Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
August 24, 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

Quorum: Chair explained quorum again. 22 active homegroups. Need 1/3, so 7. There are 13 present. People representing more than one homegroup.

ASC ROLL CALL
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Chairperson (Natalie S.) - Present
Co-Chairperson (Margaret P.) - Present
Secretary (Carlee W.) - Present
Co-Secretary (Dan W.) - Present
Treasurer (Barb) - Present
Co-Treasurer (OPEN POSITION) -
RCM (Steve L.) -
Co-RCM (Sheldon S.) - 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 on this list... please let the secretary know! Thanks!

**Chair**
Chair: Housekeeping things. If you want to receive min, please sign sheet. Voted on consensus based decision last month. Taking quorum at three diff points. Guidelines are online, please read. That’s all thank you for letting me be of service. If you have new business I need it in writing before the meeting starts.

**Co Chair:**
I have nothing to report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Secretary**
Ran out of group report sheets. Please use notebook paper. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Co-secretary**
Nothing to report. Thanks for letting me be of service.

**RCM and Alternate RCM**

August 24, 2016

Hello, all! This September we will be heading to region again; it will be hosted by the Northwoods Area NA at Otsego Lake State Park in Gaylord. We must bring back a decision on the RD/RDA term length vote that we have been discussing the past few months. The options are as followed:

- Extension of positions from 2 years to 4 years each
- Addition of a third position (RDA 2) at the current term length
- No changes (2 year positions for both RD and RDA)
Previously we provided additional information to be sent back to the homegroups for vote. We propose

this be brought up in “New Business” tonight and that a decision be made on the matter.

Other than the above stated, we have nothing to report.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service!

Steve Leitelt, RCM
Sheldon Skiver, RCMA

Public Relations:

Contacted by Pinerest, they want a weekly meeting but we don’t have the manpower.

Floor: brought up itemized quarterly budget in the guidelines. Curious if barb can do separate accounts.

Treasurer: we currently do that. *Explanation of process and limitations*

Floor: before we give donation to region and world we may want to make that a separate account prior.

Treasurer:

Floor: we do have a $500 as a PR subcommittee right?

Treasurer:

Floor: when this area had an active subcommittee we got a break from paying postage.

Floor: we discussed we needed to start doing the quarterly budget and maybe we dropped the ball. Says we should start in September. Anything needed over the $500 we bring it to the ASC.

Treasurer: I can set up a sub account.
Floor: $500 came from PR and “” merger and we’ve never used that much money. If we aren’t doing the quarterly budget it needs to come out of the guidelines.

Chair: I’m gonna put this in new business and we’ll talk about it then.

Public Relations Written Report:

Chairperson

Hello everyone!
This month I contacted Mel from Pine Rest to discuss doing an NA meeting there. Here are the responses to all the questions the committee had:
Is is coed? Yes
Health screening requirements? No
What unit? Detox
Location? Madison & 68th
How long are patients there for? 5 days to 2 weeks
Can we have a copy of Rules & Regs for facility? Yes
Are there forms to fill out to volunteer? No, if they are cleared through our committee, they are eligible to go there.
There is paperwork explaining the values & goals of Pine Rest that they request we read and respect...Mel will send this. (Example: avoiding foul language...Might be a dealbreaker...lol)
There is a large room provided for the meeting attendees.
Thanks for letting me serve!
Vonnee

Website/Literature//Treasurer

Website

Meetings:

WEDNESDAY 5:00 PM
STEPS TO FREEDOM
1717 Madison Ave. SE, Grand Rapids
THURSDAY 7:30 PM
YOUNG IN RECOVERY
North Alano Club Room #1
1020 College Ave. NE, Grand Rapids

Posted pdf of the SeptemberOctober meeting list.

Events added:
Speaker Jam
August 6
10 am 9 pm

Ice Cream Social
August 27
510 pm

Posted the revised Area Guidelines.

Literature
Ordered 50 NA White books for Brooke, on the ASC account. Hope to have before the PR meeting.

