hosting a volleyball night Friday, December 5, 2008 at the Carpe Diem Volleyball Facility, 1010 Front St., 2 blocks south of Leonard, \$3 per person, please wear gym shoes!
- B. Greater Grand Rapids Activities Committee (E. & F.) is having a meeting Saturday, December 6th @ 6pm, Faith Lutheran Church, 2740 Fuller Ave. NE. If you need transportation to the meeting, let us know. We would be honored to give you a ride. We are in need of a Co-Chair, Co-Secretary, Treasurer, and Co-Treasurer. There are other positions that need to be filled. Contact Latonya J. @ 616-719-6290.
- A. Wednesday, December 17th, the Greater Grand Rapids Activities Committee (E. & F.) will meet at 6pm, just prior to the 7pm ASC meeting, at Faith Lutheran Church, 2740 Fuller Ave. NE. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The ASC meeting day was changed to Dec. 17th for this month due to the holidays.

18. Closing

- A. Closed at 9:30pm w/ Gratitude Slogan.