

GREATER GRAND RAPIDS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 22, 2009

1. Opening

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

2. Reading of 12 Traditions

The 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous were read by Terrence.

3. Reading of 12 concepts

The 12 Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous were read by Fred.

4. Roll Call

ASC ROLL CALL

(Present) Chair (Richard H.)
(Open) Co-Chair
(Absent) Secretary (Earl)
(Open) Co-Secretary
(Present) Treasurer (Kat)
(Open) Co-Treasurer
(Present) 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

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

<u>Present</u>	Absent (Excused or Unexcused)	No Fear
Present	Absent (Excused or <u>Unexcused</u>)	Surrender to Win
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 Family, I'm Richard G. a grateful recovering addict. I would 1st and foremost like to thank my Higher Power, and second I would personally like to thank some "trusted servants" for helping me and correcting my "lack of knowledge" in regards to service @ Area. I am thoroughly convinced that there is always room for improvement. It has on some occasions been very interesting, good and bad, but however a learning experience. I would love to be able to continue my service as Chair, but here are other responsibilities that must be attended to, such as my 4-month-old daughter, and she let's me know she needs attention as much as possible. It's been a great experience, and I hope Area as a whole continues to make accomplishments and move forward. Just remember we come a long ways, but we have a longer way to go.

Co-Chair Report: Open.

6. Secretary's Report: Family, Sorry I cannot attend 4/22/09 ASC meeting. Lisa M. has agreed to take minutes for tonight ASC. ILS, Earl G.

7. Treasurer's Report

GGRASCNA Treasurer's Report April, 2009

Hello Family. All is well. I need a decision on when to donate to the MRCNA XXV treasury for the hospitality room. We voted last year to support them with a minimum of \$500 and more if donations warranted it, and group conscience agreed.

Beginning balance:		\$980.53
March donations		<u>+465.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$1445.53
Debits		<u>-\$762.87</u>
Balance	TOTAL	\$682.66

Debts for March:	Ck #2619	\$110.00	MRSCNA 2 nd Qtrly donation
	Ck #2620	\$110.00	NAWS 2 nd Qtrly donation
	Ck #2621	325.00	PI phone line 2 nd qtr budget
	Ck #2622	30.00	Lisa M. for 10 newcomer packets

Ck # 2623	67.57	Meeting lists, Presto Printing
Ck # 2624	<u>+120.30</u>	AT&T yellow pages (3 mos)
TOTAL	\$762.87	

Group Donations

Gratitude House	\$5.00
Keeping the Dream Alive	10.00
Sunrise to Sunset	5.00
We Qualify	10.00
TGIF	65.00
Downtown Resting Place	10.00
No Name	25.00
Principles B4 Personalities	75.00
Progress Not Perfection	50.00
Traditionally Speaking	10.00
Natural Life	<u>+200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$465.00

Thanks for letting me serve, Cat L.

8. RCM report/Alternate RCM Report:

Hello Family. The trip to Traverse City was pleasant and very relaxing. On the way I stopped and visited friends in Big Rapids and went to a meeting. Once in Traverse we went to a meeting and then to a game night the area put on. Sunday morning was a very long and trying meeting in which I will summarize.

The most important discussion was about where MRCNA is going to be next year. The overall consensus is region wants to bring it back to Midland at the Valley Plaza. There are some contract issues that need to be hammered out and at the next region meeting the contract will be signed. There is a back up plan to have it in Lansing if a contract can't be worked out.

The region web servant wants every area to clean up its web site and remove old data from storage, as the web site is getting full. He suggests that data is backed up at storage sites on the net and then old minutes are removed. One of the reasons for this is phone #'s and emails in old minutes are not accurate or up to date. (NIBIO.COM).

In the last region meeting the region decided to do an inventory of itself. This inventory will include the services region does well and things it does not to well. They are asking every area to come back with a few points they want to make sure is included in this inventory. It is my suggestion that GSR's take back this question to their business meetings and at the next area meeting the info brought back will be gathered and passed along to region. Please ask your home groups "What does the region do for us and what would we like to see the region do for us?" I don't know is an acceptable answer because it will tell them they need to communicate better.

