

*Minutes of the Meeting of
Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Wednesday August 26, 2009*

1. **Opening**

Fred S. opened the meeting at 7pm with a moment of silence followed by the *Serenity Prayer*.

2. **Reading of *Twelve Traditions***

The *Twelve Traditions* of Narcotics Anonymous were read.

3. **Reading of *Twelve Concepts***

The *Twelve Concepts* of Narcotics Anonymous were read.

4. **Roll Call**

GGASC ROLL CALL

- (Present) Chair (Fred S.)
- (Open) Co-Chair
- (Open) Secretary
- (Open) Co-Secretary
- (Absent) Treasurer (Cat L.)
- (Present) Co-Treasurer (Ron N.)
- (Present) RCM (Ryan)
- (Open) Alternate RCM
- (Absent-Excu) Hospitals & Institutions (Terrance W.)
- (Present) Public Information (Michael B.)
- (Present) Activities (Latonya J.)

GROUP ROLL CALL

P=Present A=Excused Absence X=Unexcused Absence

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Group Name</u>
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Courage to Change
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Downtown Resting Place
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Home Group
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Just For Today
Present	<u>Absent</u> (Excused or Unexcused) Just Hope
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Keep it Coming
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Keeping the Dream Alive
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Natural Life
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Next Phase
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) No Fear <i>*Not on meeting list</i>
Present	<u>Absent</u> (Excused or Unexcused) No Name
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Open To Change
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Principles Before Personalities
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Progress Not Perfection

Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Saturday Night Calvary
Present	<u>Absent</u> (Excused or Unexcused)	Saturday Night Candlelight
Present	<u>Absent</u> (Excused or Unexcused)	Staying in the Solution
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Sunrise to Sunset
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Surrender to Win <i>*Not on meeting list</i>
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	TGIF
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Traditionally Speaking
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	We Qualify
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Work The Steps or Die

Total number of groups present was 13.

5. Chair/Co-Chair (Open) Report: Fred S.

Thank you for trusting me with this service position. This month we have some old business to discuss and hopefully resolve. Please remember that we need to stay on topic and discuss only business that pertains to this body. Today I have had some minor struggles with life so if I seem distant and short that's because I am. We have some old business to try to resolve let's see if we get that accomplished and move on. Then there are a couple of new items to deal with so let's work together and have a great meeting. Lastly, I hope we can start to fill some of the old positions that are vacant. Next month we will have all sub-committee position elections.

6. Secretary (Open)/Co-Secretary (Open) Report:

7. Treasurer/Co-Treasurer's Report: Cat L./Ron N.

1. Signature card update
2. MC gift cards

GGRASCNA Treasurer's Report April, 2009

Beginning balance:		\$379.62
Additions		<u>\$192.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$571.62
Debits		<u>-\$221.32</u>
Balance	TOTAL	\$350.30

Checks Written

2642	213.4	LaTonya James
2643	0	Replacement check for 2636 (\$75.00)
2644	<u>7.92</u>	Stamps
Total	221.32	

Group Donations

Courage to Change	0
Downtown Resting Place	0
Home Group	0
Just for Today	0
Just Hope	0
Keep it Coming	0
Keeping the Dream Alive	0
Natural Life	50
Next Phase	0
No Fear*	0
No Name Group	25
Open to Change	0
Principles B/4 Personalities	0
Progress, Not Perfection	50
Saturday Night Calvary	0
Saturday Night Candlelight	50
Staying in the Solution	0
Sunrise to Sunset	0
Surrender to Win	0
T.G.I.F.	0
Traditionally Speaking	0
We Qualify	10
Work the Steps or Die	7
TOTAL	\$192.00

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8. **RCM report/Alternate RCM Report:** Ryan M.

- August 9th-canoe trip; Grayling, Michigan
- August 22nd-Borealona bonfire; Indian City
- H&I-PR Umbrella; mixing together; bring up at area meeting
- St. Francis on the lake; spiritual retreat Labor Day weekend
- August 23rd-Smallsberg Park; Holland, Michigan; workshop
- First draft, copy, copies for regional inventory, questionnaire
- Get PR book, look up what region does
- Ask area what kind of services do they want from region
- Bring back new draft for inventory for next meeting
- Majority of regions decided no on webcams
- No new news on phone lines

9. **Hospitals & Institutions (H. & I.) Report:** Terrence W.10. **Public Information (P. I.) Report:** Michael B.

