

GREATER GRAND RAPIDS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 25, 2009

1. Opening

Richard opened the meeting at 7:00pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

2. Reading of 12 Traditions

The 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous were read by Susan.

3. Reading of 12 concepts

The 12 Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous were read by Ed.

4. Roll Call

ASC ROLL CALL

(Present) Chair (Richard H.)
 (Open) Co-Chair
 (Present) Secretary (Earl)
 (Open) Co-Secretary
 (Present) Treasurer (Kat)
 (Open) Co-Treasurer
 (Absent) RCM (Fred)
 (Open) Alt. RCM
 (Open) H & I
 (Present) PI (Michael B.)
 (Present) Activities (Latonya)

GROUP ROLL CALL

P=Present A=Excused Absence X=Unexcused Absence

Attendance

Group Name

<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Courage to Change
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Downtown Resting Place
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	The Gratitude House
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Home Group
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Just For Today
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Just Hope
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or <u>Unexcused</u>)	Keeping the Dream Alive
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Natural Life
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or <u>Unexcused</u>)	Next Phase
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	No Name
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or <u>Unexcused</u>)	Open To Change
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Principles Before Personalities
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Progress Not Perfection
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or <u>Unexcused</u>)	Saturday Night Calvary
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Saturday Night Candlelight
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Staying in the Solution

<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Sunrise to Sunset
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	TGIF
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Traditionally Speaking
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	We Qualify

Groups not currently on meeting list:

Present	Absent (Excused or <u>Unexcused</u>)	Courage to Live
Present	Absent (Excused or <u>Unexcused</u>)	Literature Study
Present	Absent (Excused or <u>Unexcused</u>)	Work The Steps or Die

Total number of groups present was 16. Quorum was established.

5. Chair Report/P. & A. Report: Hello to all at area and surrounding service members. It was a great accomplishment at area last month. And please keep in mind that tonight is Ash Wednesday, and the Pastor did mention that people will be coming and going, and that he would like us to keep it at a minimum, our voices in regards. Also this is not to be rude, but there is still a great deal of “beating up” an issue or topic and we need to move forward once our topic has been finalized.
In Loving Service, Richard H.

Co-Chair Report: Hi Family. Wish I could report some better news, but unfortunately that is not the case. I recently relapsed, I don’t know what to expect from everyone at Area but I will accept whatever happens. I still have the willingness to serve if it is so chosen, if not, that’s fine and all is well.
In Service, Jeff T.

6. Secretary’s Report: Minutes from January’s meeting were made available by Earl G.

7. Treasurer’s Report

**GGRASCNA End of Year (2008)
Treasurer statement Feb 2009**

Beginning B/S	\$478.74
Total income:	<u>+6222.79</u>
Checkbook	\$6701.53

Expenditures: (total for year)

Rents for H&I and Area	\$360.00	
Treasurer supplies	90.07	
PI phone line	925.00	
AT&T	352.66	
PO Box rental	58.00	
Activities seed money	865.77	
MRCNA24 donation	500.00	(Hospitality Suite)
RCM reimbursements	367.60	
5/3 stop payment fee	33.00	
Crosstown Communications	730.00	(PI for bus signs)

Presto Print	569.72	
Naws	509.14	(Qtrly donations)
MRSCNA	509.14	(Qtrly donations)
H&I literature	<u>+196.87</u>	
TOTAL	\$5497.25	

Group Donations total:	\$6222.79	
Checkbook total:	\$6701.54	
	<u>-5497.25</u>	expenditures 2008
	\$ 1204.28	
	<u>-0478.74</u>	beginning B/S Jan 2008
	\$ 725.54	bank statement Jan 2009

Some records are not clear so I could not do a better breakdown as to each group's donations for the year. Hope this is satisfactory.

GGRASCNA Treasurer's Report February, 2009

Beginning balance:	\$647.11	
Deductions	<u>-386.57</u>	
	260.54	
January Group donations	<u>+465.00</u>	
Ending balance today	\$725.54	OK to statement

Deductions:	E. & F. activity	Ck #2610	\$75.00	rent
	" "	Ck #2611	75.00	music
	" "	Ck #2612	69.00	food, etc.
	phone line	Ck #2613	100.00	(1/3 payment)
	Presto Print	Ck #2614	<u>67.57</u>	meeting lists
		TOTAL	\$386.57	

Group Donations

Natural Life	\$50.00	(Dec.)
Natural Life	100.00	(Jan.)
Progress not Perfection	65.00	
TGIF	74.00	
We Qualify	10.00	
Principles Before Personalities	75.00	
No Name	25.00	
Just Hope	5.00	
Sunrise to Sunset	10.00	
Staying in the Solution	30.00	
Open to Change	1.00	
Just for Today	<u>+20.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$465.00	

Checkbook balances. Thanks for allowing me to serve, Cat L.

