

*Minutes of the Meeting of
Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Wednesday November 25, 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
- (Present) Secretary (Rhonda GF)
- (Open) Co-Secretary
- (Present) Treasurer (Cat L.)
- (Present) Co-Treasurer (Ron N.)
- (Present) RCM (Ryan)
- (Open) Alternate RCM
- (Present) Hospitals & Institutions (Terrance W.)
- (Present) Public Information (Michael B.)
- (Present) Activities (Charles P.)

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
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Just For Today
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Just Hope
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Keep it Coming
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) Keeping the Dream Alive
Present	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>
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused) No Name
Present	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	Absent(Excused or Unexcused)	Sisters of Serenity <i>*Not on meeting list</i>
Present	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)	Surrender to Win <i>*Not on meeting list</i>
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	TGIF
<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	The Path <i>*Not on meeting list</i>
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Traditionally Speaking
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	We Qualify
Present	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	Work The Steps or Die

Total number of groups present was 12.

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

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

Everything is going fine. Make sure to return the contact list to me before the end of the meeting. Thanks.

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

GGRASCNA Treasurer's Report April, 2009

Group Donations

Courage to Change	0
Downtown Resting Place	0
Home Group	\$22.00
Just for Today	\$25.00
Just Hope	\$5.00
Keep it Coming	0
Keeping the Dream Alive	0
Natural Life	\$100.00
Next Phase	0
No Fear*	0
No Name Group	0
Open to Change	0
Principles B/4 Personalities	\$100.00
Progress, Not Perfection	0
Saturday Night Calvary	0
Saturday Night Candlelight	0
Staying in the Solution	0
Sunrise to Sunset	0

Surrender to Win	\$10.00
T.G.I.F.	\$74.00
The Path	
Traditionally Speaking	\$10.00
We Qualify	\$10.00
Work the Steps or Die	\$7.00
Total:	\$363.00

Checks Written			
Check Number	2646	100.00	MRSCNA-Regional Donation
	2648	325.00	Fred-Phone Line
	2650	88.93	Pristo Print
	2651	180.32	Andy Soya-Literature
	2652	31.50	Ryan Marshal
	2655	8.00	Charles Pensin
	Dep	515.00	
	2654	40.00	Mat Matlock-Rent
	2656	20.00	Cathy Lalonde
	2653	75.00	Faith Lutheran Church
	2647	100.00	NAWS-World Donation

Check book beginning balance	\$1303.61
Additions	\$515.00
Deductions	\$968.75
Check book ending balance	\$849.86

Also, need to consider the debit card & a larger PO Box.

Thank you for letting me serve, Ron N.

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

9. **Hospitals & Institutions (H. & I.) Report:** Terrence W.

Everything is going well. We have 2 new members. We have a change at Turning Point, female chairperson, from Rosa to Rhonda GF. We had a good meeting. We still have a problem with people going into these meetings saying they're from H & I. We came up with giving each center a list of people who are allowed from H & I in these places. We have 2 new chairs, Steve & Bill. That is all I have.

10. **Public Information (P. I.) Report:** Michael B.

Phone line

For This Month To Date

The phone lines available funds are \$272.08. On the 2nd of the month the recurring fee's of \$75 dollars will be deducted leaving a balance of \$197.08.

Advertising

Web-site

Linda Has been updating the Web site and repairing the broken links. The Mich. Regions web servant along with Metro Detroit's web servants are continuing to seek options for leasing web rights to move all of Mi. web sites to, they will make there decision on one of several possible servers by the time region meets next.

Meeting List

The PI sub committee would like to apologize for last months meeting list problems. It seems the wrong list was printed, the web meeting list's are up to date with the best information we have.

I would like to ask that all groups fill out a group data sheet, so we can be sure our information is up to date.

In loving service.

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

**Meets on the first & third Saturdays at 3-5p, Hope House*

Hello Family. The bowling event was a good gathering for us to get together and just have some good fun. The prices were high for the AMF on Eastbrook so we try to work on a different facility for next time. We gave out certificates which were great. We will add them to the budget for next time. With Area approval, we would like to host a New Years dance on Friday January 1, 2010. ILS.