Phone line: The phone line is doing well, although I continue to get many calls from other areas & states. One recent call was from Philadelphia & the guy told me he got our number from a hospital where he was in treatment. The credit amount got dangerously low this past month, to the point that Work Easy applied a \$75 loan to keep our account current. And although the accounting shows a +\$300.00 balance,

after the first of the month when they update the accounting, recovering the \$75 and deducting the recurring charges of \$74.95 our balance will drop to less than \$150.00.

Call Count: 71

Minutes In: 309.40

Minutes Out: 165.80

Total Call Seconds: 17735

Total Surcharge: \$0.00

Total Call Cost: \$28.33

Total Messages: 1

Advertising: The deadline for the AT&T advertisement is October 22nd, to renew as is would be \$45.71 monthly +\$78.40 yearly fee for a foreign listing. Yellow Pages only as we had always done in the past, until last year, would be \$20.80 monthly with no other monthly or yearly fees. I need an answer at this months meeting in order to finish the contract on time. The cost this past year has not shown to be cost effective.

Web-site: The last time I heard from Susan she informed me she would start working on moving our old minutes to a new secured server as region had asked all areas to clean up the website.

Meeting list: This past month Linda & Susan worked on catching up on the meeting list issues; all meeting lists should be up to date at this time and I am confident that Linda will work hard to keep them as current as possible. Please remember that with the absence of a secretary at area, keeping meeting lists up is no easy task. Also remember that ultimately it is up to each group to insure that PI has current information.

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

12. **Forward Motions and Donations**

13. **Group Reports**

Courage to Change

Next Phase Recovery House II

658 Worden Street SE

Saturday @ 11:00am

Business meeting 3rd Saturday of the month, 12:30-1:00pm

GSR:

Total Attendees for the Month:

Average per Meeting:

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$

Area Donation: \$

Anniversaries Celebrated:

Downtown Resting Place

Heartside Ministries

54 Division Avenue SE

Open meeting Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 5:30pm-7pm; Friday 10p-11:30p

Business meeting is first Monday before recovery meeting

GSR: Tommie W.

Total Attendees for the Month: 285-305

Average per Meeting: 21-28

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: Whenever there is a newcomer

Total 7th Tradition Collected:

Area Donation:

Anniversaries Celebrated: Two

Downtown Resting Place is trying to restructure our meeting. The group is getting back what the group used to do & also giving area donation, buing cakes for yearly celebrations, & having literature & supplies for the group. As you see the attendance is well attended. The 7th tradition could be more desireable. We have also stepped up our business meetings. Like I say we are trying to get back to the basics. The secretary is Stacey Phifer.

Home Group

Burton United Methodist Church

100 Burton Street SE

Open meeting on Thursday @ 7:00pm-8:30pm

Business meeting is 3rd Thursday of every month

GSR: Ron N.

Total Attendees for the Month: 102

Average per Meeting: 20

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0

Total 7th Tradition Collected: 50

Area Donation: 0

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

Attendance is down.

Just for Today

Trinity United Methodist Church

1100 Lake Drive SE

Closed Meeting on Wednesday @ 12:00pm

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

GSR: Leroy R.

Total Attendees for the Month: 125

Average per Meeting: 17

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 2

Total 7th Tradition Collected:

Area Donation: \$20.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

We meet every Wednesday 12-1pm. Attendance has picked up as Our Hope treatment facility attends on a regular basis. Two more members joined our home group. Looking for more trusted servants.

Just Hope

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
130 Delaware Street SE
Open meeting on Tuesday @ 5:30-7pm
Business meeting is 2nd Tuesday of each month
GSR: Mike B.

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

Keep it Coming

The Gratitude House
1018 Madison Avenue SE
Saturday @ 10-11:30pm
Business meeting is 4th Saturday each month
GSR:

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

Keeping the Dream Alive

Lifehouse Recovery
1145 Alexander Street SE
Open meeting on Monday @ 7pm
Business meeting is 2nd Monday of month @ 6pm
GSR: San C.

