

**GREATER GRAND RAPIDS  
AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
September 27, 2006**

James F. opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. w/ moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Charles read the 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous

Jeff K. read the 12 Concepts of Service

**ASC ROLL CALL**

Chair (**James F.**) – **Present**  
Co-Chair (Bobby) **Present**  
Secretary – (**Laurie C.**) – **Absent**  
Co-Secretary (Cynthia C.) **Absent**  
Treasurer (**Dan**) – **Present**  
Co-Treasurer - **Open**  
RCM – (**Cat L.**) – **Present**  
Alt. RCM (Micheal B.) – **Present**  
H&I (**Vanessa**) – **Excused**  
PI (**Jeff K.**) – **Present**

**GROUP ROLL CALL**

Courage to Change (**E**)  
Downtown Resting Place (**P**)  
Home Group (**E**)  
I Can't, We Can (**E**)  
Just For Today (**P**)  
Keeping the Dream Alive (**P**)  
Men of Character (**P**)  
Natural Life (**P**)  
No Name (**P**)  
Principles Before Personalities (**P**)  
Progress, Not Perfection (**P**)  
Recovery Zone (**P**)  
Sat. Night Calvary (**P**)  
Sat. Night Candlelight (**P**)  
Seeking NA Recovery (**P**)

TGIF (**P**)  
The Next Phase (**U**)  
Wake Up Grand Rapids (**P**)  
We Qualify (**P**)

There were 13 voting members present Quorum was made.

## AREA TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

### CHAIR REPORT

### RCM REPORT:

### ALT RCM REPORT:

**H&I REPORT:** At our September 18<sup>th</sup> subcommittee meeting, we had 8 members in attendance. I'm happy to report that all reported H&I meetings are going very well. My term as H&I chair is coming to an end. I will be holding one more H&I meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we don't have a co-chair to step up once my term is over. Hopefully this will be taken care of in a couple of months. Once my term is up, I will continue to be committed to the facility I'm assigned to and that goes the same for the other members of H&I. We have one member that will be unavailable for a couple months due to other commitments, and we have another very committed H&I member that will be stepping down from a couple of commitments that she's had for a very long time. This person has been awesome when it comes to doing service work for NA. If we had just a few more people like her with desire and willingness, we wouldn't have so many open positions in the Grand Rapids Area. I have had no response from some people that I've tried to contact to get clearance for some willing addicts to go inside some facilities to carry the message of recovery; however, these people also have not attended the H&I sub-committee, but I'm still hoping.

I would like the GSR's to take the following information back to their groups:

**My last H&I meeting will be 6:30-7:30 pm on October 16<sup>th</sup> @650 Bates.**

Your trusted servant,  
Vanessa J.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

September 20, 2006,

Beginning balance is	\$1149.83
Deposits	+ 800.49
Debits	- 136.08
Balance	<b>\$ 1814.24</b>

### Debits

Ck #2503 - \$ 61.00 - MRCNA Donation  
Ck #2504 - \$ 67.68 - Meeting Lists Presto Print  
Ck #2505 - \$ 7.40 - Stamps - Treasurer

### Credits

Picnic Seed Money Return - \$ 50.00

#### **June Donations**

<b>Group name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Donation</b>	<b><u>Accrued</u></b>
Serenity Seekers	08/23/06	\$181.24	<b><u>\$181.24</u></b>
Keeping The Dream Alive	08/23/06	\$20.00	<b><u>\$201.24</u></b>
Just For Today	08/23/06	\$ 9.25	<b><u>\$210.49</u></b>
Home Group	08/23/06	\$23.00	<b><u>\$233.49</u></b>
Progress Not Perfection	08/23/06	\$35.00	<b><u>\$268.49</u></b>
Saturday Night Candlelight	08/23/06	\$150.00	<b><u>\$418.49</u></b>
Men of Character	08/23/06	\$100.00	<b><u>\$518.49</u></b>
No Name Group	08/23/06	\$60.00	<b><u>\$578.49</u></b>
Donation from Region - (Food)	08/23/06	\$ 50.00	<b><u>\$ 628.49</u></b>
SNC - Picnic Profits Donation	08/23/06	\$ 122.00	<b><u>\$ 750.49</u></b>

**TOTAL \$750.49**

Hello, family,

The checkbook balances to the end of month statement. The donation from Serenity Seekers is from approx. 1.5 years ago and was the final donation from that Group.