Lastly, I turned in a funds request for hotel reimbursement of \$70.20 and mileage for 275 miles at \$.035 a mile (\$96.25). A grand total of \$166.45. Thank-you for letting me serve you in this position. In Loving Service, Fred S.

9. Hospitals & Institutions (H. & I.) Report: Position open.

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

GGRASCNA Public Information Report for April 22, 2009

Traffic Summary For This Month To Date

Call Count	Min In	Min Out	Total Call Seconds	Total Surcharges	Total Call Cost	Total Messages
93	311.20	73.00	18019	\$0.35	\$23.36	2

Phone line: Matt K. and I are answering the phone line from 9am-9pm 7 days a week. I am making updates to the server as soon as the web-site shows changes.

Advertising: No Change.

Web-site: Susan has been working on updates.

Meeting list: The web-site is always the most accurate source for meetings. With printing every other month and the constant changes in added and dropped meetings, I fear the printed list will be hard to keep up with.

In loving service, Michael B.

I am an addict named Susan. There was a lot of information to cover for the last month regarding updating the meeting list and website so please bear with me as I try to get all of this done while wrapping up my service position. I did my best to make sure that all updates were done and accurate.

As most of you know, I have been working on a new format for the meeting list. Due to the amount of work to update the website and current meeting list I have not had the time to work on new formats and was only able to provide one new format to consider at this time. A few months back I brought a format that we have since out grown and our choices have become very limited with the number of meetings now eligible.

It has been suggested that in order to save space on the server for our website that we change where we save past on info. I have also been changing the maps to an easier to read format on the website. I will accomplish those two things as well as the fundraiser events for MRCNA and summer activities that need to be posted on the website.

I have also come up with a new meeting info gathering sheet. It would be very helpful to have new meetings fill this out so that all of the info is in one place and as accurate as possible.

Please be mindful that I need all info to me by May 27th as that is the end of my 8 weeks and is the last date I will accept info to update the website. I will then get everything I have from that meeting onto the website. I will also bring 500 current meeting lists to the May area meeting, which should last about 8 weeks.

And lastly, I had many out of town people ask me for meeting lists at the convention last year and thought we should consider putting about 250 meeting lists out at the registration area this year.
ILS, Susan S.

11. Entertainment & Fundraising/Activities Ad-Hoc Committee Report: Latonya J. reported that the Newcomers Appreciation event was a huge success! There was a good turnout and the event also made a profit. The Prom Night is scheduled for May 23rd at Faith Lutheran. A preliminary budget was submitted for this activity. The Activities committee is in need of support, particularly planning, as people are helping out a great deal at the actual events.

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:

Average per Meeting:

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$

Area Donation: \$

Anniversaries Celebrated:

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: 220-230

Average per Meeting: 34-45

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$60.00

Area Donation: \$ 20.00

Anniversaries Celebrated:

Our meetings are picking up, however participation of home group members is lagging. Heartside Ministries is still in transition with their exec. Director (our meeting location). Also with the reconstruction project in the building we are never sure when the meeting will be held in the basement or on the ground floor, but the doors are open!

ILS, Jeff S.

Gratitude House

1018 Madison SE

Saturday @ 10-11:30pm

Business meeting is 4th Saturday each month

Total Attendees for the Month: 29

Average per Meeting: 7

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0

Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$19.16

Area Donation: \$ 5.00

Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

The meeting is going very well. This month there was 2 big events going on while our meeting, so the attendance was a little lower. There was DACNA and the Newcomer Appreciation Day. We are hoping to get some literature available soon. Thank You.

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

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

Just Hope

130 Delaware SW
Tuesday @ 5:30-7pm
Open meeting
Business meeting is 2nd Tuesday of each month

Total Attendees for the Month: 19
Average per Meeting: 10
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 2
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$25
Area Donation: 0
Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

The Just Hope Group is picking up and at this time 1 paid for Book for the Just Hope Group and paid rent to the church so just have a little more patience. Thanks, Mike B.

