Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
September 28, 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 1:

GSRs: 14 present
Chair explained what “active groups” means. 21 groups present.

Quorum 2:

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-

Co Chair:
Nothing to report

Secretary-
Nothing to report

Co-secretary-
Nothing to report

RCM and Alternate RCM-

Area RCM/RCMA Report
September 2016
Hello family! We recently traveled to Gaylord for region this month, hosted by the Northwoods Region at Otsego Lake State Campground! We traveled a total of 360 miles and have a lot to report. Luckily, Steve had family in the area so we did not require hotel expenses!

Web-Related Information:

- In regards to our website, the cost resulted in $136.85 from the region for the web developer workshop; there will be another workshop on the regional site October 22nd. It will be at 726 Livernois in Ferndale, MI at 10:30. It is suggested that our PR chair attend this meeting.

 RD/RDA Related Information:

- A vote was taken at region and it was decided that the RD/RDA term lengths will remain the same; because this decision was impeding the election process for the positions, once the vote was finished, the group decided to hold the elections immediately.

 Results of the elections were as followed:

- Patti will remain as our Regional Delegate

  * This required a few changes to be made to the newly approved MRCNA guidelines. Initially it stated that our MRCNA chair could not also hold a second position at regional level, but it was decided to make alterations to said guidelines so as to allow her to serve.

- Marty will remain as our Regional Delegate Alternate.

 PR Related Information:

- Doug made a request for $3300 for prison literature as well as $1700 for literature to be placed in schools systems.
It was suggested to bring “Intro to NA” and White books; the floor noted that NAWS will send out “Reaching Out” in excess if we request it.

- Dave also made a request to increase PR's floating budget to $4700.
- All requests were approved by the floor, saying they will trust Doug's decision on how the money is spent; he will keep us posted.
- He would like it known that if we as an area need additional support, we are always welcome to contact Doug for assistance.

Regarding the Tax-ID Issue we've been having:

- If we would like a Federal Tax ID, we MUST put someone's name on the “Doing Business As” form. It is $10, and there must be a SSN tied to it. Doing so would mean we are incorporated, but it has been expressed to us by many other areas that there is no way around this. There is not a lot of accountability involved in putting an individual's SSN on the DBA form. It was suggested that we read/look into Bulletin 32 put out by the World Service. We have attached it at the end of this report for anyone who would like to look it over.
- Thank you for allowing us to be of service!

Steve is willing to put his SS # on tax ID.
Floor: literature order, does that go for all around the state?
RCM: yes

**Public Relations:**
Read report. [report was not emailed this month]
If you have any interest, we could use your help with service. Getting closer to a women’s meeting at TP. Pine Rest wants a meeting out there. Tuesdays @ 7pm is what they’re looking for.

Floor: what positions are open?

**Activities Report:**
Ice cream social report (insert). Went over budget submittal form.
Floor: were you able to fill any positions at activities subcommittee?
Activities chair: Yes. Huge success at last meeting. All but one position filled. 13 ppl showed up.
Floor: I want to thank Ryan and Brooke for their service (applause)

**Treasurer Report:**
Treasurer Report:

1230.66
Donation: 389.44
Activity: 315.05
Balance:
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Floor: with that mini budget report, can you email that to everyone prior to the meeting?
Treasurer: yes

Old Business:
Chair: nominations to fill co-treasurer? None.

Floor: So you were able to talk to ppl at region and they said its not a big deal?
RCM: yes, we talked it over and it’s not a big deal to use my SS #.
Floor: Once that paperwork is done who has access to it?
Treasurer: IRS.
Chair: anyone opposed to Steve using his SS# for tax ID?
Floor: none
Floor: how long does that last?
Floor: I thought it was one year.
Treasurer: It only gets filed once.

Activities Subcommittee Chair Election:
Chair: nominations for activities subcommittee chair?
Floor: Yvonne
*Chair asked qualifications*
Vote: no opposed
Yvonne is now Activities Subcommittee Chair

Public Relations Chair position election:
Public Relations Chair position qualifications read by Chair.
Chair: Nominations?
Gabe Nominated
Gabe is willing.
*Chair asked qualifications*
Vote: no opposed
Gabe is now PR chair

New Business:
RCM/RCMA Proposal for New Business:
We would like the following to be discussed tonight in New Business:

• Concerns arose during the RD/RDA term length discussion and election; we
  would like to get
  some opinions from the Area as to whether or not we should address these
  concerns.

• The Tax-ID conversation needs to be had. Ultimately we are at a rock and a
  hard place, so we
  should discuss and hammer out concerns so as to develop a plan to move
  forward.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service!
Steven Leitelt, RCM
RCMA: wanted to bring something from region. There were discrepancies about RDA and whether they were ready to step in. Agreed to keep everything the same. Discussed to re-elect RDA. Someone upset about no change. Floor suggested postpone voting because of attendance issues. Multiple people expressed they didn’t think it was fair because person that was there in June was not present in Sept. I felt like facilitator overstepped his bounds. There was no group conscience about whether to vote or not. Thought it was fishy and shady because facilitator just wanted to get voting overwith.

