Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes

September 23, 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) - Excused

Co-Secretary (Carlee W.) Voted in

Treasurer (Bonnie P) - Present

Co-Treasurer *open

RCM (Tom W) - Present

Co-RCM (Steve L) - Present

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON(S):

Public Relations Chair (Vonnee) – Present

Public Relations Co-Chair (Gabe) – Present

Activities (Ryan B.) - Present
## HOME GROUP SEPT

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**Old Business**

Phone bill- Tom W. reports to Bonnie, Treasurer, what is due quarterly before the regional meeting and Bonnie puts our 10% donation and phone bill dues on the same check to send to regional meeting. Tom suggest paying the total we owe in October (amount per Barb) then pay $15 per month at quarterly regional meetings going forward. Approved that Tom will find out the total amount owed and we will pay it off.

**New Business**

Natalie requests meeting agendas to be passed out at Area meetings; Dan P. agrees to bring them.

Latonya P.- Conversation to be had about having an inservice or informational time to share about how we do things at Area (ins & outs of area service procedures). Dan will look into the most updated service guides available. Adopting Robert's rules was suggested. Latonya suggests we go through the concepts as an executive body of the GR Area and discuss revision of the guidelines (Policy and Administration Meeting was stopped once in the past due to burn-out). Gabe suggests to do it once a year or once every few years. Tom suggests we use an "Area Inventory" similar to the "Regional Inventory" available for print on the website.

Inviting people to Area- Vonnee suggests each person invite one individual personally. Latonya suggests creating a flyer framed as an invitation rather than a message of "in need of..", as well as a facebook invite. Latonya shares that there are facebook groups to reach out on: Serenity in the Rapids, The Journey Continues, The NA Way, Narcotics Anonymous, Frontline Recovery, and Women in Recovery. Latonya commits to put the following on facebook groups and ask
Rod to group text: "If you want to have a voice in your local NA recovery, help other addicts and yourself, Come to AREA! 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm"

Floor asked if Latonya is willing to serve as Co-Treasurer- not at this time.

Floor asked if San C. willing to serve in any open committee slot- not at this time.

**Please announce at regular/business meetings**

-Please invite GSRs to come to area.

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

**Reports:**

**Chair:**

**Secretary:**
Lora V. filled in for Alicia and reported, and showed us, that there was a new secretary's binder purchased to hold/keep organized all the forms for members to access. Folder was handed off to Carlee W., Co-Secretary.

**RCM:**
Tom W. Showed us the new NA stamp we were given by region for free, with no ink pad. Says the hotline numbers, MI website, and MI service office email address.
The regional meeting is November 1st, Location TBA

**Treasurer:**
No Report

**PR Chair:**
Regional PR: Natalie and Gabe went to a conference for addiction professionals and gave out information about NA. It was a success, and many connections were made.

Tom W. is the lead person looking for people to do meeting in jails. Right now thee are about 11-13 men, and there is no women's meeting.

We have a web servant on duty, so please communicate with us immediately if a meeting is over so we can update the website.

Natalie takes NA meetings to Turning Point for both men and women. Contact her if you would like to serve.

Gabe is Community outreach coordinator. He has stocked two locations, court, and probation locations with NA literature.

Recoverypalooza was successsful, lots of people came by our table.
Fellowship Development Coordinator went to the business meeting of a homegroup to help the meeting run smoothly and give them info. If your group needs guidance please contact PR subcommittee.

Meeting list changes- please write changes on the meeting list Vonnee has with her or call her so the meeting list can be corrected.

Phone line- if you want to answer calls to the 800#, attend the PR meeting.

Activities:

Ryan- Planning a Christmas dance for December 12th at the North Club 7pm-12am. speakers, desserts to pass.
Question asked about making the website regional- A: we voted last month not to.

Voting on Positions:
Co-Secretary- Carlee W. voted in
PR Chair (Vonnee acting)- Vonnee voted in
PR Co-Chair- Gabe was nominated and voted in at PR Subcommittee meeting
Activities Chair- Ryan nominated for another year; stated he may have to stand down in April due to football season, but will take position. Voted in.
Activities Co-Chair: Yvonne was voted in at Activities Subcommittee meeting.

Open to Change:
7th Tradition-
Area Donation-
Report-
Trusted Servant-

Sisters of Serenity:
7th Tradition-$15
Area Donation- 0
Report-Need support
Trusted Servant- Lisa M.

Surrender on Saturday/Sunday:
7th Tradition-$41
Area Donation- 0
Report- "Attendance has dropped from an average of 6.5 to less than 3, having the bulk of attendance in the beginning of this monthly cycle since area in Aug. GSR intended to continue to work my schedule around this meeting, but due to lack of attendance and homegroup membership, it has been cancelled. However there are several people who have agreed to attend as often as possible so that a potential newcomer does not show up without guidance. There will also be a note on the door offering direction to the NA meeting list in the lobby and the other Sat/Sun meetings in the area."
Trusted Servant- Carlee W.

Sunrise to Sunset:
7th Tradition-$85
Area Donation-$5
Report-“Doing good"
Trusted Servant—David M.

**Surrender to Win:**
7th Tradition - $40
Area Donation - 0
Report - "All is Well"
Trusted Servant - Steve H.

**T.G.I.F.**
7th Tradition - $109.28
Area Donation - $62.53
Report - “Doing well 😊”
Trusted Servant - Natalie S.

**Young in Recovery:**
7th Tradition
Area Donation - $40
Report - Moved Meeting from Take Hold Church to God's Kitchen on 303 Division Ave. S.
Trusted Servant - Andrew K.

**No Name:**
7th Tradition - 0
Area Donation -
Report - "All is well."
Trusted Servant - Margaret P.

**Keeping the Dream Alive:**
7th Tradition
Area Donation - $20
Report - "Keeping the Dream Alive is going well. we are sad to say we lost a home group member, Julian H."
Trusted Servant - Margaret P./San C.

**Natural Life:**
7th Tradition
Area Donation - $50
Report -
Trusted Servant - Yvonne G.

**Just for Today:**
7th Tradition
Area Donation - $20
Report - "report submitted online"
Trusted Servant -