In Loving Service; Dan L.

## PI REPORT

This is my last ASC meeting as the PI chair, for my term expires tonight. I would like to thank Cat and Laurie for their help over the past year. I would also like to thank a couple other ladies who only attended one meeting, and I unfortunately forgot their names, but not their contributions, for they had a significant impact on the changes to the meeting list (the inclusion of a map to meeting locations) and our corresponding regularly with the probation officers.

I will still serve on the PI subcommittee because it is my favorite form of service. Whoever may take on the PI chair position will have my full support, as well as plenty of assistance to come up to speed with everything we're doing to carry the message to the addicts who suffer outside our fellowship.

## Meeting List

There are 500 meetings lists to distribute amongst the groups today. You'll notice that the "I Can't, We Can" group from Sunday and Monday nights at 9:30 PM has been removed from the list after having three unexcused absences from our ASC meeting in a row. They may be placed back on the list if they attend or are excused from the next three consecutive ASC meetings.

## Phone Line

### Total Calls to the Phone Line for September

Below is a summary of the total phone traffic for the month of September:

Call Count	Min In	Min Out	Total Call Seconds	Total Surcharges	Total Call Cost	Total Messages
148	439.70	133.30	25289	\$1.75	\$36.13	3

Below is a summary of the total number of direct calls to the phone line answered by a recovering addict, which is 38% of the total call volume for the month of September:

Call Count	Min In	Min Out	Total Call Seconds	Total Surcharges	Total Call Cost	Total Messages
56	200.30	133.30	11708	\$0.35	\$20.32	3

## Web Site

As with the phone line and meeting list, the Web site was updated to reflect the changes on the meeting list.

## Contact with the Community

When meetings are added or removed from the list, we inform a variety of organizations that send people to Narcotics Anonymous (e.g., Probation, Drug Court, treatment centers, etc.) that requested that we inform them of such changes. When the "I Can't, We Can" group was removed from our list as a result of three unexcused absences in a row, we sent an e-mail to these organizations informing them of the change and documented that action. This way, we continue to maintain a good relationship with these organizations and that they don't view NA as a "fly-by-night" venture.

## GROUP REPORTS

**Courage to Change**  
658 Worden SE, GR  
Saturday @ 11 am

Total Attendees for Month: **80**  
Average Per Meeting:  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings:  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected:

Area Donation: **\$10**

**Business Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**

Anniversaries Celebrated:

We continue to grow and keep our meeting going. We've been fortunate to have this meeting. The treasurer was out of town, so I was unable to get data. We will have more info next month. Thanks, Dionna B.

**Downtown Resting Place**

Heartside Ministries  
54 S. Division, GR  
Mon., Wed. & Fri. @ 5:30 PM

Total Attendees for Month:  
Average Per Meeting: **20-30**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings:  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **Average \$15-30**  
Area Donation: **0**

**Business Meeting: Last Fri**

Anniversaries Celebrated:

Hi family. We meet from 5:30-7: pm MWF. We have some difficulty with parking, as the former parking lot is now in the process of becoming an apartment building. In spite of this, our meetings are being opened on time. The last total I have for the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition is \$538.08. ILS, Jeff

**Home Group**

Burton United Methodist  
100 Burton St. SE, GR  
Thurs @ 7 p.m.

