Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
May 25, 2016

- 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 (Natalie S.) - Present
Secretary (Alicia S.) - Present
Co-Secretary (Carlee W.) - Present
Treasurer (Fred S.) - Excused
Co-Treasurer (OPEN POSITION) -
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.) - Excused
Activities Co-Chair(Yvonne) Present
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*If your group is not on this list...please let the secretary know! Thans!
Co-chair-
nothing to report

Secretary-
We made enough copies of the position descriptions to take one home with you for anyone who may want to be elected at a later date. -Alicia

From Bill: Please support the Riverside Picnic and continue to spread the word.

Co-secretary-
Please visit the table to your left to see the position descriptions and pick up a copy and view it now, especially if you already plan to be nominated for a position. Thanks for letting me be of service. -Carlee

RCM-
Treasure report:
Hello Family,

Been a very busy month but I was able to get a lot done with re-organizing the treasure position. I first went thru all the past years documents and separated the receipts, invoices, deposit slips, checks, and donations into separate envelopes. There is a lot of information there but also a lot missing. If we follow some simple guidelines we can keep our necessary documents and have them organized. I set up and organized all of 2016 paperwork into the carry along file box so it has everything that is needed for current business. I then started working on a excel spreadsheet to be used to itemize all transactions as the
bank statement does not provide all details. I still want to
tweak it before I say it is ready to be turned over but I will have
that finished by next month. I was not able to print the
statements from my computer. It opens 5/3 in a protected
view and would not allow me to print from it. I hope to be able
to correct this. I am understanding we are paperless with our
account but would suggest that maybe we have the
statement’s mailed to someone on the account for extra
accountability. All funds that were handed over have been
donated and I do not see any outstanding debts. The last piece
of work I want to do is create a treasure duty sheet to be
handed over but I have not finished that yet.

TY ILS

FRED S.

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| Bonnie P          | 3/14/16    | 3024 | 40 | 902.6 |
| Bonnie P          | 3/14/16    | 3025 | 100 | 802.6 |
| Bonnie P          | 3/14/16    | 3026 | 45 | 757.6 |
| Gabe B (parkg)    | 3/25/16    | 3029 | 22 | 735.6 |
| S.S.P.P (rent)    | 3/28/16    | 3027 | 100 | 635.6 |
| Vonnie(parking)   | 3/29/16    | 3030 | 17 | 618.6 |
| Tom W(spag din)   | 4/4/163033 | 50 | 568.6 |
| Presto Print      | 4/7/163035 | 89.55 | 479.05 |
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| Craig K (lit)     | 4/11/16    | 3032 | 79.02 | 299.42 |
| Jim N (Picnic)    | 4/14/16    | 3009 | 150 | 149.42 |
|                    |            |      |    | **1243.18** **149.42** |

**Alternate RCM**

I have nothing to report. I'm grateful to be of service.

-Steve L.
New Business

Adhoc committee meeting (please see proposed updated guidelines attached)

Public Relations:
The meeting lists we have are on the table here, so please grab one if you need one.
I am so grateful we had four willing people show up tonight to take on an open position, and we were able to elect a chair and co-chair.

Chairperson- Hello everyone. This month zipped right by. Nothing new to report. Thank you for letting me serve! Vonnee K.
Website/Literature//Treasurer- Please provide meeting changes to PR chairperson so they may be updated immediately on the website and phone line and also marked for change on next paper copy printing. If you have an event, please provide the information to the PR chairperson so it may be posted on the area website. Craig K.
Phone line/Meeting List Jeff K.
Fellowship Development Coordinator- Nothing to report this month. Thanks, Lora V.
Community Outreach Coordinator Report/CoChair- Hi Family, Tom stocked literature this month at the court houses and police station. Rhonda took some literature to some places downtown; I will have the names of the places in my report next month. Nothing else to report. Grateful to be of service! Gabe B.

