Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes

November 18, 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.)- Absent

Treasurer (Bonnie P) Absent

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
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*if your group is not listed above, it is because you are on the inactive group list.*
**Old Business**

ASC will meet the third Wednesday of December, Dec. 16th.

Home Group-have not been present at Area since August. We know that group has meeting regularly so someone needs to speak with them and let them know that if they are not at the next Area meeting they will have to be removed from the meeting list.

**New Business**

Nominated Natalie S. for Co-Chair. Read co-chair qualifications and she met the requirements. She left the room and no one opposed. Thanks Natalie S for your willingness to take another service commitment!

Nominated Aaron M. for co-treasurer. Read aloud the requirements and he left and no one opposed his nomination either. Thanks Aaron for your willingness to serve as well!

Please announce at regular/business meetings

**Reports:**

**Chair:**
Hi everyone!

Friendly reminder…in order to stay on the meeting list a group must not have three unexcused absences in a row. So, basically, all you need to do is attend at least one area meeting every three months! Should be simple enough, but life happens. And we all understand that! If, for some reason your GSR cannot be at Area, all you need to do is simply, call/text/e-mail/facebook message myself, the co-secretary, the chair or the co-chair PRIOR to the Area meeting and that is an excused absence. However, if you fail to literally just call/text/e-mail/facebook-message someone at Area than, that is considered an *unexcused* absence. So, to summarize: TEXT or CALL or E-MAIL if you can’t be at Area! Super easy! But if you are still unable to do that…then please don’t surprised when your group is no longer listed on the meeting lists. Let’s start the holiday and the new year all being responsible! Starting with myself! I need to make sure I am getting these minutes out to everyone in a more timely manner! I will work on it!

**RCM:**
Donating 10% to world service.

**Alternate RCM report:**
Howell-MRCNA in Kalamazoo. Talking about doing sponsored marathon meetings-having entire home groups commit to an hour or two instead of just one person. Looking for homegroups who are willing to participate in sponsoring marathon meetings at MRCNA.

**Treasurer:**
*NO REPORT*

**Activities:**
Public Relations:
November 18, 2015

Public Relations Report

I discussed updating our ASC guidelines in more detail to clarify the quarterly budget amount of $500 with a couple PR members. At this moment, the guidelines are adequate and not a priority to change anything. We will begin documenting our spending in a detailed fashion so we will have exact totals of our committee’s spending habits.

The Regional PR guy, Doug, contacted me about volunteering my time March 15-16 at the 17th Annual Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals Conference. I marked those dates off on my calendar and will be available to assist him. He said that he would also like 5-6 GR NA members to be willing to do a recovery meeting at some point during the conference.

Doug reported that last year there was a meeting during cocktail hour and several other people showed up, including a judge who was very impressed by the JFT format and meeting.

Thank you for letting me serve!
Vonnee K.

Website is up to date.
Craig K.

Phone line

Phone Line Costs for October and November 2015

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Fellowship Development Coordinator

I put together a list of names and phone numbers of all the men that are cleared to go to the jail. I’ve attached the list and also brought a hard copy so we will have it readily available at the P.R. subcommittee meeting if needed.

I also put together a quick calendar to show who goes into the jail each week. Currently we do not have anyone scheduled on the 4th Thursday of the month.
I was going to try to get to the belding meeting on Friday night to help them with a business meeting. However, Susan never contacted me about when their business meeting is. I will get in touch with her after we get back from vacation. I don’t see it working into my schedule until January.

Thanks,
Lora V.

**Community Outreach Coordinator Report**
Gabe B.

**Treatment Facility Coordinator**
It’s been great at Turning Point this month. I will be going in tomorrow to stack up their NA supplies and make sure things are going well. I had to move a few of the point men around, as Gabe is no longer able to go on the first Monday of the month, and Tom M. is no longer able to go on the 3rd Monday. I have added Aaron M. as a point person and he will go in with Pepe on the last Monday of this month to learn how to chair the meetings at TP and then he will start as a point person in December. He is taking Gabe’s week.

Unfortunately, we had 2 weeks of the men going in alone, as the cancellation happened the day of or a couple days prior and I was unable to locate a 2nd male in such a short amount of time.

The attendance for the speakers is as follows:

**MEN:**
November 2nd: Pepe (unknown 2nd male)
November 9th: David O., Josh V. was unable to make it
November 16th: Josh V. replaced Tom M. for this month

**WOMEN:**
November 3rd: Kristin Kay and Brooke
November 10th: Bonnie and Anne
November 17th: Yvonne and Natalie

Thanks!
Natalie S.

**Correctional Facility Coordinator**

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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:
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-$24
Area Donation- $15
Report-(emailed) “Good evening! We have a $15 donation to the ASC this month. 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)
NO REPORT
Keep Coming Back:
7th Tradition-$76
Area Donation- $10
Report-
Trusted Servant-Lisa K.
Keeping the Dream Alive:
7th Tradition-$
Area Donation- $0
Report-
Trusted Servant- Margarget P.
Living the Dream(NEW):
NO REPORT
Men of Character-Frontline Recovery (NEW location/meeting time)
7th Tradition-?
Area Donation - $5.00
Report-
Trusted Servant - Mark M.

Natural Life:
7th Tradition - $sorry none at this time
Area Donation - $sorry
Report - Looking for a new place. Looking for something with bus route…no kids
Trusted Servant - Jose B.

New Beginnings:
NO REPORT

No Name Group:
7th Tradition - $
Area Donation - $0
Report-
Trusted Servant - Margaret P.

Open to Change:
7th Tradition - $45
Area Donation - $0
Report-
Trusted Servant - Ryan B.

Open-Minded (NEW):
7th Tradition - $N/A
Area Donation - $0
Report-
Trusted Servant - Steven J.

Principles Before Personalities:
7th Tradition - $
Area Donation - $
Report - “We be doing real good”
Trusted Servant - Marci V.

Progress Not Perfection (NEW):
7th Tradition - $NA
Area Donation - $0
Report-
Trusted Servant - Steven J.

Saturday Night Calvary:
(e-mailed me prior to meeting)
“Hi Alicia, I apologize for such short notice. I will not be attending area tonight. Nothing new to report, however the meeting is going well, & following traditions to the best of our knowledge. Thx in advance. Richard H.”

Saturday Night Candlelight:
NO REPORT

Sisters of Serenity:
NO REPORT

Staying in the Solution:
“Greetings!
GSR: Adam G. 616-262-7970
Group: Staying in the Solution
Meets: Friday nights at 7pm
Where: Post drive/Pine island- Church of the Holy Spirit-back door.
Particulars: This is a closed meeting except for the 4th Friday and that is open with a speaker.
Donation: none at this time, its all we can do to pay rent for our facility
Notes: No speaker in November, Santa Claus will be our speaker in December, don’t miss it!
I.L.S. Adam G.”

Sunrise to Sunset:
NO REPORT

Surrender to Win:
7th Tradition-$
Area Donation-$
Report-“All is well.”
Trusted Servant-Aaron M.

T.G.I.F.:
7th Tradition-$116.77
Area Donation-$14.49
Report-“Group is going well.”
Trusted Servant-Natalie S.

The Path Begins the Journey:
NO REPORT

We Qualify:
7th Tradition-$53.00
Area Donation-$25.00
Report-
Trusted Servant-Bill Z.

Young in Recovery:
7th Tradition-$
Area Donation-$40
Report-
Trusted Servant-Andrew K.