Activities Post Event Report

NA Love & Basketball

Baxter Community Center

Suggested donation: \$3

Number in attendance: approximately 100

Start Up Money

Water from Traditionally Speaking: \$60

Income

Donations: \$104

Expenses

Rent: \$80

Beverages: \$8

Referees: \$15

Donation to Area: \$12

Total: \$115

Final Status

Gross Income: +\$164

Total Expenses: -\$115

Total: =\$49

Comments

Revenue from Boys to Men literature was purchased \$122 for Traditionally Speaking meeting.

12. Forward Motions and Donations

Budget Submittal

Fred S./ PI

400 copies (200 double-sided) to correct the meeting list

Total: \$38.16

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: 195-217

Average per Meeting: 23-30

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: Whenever a newcomer

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$117.07

Area Donation:

Anniversaries Celebrated:

The group is still trying to iron out some of it's issues. Trying to buy literature and keep up with buying supplies such as coffee, sugar, etc. Soon as we straighten out these issues we'll start supporting our Area donations. Otherwise meeting attendance is alright, but 7th Tradition could be more generous. The for patience with the Downtown Resting Place home group. Trusted Servant.

Home Group

Burton United Methodist Church

100 Burton Street SE

Open meeting on Thursday @ 7:00pm-8:30pm
 Business meeting is 4th Thursday of every month @ 6p
 GSR: Ron N.

Total Attendees for the Month: 117
 Average per Meeting: 23
 Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 4
 Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$73.28
 Area Donation: \$10
 Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

October 1, 2009 thru October 29, 2009

We were able to have another person step up for service work. Our meeting will be open for Thanksgiving, 7-8:30p. One Basic Text was sold. We purchased \$42.99 in literature. Our group has decided that it would be a good idea to have Area order all literature. Thanks for letting me serve.

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

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: 12-15
 Average per Meeting: 10
 Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:
 Total 7th Tradition Collected:
 Area Donation:
 Anniversaries Celebrated:

This meeting is going good, small but powerful. We have a few regulars and a few home group members. Once the season starts to change, things will pick up, as far as members is concerned. This meeting is very wanted & needed in the fellowship of NA. Seventh Tradition is limited and small right now because of lack of members participation; soon to change & pick up. This meeting is growing.

Keep it Coming

The Gratitude House

1018 Madison Avenue SE

Open meeting Saturday @ 10-11:30pm

Business meeting is 4th Saturday each month @ 8pm

GSR: Jennifer M.

Total Attendees for the Month:

Average per Meeting:

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:

Total 7th Tradition Collected:

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: Latonya J.

Total Attendees for the Month: 35

Average per Meeting: 11

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$31

Area Donation: \$10

Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

Hello Family, what a great day to be clean & serving Narcotics Anonymous!!! The group is doing well with the move back to our old location 650 Bates. The spirituality is awesome. Every meeting has been extended for at least a half hour per members wanting to continue the book study. We do not have a donation to Area this month per we finally raised enough money for some literature which we will be asking Fred to place the order for us. Thanks to all who have helped to support us. ILS.

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:

Average per Meeting:

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:

Total 7th Tradition Collected:

Area Donation:

Anniversaries Celebrated:

Next Phase

Total Attendees for the Month:

Average per Meeting:

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:

Total 7th Tradition Collected:

Area Donation:

Anniversaries Celebrated:

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: 959

Average per Meeting: 48

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 4

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$343.56

Area Donation: \$25

Anniversaries Celebrated: 3

Hi Family. All is well at the No Name Group. Doors are being opened, coffee is being made and traditions are being followed. We will be hosting our annual holiday marathon meetings on Christmas Day (12p-12a). No 11a meeting and New Years Eve (1p-1a) after the 11a meeting. Fliers are available to be taken back to your groups. Roger M. brought the message on the 2nd Friday of this month. Ed C. will bring the message on the 4th Friday of this month. Sharmane S. will speak on the December 11th S& Devetta C. will speak on December 24th. Our group voted for the ASC to form a literature committee. ILS.

Open To Change

North Club

1020 College Avenue NE

Open meeting Monday @ 8:00-9:30pm

Business meeting is 4th Monday

GSR: Ryan M.

