Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes

October 28, 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 S.) - Present

Co-Secretary (Carlee W.) - Present

Treasurer (Bonnie P) - Present

Co-Treasurer - *open

RCM (Tom W) - Present

Co-RCM (Steve L) - Present

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON(S):

Public Relations Chair (Vonnee K.) – Present

Public Relations Co-Chair (Gabe B.) – Present

Activities (Ryan B.) - Present
### GROUP ROLL CALL

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**NEW/RETURNING GROUPS**

| THE CLEAN SPOONS                  | U    | U    | U   | U    | P   |
| JUST HOPE GROUP                   | P    |     |     |      |     |
| LIVING THE DREAM                  | P    | P    |     |      |     |
| MEN OF CHARACTER(frontline)      | P    |     |     |      |     |
| OPEN MINDEDNESS/PROGRESS NOT PERFECTION | P   |     |     |      |     |
| SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE               | P    | U    | U   | U    | U   |

*If Your group doesn’t appear above, it is because you are listed with the Inactive Groups. I can share the entire role call for the year with anyone who wishes to see it!*
Old Business

Open positions.

New Business

Please announce at regular/business meetings

-Co-Chair 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. January will resume the 4th Wednesday of the month. Bring holiday treats for Dan P (and anyone else) but mostly for Dan P because he loves treats.

Reports:
Chair: “Hey all, Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve, I am truly grateful. We are making some great progress here at the Area level, lets continue to movie forward with this. I could sure use help in the next upcoming months, a co-chair would be appreciated. Coming in January I will be in night classes for school. I know I’ll be able to make some but I don’t know if I’ll be able to make all of the Area meetings. Anyone with the willingness to help out would be amazing.
Sincerely, Dan P.”

Secretary: “Hi everyone! I am so grateful to continue to learn and be of service. Thanks again Lora V for filling in for me in September. I was so happy to learn when I returned that Carlee W. is going to be our new co-secretary! She has already gone above and beyond. She is going to be an excellent asset for the Grand Rapids Area as we continue to make progress.
In loving service and with our common goals in mind, Alicia S.”

RCM: paraphrased-next region meeting this Sunday in Livingston County. Can’t find whats owed for phone bill-will get info, but the region treasurer doesn’t post until after the region meeting. Question: Can we send a check in the mail? Answer: “Barb doesn’t like that”. Q: Send blank check with you to the region meeting? A: Bonnie and Tom not comfortable with that. Bonnie: “Is it behind for everyone?” A: Yes. August. $166.71 owed. Q: Why is this an issue? A: its not we are doing it the way the treasurer wants us to.

Treasurer: no formal report given, this is just what was said at the meeting: $2282.31 after donations. Paid for: binder, PR Conference, MSO Literature, church rent = $502.31. ---$1780. Prudent res. $500= $1280

Activities: no formal report given, this is what was said at the meeting- Christmas Dance December 12th-Flyers being distributed to GSRs to mention at homegroups. Dance from 7-midnight at the North Alano Club in the Balcony, 1020 College Ave NE.
20 minute Speakers: LaTonya P, Stephanie B, Dan P and Bill P.
Needs $385 for seed money-will bring budget to Bonnie. It was suggested that they email the flyer to the website as well so it can be posted there ASAP.
Public Relations:

Public Relations Report

This past month, we accomplished a lot! Voting Gabe in as Co Chair was a win. Having overlap in trusted servants is key to keeping a committee moving forward so that the incoming person has some guidance.

I spent a lot of time teaching myself basic computer skills this month, by being my own secretary, so that I can keep this committee’s progress tracked and reported. This is like landing on the moon for someone like me.

I’m very pleased that we had 12 participating members at the Sept meeting. It feels hopeful that we can reach more suffering addicts if we divide up our energy and talents and all do a little bit of the work it takes to let the public know that we are a thriving fellowship.

All the trusted servants who are holding a position in this committee did an awesome job of emailing me reports and efficiently communicating what’s going on! This is so helpful so that we can inform all the GSR’s and ASC as well as keep our focus within the PR Committee.

Gabe and I met with about 40 Drug Court Probation Officers Friday, Oct 16, 2015. It was a total success! We had the opportunity to attend their staff meeting and give a brief presentation about NA in our community, gave out literature, updated meeting lists and allowed time for questions.

Thank you for letting me serve!
Vonnee K.

Website is up to date.
Craig K.

Phone line
The Helpline had 38 calls so far for Sept through Oct 27. The cost for both months is $46.62 total.
(Sept-$23.20, Oct-$22.42)

Fellowship Development Coordinator
I ordered and picked up 1,000 business cards for the P.R. Committee. The cost was $78.03 and included a one time set up fee. Moving forward this will be on file and we wont have to pay the set up fee, just the printing of the cards. I had them bill the treasurer of N.A. directly.
I have nothing else to report.

Thanks,
Lora V.

Community Outreach Coordinator Report
Hi Family,
This month Vonnee and I presented to a group of Circuit Court Probation Officers - about 30 of them! We shared a little of our personal stories with them, then some basics about NA and how we can help their clients. They were very receptive, and we got some great feedback from their supervisor the next day.
Literature is stocked at the courthouse and the probation office, and we have plenty of new prospects for stocking literature. We are currently looking to establish a committee-style approach to Community Outreach, where a number of members would be responsible for several locations apiece to keep stocked with literature, such as treatment centers, methadone clinics, police stations, etc. More will be revealed.