Treatment Facility Coordinator- Hi All, Our speaking commitment with Turning Point has went well this month. All weeks were covered for the women. Some weeks were not for the men but this was anticipated and was also communicated with the staff at Turning Point. Joe R has had to step down as our point person for the first Monday of the month as he has gained employment at the same facility. Also, Steve H has stepped down as our point person for the fourth Monday of the month. We thank you both for your service Joe and Steve! I have found replacements for both time slots. Reggie and Julius have both agreed to attend in their places. Welcome! Reggie has already attended once this month with Pepe V. Julius will be attending next week Monday with a person who has attended before as there are five Mondays in the month. We have been offered a 67 time slot on Mondays for the men. I feel we should talk about this as a group. As I have been excused from the meeting this month I would like to say that I am all for it. I feel that a later time slot may open up some availability for different volunteers. Finally, I did speak with Kristin Hickok Reinink from Recovery Allies of West Michigan. They will be issuing a new Living Large Magazine next month. I have sent them an updated version of our meeting schedule and communicated how to acquire our list from our website. Thanks for allowing me to serve! Brooke B.

**Activities Report:**

Co-Chair
August 27th 5-9 Unity Ice Cream Social
3 Speakers: San C., Tom W, Barnaby
Hopefully at the North Club but to be determined.

Question from the floor: Since the treasurer is not here, who are we supposed to give donations to?
A: Lora
A: Fred told co-chair he was excused and sent a report to Alicia. Alicia states she does not have a report from him to read.

Chair: is this anyone's first area meeting?
A: Yes, two
Chair welcomed them and offered to help them know what to do.

Question from floor: There is a new person who has asked me about how to get on the meeting list.
A: yes Susan is already here and only has to attend one more area meeting to be put in the meeting list.

Chair: Apologized for being late. Does anyone need to change their homegroup's information on the meeting list?
A: no

Co Chair: There is a list on the back table for you to write down your email address to receive the minutes each month.

**Old Business:**

Adhoc subcommittee:
Nothing to report.

Reggie: Apologized for being late. I thought our homegroup would be in the meeting list by now.
A: We only print them every 3 months. Please see me to make sure we have all the correct information.

**New Business:**
Elections:
The adhoc committee came together and wrote a uniform list of questions that will be asked to anyone nominated. We will read the position description and then ask for nominations.

Area Chair position description read aloud (see attached)
  Natalie nominated
  Barb Nominated

Asked uniform questions to Natalie (see attached)
  about 3 years, GSR, sponsor women,
  I think i'm a pretty strong leader. I like things to be in control and organized. tonight is out of my element because i like things to run smoothly. I like to have a discussion with a template and have an open-honest conversation.

Asked uniform questions to Barb (see attached):
  yes, 16 years clean time, no sponsor, working knowledge of 12 and 12, is currently regional treasurer, never misappropriated funds
  held every position at area level except (inaudible to sec.), worked at area treasury, MRCNA various positions including treasurer, regional treasurer. never left position before term was up, ability to lead a group? "it's alright"
Q from floor: It sounds like you have a lot of treasurer experience. Are you willing to take that position here?
  A: idk if it is a good idea to be treasurer here and at regional.
  Q: would you be willing to be the co-chair?
  A: no

Nominees left the room:
Q: does it say in the qualifications they should not have other positions? It seems like a lot of responsibility to do both positions for Barb.
  A: no it says no other area level positions
Comments from floor: multiple people shared that it would be rude and wrong to not vote for Natalie when she has completed the co-chair position
Q: is it true that she can't be both regional and area treasurer at once?
  A: we would have to check regional guidelines.
  floor: Everywhere I've been people usually go from one position up to the next through the area service position before getting to chair.
  floor: that would be ideal, but we rarely even get someone who is willing to do one year of service, and we don't expect someone to do each position in order. Natalie came into the co-chair position expecting and committing to doing the year of chair service.
  floor: It might be nice for Natalie to serve under another person who has more experience too, but both are great candidates.
  floor: It would be harsh and hurtful not to vote Natalie in.

Count of GSR's present: 15 out of 21
Vote collected
Natalie announced elected as new Chair. (11 Natalie, 2 Barb)

Mark nominated for Co-chair.
Mark is unwilling.

Q: What if I want to nominate someone who is just shy of the clean time requirement?
A: any position it can be waived except the treasury positions.

Sheldon nominated
willing
Asked uniform questions (see attached)
yes, 8 months, 16 weeks clean, I go to Turning Point on Tuesday evenings, current and past experience: TP, have been coming to adhoc, recently found homegroup to do service for, do manage a business, ability to lead: manage an entire store of employees financially, stockwise, communicate with owners and employees, drum major in marching band in highschool,
Q: have you ever mismanaged your own money?
A: Ieman, I'm an addict. so since being clean no, but as an addict I defenately did. I have no outstanding debts other than student loans.
Q: would you be willing to do two years of service, one as co and one as chair.
Y: yes

Margaret nominated:
willing
Asked uniform questions (see attached)
yes, 16.5 months clean, yes, working knowledge of 12 and 12, I am a GSR and volunteer at TP once a month, never misappropriated, experience: got right into service work, chairing buckly, actively involved in that, two homegroups, have sponsor, work the steps, have management skills, never left committment before time was up, ability to lead: management skills, remain clam under pressure and can do that very well, keep Buckly in line.