Total Attendees for Month: **65**  
Average Per Meeting: **21**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **0**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **\$33.75**  
Area Donation: **\$2500**

**Business Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thur**

Anniversaries Celebrated: **0**

Hi family. We have picked up some old timers who stepped up to help with service work. We thank them. We still could use more support so this meeting can be as it use to be, but we are still grateful. On the 28<sup>th</sup> Joe W will be speaking at 7pm. Please come out and give him some support. Thanks, Charles J

**I Can't, We Can!**

All Night Recovery  
1136 Plainfield NE, GR  
Sun and Mon 9:30 to 11 PM

Total Attendees for Month:  
Average Per Meeting:  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings:  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected:  
Area Donation:

**Business Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun**

Anniversaries Celebrated:

We are still keeping the doors open. There still isn't much help in service work, but we're going to keep going. I've been working, so we've been unable to attend Area meetings. Thank GOD I'm still here. Please forgive my absence. I'll keep coming back. Dionna B.

**Just for Today**

Midtown Church  
15 Diamond NE, GR  
Wednesday @ Noon

Total Attendees for Month: **25**  
Average Per Meeting: **6**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **2**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **\$16**  
Area Donation: **\$10**  
Anniversaries Celebrated: **0**

**Business Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wed.

Our meeting, albeit small, continues to have regular attendees, several of which are newcomers hopefully on their way to becoming oldtimers. This month the Just for Today group is donating \$10 to the GGRASCNA.

ILS,  
Jeff K.

**Keeping the Dream Alive**

First Christian Reformed Church  
650 Bates SE, GR  
Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

Total Attendees for Month: **100+**  
Average Per Meeting: **30**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **Approx. 3**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **Approx \$45**  
Area Donation: **\$25.00**  
Anniversaries Celebrated: **2**

**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 6pm  
(b/4 mtg)

Hello everyone. I'm a grateful recovering addict by the name of San C. Keeping the Dream Alive is going well. There were three newcomers this month and we had 3 anniversaries: 2,4, and 12 years. Congratulate Vanessa J on her 12 year celebration. Grateful to serve, San C.

**Men of Character**

Hope House  
1036 Alexander SE GR  
Saturday @ 11a.m.

Total Attendees for Month: **110**  
Average Per Meeting: **25**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **0**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **\$0**  
Area Donation: **\$20.00**  
Anniversaries Celebrated: **0**

**Business Meeting:**

All is well with Men of Character. The meeting format that we picked is going very well. This Saturday is our first speaker meeting. We will have two speakers: Matt M, and Mike K. The home group still has to sit down at our business meeting and figure out the Treasurer Report. Now the home group has a Treasurer, Secretary, and GSR.

Thanks for letting me serve, Bobby

**Natural Life**

Faith Lutheran Church  
2740 Fuller Ave. NE, GR  
Tues and Thurs @ 7:30 p.m.

Total Attendees for Month: **260**  
Average per Meeting: **30-35**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **4**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **\$412**  
Area Donation (also \$50 to NAWS): **\$200 + \$100NAWS Donation**

**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs

Anniversaries Celebrated: **2**

Natural Life Group is doing well. Thursday night meetings have been very large due to recovery groups participating with us. We would like to ask the Area for permission to have a dance/potluck function; possibly between Christmas and New Years..

Denny B.

**The Next Phase**

Next Phase Recovery House  
1145 Alexander SE, GR  
Tuesday @ 7 PM

**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tues  
6p.m.  
No report.

Total Attendees for Month:  
Average Per Meeting:  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings:  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected:  
Area Donation:  
Anniversaries Celebrated:

**No Name**

Grace CRC  
100 Buckley SE, GR  
M, Tu, W, Th, F @ 11 AM

**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

Total Attendees for Month: **734**  
Average Per Meeting: **39**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **2**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **\$390.23**  
Area Donation: **\$30**  
Anniversaries Celebrated: **?**

Some changes came along. We are helping clean the carpet that we helped spill coffee on, and our rent has been raised. We are waiting to get back downstairs. Hopefully it will be this Monday.

ILS Joe W

**Principles Before Personalities**

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
1025 3 Mile Rd. NE, GR  
Sunday @ 7:00 p.m.