8. RCM report/Alternate RCM Report: No report.

9. Hospitals & Institutions (H. & I.) Report: Position is vacant. Person that expressed willingness to chair last month was not in attendance this month.

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

GGRASCNA Public Information Report for February 25, 2009

Traffic Summary For This Month To Date

Call Count	Min In	Min Out	Total Call Seconds	Total Surcharges	Total Call Cost	Total Messages
86	255.10	93.90	14220	\$0.00	\$20.87	2

Phone line: Discussed calls from outside areas looking for meetings in their area. Web servant to present motion for group qualification to meeting list and website.

Advertising: I'm sorry I was unable to make any headway in lowering the cost of the white and yellow page ads. This does not mean I will stop trying. At this time I'm going to start looking at [Yellow pages.com](http://Yellowpages.com). It looks like we can get a 1yr.free listing that can be renewed yearly.

Web site: Point of order was made by Web servant, Susan, that the entire P.I. committee did not have an opportunity to vote on the motion that was previously passed allowing groups who attend only 2 consecutive meetings to be put on the meeting list. She stated this was an incredible amount of work to track and change. George stated that there was much discussion at several previous meetings, the motion was brought back to the Groups, voted on, and passed.

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

G.G.R.A.S.C.N.A BUDGET SUBMISSION FORM

DATE : 4/18/09 **SUBMITTED BY:** Latonya P. **PASSED** ? Yes **OPPOSED?**

EVENT NAME: Newcomer Appreciation **GROUP OR COMMITTEE:** Traditionally Speaking w/ Activities **INTENT:** To carry the message

QTY	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNITS	TOTAL PRICE
1	D.J.	\$75.00	1	\$75.00
1	Rent	\$75.00	1	\$75.00
100	Hotdogs	\$16.00	2	\$32.00
4	Soda (12 pack + deposit)	\$4.60	4	\$18.40
1	Bottled Water (24 pack)	\$5.00	1	\$5.00
8	Table Clothes (Dollar store)	\$1.00	8	\$8.00
1	Balloons (Dollar store)	\$1.00	3	\$3.00
2	Paper plates (Dollar store)	\$1.00	2	\$2.00

16	Buns	\$2.49	7	\$18.00
1	Ketchup	\$1.00	2	\$2.00
1	Mustard	\$1.00	1	\$1.00
1	Chili Sauce	\$13.00	1	\$13.00
1	Onion	\$7.00	1	\$7.00
25	Cutlery	\$1.00	4	\$4.00
200	Flyers			\$25.00

**Estimated
Event
Cost:**

\$288.40

Hello family. What a great day to be clean!!!! We had a wonderful time at the Valentine Swirl. The message was awesome!!! Fellowship was plentiful and we had a nice turnout despite the nasty weather. **A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who showed up to help out. Everyone had a giving spirit. The committee was so grateful for all the help we received. We were sad not to see any Area Committee Members there to help support so hope to see you guys next time. We are returning \$267.34 which is a \$5 lost for us along with our receipts and report. The next function is a NewComer Appreciation Day on April 18 in which we are submitting a budget for 288.40 when monies are available. We don't need all the seed money today, just enough for the facility rent and flyers. We still have paper supplies left over. The ticket sale for food went extremely well. MRCNA was able to raise approx. \$100 which was awesome. We did have some expenses that we did not foresee. We purchased a cash box that is available for future use, and for coffee ect. that we thought was already provided. All in all, we kept our primary purpose by carrying the message in the spirit of humility.
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: 17-20

Average per Meeting: 10

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$6.00

Area Donation: \$0

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

Hi Family, The Courage to Change Group is still active and still meeting at 1145 Alexander. The literature order has been completed. Flyer has been made for the new location and we still have honesty, open-mindedness, and willingness to carry the message to the still sick and suffering addict. Because that all we have to give. Thank you.

