

**GREATER GRAND RAPIDS
AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2008**

Bobby A. opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
The 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous were read.
The 12 Concepts of Service were read by Jason O.

ASC ROLL CALL

Chair (Bobby A.): Present
Co-Chair (Richard H.): Present
Secretary (Barb P.): Present
Co-Secretary: Open
Treasurer (Dan L.): Present
Co-Treasurer (Cat L.): Present
RCM (Michael B.): Present
Alt RCM (Fred S.): Present
H&I (James): Present
PI (Sally B): Present
E&F AdHoc (Matt W.): Present

GROUP ROLL CALL

Courage to Change (P)
Downtown Resting Place (P)
Home Group (P)
Just For Today (P)
Keeping the Dream Alive (P)
Literature Study (P)
Men of Character (U)
Natural Life (P)
Next Phase (U)
No Name (P)
Principles Before Personalities (P)
Progress Not Perfection (P)
Saturday Night Calvary (P)
Saturday Night Candlelight (P)
Staying in the Solution (P)
TGIF (P)
We Qualify (P)
Work the Steps or Die (U)

New Group (January) Courage to Live: (E)
New Group (February) Open to Change (previously Growing Up) (P)

With 16 out of 20 groups present quorum was established.

AREA TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Chair.

Hello Family,

Not much to report this month, but I would like to remind everyone that elections are next month. If no one steps into the position, I am willing to continue as chair for one more year working with Rich as my co-chair. I would also like to say thank you once again the meeting last month ran very smoothly and please continue to follow the basic rules of raising your hand when you would like to speak and do not talk out of turn or you will be cut off. Also, would like to say if you could please announce at your home groups about the upcoming convention and that elections are next month. Everyone keep doing what you are doing and we will continue to get out of here early. Thank you for your support.

Thank you for letting me serve,
Bobby A.

Co-Chair.

No report.

Secretary.

No report.

Treasurer.

GGRASCNA Treasury Report April 08

April 21 2008

Beginning balance is \$1794.48

Deposits + 405.00

Debits -1438.62

Ending Balance \$ 760.86

Debits

Ck# 2573- \$500.00 Barb P. Hospitality tent-Conv.

Ck# 2574- \$300.00 James F. H&I Activity seed money

Ck# 2575- \$45.00 Michael B. RCM Mileage

Ck# 2576- \$300.00 NA Phone line- 2nd qtr.

Ck# 2577- \$16.40 Stamps- Treasurer

Ck# 2578- \$138.61 NAWS Donation- 1st qtr 08

Ck# 2579- \$138.61 MRCNA Donation- 1st qtr 08

March 08 Donations

Group name	Date	Donation	<u>Accrued</u>
Principles Before Personalities	03/26/08	\$75.00	\$75.00
We Qualify	03/26/08	\$5.00	\$80.00
Just for today	03/26/08	\$ 20.00	\$100.00
TGIF	03/26/08	\$ 100.00	\$200.00
Keeping The Dream Alive	03/26/08	\$ 20.00	\$220.00
Natural Life	03/26/08	\$100.00	\$320.00
Home Group	03/26/08	\$ 25.00	\$345.00
No Name Group	03/26/08	\$ 40.00	\$385.00
Saturday Night Calvary	03/26/08	\$ 20.00	\$405.00
Total March 08 Deposit			\$ 405.00

Hi all; The checkbook balances with the April- 08 statement, All the bills are paid to date.

With Love; Dan L.

Co-Treasurer.

No written report submitted.

RCM.

Hello family,

First of all I would like to ask for \$52.50 for travel expenses. The next regional meeting will be in June and at a location in Lansing. Dave C. of Detroit will send the results of the joint convention questionnaires to the Detroit Regional meeting for discussion.

The MRSCNA treasury has an ending balance of \$8,026.36 as of 03/01/09. RD's Dave & Mike will be leaving for World Conference on the 28th of this month. If any groups have CAR results that they would like included in the final tally, they should be turned in to me tonight or emailed to me at thetimerider@gmail.com by the 26th.

New Business

NAWS has been directed to update the PSA's but has not taken action, the regional body has directed our RD's to push hard for a time line in which the result will be obtained while at the conference.

There is a link to the Sponsorship behind the walls program on the SW MI area website for anyone interested.

Open Positions (region)

MSO Rep

Michigan Region Web Servant

Anyone interested should attend the next regional meeting

ILS

Michael B.

Alternate RCM.

No report given.

Hospitals & Institutions.