Total Attendees for Month: **105**  
Average Per Meeting: **26**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **1**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **\$107.90**  
Area Donation: **\$100.00**

**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 8:30PM

Anniversaries Celebrated: **2**

Hello family. Our treasurer hasn't been available to get donation, so a group conscience was made to make a donation. Our group is doing well with and increase in membership of our home group.

**Progress, Not Perfection**

1 Damascus Rd., Big Rapids, MI  
Tuesday @ 8 PM  
Saturday @ 10 AM

Total Attendees for Month: **93**  
Average Per Meeting: **13**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **0**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **\$78.35**  
Area Donation: **\$35.00**

**Business Meeting:** 1st Tues 9PM

Anniversaries Celebrated: **1**

Our attendance has grown. We should have some students and faculty returning soon. We are well stocked on literature and our rent is paid until the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Meetings are going well, with reasonable order. Most everyone shares at every meeting. I think this is good. We did have a big blow-out at our last business meeting. We had been having trouble with our treasurer and it all kind of came to a head at one time. The treasurer got mad, threw most of the money on the table, and said he would not be back. Unfortunately, we haven't seen him since. At this point, I am treasurer, but hopefully only until our next business meeting.

ILS,  
Michael B.

**Recovery Zone**

Lowell Serenity Club  
101 West Main, Lowell  
Mon & Thurs @ 6 PM

Total Attendees for Month: **21**  
Average Per Meeting: **3**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **1**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **\$14.00**  
Area Donation: **\$7.00**

**Business Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Mon

Anniversaries Celebrated: **0**

Attendance is low, but spirits are high. All is well Just for Today.

ILS,  
Scott W.

**Saturday Night Calvary -**

Calvary Church  
777 E. Beltline NE, GR  
Saturday @ 7:15 PM

Total Attendees for Month: **280**  
Average Per Meeting: **50**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **2**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected:  
Area Donation: **0**  
Anniversaries Celebrated: **2**

**Business Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sat.

Thank you for letting me be a part of this Area meeting. All the meetings have been conducted very well. We have many treatment centers coming out, and we have been making sure that we acknowledge their presence and also those others that attend. The speaker for this month will be James B>

**Saturday Night Candlelight -**

Roadbed Ministries  
5010 S. Division, GR  
Saturday @ 7:30 p.m.

Total Attendees for Month: **86**  
Average Per Meeting: **20**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **2**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **n/a**  
Area Donation: **0**  
Anniversaries Celebrated: **1**

The meeting is going well. We have one home group member in the hospital again. Please remember Rex in your prayers. He is at Butterworth (Spectrum) in the cardiac unit. Our rent is paid through the end of the year. We are in the process of replenishing the refreshment supplies and our literature so there is no donation for Area this month.

ILS Cat L.

**Seeking NA Recovery**

Westwood Community Church  
2828 Richmond NW, GR  
Mon. 7:15 PM

Total Attendees for Month: **57**  
Average Per Meeting: **15**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **2**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **\$101.00**  
Area Donation: **\$30.00**  
Anniversaries Celebrated: **0**

We continue to carry the message of recovery. We have had a hard time attracting new members, but continue to have faith. We have our open speaker meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Come support our meeting.

ILS  
Dale V.

**TGIF**

Trinity Reformed Church  
1224 Davis NW, GR  
Friday @ 7:00 p.m.

Total Attendees for Month: **40-50**  
Average Per Meeting:  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **1**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **\$188.43**  
Area Donation: **\$101.32**  
Anniversaries Celebrated: **1**

T.G.I.F. is doing very well. Pepe V. celebrated 18 years on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Wake Up Grand Rapids**

Steepletown Center  
636 Davis NW, GR  
8 AM M-W- F, 4 PM Sun

Total Attendees for Month: **110**  
Average Per Meeting: **5**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **1**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **\$65.50**  
Area Donation: **\$20.00**  
Anniversaries Celebrated: **1**

**Business Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Sun..**

Hello! We have had a good month. The meeting is going great! It has worked well with cutting to 4 days a week. Starting in November, the home group would like to change the meeting time to 8:30 am -10:00.