Floor: what would be a thing that RCMs would do?
RCMA: we just wanna be able to express our concerns at region’
Floor: was the decision made because the RDA needed to do things before December?
RCMA: both RD and RDA were open. They suggested sending doug for multi zonal forum. Symposium already happened.
Treasurer: reason they pushed through vote was because both RD and RDA were up for second term and expressed interest in doing so.
Floor: with what treasurer is saying, with the term, it’s an unspoken thing where unless the body felt they did a crappy job they were prolly gonna be elected in. Some things we do a certain way every time. Did it feel like a formty?
Treasurer: issue with RD being MRCNA chair. Question whether she was eligible to be RD. After discussion they decided MRCNA should amend their guidelines.
Floor: imo, we elected you guys as RCM/RCMA. If it didn’t sit well, if you feel you need to speak up, I would feel fine with it.
Floor: It was voted down to extend terms?
Treasurer: it was voted down.

GROUP REPORTS:

Downtown Resting Place:
NO REPORT

Just Hope Group (Returning):
No report

Just for Today:
First Name, Last Initial of Trusted
Servant Submitting Report/Donation: Jeff K. (emailed report)

Total 7th Tradition Collected Last Month  $52.00

Group donation to Area Service Committee  $ 30.00

MONTHLY GROUP PROGRESS REPORT (OPTIONAL):

Good evening!

We are donating $30 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,
Keep Coming Back:
7th Tradition: $103
Area Donation: $10
Report: “going well”
Trusted Servant: Lisa K.

Keeping the Dream Alive:
7th Tradition: $
Area Donation: $0
Report:
Trusted Servant: Margaret P.

Living the Dream (NEW):
No report

Men of Character:
7th tradition: ?
Area Donation: $10
Report: “The Men of Character group is going through some organization changes, such as proper record keeping. We are in need of trusted servants.”
Trusted Servant: Mark M.

Hope Not Dope (Montcalm Alano Club NA):
7th tradition:
Area Donation: 0
Report:
Trusted Servant: Kayla P.

Natural Life:
7th tradition: $75
Area Donation: $50
Report: “We will keep Thursday's meeting open.”
Trusted Servant: Jose B.

New Beginnings:
7th Tradition: $27
Report: “Need support and home group members”
Trusted Servant: Fred S.

No Name Group:
No report

Open to Change:
7th Tradition: $ 6
Area Donation: $ 6
Report:
Trusted Servant: Ryan B.

Principles Before Personalities:
7th Tradition: $
Area Donation: $36.66
Report: “going strong”
Trusted Servant: Sarah F.

Saturday Night Candlelight:

REPORT: The Saturday Night Candlelight Meeting continues to meet and follow the traditions to the best of our ability. We are could use additional homegroup members. Our rent is paid through October. We have literature available for sale and good selection of IPs for the taking. We are not able to make an area donation this month, but hope to make a donation in October.
Area donation: $0

LOCATION/MTG TIME:
Pine Rest/6:30-8:00pm
OPEN / CLOSED:
Open
BUSINESS MTG:
Third Saturday
MONTHLY REPORT INFORMATION
Total Attendees for the Month: August, 2016
29
Average Per Meeting:
7.25
Total 1
Step Meetings this Month:
1
Total 7
Tradition Collected:
$57.50
Area Donation:
0
Anniversaries Celebrated:
0

Sisters of Serenity:
7th tradition: $50
Area donation: $10
Report: “Need people. It’s going to be all right”
Trusted Servant: Lisa. Matthew J.

Staying in the Solution:
Hi everybody,
Sorry we are unable to make it today. Our group is always in need of support. However, we do always have
a few regulars, a few visitors and some newcomers from time to time. We have been able to make a
donation to area recently and are hoping to do so again soon.

ILS
Susan S.
822-7506

Steps to Freedom (New):
7th Tradition: $48
Area Donation: $5
Report:
Trusted Servant: Susan F.

Students in Recovery (New):
7th tradition: $36.02
Area Donation:
Report: “Meeting opened on 8/30/16 with a consistant attendance of about 14 or more
each week (other than this past week). Need more promotion and support.”
Trusted Servant: Isaiah M.

Sunrise to Sunset:
7th tradition: $80
Area Donation: $10
Report: “Going very slow in summertime”
Trusted Servant: David M.

Surrender to Win:
7th tradition: $60
7th tradition: $60
Area Donation: $100
Report:
Trusted Servant: Julia T.

T.G.I.F.:
7th Tradition: $107.38
Area Donation: $61.78
Report:
Trusted Servant: Aaron S.

We Qualify:
7th Tradition: $136.16
Area Donation: $40
Report:
Trusted Servant: Bill Z.

Welcome Back (New):
No report

Young in Recovery:
7th tradition: $45
Area Donation: $20
Report:
Trusted Servant: Amanda Z.