Hi family,

H&I is meeting the first Sunday of each month at St Andrews church at 6pm. Last month we had Matt (activities), Janine (secretary), James (chair), Brian and Fred (Project Rehab). We talked about upcoming event H&I is sponsoring on June 28th at Mt Olivet Church to be scheduled. We talked about H&I/PI conversion to PR, discussed speakers, possible with experience in H&I and PI service positions, talked about possible dj and food to be served at the event. We will begin calling members again for future H&I meetings reminding them of the date and time of the meeting. Open meetings needing chair positions are Our Hope (women) Wednesday and Kent County Jail Work Release (men). Thank you, James F. - Chairperson

Public Information.

Hello family I'm an addict named Sally.

Meeting lists are new and green for the freshness of summer. Area and H&I meeting times have been added on the front. No changes were made due to discrepancies in the attendance sheet. We have proposed a sign in sheet for all GSR's, so please sign in! Susan is doing a great job with the meeting lists and website and the phone line is being answered. Amy D has stepped forward with the willingness to answer the phone lines and will soon be training with Jeff K. I am leaving for the summer and will continue to answer the phones and attend to any business needed over the summer. Susan will continue with meetings lists and website. PI Chair position is open! Please announce this!

We would still like to see the bus advertising be approved. I have yet to see our budget get close to our prudent reserve – this month is the closest and we are \$400 over. This would be a great way for our area to carry the message.

In loving service,
Sally B

Entertainment and Fundraising ad hoc Committee.

No written report.

The MRCNA fundraiser sponsored by the Sunday Night Principles Before Personalities Group was a success in raising funds for MRCNA. We are working with the H&I subcommittee on an upcoming event. More announcements to follow.

MRCNA Chair.

No report given.

GROUP REPORTS

COURAGE TO CHANGE

Next Phase Recovery House II

658 Worden SE

Saturday @ 11:00 am

Business Meeting: 3RD Saturday of the month

Total Attendees for the Month: 80

Average per Meeting: 20 +

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 2

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$45.00

Area Donation: 0

Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

Group going good. Still working on fundraiser for Women Rap, May 3, 2008. Struggling to collect enough money to buy key tags & Basic Text. Didn't have speaker for the month.

COURAGE TO LIVE

731 Emerald NE

Sunday @ 7pm

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday of the month

Total Attendees for the Month: 100

Average per Meeting: 25

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$26.00

Area Donation: 0

Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

All is well with the group and still meeting. GSR just got a 2nd shirt job so it will be hard for him to make it out here.

Lester J.

DOWNTOWN RESTING PLACE

Heartside Ministries

54 S. Division SE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 5:30 pm

Business Meeting: Last Friday of every month.

Total Attendees for the Month: 49

Average per Meeting: 19-20

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: -

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$25-\$30

Area Donation: -

Anniversaries Celebrated: 5-6

April has been dismal. I can't say how I express my feeling about this group. I hope the next month attendance will be more than the last three month. The 10 until meeting is whats happening for this group. The future is uphold. Who can tell whats going to happen, how many people are going to come to our meetings. All I know is god going to be with us, like he always has been. Trust and faith is what keeps our group going. Look what going to happen in GR. Who's going to do it the whole area.

Tommy W.

Trusted Servant

HOME GROUP

Burton United Methodist Church

100 Burton St SE

Thursday @ 7:00 pm

Business Meeting: 4th Thursday of every month.

Total Attendees for the Month: 120

Average per Meeting: 40

Total 1st Step Meetings for the Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$80

Area Donation: \$20.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

Home Group is going good. Attendance has been real good. Still hoping for more support as far as making it a place where you or someone can do service work.

JUST FOR TODAY

Trinity United Methodist Church

1100 Lake Drive SE

Wednesday @ 12:00 pm

Business Meeting: 4th Wednesday of every month.

Total Attendees for the Month: 45

Average per Meeting: 12

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$23.00

Area Donation: \$10

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

Rent is paid through the end of the month. We will pay rent for the next three months at \$5 per month, through July. We are low on key tags, plan on purchasing small amount for other group. Attendance remains consistent around 12 addicts.

Matt K.

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

The Meeting Place

1042 Worden Street SE

Monday @ 7:00 pm

Business Meeting: 2nd Monday of every month before the recovery meeting.

Total Attendees for the Month: 75

Average per Meeting: 20

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$35

Area Donation: \$15

Anniversaries Celebrated: 3

Keeping the Dream Alive is going well. We are truly grateful for Life House Recovery and Brian M for letting use this home for our meeting. We are still in the process of looking for a facility and with that – all is well.

Grateful to serve,
San C

LITERATURE STUDY GROUP

1036 Alexander SE

Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

Business Meeting: 3rd Wednesday each month

Total Attendees for the Month: Varies

Average per Meeting: Varies

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
Total 7th Tradition Collected: open
Area Donation: \$15
Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

Nothing to report at this time.
Love n Service-
Terry J.