Total Attendees for the Month: approximately 25
Average per Meeting:
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0 at meeting
Total 7th Tradition Collected: approximately \$15.00
Area Donation:
Anniversaries Celebrated:

Keeping the Dream Alive is going pretty good. We had our last meeting at 1145 Alexander (Next Phase). We are moving back to the old location at 650 Bates. This we are grateful for. Everything else stays the same. Grateful to serve, San C.

Natural Life

Faith Lutheran Church
2740 Fuller Avenue NE/ 3 Mile Road
Open meeting on Tuesday and Thursday @ 7:30pm-9pm
Business meeting is 3rd Thursday of every month following the meeting
GSR:

Total Attendees for the Month: 437
Average per Meeting: 44
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 5
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$310.88
Area Donation: \$80
Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

Natural Life would like to thank all those that supported the annual picnic. All is well with the Natural Life meeting. No concerns need to be reported to Area.

No Fear **Not currently on the meeting list*

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

No Name Group

Grace Reformed Church
100 Buckley Street SE
Open meeting Monday through Friday @ 11:00am to 12:30pm
Business meeting is 3rd Friday of every month
GSR: Ed B.

Total Attendees for the Month: 1124
Average per Meeting: 47
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 8
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$400.84
Area Donation: \$25
Anniversaries Celebrated: 6

Hi Family, everything is going wll at our home group. Traditions are being followed, doors are being opened & coffee is being made. The 3rd annual unity picnic went on as planned despite the rain. All that attended had a good time. We would like to thank everyone that came out & even those that didn't. We have a \$25 donation for Area this month. \$50/50 raffle \$65. ILS.

Open To Change

North Club
 1020 College Avenue NE
 Monday @ 8:00-9:30pm
 Business meeting is 4th Monday
 GSR: Ryan Marshall

Total Attendees for the Month: 114
 Average per Meeting: 31
 Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 3
 Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$67
 Area Donation: 0
 Anniversaries Celebrated: 4

Meeting is going pretty good. Not making room rent every week but we're still getting plenty of support. Getting a lot of first timers coming in which is exciting. I love this meeting! This has been an amazing thing for me to be a part of. I will continue to chair & be the GSR of this meeting as long as I can. In Loving Service.

Principles B/4 Personalities

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
 1025 3 Mile Road NE
 Open meeting Sunday @ 7pm-8:30pm
 Business meeting is 2nd Sunday @ 6-6:45pm; before recovery meeting
 GSR: Earl G.

Total Attendees for the Month: 200
 Average per Meeting: 50
 Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 3
 Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$150.00
 Area Donation: \$200.00
 Anniversaries Celebrated: 7

Family, pb4p has asked that if area wants an opinion on phonline issues they should present a motion with cost estimates and history so that we could give a clear decision without us having discussion that just may not have a clear ending. We again, with this being the fifth Sunday (08-30-09), will have a homegroup potluck dinner. We invite & encourage members & their families (kids, parents & friends). We ask that you bring a dish to pass. Our meeting will then flow into a speaker meeting at 7:00pm. Our donation includes last month & this month.

Progress Not Perfection

St. Paul's Campus Parish (last building at the end of the road)
 1 Damascus Road; Big Rapids
 Closed meeting on Tuesday @ 7:00pm & Saturday @ 10:00am
 Business meeting is 4th Tuesday of every month @ 6:00pm
 GSR: Ron T.

Total Attendees for the Month: 126

Average per Meeting:

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$91.25

Area Donation:

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

Family, our group has been doing pretty well this month. Attendance has been good. Our group is looking forward to it's annual picnic next month. It will be held at North End Park in Big Rapids, on September 13, 2009, at 2:00pm. Our group would like to know what other groups do about covering shipping costs for literature sold at meetings. We have been charging an extra \$0.50 for each book sold to cover shipping costs, but this does not cover the entire cost of shipping. How do other groups handle this? On the issue of the area phone number listing, our group supports listing the area phone number in the yellow pages only, & dropping the listing in the white pages. No ideas were fielded on the issue of what area might do for MRCNA fundraisers.

Saturday Night Calvary

Calvary Church

777 East Beltline Avenue NE; Room 112

Open meeting Saturday @ 7:15pm

Business meeting is 4th Saturday of every month

GSR: Richard H.

Total Attendees for the Month: 40

Average per Meeting: 10

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$27.00

Area Donation: 0

Anniversaries Celebrated:

Hello Family, my name is Richard H. Calvary NA meeting is going consistent, no immediate changes except that is current.

