Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
May 27, 2015

- Opening: A moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.
- Reading of the Twelve Traditions
- Reading of the Twelve Concepts
- A Vision of NA Service

ASC ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE:
Chairperson (Lora V) - Present
Co-Chairperson (Dan P) - Present
Secretary (Patti M) - Present
Co-Secretary (Alicia H) - Present
Treasurer (Bonnie P) - Excused
Co-Treasurer - *open
RCM (Tom W) - Present
Co-RCM (Steve L) - Present

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON(S):
Public Relations Chair (Sarah N) - Excused
Public Relations Co-Chair (Vonnee K.) – Present
Activities (Teresa) - Excused
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Old Business
- Nothing to report

New Business

- Vote on area service positions
  - Dan P. Chair/ no one nominated for co-chair
  - Alicia H. Secretary/ no one nominated for co-secretary
  - Bonnie- Treasurer again- has willingness to serve another year but not @ area meeting.
  - RCM/co-RCM Tom W./Steve L. on for another 2 years

Please announce at regular/business meetings

Reports:

Chair:
Hi I’m Lora and I’m an addict

Thank you for letting me serve as area chair this past year. It has been a great experience. Working with everyone has helped me grow immensely. The thing I’ve enjoyed most is watching people come together and work together to keep our fellowship strong.

It was nice to have new and old people stepping up to the plate and bringing fresh ideas and simply having the willingness.

Thanks so much to everyone for their commitment and service. You all made it easy for me.

In loving service,
Lora V.

Co-Chair:

No report

Secretary:

Nothing to report.

ILS, Patti M.

Co-Secretary: No report

RCM: No report
Treasurer: No Report/Co-Treasurer: No report

Activities:

GGR Area Committee,

Our next event will be the Na Olympics, August 1. At St. Peter and Paul.

Thank you to everyone who came, participated and helped us succeed in the Talent Show!

We are asking that each home group donate whatever literature they can for the NA Olympics to be given away as prizes! Again we appreciate your help and lets make this next event another huge success!

Sincerely,

GGR Activities Committee

Public Relations:

Hello Area

Sorry I could not be in attendance this month.

Fresh meeting lists have been printed and are available, as always please let us know of any errors or necessary changes.

Currently phone line costs are: April $23.37, May $33.80

Lastly, our committee has some great progress to report:

ILS

Sarah

Dear ASC, May 27, 2015

This month our PR Committee was so productive!

First off, Doug (our Regional PR person) came to Grand Rapids and showed us the ropes on how to meet with people who work within the court system. We met with several different people downtown and introduced ourselves as part of the Grand Rapids Public Relations Committee of Narcotics Anonymous.
One man, Joe Berlin- Chief Probation Officer, we talked with for about an hour along with his coworker Jackie Morris who is a probation officer in charge of sobriety court. We did more listening than talking but we were well received and made a good connection. We discussed keeping them updated on NA events as well as the best way to keep stock of updated meeting lists by going online for their “clients.”

Joe encouraged us to go to meet some other people while we were there which we did. This is a list of all the folks we met, their titles, phone #s, and email addresses. With this information, we would be smart to forward all relevant recovery related information to them regularly.

Joseph Berlin- main guy in charge of drug court.
Chief Probation Officer
61st District Court
616- 632- 5650
joe.berlin@grcourt.org

Jackie Morris- in charge of sobriety court.
Probation Officer
61st District Court
616- 632- 5633
jacquelyn.morris@grcourt.org

Timothy Bouwhuis- has 6 agents who work with him.
Pretrial Program Supervisor
17th Circuit Court
616- 632- 5327
Timothy.Bouwhuis@kentcountymi.gov

Doug Gaddy
Intake Supervisor
17th Judicial Circuit
616- 632- 5183
Doug.Gaddy@kentcountymi.gov

David Oesch- really happy we came by, said we can stock the racks in the lobby with NA lit.
Parole/Probation Supervisor
Kent County Circuit Court Probation
616- 632- 5973
OeschD@michigan.gov

Jennifer Salinas- also happy to meet us! Spanish speaking clients need literature.
Parole/Probation Agent
Kent County Circuit Court Probation
616- 632- 5988
Nick Bottomly- workwith juveniles ages 10- 16, not specifically drug related issues.
616- 632- 5822
We were encouraged by the people we met to come sit in on drug court when we have time.
Gabe and I briefly discussed going on June 10th at 10 am.