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: 60-90

Average per Meeting: 15-24

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: When we have a newcomer

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$40- \$45.00 per week

Area Donation: \$ 20.00

Anniversaries Celebrated:

There might be a transition here at the Downtown Resting Place. We do not have any information right on hand now, but the ministries will let us know. Our meeting is doing fine. Attendance has picked up here. Newcomers are always acknowledged at the meeting. Trying to get more people involved in chairing the meeting is an issue, but all I am doing is keep asking folks.

Trusted Servant, Tommy W.

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: 94

Average per Meeting: 20

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$52.83

Area Donation: \$ 0

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

Our Business meeting is the 3rd Thursday of each month. Our donations are down, however, attendance is up and the meetings are great.

In Service, Ron N.

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: 44

Average per Meeting: 8

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$58.50

Area Donation: \$12.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

Hello Family, Just for Today is alive and growing in attendance. No news of any changes to date. We have been fortunate enough to keep our rent and literature from the 7th Traditions current. In Loving Service, your fellow addict, Leroy R.

Just Hope

130 Delaware SW

Tuesday @ 5:30-7pm

Open meeting

Business meeting is 2nd Tuesday of each month

Total Attendees for the Month: 18

Average per Meeting: 15

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 2

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$18.00

Area Donation: 5.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

We here at the Just Hope Group are somewhat struggling with the meeting as far as the 7th Tradition and at times the people that shows up. We are still looking up for this meeting to pick up more for showing up and the 7th Tradition. Please just bare with us. We had a Business Meeting last Tuesday and we talk about getting literature having more 1st Step meetings and hopefully we will be able to donate more. At this time we would greatly appreciate your patience with us.

Thank you, Just Hope Group

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: 437

Average per Meeting: 55

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 4

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$237.98

Area Donation: \$40.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1 4 yr., 1 1 yr. and 1 3 yr.

All concerns have been handled at the home group level. All area concerns have been announced at the business meeting per the GSR. Natural Life is succeeding at carrying the message of NA.

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: 930
Average per Meeting: 47
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$475.00
Area Donation: \$25.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: 17

Here at the No Name Group we are doing very well as of today. We just sent an order out for the literature supplies, and coffee. We are currently taking up a donation for our third annual picnic on August 8, 2009. We will present a flyer for this donation very soon. At this time we will be donating \$25.00. to area. We also made a literature order that went out as of yesterday for \$187.13. The doors are open regularly and we are following Traditions. Thank you for being of service to this meeting here at the No Name Group.

Thank you, No Name Group

Open To 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 before recovery meeting

Total Attendees for the Month: 240
Average per Meeting: 60
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 2
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$180.00
Area Donation: \$75.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

We at P Before P, at our last business meeting, decided to move our business meeting to before our regular meeting, rather than after, as it has been in the past.

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. Our women's meeting on the 4th Sunday is doing well, and is well received. On the 5th Sunday (which will be in March) we will have a potluck dinner at 5:00pm and to be followed at 7:00pm with a speaker meeting.

In Loving Service, Earl G.

Total Attendees for the Month: 116

Average per Meeting: 15

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$101.80

Area Donation: \$80.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

Family, attendance has been fairly good this month. At our business meeting our group discussed implementing Robert's Rules of Conduct for governing conduct of our business meetings. While there was general agreement that some of the principles of Roberts Rules will be appropriate for our business meeting, it was felt that there are some principles that would not work well for us. We decided that we will review Robert's Rules paragraph by paragraph lining out what won't work for us, and keeping the principles that we agree on. This will be an ongoing process for us.

Our group decided to lower the prudent reserve from \$50 to \$30. This will free up more funds for supporting our group as well as carrying the message of NA.

In Service, Ron T.

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:

Average per Meeting:

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:

Total 7th Tradition Collected:

Area Donation:

Anniversaries Celebrated:

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: 110

Average per Meeting: 22

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 2

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$75.00

Area Donation: None

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

Meeting is still in the basement of the chapel. Pine Rest is looking for a location on campus that the meeting can move. They have committed to 30 to 60 days notice if we have to move it off campus. One possibility is the VanAndel Center, which is south of the chapel. This is in the hospital part where the original Wednesday meeting was located in the 90's. We are ordering literature so there is no donation to Area this month. Ideal Park is reserved for the picnic we will host on June 20 from noon to 5. We will have flyers out when the details have been firmed up. We hope to finalize details at the next business meeting. Right now it looks like we will not have presale tickets and \$5 per person and children free. We welcome anyone who brings a dish as well. At this time, we hope to finance it ourselves without requesting any funds from Area.