Q: is Barb sure she doesn't want to do this?
A: yes

Floor: both have great qualifications. A mistake we've made time and again is electing someone who doesn't meet the qualifications. Margaret shows up for PR subcommittee without any particular service responsibility but is very regular.

Floor: co-chair would learn a lot of what they need to learn.
Floor: Maybe having someone new and fresher would be beneficial. It would also be great for her learning.
Floor: you can't have any other area level commitments as a chair and she is a GSR.
Various other comments were unable to note (sorry-Carlee)

Votes collected (15 Margaret, 2 Sheldon)
Margaret announced as new co-chair

Co-Secretary comment: We just received 17 votes while only 15 of you raised your hands as GSRs, so please only vote if you are a GSR.

**Area Secretary** position read aloud (see attached)

Carlee Nominated
Asked uniform questions (see attached)
No other nominees
announced as new Secretary

**Area co-secretary** position read aloud (see attached)

Dan W. nominated
willing
Asked uniform questions (see attached)
started at group level secretary, one year Co-Secretary at area level in different area and secretary for two years in that area, go to TP, have been a sponsor.

Gabe Nominated
not willing

Dan Left room
no opposition
announced as new co-secretary

**Area Treasurer** position read aloud (see attached)

Lora Nominated
unsure if willing "if someone else has the willingness I would love them to speak up"
later said "No. I would have the willingness if it turned out she couldn't do it"

Barb nominated
willing but fearful it will be not in line with regional guidelines as regional
Asked uniform questions (see attached)
16 years, no sponsor, has homegroup, has sponsees, experience: work for a law firm and used to be chief accountant, background in accounting, regional NA treasurer, never left service commitment before term was up.

Lisa K. nominated
not willing

Barb left room

Q: what happened to Fred S.  
A: He's not willing anyway.

Q: Should we ask her to check at regional and then come back and report before we vote?  
A: No news is good news. If she finds out she can't do it, cross that bridge when we come to it.  
A: doesn't seem wishy washy to me at all.

No opposition to Barb being Treasurer  
Announced as new treasurer.

**Co-Treasurer** position read aloud (see attached)

Sara nominated  
not willing

Tom nominated  
not willing

Dan nominated  
not willing

Alicia nominated  
not willing

Julie willing?  
no

Q: does anyone have the willingness?  
no.

Comment from floor: Please take the position description to your homegroups and find out if anyone is willing so we can get this position filled.

**RCM (Regional Committee Member)** position description read aloud (see attached)

Steve nominated  
willing

Asked uniform questions (see attached)  
yes, 3 years clean, yes, never misappropriated, GSR 2 years, chair homegroup for years, alternate RCM for two years
Steve left the room
no opposition
announced as new RCM

**Alternate RCM** position description read aloud (see attached)

Emphasized it is a 4 year commitment.

Sheldon nominated.
Willing
Asked uniform questions (see attached)
(same answers as above)
Q: do you have reliable transportation?
A: yes
Q: housing- would it be awkward to share a room with the RCM? There may be other women there to share a room with.
A: no

Sheldon left the room

comment from floor: She is just starting to to service work, and it doesn't see right. I think we should give other people opportunity.

comment from RCM: I don't see having 8 months being a problem. It is not that hard of a job and it meets 4 times a year. Steve can show her how it's done.

Comment from floor: She wouldn't have enough time in June but by the time they meet again she would so it doesn't seem to be an issue.

Comment from floor: I think this is a very good starting point for her to learn to do the service work. She is just beginning but she also gives rides to people and does a lot of things outside.

Q: financial question- since it's a guy and a girl, how would we handle reimbursing the hotel rooms?
A: She could stay with other women.

Comment from the floor: They are great friends they spend a lot of time each other's room already. They are good friends.

No opposed.
Sheldon announced as new Alternate RCM.