In addition to meeting people in the court system, we printed and distributed NA tear off
posters. I have a few printed up for other people who might have an idea where to put them.
By following Doug’s lead (the regional PR guy), we realized going prepared with meeting lists,
NA literature, upcoming event fliers is a must! It took away the awkwardness and made it
easier to feel somewhat credible and like we had a purpose for being there.
This past month felt like a major leap in the right direction of getting to more addicts who are
still suffering right here in our town that may not even know that we are here to help them if
they want it!
Feeling hopeful and happy to serve,

Vonnee K.
PR Co Chair

**Group Reports**

**Action after Awareness- no report**

**Arms of Love- No Report**

**Clean Spoons**
7th Tradition- $10
Area Donation- $0
Report- Meeting could use Grand Rapids support!! Otherwise getting an average of 9 people a
week which has been a really great turn out!!
Trusted Servant- Ryan L.

**Downtown Resting Place:**
7th tradition - $47
Area Donation - $0
Report – Well here we are again another month of carring the message not the addict. Are home
group is still striving holding up, what little we have to support the group and to keep are doors
open for those in need of help.
Trusted servant – Tommie W.

**Greenville Meeting- No Report**

**Home Group- No Report**

**Hope NA- No Report**
Hope not Dope- No report

Joy in Recovery:
7th Tradition - $0
Area donation - $0
Report –
Trusted servant – Ryan B.

Just for Today:
7th tradition - $37
Area donation - $30
Report – Good evening!
Last month we were unable to have our monthly business meeting, so we did not make a donation. This month we’re back on track and are donating $30.
Our group continues to be stable and the meetings are compelling. So, if you’re looking for a home group that is a closed NA meeting that meets for only one hour every Wednesday at Noon, with very comfortable furniture, and serves fun-sized candy, please drop in for a meeting.
ILS,
JeffK

Keep Coming Back:
7th Tradition - $153
Area donation - $0
Report – doing fine
Trusted Servant – Lisa K.

Keeping the Dream Alive:
7th Tradition - $
Area donation - $
Report –
Trusted Servant – San C.

Men of Character:
7th Tradition - $50.00
Area Donation - $5.00
Report –Preparing for 3rd annual mens retreat
Trusted Servant – Melvin T.

Natural Life:
7th Tradition – $?
Area Donation-$100
Report –
Trusted servant – Thomas M.
New Beginnings
7th Tradition - $28
Area Donation - 0
Trusted servant- Fred S.

No Name Group
7th Tradition-$450
Area Donation-$50.00
Report-All is well at the no name group
Trusted Servant- Curtis B.

Open to Change:
7th Tradition - $17
Area Donation - $7
Report –
Trusted Servant – Ryan B.

Principles Before Personalities:
7th tradition - $not sure
Area Donation - $19.21
Report – We are following the traditions to the best of our ability. We have been discussing the traditions at the beginning of each business meeting.
Trusted Servant – Marci V.

Saturday Night Calvary:
7th Tradition- $0
Area Donation-$0
Report-The Sat. Night NA Mtg, is going ok, & is in need of trusted servants. A couple of people have stepped up to keep the meeting going & I have been just too busy to fill in the blanks per say. The renovation for the Church as a whole has been put on hold til April of 2016. It is a dying need of homegroup members, & if anyone is interested, details can be discussed. Thx in loving service R.H.
Trusted Servant- Richard H.

Saturday Night Candlelight - No report

Sisters of Serenity:
7th Tradition - $10/ this are rent
Area Donation - $0
Report –Need Sport
Trusted servant – Lisa M.

Surrender on Saturday/Sunday-No Report
**Staying in the Solution:**  
7th Tradition – $20  
Area Donation - $0  
Trusted Servant – Ian M.

**Sunrise to Sunset**  
7th Tradition –$60/$40 is are rent  
Area Donation - $0  
Report – Do ok  
Trusted Servant – Lisa M.

**Surrender to Win- No Report**

**T.G.I.F.**  
7th Tradition - $119.75  
Area Donation - $0  
Report –  
Trusted Servant – Lora V.

**The Path Begins the Journey**  
7th Tradition-$62.00  
Area Donation-$20  
Report-Meeting continues to grow and meeting the need of out-of-town guess and people looking for a meeting on Sunday  
Trusted Servant-Wilbur Watson

**We Qualify:**  
7th Tradition - $75  
Area Donation - $38  
Report – N/A  
Trusted servant – Lisa M.

**Young in Recovery:**  
7th Tradition- $26.50  
Area Donation-$0 (we forgot the money sorry)  
Report-all is great!  
Trusted servant-Steve L.