ILS, Cat L.

Staying in the Solution

Church of the Holy Spirit

1200 Post Dr. NE

Friday @ 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Business meeting is 3rd Friday of every month

Total Attendees for the Month: 63

Average per Meeting: 12

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 2

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$74.00

Area Donation: \$45.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1 for 19 yrs.

TGIF

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

Total Attendees for the Month: 182
Average per Meeting: 46
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$236.58
Area Donation: \$164.05
Anniversaries Celebrated: Brian 5 yrs., Vanessa 2 yrs.

This Friday is the sweet side of NA @ 9pm-11pm. \$2.00 donation-Thanks! \$77.00 from volleyball profit to MRCNA.

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: 78
Average per Meeting: 18
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$70.00
Area Donation: \$10.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

Hello Family. The We Qualify Group of NA would like to donate 20 folders to ASC containing the ASC, PI, and H. & I. guidelines, a copy of the monthly GSR report form, a motion submission form, a sample group business meeting format, and a sample weekly tracking sheet for GSRs. Every GSR at ASC will receive a folder, compliments of the We Qualify Group, in order to increase Group involvement in area business and help GSR's in their monthly reporting. We are still trying to keep a regular group of trusted servants, and will be electing new servants in April, 2009. Attendance is good, we split into 2 groups more often than not. Spirits are high, but we are all looking forward to warmer weather!
Thanks for letting me serve, Lisa M.

Not currently on meeting list:

The Gratitude House

Will bring a donation when area meets again for The Gratitude House. We are located at 1018 Madison St. SE. We are a new meeting coming up in the Grand Rapids area.
George C.

Sunrise to Sunset

We at Sunrise to Sunset meeting are glad to report that we are doing all right. But could be doing better in the attendance. We are happy to say that our Step Study on Wednesday is the largest group we have. We hope to keep the doors open. We have 2 group members.
In Loving Service, Daniel S.

Traditionally Speaking

Total Attendees for the Month: 32

Average per Meeting: 8

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$

Area Donation: 0

Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

Meeting started off slow but is doing OK. We're going to have a business meeting next month. Our format is a speaker, then we talk about the Tradition after the speaker. We will have a business meeting to start donating to area. We do have the 7th Tradition we are collecting with the Treasurer.

14. New Business/Issue Discussion

- A. Susan our Web servant submitted motion to change the meeting list. Motion: "Change format of meeting list." Intent was to supply an easier format to update, better understanding of a meeting that is to be held, i.e., open vs./closed, lit. study. Con: Need for map on meeting list to help find meetings. Pros: Phone numbers are posted and better for taking meetings off then on meeting list. Discussion included possibly putting the bus phone # on the meeting list, taking the map off or redoing the map. Motion to make changes to the meeting list passed, exact changes will be discussed next month. Also, she sent around a sample meeting list for all GSR's to review and initial for accuracy.
- B. Latonya submitted her budget proposal for the upcoming activity, Newcomer's Appreciation Day. Conducted a line-by-line review of the budget, which was approved for \$288.40.

15. Old Business

- A. Elections.
 1. Jeff T. stepped down as co-chair. This position is now open.
 2. All co-positions are open on admin. Committee
 3. H. & I. Sub-committee chair position is open.
- B. Mike B. revisited contacting WSO about getting outdated meeting information off of the World meeting list.

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, H. & I. chair, co-secretary, co-treasurer, and alternate RCM.

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

- A. Traditionally Speaking along with the Activities Committee is hosting a Newcomer Appreciation Day event, April 18, 2009. There will be speakers, food, and a dance to follow.
- B. The GGRASCNA Activities Committee is hosting the 2nd Annual Prom Night, Saturday, April 25th 2009. Doors open at 5pm, speaker at 5:30pm, dance from 7-10pm, \$10 single, \$15 couple, contact Latonya J. @ 616-819-9610. **Location to be announced.**

18. Closing

- A. Closed at 8:45pm w/ Gratitude Slogan.