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

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: 210
 Average per Meeting: 45
 Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
 Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$120
 Area Donation: 0
 Anniversaries Celebrated: 5

Family, attendance is still steady as our numbers are consistent. Our format of steps and traditions from "It Works How & Why," and IP topic study is still well received. Every 5th Sunday we have a potluck dinner followed by a speaker meeting. We will not have a donation this month due to last literature order and somewhat smaller donations. Please remember our potluck dinner and speaker is open to all family members (family and kids). Bring a dish to pass. We eat at 5:30p this Sunday (11-29-09). Please come and join us. ILS.

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 @ 7pm & Saturday @ 10:00am
 Business meeting is 4th Tuesday of every month @ 6:00pm after recovery meeting.
 GSR: Ron T.

Total Attendees for the Month:
 Average per Meeting:
 Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:
 Total 7th Tradition Collected:
 Area Donation: \$75
 Anniversaries Celebrated:

Our group is running into the problem of having only the same to members doing service work at area level. Some of our members are unable to serve at area level due to clean time requirements, or lack of transportation. Our meeting is over forty miles from Grand Rapids. There are a few members who do have both transportation and adequate clean time, but are not willing to do service work at the area level. Rotation of GSR duties is not only good for the individual recovery of members, but is also beneficial in maintaining the anonymity of the group. This issue was discussed at our November business meeting.

On a related note, my personal gasoline budget has tightened significantly in recent months, making it very difficult for me to drive to Grand Rapids for the area meetings financially. On the months that I do not car pool, I drive 150 miles round trip for the meeting, and have been paying for my own gas to do it. I brought up this situation at our November business meeting, announcing that I would probably have to resign as GSR. I did offer the solution of the group approving gas allowance for driving to the area meetings, but no decision was arrived at with that regard. So far, nobody has stepped up to be either GSR or alternate GSR. In service.

Saturday Night Calvary

Calvary Church

777 East Beltline Avenue NE; Room 112

Saturday @ 7:15pm

Business meeting is 4th Saturday of every month

GSR: Richard H.

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 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: 28

Average per Meeting: 7

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$28

Area Donation: 0

Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

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 following recovery meeting

GSR: Rhonda GF

Total Attendees for the Month: 231

Average per Meeting: 8

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 4

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$83.95

Area Donation: \$15

Anniversaries Celebrated: 9

All is well.

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: 24

Average per Meeting: 8

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$20

Area Donation: 0

Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

Upcoming fund raiser: 12/26/09, 2p-11p. Speakers begin at 2p, dance to follow. Money collected to go toward literature and Area donation. We meet on Wednesday evening at 8p. We are in need of support. There are a lot of newcomers that attend this meeting.

TGIF

Trinity Reformed Church

1224 Davis Avenue NW

Open meeting on Friday @ 7-8:30pm

Business meeting is 3rd Friday of every month

GSR: Susan S.

Total Attendees for the Month: 150

Average per Meeting: 30

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$113.34

Area Donation: \$24.76
Anniversaries Celebrated: 5 years

Hello Family, we did complete the Regional Survey that was requested of home groups. Other than that, there is nothing to report. The message is continuing to be carried. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels. ILS.

The Path

Bethel Abundant Life Center
834 Lake Drive SE
Open meeting on Sunday @7-8:30pm
Business meeting is 3rd Sunday @ 6pm
GSR:

Total Attendees for the Month: 14
Average per Meeting: 14
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$6
Area Donation: \$6
Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

Traditionally Speaking

Heartside Ministries
54 Division Avenue South
Open meeting on Friday @ 7:15-8:15pm
Business meeting is 1st Saturday of month before recovery meeting
GSR: Roger F.

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 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: 90
Average per Meeting: 20
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1
Total 7th Tradition Collected: 143.65
Area Donation: 10
Anniversaries Celebrated: 3

Hi Family. The We Qualify group continues to have strong, regular attendance. We are struggling with the literature issue, however, and would appreciate some help in centralizing our order. We smaller groups feel the hit for postage when we order individually, particularly because we don't have a lot of money in our treasury, and therefore can only place small orders each time. Thank you all for serving our Groups! Thanks for letting me serve.

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

1. Open Positions
2. Literature Committee
3. Homebound Meetings

15. New Business/Issue Discussion

16. Please discuss at your group business meeting:

17. Please announce at all regular group meetings:

18. Closing

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