Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes

August 26, 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 (Dan P) - Present

Co-Chairperson ( ) - *open

Secretary (Alicia) - Present

Co-Secretary ( ) - *open

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) – Present

Public Relations Co-Chair (Vonnee K.) – Present

Activities (Ryan B.) - Present
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Old Business

Open positions. Area meeting will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month in November and December…November 18th and December 16th (for the holidays).

RCM comments-Do we want one person at region to take over as webmaster for all the Areas? Motion: Each area have the option to either manage their own website w/ their own web servant or to utilize the regions web servant. (Motion passed)

PR comments-
We owe money on the phone lines. Discuss how bills are paid with the treasurer. Can we pay region ahead of time so we aren’t behind? Decided to wait and talk to our Area treasurer who was absent as she might have more insight on how and why the region treasurer does things a certain way.
Activities chair reported on field day and submitted a report with their budget breakdown from the event.

Keeping the Dream Alive returned the seed money from their event, which was a big success! YAY! Ryan said he couldn’t attend the event because he had a football game-but he is sorry San C! 😊

New Business

Budget submittal forms need to be given prior to oral requests at Area. These forms will be available at Area meetings but are also available on the NA website under “resources”

No notes were submitted in the Area minutes the last few months and another member brought it to our attention. We discussed ways ASA could and should improve. What can we do to make it more opening and welcoming? Continue this discussion next month as half the meeting seemed to leave before this conversation took place.

Lora V. nominated Carlee for co-secretary. The vote was tabled for next month.

Please announce at regular/business meetings

-Co-Chair, Co-Secretary and Co-Treasurer positions are open. Announce at meetings.

-We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm. In the months of November and December we will be meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month so as to not interfere with the holidays.

Reports:
Chair:
“Thanks for letting me be of service. I appreciate everyone’s calm behavior from this point forward, I have life insurance, but I’d rather not have to use it just yet, let’s have a great speedy meeting.
In Loving Service,
Dan P.”
Secretary:
Hi guys! I appreciate members this month showing up and voicing concerns. We can all do better I am sure. I hope we continue to look for ways that our ASA could improve. Personally, I will continue to do my best. But I also hope that members with more experience might have the willingness to help me and others. I need your ideas! So if there is a better way to do things PLEASE come to Area and share those thoughts on how we can improve. I hope the minutes I report continue to get better and I hope to see you all soon!
(Lora V. will be filling in for me this month as I will be on my honeymoon!! WOOHOO! Thanks everyone!)
ILS,
Alicia H.

RCM:
No report

Treasurer:
No Report

Activities:
NA Field Day
$400
-150 (Venue)
  250
- 87.29 (Sam’s Club receipt 7/29)
  162.71
- 27.77 (Walmart receipt 7/29)
  134.94
- 10.47 (GFS receipt 8/1)
  124.47
- 17.69 (Home Depot 8/1)
  106.78
- 5.97 (Meijer 8/1)
  100.81
- 3.18 (Family Dollar 8/1)
  97.63
+ 328.68 (Profit @ event)

$426.31

Public Relations:
To the PR Committee & ASC body,

This past month I was contacted by the Regional PR Chairperson, Doug, to see if I could commit to sitting at a table with him at the SUDS conference Sept 21-22 at the Devos Convention Center. I agreed to dedicating 5 hours of my time both days and Gabe will be volunteering a few hours around his work schedule as well. This is a conference for professionals who work with Substance Abuse Disorders. The region has covered the expenses for this event (the registration, table, literature, etc) but Doug asked that we supply some Halloween sized candy bars to put in a
bowl at the table. He explained the people perusing around the area where all the tables are set up are more inclined to stop if there is something to give away.

The other big endeavor that was accomplished this month was Sarah helped me navigate my way through some computer stuff so I won’t be totally clueless how to keep the progress we’ve made in the PR committee alive after she’s done with her commitment.

Thanks for letting me serve,
Vonnee K.

**Group Reports**

*Action after Awareness:*
No Report

*Arms of Love:*
No Report

*Clean Spoons:*
No Report

*Downtown Resting Place:*
No Report

*Greenville Meeting:*
No Report

*Home Group:*
7th Tradition-$50
Area Donation-$0
Report-N/A
Trusted Servant-Rod T.

*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-$35
Area Donation-$0
Report- “Good Evening! We do not have a donation this month. We will use $30 of the $35 we collected to pay our rent for the next six months. 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”
Trusted Servant-Jeff K.

*Keep Coming Back*
No Report

*Keeping the Dream Alive:*
7th Tradition- $40 (approx)
Area Donation-$25
Report- “KTDA- Keeping The Dream Alive 25th Anniversary was a huge success yeah!!! We will return $200 seed money, plus $50 donation to Area (of NA). Amount of donation received by treasurer. Grateful to serve, San’C”
Trusted Servant-San C.

Men of Character: 
No Report

Natural Life: 
7th Tradition-N/A
Area Donation-$100
Report-
Trusted Servant-Tom M.

New Beginnings: 
No Report

No Name Group: 
7th Tradition-$298
Area Donation-$40
Report-“N/A”
Trusted Servant-Charles F.

Open to Change: 
7th Tradition- $36
Area Donation- $3
Report-
Trusted Servant-Ryan B.

Principles Before Personalities: 
7th Tradition-N/A
Area Donation- $46.72
Report-
Trusted Servant- Vonnee K.

Saturday Night Calvary: 
7th Tradition-$78
Area Donation-$10
Report- “Hello family, the Sat. Night Calvary meeting is going well, & thanks to Katie for stepping up as a trusted servant, no new news, in loving service, Richard H.”
Trusted Servant-Richard H.

Saturday Night Candlelight: 
7th Tradition-$36
Area Donation- $50
Report- Jim emailed me before the Area mtg: “Good evening: I am checking in for Saturday Night Candlelight Meeting. I will not be able to make it because I have a delivery coming to my house and I need to be here. We have a fifty dollar donation for this month and another addict will give it to Bonnie. All is well with our meeting. Little smaller but we maintain the traditions and make sure the door is open. In Loving Service”
Trusted Servant-Jim N. –Donation submitted by Curt S.

Sisters of Serenity: 
7th Tradition-“not sure”
Area Donation-“not sure”  
Report-“Meeting is doing well. Looking forward to the retreat in Sept. Things are going well with the planning committee. Lisa will be happy to fill the gaps next month”  
Trusted Servant-LoTonya J.  

Staying in the Solution:  
No Report  

Surrender on Saturday/Sunday:  
7th Tradition-$? Less than $50  
Area Donation-$10  
Report-“Avg. attendance Sunday = about 6. Avg. attendance Saturday= 2 to 3”  
Trusted Servant-Carlee W.  

Sunrise to Sunset:  
7th Tradition-$  
Area Donation-$10  
Report-“I am greateful to serve Just filling in for Dave/Lisa (sunrise to sunset). I had a chance to visit the group last week and it was a great meeting…in loving service, San’C”  
Trusted Servant-San’C/Dave  

Surrender to Win:  
No Report  

T.G.I.F.  
7th Tradition- $130  
Area Donation-$104.53  
Report- “Doing well ☺”  
Trusted Servant- Natalie S.  

The Path Begins the Journey:  
No Report  

We Qualify:  
7th Tradition-$100  
Area Donation-$20  
Report-“Thanks for letting me serve”  
Trusted Servant-Lisa M.  

Young in Recovery:  
7th Tradition-$66.02  
Area Donation-$20  
Report-All is well!  
Trusted Servant-Steven L.