Keeping the Dream Alive

1145 Alexander, Lifehouse Recovery
Monday 7pm
Business meeting is 2nd Monday of month @ 6pm

Total Attendees for the Month:

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

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: 343
Average per Meeting: 42
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 5
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$200.26
Area Donation: \$100.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: 1

All is well with the Natural Life meeting. The message of N.A. continues to be carried.

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: 927
Average per Meeting: 46
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 8
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$ 306.18
Area Donation: \$25
Anniversaries Celebrated: LaDonna W. 1 yr., Edwin V. 5 yrs., Sheila G. 4 yrs., Mary B. 1 yr., Ernest B. 2 yrs., Thurman P. 2 yrs., Nicole W. 9 yrs., Billie Jo 2 yrs., Crystal K. 3 yrs., Herb H. 3 yrs., Steve W. 2 yrs., and Wendy M. 5 yrs.

Hi Family, the No Name Group is doing well. Traditions are being followed, coffee is being made and the message of recovery is being shared. We are planning our 3rd annual picnic, donations are going well. Roger m. has been elected co-GSR. We have made 2 literature orders in the last 3 weeks so we only have a \$25.00 donation this month. In Loving Service, Ed B.

Open To Change

North Club
College Ave. NE, Grand Rapids MI
Monday @ 8:00pm
Business meeting is 3rd Monday after recovery meeting

Total Attendees for the Month: 180
Average per Meeting: 45

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$80.20
Area Donation: 0
Anniversaries Celebrated: 10

Meeting is going good. We're getting lots of support. We're making room rent pretty much every week. Lots of fellowship and it's going great. Thank you for the opportunity for me to be of service. Ryan Me too! Anne S.

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

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.

Total Attendees for the Month:
Average per Meeting:
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$
Area Donation: \$50.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

Family, as the fourth Tuesday of this month is next week, we did not have our business meeting yet. Most of the numbers for this month were not available. Attendance at our Tuesday night meetings has been very high this month. The room we meet in was filled to near capacity on a couple of occasions this month. This was even so with a flu bug that has been going around, keeping a few members home sick from meetings occasionally. We have had a couple of newcomers this month.
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: 47
Average per Meeting: 8

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 3
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$22.00
Area Donation: none
Anniversaries Celebrated:

Hello, my name is Roger M. Calvary NA meeting is steady but can use some support. Sorry that I can't make it, but will try to make ext month's meeting. Loving Service, Roger M.

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: 23
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 4
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$90.00
Area Donation: none
Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

REPORT

Meeting is still in the basement of the old chapel. Pine Rest has told us that we will stay on campus but we are not sure which building we are moving to or exactly when. When we know, Area will know. 7th tradition money is down; most of the attendees are from treatment center and have little to give. We have no donation this month. We are going ahead with picnic plans. Flyers are available and it is posted on the web site.

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: 44
Average per Meeting: 11
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$34
Area Donation: \$0
Anniversaries Celebrated: 1 19 yr.

Nothing to report at this time. Continuing to carry the message. ILS, Susan S.

Sunrise to Sunset

766 7th NW (corner of Alpine & Seventh)
Monday through Friday, 8am (Matthew's House of Ministry)
Saturday 5:30pm (Matthew's House of Ministry)
Business meeting is first Wednesday of the month

Total Attendees for the Month: 185
Average per Meeting: 10
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$154.00
Area Donation: \$10.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: 4

We have had a small increase in our meetings attendance, but we still need some support. Everything is going well. We have bought some more supplies, key tags, Basic Text, P.S. our donation to area is up this month as things go better we will try and give more. Thanks, Sunrise to Sunset.

TGIF

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

Total Attendees for the Month: 135
Average per Meeting: 34
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$89.55
Area Donation: 69.55
Anniversaries Celebrated: Abby 60 days, Ben 60 days, Jenny 20 years, Miranda 7 years, Eric S. 7 yrs., Vonnee 20 yrs.

In May TGIF will celebrate 20 yrs that the group has been in existence! On May 29 after our regular meeting we will celebrate! There will also be a speaker and tons of fun! Sandra M.