Saturday Night Candlelight

Pine Rest Chapel

300 68th Street SW

Open Meeting on Saturday @ 6:30pm to 8pm

Business meeting is 4th Saturday of every month

GSR: Cat L.

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 Drive NE; Belmont
 Open Meeting on Friday @ 7:00pm to 8:30pm
 Business meeting is 3rd Friday of every month
 GSR: Claudia B.

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

Sunrise to Sunset

Matthew's House Ministries
 766 7th Street NW (corner of Alpine & Seventh)
 Open meeting Monday through Friday @ 8am, Saturday @ 5:30pm
 Business meeting is first Wednesday before recovery meeting
 GSR:

Total Attendees for the Month:
 Average per Meeting: 8
 Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 3
 Total 7th Tradition Collected:
 Area Donation:
 Anniversaries Celebrated:

The meeting has been small but intimate. We meet regularly Monday through Friday; 8:00-9:30am & on Saturday 5:50-7:00pm. On the 12th of September we are having an open panel discussion and a cookout with brats, hamburgers & dishes to pass.

Surrender to Win *Currently not on the meeting list

Clancy Street Ministries
 940 Clancy Avenue NE
 Open Meeting on Wednesday @ 8-9:30pm
 Business meeting on 3rd Wednesday 9:30p, after recovery meeting
 GSR: Lynn H.

Total Attendees for the Month: 30
 Average per Meeting: 8-10
 Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1
 Total 7th Tradition Collected: approximately \$40
 Area Donation: 0
 Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

Meeting format: 1st Wed-topic, 2nd Wed-literature study, 3rd Wed-Topic ticket, 4th Wed-Open, 5th Wed-speaker meeting. Weekly meeting meets at Clancy Street Ministries... We are in need of support, please announce that we are in search of chairpersons. We meet from 8-9p on Wednesdays.

TGIF

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

Total Attendees for the Month: 199
 Average per Meeting: 40
 Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
 Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$251.95
 Area Donation: \$69.05
 Anniversaries Celebrated: 4

Rent \$20. Order key tags, books, \$162.90. Total, \$182.90. Donation, \$69.05

Traditionally Speaking

26 Shelby Street SW
 Open meeting on Friday @ 7:15-8:15pm
 Business meeting is 1st Saturday of month before recovery meeting
 GSR: Mike F.

Total Attendees for the Month: 30
 Average per Meeting: 10
 Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
 Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$30.00
 Area Donation: \$10.00
 Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

We meet every Friday 7:15-8:15pm. Our group recently re-opened at new location, 26 Shelby. Tradition topic format. Attendance is picking up as we are averaging 10-15 members per meeting. Looking for members to share their experience, strength & hope on the 12 traditions for September & October.

We Qualify

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
 5333 Clyde Park Avenue SW; Wyoming
 Open Meeting on Wednesday @ 7:00-8:30pm
 Business meeting is 3rd Wednesday of every month after recovery meeting
 GSR: Lisa M.

Total Attendees for the Month: 95
 Average per Meeting: 24
 Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 3
 Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$74.00
 Area Donation: \$10
 Anniversaries Celebrated:

We at the We Qualify group voted yes to include the NA number in the White Pages. We have \$76.58 in our budget, and are moving a modest amount of literature each week; particularly books & step guides. A continual struggle is getting consistent trusted servants for the group. So we moved our business meeting to the 34rd Wednesday of each month after the meeting rather than before; in the hopes of attracting more home group members.

Work the Steps or Die

Adam's Street Apartments

1440 Fuller Avenue

Open meeting Thursday @ 5:30-7pm, Sunday @ 5:30-7pm

Total Attendees for the Month:

Average per Meeting:

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:

Total 7th Tradition Collected:

Area Donation:

Anniversaries Celebrated:

14. Old Business

Open Positions

MRCNA Fundraiser

Phone line payment card

Advertising in both white & yellow pages

Regional Inventory

15. New Business/Issue Discussion

Activities chair motion

Map on meeting list

Letter from jail

What services region can help with

H&I budget

16. Please discuss at your group business meeting:

Complete list of people who are willing to receive phone calls from out-of-towners

17. Please announce at all regular group meetings:

Predecessors Day Aug 29

18. Closing

A. Closed at 9:00pm with the *Gratitude Slogan*.