In loving service,
Gabe B.

**Treatment Facility Coordinator**
Tp is going well. The weeks for tp were as follows:
MEN:
The first of oct: Gabe and Rick f.
2nd week: Josh and ricardo
3rd: Tom m. and Joe l.
4th: Gabe and brennan and ricardo
WOMEN:
Kristin kay and brooke b.
Bonnie p. And Anne
Yvonne and Carlee
NO SHOW, car problems (Scheduled Margaret and dixie)
Natalie S.

**Correctional Facility Coordinator**
Hello Family,
The jail is going well. We have moved from the general population pods to 2 program based pods. On Wednesday we attend the Sober Living Unit, and on Thursday we recently started having meetings in the Re-entry Unit. On Thursdays meeting, there were some scheduling bugs to work out, but now both meetings are averaging 10-15 attendees. The atmosphere is a lot more open to our efforts of bringing in an N.A. message.
I have been talking to Rob Steele about the possibility of bringing in literature to leave in the pods. If this sounds like something we are interested in doing and if funding is an issue the region has funds to help with this type of thing.
In loving service
Tom W.

1st wed= tom w & roger
1st thur= tom w & roger

2nd wed= gabe & tim?
2nd thur= tom d & dan

3rd wed= nick & tom w
3rd thur= tom w & roger

4th wed= pepe
4th thur= ?

5th wed= tom w & ?
5th thur= ?
Group Reports

Action after Awareness:
NO REPORT

Arms of Love:
NO REPORT

Clean Spoons:
7th Tradition-0
Area Donation- $7
Report-“Need more support from the community”
Trusted Servant- Susan Banks

Downtown Resting Place:
NO REPORT

Greenville Meeting:
NO REPORT

Home Group:
NO REPORT

Hope NA:
NO REPORT

Hope not Dope:
NO REPORT

Joy in Recovery:
NO REPORT

Just for Today:
7th Tradition-$32.25
Area Donation-$15.00
Report- “Good evening! We have a $15 donation to the ASC this month. Our expenses this month included the purchase of key tags and candy refreshments for our meeting attendees. 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.

Just Hope Group(NEW)
7th Tradition-$34.00
Area Donation-$5
Report-“This group started in August and is a new group. Just Hope Group-Tues-6pm to 8pm. Frontline Recovery. 1717 Madison, SE GR, MI 49507 Open mtg.”
Trusted Servant-Dionna B.

Keep Coming Back
7th Tradition-$117
Area Donation-$5.00
Report-N/A
Trusted Servant- Lisa K.

Keep the Dream Alive:
7th Tradition- 0
Area Donation-$20
Report- NA
Trusted Servant - Margaret P.

**Living the Dream (NEW):**

*7th Tradition - $6*

Area Donation - $0

Report - “New meeting southeast side. Frontline Recovery Sat-10pm-12pm. 1717 Madison SE, GR, MI 49507.”

Trusted Servant - Lovelle S & Dionna D.

**Men of Character:**

NO REPORT

**Men of Character - Frontline Recovery (NEW):**

*7th Tradition - $0*

Area Donation - $0

Report - “This is a new group at Frontline & there is information will be submitted next month.

Men of Character, Frontline Recovery 1717 Madison SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507. Saturday morning- 11am-1pm”

Trusted Servant - Aaron H.

**Natural Life:**

NO REPORT

**New Beginnings:**

*7th Tradition - $18*

Area Donation - None

Report - “I am happy to announce that the meeting is debt free and now paying rent”

Trusted Servant - Fred S.

**No Name Group:**

NO REPORT

**Open to Change:**

NO REPORT

**Open Mind-Mindedness/Progress Not Perfection (NEW):**

*7th Tradition - 0*

Area Donation - 0

Report - N/A

Trusted Servant - Steven J.

**Principles Before Personalities:**

*7th Tradition - $143.17*

Area Donation - $(80.97 (Aug) + 56.59 (Sept)) total listed as October donation = 137.56

Report - “We are still trying to carry the message to the addicts who need help. We’ve had 3 new people join our home group and we are working through the traditions at our home group meetings to discuss how our group is living and adhering to the traditions.”

Trusted Servant - Marci V.

**Saturday Night Calvary:**

NO REPORT

**Saturday Night Candlelight:**

*7th Tradition - $60*

Area Donation - 0

Report - “Rent paid, literature ordered. No newcomers. We average 8 people per meeting”

Trusted Servant - Jim P.
Sisters of Serenity:
7th Tradition-$10
Area Donation-0
Report-NA
Trusted Servant- Lisa M.

Staying in the Solution:
7th Tradition-$41
Area Donation-$0
Report-“All is well!! Susan S. is the speaker on Friday 10/30/15. Come and support her”
Trusted Servant-Susan S.

Surrender on Saturday/Sunday:
No longer meeting anymore.

Sunrise to Sunset:
7th Tradition-$87
Area Donation-$5
Report-NA
Trusted Servant- David M.

Surrender to Win:
7th Tradition-$24
Area Donation-0
Report-“All is well”
Trusted Servant- Steve H

T.G.I.F.
7th Tradition- $117.50
Area Donation-$83.50
Report- “Group is doing well 😊”
Trusted Servant- Natalie S.

The Path Begins the Journey:
NO REPORT

We Qualify:
7th Tradition-0
Area Donation-$50
Report-NA
Trusted Servant-Bill Z.

Young in Recovery:
NO REPORT