**Chair:** If you want the meeting agenda please add your list to the email list for minutes.
If you want to combine orders for literature please get together to do that for saving shipping cost.

$384.71 collected today and plans to be deposited.

Trusted servants have been meeting 15 minutes prior to the area meeting, so new team please do that. All stated they are willing.

Thanked everyone who have successfully completed their positions.

RCM- Tom will still be acting as RCM in June because of Steve's brother's wedding.

**GROUP REPORTS:**

**Crystal Clear Group (NEW):**
**Downtown Resting Place:**
7th tradition: $25-26
Area donation: 0
“Thanks area for not closing us out of the meeting list. Thanks for keeping us on the list. Trusted servant: Tommy W.

**Home Group (Returning):**
NO REPORT-Removed from List

**Joy in Recovery (Returning):**
NO REPORT-Removed from List

**Just Hope Group (Returning):**
7th tradition: $40
Area donation: $11

Emailed: Good afternoon, Alicial, my name is Reggie H and my Home group Just Hope. I am at a conference in Lansing and cannot attend the area group today. I have our donation with me in the amount of 11.00 dollars. Thank you

**Just for Today:**
Trusted Servant Submitting Report/Donation: Jeff K. (emailed report)

Total 7th Tradition Collected Last Month $18.00

Group donation to Area Service Committee $ 0.00

Good evening!

Lisa is representing our group this evening. We do not have a donation for 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

Keep Coming Back:
7th Tradition: $80
Area Donation: $0
Report: “going fine”
Trusted Servant: Lisa K.

Keeping the Dream Alive:
7th Tradition: n/a
Area Donation: $30
No Report
Trusted Servant: Margaret P.

Living the Dream (NEW):
No report

Men of Character:
7th tradition: $50
Area donation: $5
NO REPORT
Trusted servant: Mark M.

Natural Life:
7th Tradition: $ n/a
Area Donation: $ 50
Report: n/a
Trusted Servant: Yvonne G

New Beginnings:
No report

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7th tradition:
Area donation: $40
“6 newcomer. The No Name Group is doing fine. We are planning a unty speaker jam for Aug 6. It will start at 10AM until 9PM here at St. Peter and Paul.”
Trusted servant: Curtis B, Jean H

Open to Change:
No report

Open-Minded:
7th Tradition: $ 40
Area Donation: $ 10
Report: “Group going strong, donations collected help support PnP group in BR and help buy materials/keytags for both.
Trusted Servant: Steven J.

**Path Begins the Journey (NEW/Returning):**

*NO REPORT*

**Principles Before Personalities:**

7th Tradition: $179.15
Area Donation: $80.58

*Report: “This group is going strong.”*

Trusted Servant: Sarah F

**Progress Not Perfection:**

7th Tradition: $10
Area Donation: $0

*Report: “Group growing due to making it a How & Why study but still not consistent. Progress not perfection!”*

Trusted Servant: Steven J.

**Saturday Night Candlelight:**

*Total Attendees for the Month: April 43*

Average Per Meeting: 10.3

Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 1

Total 7th Tradition Collected: $71.00

Area Donation: 0

Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

**REPORT:**

*The Saturday Night Candle Light Meeting continues to meet and follow the traditions to the best of our ability. We are paying the second and third quarters rent and had a $60 literature order which left $30 of seventh tradition monies that we hold for a prudent reserve and are not making an area contribution this month. We are hosting the Annual Recovery by the River Family Picnic next month and hope to make a significant area contribution in addition to paying back the $150 in seed monies to rent the space.*

ILS,
Bill S

Sisters of Serenity:
No Report

Staying in the Solution:
7th Tradition: $ ?
Area Donation: $ 0
Report: “It’s good!”
Trusted Servant: Adam G.
Steps to Freedom (New):
No report
Sunrise to Sunset:
No report
Surrender to Win:
7th Tradition: $100
Area Donation: $0
Report: 3rd wk fireball? 4 wk round robin
Can we update meeting list?
Trusted Servant: Julie T.
T.G.I.F.:
7th Tradition: $153.16
Area Donation: $ 98.13
Report: “Everything is going fine in the meeting.”
Trusted Servant: Aaron C.
We Qualify:
7th Tradition: $72.60
Area Donation: $25
Report: n/a
Trusted Servant: Bill Z.
Welcome Back (New):
No report
Young in Recovery:
7th tradition: $80
Area donation: $35
No report
Trusted Servant: Amanda Z.