MEN OF CHARACTER

Hope House
1036 Alexander SE
Saturday @ 11:00 am
Business Meeting: 3rd Saturday of every month.

Total Attendees for the Month: -
Average Per Meeting: -
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: -
Total 7th Tradition Collected: About -
Area Donation: -
Anniversaries Celebrated: -

Unexcused absence. No report given.

NATURAL LIFE.

Faith Lutheran Church
2740 Fuller Ave NE
Tuesday and Thursday @ 7:30 pm
Business Meeting: 3rd Thursday of every month following the meeting

Total Attendees for the Month: 245
Average per Meeting: 31
Total 1st Step Meetings this month: 4
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$278.00
Area Donation: \$100.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: none

Hello family,

Everything is going well at Natural Life. The primary purpose to carry the message is being followed. We discussed whether to put on the annual camping weekend by our home group and the decision was made to continue the way we have done it in the past. We had a discussion on whether or not it was breaking traditions to donate directly to world service. We would like area's feedback on this issue. Our home group is growing with a few new members. We are pleased to continue to grow in our recovery. We have been slacking in keeping our group record books up to date. Our chairperson has decided to start a new but old policy in the way we will keep our records. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In loving service,
Jeff T.

NEXT PHASE

Next Phase Recovery House
1145 Alexander SE
Tuesday @ 7:00 pm
Business Meeting:

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

Unexcused Absence. No written report.

NO NAME GROUP

Grace Reformed Church
100 Buckley SE
Monday through Friday @ 11:00 am
Business Meeting: 3rd Monday of every month.

Total Attendees this Month: 1,330
Average per Meeting: 56
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 3
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$500.00
Area Donation: ---
Anniversaries Celebrated: 3

The No Name Group continues to carry the message to the still suffering addicts.

We are currently preparing for our annual picnic in August. We also will be having a small celebration this week Friday, April 25th at 1:00 to commemorate our 10 years of service. We will have some lunch, a history of the group and a speaker – so please come help us celebrate!

Thanks,
No Name Family of NA

PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
1025 3 Mile Road NE
Sunday, 7:00 pm
Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday of every month @ 8:30 pm

Total Attendees for the Month: 200
Average per Meeting: 45
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 2
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$200.00
Area Donation: \$75.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: 3

Family,

We addicts at Principles Before Personalities are profoundly grateful for the opportunity to host the MRCNA fund raiser. That event turned out to be another stabilizer for us.

Our home group membership keeps growing which enhances our purpose to carry the message. We would also like to thank the members that gave their time to participate as panel members to the fund raiser.

ILS,
Earl G. and Tom D.
Joy is in the ears that hear.

OPEN TO CHANGE

North Club
College Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI
Monday @ 8:00 pm
Business Meeting: every 3rd Monday of the month

Total Attendees for the Month: 123
Average per Meeting: 30
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$119.75
Area Donation: \$0.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

The group meeting is starting off very well. We are finally stable and we have new people coming every week. Our meeting is a huge success. Thank you!

Trusted servant
Ryan M

PROGRESS NOT PERFECTION

St Paul's Campus Parish
1 Damascus Road
Big Rapids, MI
Tuesday @ 8:00 pm and Saturday @ 10:00 am
Business Meeting: 4th Tuesday of every month @ 6:00 pm before recovery meeting.

Total Attendees for the Month: 106
Average per Meeting: -
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 4
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$76.00
Area Donation: \$40.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

Hello family,

At last night's business meeting there were 10 home group members present and it began with Ron T reading the NA service prayer.

Treasury: Holly W reported an ending balance of \$110.85 and a total past month expense of \$41.28.

Literature: Arleane reports literature stocked up, and she will be gone for summer break soon.

GSR: Michael B reported on current area business.

New Business: We will need a temporary literature person for the summer. Ron T was approved for GSR.

Old Business: We will try a coffee maker for a while to see how it works out instead of the large 40 cup pot. Some are complaining about excessive commotion during the meeting with addicts getting coffee.

Meetings are going well, with attendance still up.

In loving service,
Michael B.

SATURDAY NIGHT CALVARY

Calvary Church

777 East Beltline NE, Room 112

Saturday @ 7:15 pm

Business Meeting: 4th Saturday of every month.