Craig K

Phone line/Meeting List

June phone line cost $20.96, July $20.65

Meeting lists were updated and printed.
Jeff K.

Fellowship Development Coordinator

Nothing to report this month.
Thanks,
Lora V.

Community Outreach Coordinator Report/CoChair

Hi Family,

We are all set for Recovery Palooza September 17, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. I still need a few volunteers to work the table, preferably people with a little PR experience. I have a couple volunteers, but I'd like to pair experienced PR members with those that don't have as much experience, so that we can make it a learning exercise. We'll need to order literature for the event soon.

I don't currently have anyone to take literature downtown, and haven't been able to make it myself, as I'd have to leave work to do it. I'll try to figure out a way to get some down there this month.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Gabe B.

Treatment Facility Coordinator

Hi All,

This month has went really smoothly at Turning Point. Mark L and Jeff K went in for the second Monday of the month with Pepe V. Mark L has agreed to be a regular point person, we are working on establishing what week he will be able to serve. Also Glenn K has expressed a willingness to serve. I turned in the check for the resource table at Recovery Palooza and did
recieve a reciept to turn in. Nothing else to report. 
Thanks for allowing me to serve
Brooke B. 

Correctional Facility Coordinator

Hello Family,

All is going well with the Jail side of PR. We have turned in several 
applications, and have been 
trying to connect with the people that did not fully complete their 
applications to resubmit them.
The women that turned in volunteer forms were OKed pending 
completion of the next step.

It was requested by the powers that be from the jail, that if one of our 
members that is cleared to 
go into the Jail gets arrested, we should inform them so they can be 
removed from the list.

1st Wed Roger & Robert L
1st Thur Roger & Tom W
2nd Wed Gabe & Corey
2nd Thur Nick & Tom D.
3rd Wed Roger, Tom W & Adam
3rd Thur Roger & Charles P
4th Wed Pepe
4th Thur Roger & Bill
5th Wed Roger & Tom W

Thanks
Roger and Tom

Activities Report:
Details about ice cream social.
Q: When do we vote a new activities chair?
A: September
**Treasurer Report:**
 Deposited last month: 301.10
 313.32 collected in August.
(See .pdf attachments to this email. Unable to copy/paste them here.)

**Old Business:**
**Quorum 2:** 14 present.

Vote on proposed activity subcommittee guidelines. Person with opposition is not here.

Floor: issue with function and responsibilities wording. Change “must” to “encourage” for “should a group want to host an event…”
Q: is there a time limit on proposed events?
A: use common sense

Vote is 11/22 for proposed guidelines.

Floor: Please announce open positions at your groups. Once Ryan’s commitment is done he feels the activities subcommittee will be over with because the other person doesn’t have willingness to do it herself. So a new subcommittee would need to be built from the ground up. Every position is open, voting on September 12th at 7pm.

Chair: Adhoc spent a lot of time on the guidelines. Let’s not be aloof. I don’t know how many people are gonna be there on Labor Day.

Changed date of elections from 5th to 12th.

Alternate RCM: voting on regional delegate position.
Vote: no change: 10
Two four year commitments: 1

Floor: two at my homegroup decided they wanted two four year commitments.
Chair: can you live with it as a hg representative?
A: Yes.

**New Business:**

**Treasurer Written request for new business topic:**

“Guidelines
Financial Policies/Disbursement
-Indicates we require two signatures.
  We are currently having on person sign.”
-suggest we amend guidelines to state “one”.

Treasurer:

Guidelines: Financial policies/disbursement
-indicates we require two signatures, we currently only have one person signing. Right now Natalie and Barb are the only ones on account. Margaret is not. We either need to change guidelines or change procedures.

-Right now Natalie and I are on the account. Margaret is not.
-The bank does not enforce the two signature rule, so it is ineffective for the purposed of having “checks & balances” on the treasurer (accountability).

Chair: Any opposition to taking this out of the guidelines?
No opposition.
It will be taken out.