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: 120
Average per Meeting: 40
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$80.00
Area Donation: \$10.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

Hi Family. The We Qualify group is doing great! We decided that home group members who would like to celebrate their anniversary at our meeting will be given a cake, and that the cost will be covered by our group funds. This was so that individual members did not have to shoulder the burden of \$24 per cake, as our group regularly has 50+ members when all our treatment center people attend, necessitating the procurement of a full sheet cake. We continue to struggle with filling the group service positions, but for now have enough willingness to keep the doors open and literature and coffee available. This will be my last month of serving as the GSR of the We Qualify group. It has been an honor and a privilege to be able to serve the fellowship in this way. Thanks for letting me serve, Lisa M.

Not currently on meeting list:

No Fear

Total Attendees for the Month: 11
Average per Meeting: 5
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 00
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$ 11.00
Area Donation: \$ 0
Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

We are in dire need of support and trusted servants. Our first two meetings went well as can.

Surrender to Win

940 Clancy Ave., Clancy Street Ministries
Wednesday 8-9:30pm

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

Traditionally Speaking

1042 Worden
Saturday 4-5:30pm
Business meeting is 1st Saturday of month before recovery meeting

Total Attendees for the Month: 30
Average per Meeting: 6
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
Total 7th Tradition Collected: \$25.00
Area Donation: \$10.00
Anniversaries Celebrated: 2

Meeting going steady. Hopefully as we learn to keep it going it will get better. Been having people having come in from out of town.

Respectfully, Roger F.

Work the Steps or Die

Thursday 5:50-7pm
Business meeting is

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

14. New Business/Issue Discussion

- A. Motions: "I make a motion that ASC maintains 1 year of minutes, from May to May, so it coincides with the administrative committee's annual election of trusted servants," Lisa M. Richard seconded the motion, motion passed. Intent: To adhere to the request of Region to free up more storage space on the website.
- B. Merschon brought up the topic of the possibility of utilizing a D.J. he knows for a recovery activity. Discussion ensued regarding the need to adhere to N.A.'s 12 Traditions. He was encouraged to speak with Latonya, Activity Committee Chairperson.

15. Old Business

- A. Elections took place.
 - 1. Fred S. is the new ASC Chairperson.
 - 2. Co-chair remains open.
 - 3. Cat L. was reelected Treasurer.
 - 4. Co-treasurer remains open.
 - 5. Ryan is the new RCM.
 - 6. Co-RCM is Roger.
 - 7. Secretary position is open
 - 8. Co-secretary position is open.
 - 9. H. & I. Chairperson is Terrence.
 - 10. Co-chair of H. & I. is Anne.
- B. Web Servant position will be open as of May. Susan, our current Web Servant, suggested the following skills are necessary for incoming Web Servant:

Skills needed for web servant/updating meeting lists:

- Recommended clean time is 18 months.
- Have an understanding of the PI guidelines.
- Have access to a personal computer with virus protection and a firewall.
- Be able to understand Microsoft Front page to edit the site, add URL's, maps, pictures and data as necessary.
- Be able to create and/or update spread sheets in Microsoft Excel.
- Be able to create and/or update Word documents.
- Possess the skill and discretion to answer emails received. Be able to attach files the to the emails as necessary.

16. Please discuss at your business meeting:

- A. Several ASC administrative positions remain open. Please encourage members interested in serving at the Area level to attend next month's ASC meeting. See GGRASCNA guidelines for clean time requirements.
- B. Please ask your home groups "What does the region do for us and what would we like to see the region do for us?" "I don't know" is an acceptable answer because it will tell them they need to communicate better.

17. Please announce at all regular meetings:

- A. MRCNA presents a comedy film festival Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 6:30pm. Location is the Crown Plaza Hotel, 5700 E. 28th St., Grand Rapids. Speaker is Pablo P. Donation is \$6.00.
- B. The GGRASCNA Activities Committee is hosting the 2nd Annual Prom Night, Saturday, May 23rd 2009 at Faith Lutheran Church, 2740 Fuller @ 3 Mile. Doors open at 5pm, speaker at 5:30pm, dance from 7-10pm, \$10 single, \$15 couple. Contact Latonya J. @ 616-819-9610.

18. Closing

A. Closed at 9:00pm w/ Gratitude Slogan.