Total Attendees for the Month: N/A

Average per Meeting: 45+

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: N/A

Total 7th Tradition Collected: N/A

Area Donation: \$0.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: N/A

Hello family, My name is Richard H & I'm a grateful recovering addict. Saturday Night Calvary meets every Saturday Night at Calvary Church, located at 777 E Beltline NE, in room 112, from 7:15-8:30 pm. I have nothing to report at this time, due to the reason for me not getting in contact with the chairperson (new), Sabrina J., who is now a Saturday Night Calvary NA meeting home group member and is which is much needed. Calvary Night NA meeting is going well and traditions are being followed to the best of NA

In loving service,
Richard H.

SATURDAY NIGHT CANDLELIGHT

Pine Rest Chapel

300 68yh Street SW

Saturday @ 6:30 pm

Business Meeting: 4th Saturday of every month

Total Attendees for the Month: 65

Average per Meeting: 12

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$65.00

Area Donation: \$0.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

Hi family,

The meeting continues. We have decided to move to the Pine Rest Campus in the basement of the old chapel. The address is 300 68th Street SW, access from Division is south of 68th Street, turn into the campus and past the medical services, take the turn off to the left. Another access is to go east on 68th from S Division and turn in to the right at the second entrance at the stone pillars and the Freedom House sign. The chapel is behind Freedom House. The first Saturday in May (May 3rd) is the first meeting at the new facility. I will have flyers available for you to take to your meetings. PI is also informed so it can be changed on the meeting list, etc.

The group voted to donate \$100 to the MRCNA 24 committee for the upcoming convention.

In Loving Service,
Cat L

STAYING IN THE SOLUTION

Church of the Holy Spirit

1200 Post Dr NE

Friday @ 7:00 pm

Business Meeting: 3rd Friday of every month

Total Attendees for the Month: 48

Average per Meeting: 12

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$53.00

Area Donation: -

Anniversaries Celebrated: -

No report given.

TGIF

Trinity Reformed Church
1224 Davis NW
Friday @ 7:00 pm
Business Meeting: 3rd Friday of every month

Total Attendees for the Month: 171
Average per Meeting: 42.75
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
Total 7th Tradition Collected: -
Area Donation: \$106.21
Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

No report given.

WE QUALIFY

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
5333 Clyde Park Ave SW
Wednesday @ 7:30 pm
Business Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of every month

Total Attendees for the Month: 100
Average per Meeting: 2.5
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$60.00
Area Donation: \$25.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: Lots

We continue to discuss starting a game night beginning in August, possibly a regular monthly event.

WORK THE STEPS OR DIE

1509 Philadelphia SE
Thursday @ 5:30 pm
Business Meeting: not reported

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

Unexcused Absence No report given.

NEW BUSINESS

BUS ADVERTISING.

MOTION 1.

To fund the PI Bus sign project with \$280 for start up cost and \$150 per month.

The motion was made by Matt W. and seconded by Jason O.

The motion passed.

ISSUES/DISCUSSION

EVENT SEED MONEY.

Discussion took place regarding the seed money advanced to the Courage to Change group for an event their group is sponsoring. \$200 was advanced to the representative attending the meeting last month who was not the GSR of the group.

WORLD SERVICE DONATIONS BY HOMEGROUPS.

The Natural Life home group is currently making a donation directly to World Service. At their business meeting a home group member contested the donation indicating it was in breaking NA traditions. They were referred to the NA Literature "The Group".

FUNDS FOR ACTIVITIES.

There was discussion regarding disbursement of funds for activities. With no activities committee in place, who should the funds be disbursed to. The lack of consistency with GSR's representing home groups at the ASC meetings make it difficult to determine who is an authorized representative. Funds will continue to be disbursed to home group representatives attending the ASC meeting and the home group will be responsible to submit a post activity report form.

OUTREACH AD HOC COMMITTEE.

It was brought up that the Outreach Ad Hoc Committee should be revitalized. No decision was made regarding this issue at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Bus Advertising – see motion 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASC Elections will be held next month for Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Secretary, Co-Secretary, RCM and Alternate RCM.

Please stress that Public Information is in need of support and a permanent chairperson!

ACTIVITIES TO ANNOUNCE!!!

Women's Speaker Rap/ Dance

Sponsored by the Courage to Change home group

When: May 3, 2008, Women's Speaker Rap noon – 6pm, Main speaker 7pm,

Dance follows speaker

Where: Olivet United Methodist Church, 1933 Buchanan SW, Grand Rapids, MI

What: Women's Speaker Rap and Dance

Lunch will be served.

Upcoming Activities :

Annual Picnic August 9 at Richmond Park sponsored by the No Name Group.

Annual Camp out at RR Ranch in Belding sponsored by the Natural Life Home Group.

Activity by the H&I Subcommittee in June.

More will follow on these upcoming events – watch for flyers!!!

Closing.

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made by Matt W. and seconded by Sally B.

Bobby A. closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Barb P.