PR budget business:

Floor: what is she asking?
Chair: for checks and balances. Bank doesn’t enforce it so we’re not gonna do it. It’s not effective, so we’re gonna take it out.
Floor: if barb can do a subaccount and bring something for us to look at it would make it easier.
Barb: I’m unable to be at PR meeting. Is there a dollar amount we’re gonna use? Keep it $500? When I get disbursement, do I just log everything under PR budget?
Floor: We rarely come close to exceeding our budget except when we had recoverypalooza. Speaking of, I need literature for recoverypalooza.
Barb: I’ll call dave.
Floor: should we review the standing $500 budget or add a onetime motion to add to it, as in lower it?
A: we have this so we don’t have to come to ASC and ask for money and waste time.
Chair: no need to vote if we will keep it the same.
Barb: guidelines should just say that we have $500 standing budget.
*discussion about how to change guidelines*
Co-chair: adhoc could update and bring it for approval
Chair: I would rather we just vote on it now.

Vote on:
-Add $500 standing budget
-Delete section about quarterly report “submit itemized quarterly budget…”(pg 16)
-activities guidelines change: from “must” to “encourage”
-pg 4 remove first bullet point
-treasurer duties: provide monthly report documenting expenses for the PR subcommittee
No opposition, motion carried

GROUP REPORTS:

Downtown Resting Place:
NO REPORT
Just Hope Group (Returning):
No report
Just for Today:
No report
Keep Coming Back:
7th Tradition:
Area Donation: $5
Report: “Meeting going well!”
Trusted Servant: Lisa K.
Keeping the Dream Alive:
7th Tradition: $ n/a
Area Donation: $30
Report:
Trusted Servant: Margaret P.
Living the Dream (NEW):
No report
Men of Character:
Area Donation: $10
Trusted Servant: Mark M.
Montcalm Alano Club NA:
7th tradition:
Area Donation: 0
Report: “new group”
Trusted Servant: Kayla P.
Natural Life:
7th tradition: $50
Area Donation: 0
Trusted Servant: Jose B.
New Beginnings:
No report
No Name Group:
No report
Open to Change:
7th Tradition: $ 40
Area Donation: $ 0
Report: “nothing to report”
Trusted Servant: Ryan B.
Principles Before Personalities:
7th Tradition: $ 163.53
Area Donation: $ 66.77
Report: Handed in group treasurer report by Craig K.
Trusted Servant:
Saturday Night Candlelight:

LOCATION/MTG TIME: Pine Rest/6:30-8:00pm

OPEN / CLOSED: open

BUSINESS MTG: third saturday

MONTHLY REPORT INFORMATION

Total Attendees for the Month: 31
Average Per Meeting: 7.25
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month: 0
Total 7th Tradition Collected: $54
Area Donation: $100
Anniversaries Celebrated: 0

REPORT: The Saturday Night Candlelight Meeting continues to meet and follow the traditions to the best of our ability. We could use additional homegroup members. Our rent is paid through October. We have literature available for sale and good selection of IPs for taking. We need to order literature and not able to make an area donation this month.

Sisters of Serenity:
No report

Staying in the Solution:
7th tradition: ?
Area donation: 0
Report: “Hi!”
Trusted Servant: Adam G.

Steps to Freedom(New):
7th Tradition: $ 50
Area Donation: $ 5
Report:
Trusted Servant: Susan F.

Sunrise to Sunset:
No report

Surrender to Win:
7th tradition: $47
Area Donation: 0
Report: “Nothing to report”
Trusted Servant: Julia T.

T.G.I.F.:
7th Tradition: $142.15
Area Donation: $111.55
Report: “meeting is going well. We have had an average of 60+ people each week”
Trusted Servant: Lora V.

We Qualify:
7th Tradition: $68.93
Area Donation: $25
Report:
Trusted Servant: Bill Z.

Welcome Back (New):
No report

Young in Recovery:
No report