ILS,  
Cimberly R.

**We Qualify**

Roadbed Ministries  
5010 S. Division, GR  
Wednesday @ 7:30 PM

Total Attendees for Month: **60**  
Average Per Meeting: **15-18**  
Total 1<sup>st</sup> Step Meetings: **3**  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: **\$34**  
Area Donation: **\$0**  
Anniversaries Celebrated: **0**

**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.

Again this month, our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collections have been very low. The group is in need of trusted servants. Our rent is paid through the month of October.

ILS,  
Laurie A.

**CHECK THE MONTHLY CALENDAR FOR GROUP BUSINESS MEETINGS**

## OLD BUSINESS

### Old Business

- **Subcommittee Chair Elections**
  - Vonnee K. was nominated and seconded for the PI Chair position, but a vote was postponed until October when she is expected to attend the ASC meeting.
  - No one was nominated for the H & I Chair position.
- **Activity packets:** The guidelines for activities are being developed, and will be available for review at the October ASC meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS / ISSUE DISCUSSION

### NEW BUSINESS

- Plan time for Basic Text vote in.
  - The new stories being added to the Basic Text need to be voted on before they're published into a sixth edition of the Basic Text. There was much discussion on what we can do to efficiently read through the 250+ pages of stories. It was suggested that we have a 4 to 6 hour, event where attendees would be broken up into three or four groups, each with a portion of the stories, and read them amongst their respective groups. At the end of each groups reading, they would share their opinions with the larger group. There was also talk of everyone kicking in a getting some pizza and soda pop so none of us go into a hypoglycemic rage.
- Please print out the minutes.
  - It was requested that some people get a copy of the minutes sent to them or at least have them made available at the ASC meeting. This was motioned, seconded, and passed.
- Minutes from MRCNA
- Carpooling to MRCNA

### Budgets

### Pending Activities

**P=Present O=Open E=Excused U=Unexcused I=Inactive**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME/STATUS</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>
Chair	James F.	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Co-Chair	Bobby	O	O	O	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Secretary	Laurie C.	O	O	O	O	O	O	P	P	E	U
Co-Secretary	Cynthia C.	O	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	U
Treasurer	Dan	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Co-Treasurer	OPEN	O	P	P	P	P	P	O	O	O	O
R.C.M.	Cat L.	O	O	O	O	O	O	P	P	P	P
Alt. R.C.M.	Michael B.	P	U	P	P	E	O	P	P	P	P
P.I. Chair	Jeff K.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
H&I Chair	Vanessa J.	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	U	P	E

<b>HOME GROUPS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>
Courage to Change	Active		P	P	P	P	E	P	P	U	P
Downtown Resting Place	Active	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Home Group	Active	U	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E
I Can't We Can	Active	E/P	P	E	P	P	E	U	U	U	E
Just For Today	Active	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Keeping The Dream Alive	Active	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Men of Character					E	P	E	P	P	P	P
Natural Life	Active	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
No Name	Active	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Principles B4 Personalities	Active	E	P	P	P	U	E	P	P	P	P
Progress, Not Perfection	Active		P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Recovery Zone	Active	P	P	U	P	U	P	E	P	P	P
Sat. Night Calvary	Active	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	E	U	P
Sat. Night Candlelight	Active	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Seeking NA Recovery	Active	P	P	U	P	P	P	U	P	E	P
TGIF	Active	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	U	P
The Next Phase	Inactive	E/P	U	U	E	P	U	E	P	U	U
Wake Up Grand Rapids	Active		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
We Qualify	Active	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Corresponding with prisoners.
  - We received a call on the phone line, and an e-mail from a close friend of an inmate seeking to correspond with recovering addicts on the outside. If you're interested in doing this, please contact Jeff K. for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please get involved! There are many positions at the area level that need to be filled.

H&I and PI position voting in October.

The meeting was closed by Vanessa J. with a moment of silence followed by the Gratitude Slogan.

Minutes were faithfully submitted by Cynthia C.

## GROUPS IN NEED OF SUPPORT