Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
November 16, 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

Welcome Kittie from We Qualify, Fischen from New Hope, and David, M.

Quorum 1:

GSRs: 17/22 present

Quorum 2:
GSRs:

ASC ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Chairperson (Natalie S.) - Present
Co-Chairperson (Margaret P.) - Present
Secretary (Carlee W.) - Present
Co-Secretary (Dan W.) - Present
Treasurer (Barb) - Excused
Co-Treasurer (OPEN POSITION) - 
RCM (Steve L.) - Excused
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!

**New group:** BYOB group in Wayland, MI introduced self, and provided a copy of flyer to several people.

Students In Recovery added to the PR meeting list.

**Chair:**
Thank you all for coming tonight. I deposited 253.68 into the bank account on 10/27/16. The balance is 1873.55. I will be making the deposit again this week. If you would like a copy of the bank statement please see me.

**Co Chair:**
Nothing to report

**Secretary:**
Nothing to report

**Co-secretary:**
Nothing to report

**Alternate RCM:**
Nothing to report

**Public Relations:**
Written Report:
Chairperson
Hi Family,
Things are going well in PR. We still have two vacant positions that we’re
Things are going well in PR. We still have two vacant positions that we're looking to fill, Secretary and Community Outreach Coordinator. Show up to PR next month and get involved with carrying our life-saving message!

Cochair/Treatment Center Coordinator
Hi All,

All weeks have been covered so far during the month of November. This month there are four Mondays in the month. All weeks have a point person to cover each Monday for the males. We are currently looking for a female point person to serve the fourth Tuesday of the month on a regular basis. There are five Tuesdays in this month. So far I have someone to cover the fourth Tuesday and am looking for someone to cover the fifth. If necessary, I have the willingness to attend myself.

For an update of who is currently scheduled to attend on each week:

1st Monday Julius V, Mark L
2nd Monday Aaron S
3rd Monday Chad G
4th Monday Reggie H

1st Tuesday Sheldon S, Julie T
2nd Tuesday Ann, Jenni T
3rd Tuesday Margaret P, Julia H
4th Tuesday OPEN

Thank you for allowing me to serve
Brooke B

Correctional Facilities Coordinator
Hello Family,

Things have been going well at the Jail. We have meetings for the women every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. The feed back has been very positive from all involved. The men's side has also been doing well. We have started our new schedule and it seems to be going well.

There has been some changes in the jail administration. The person in charge of volunteer application is now the captain, and the process seems to be slower.

In loving service
Tom W.

Phone Line/Meeting Lists
Phone line for October was $20.06. Phone line for November (to date) is $15.92.

-Jeff K

Verbal report:
Pr is going well. Meetings for men at women at Turning Point and the jail are all going well. We always have positions for volunteers in these places, especially women at the Jail right now.

We filled the secretary position today. We have an open position for Community Outreach Coordinator. Please see Gabe or come to the PR
Community Outreach Coordinator. Please see Gabe or come to the PR meeting. The meeting lists got grabbed up quick this printing. My suggestion is please do not use old meeting lists. I would suggest using the website to download and print off the pdf meeting list.

Please let us know if there are any changes to the meeting list needed ASAP, because we will be printing new lists soon.

Q: What night do you go into the jail for women?
A: Tuesday night 6:30-7:30

**Activities Report:**
There are a couple groups that might have us ask for help to out on an activity: Young in Recovery might put on a New Years Eve dance, and a couple other groups are not wanting to use our services.

Q: Are they at least keeping in touch so that we can schedule the calendar?
A: Yes

Q: What’s going on with YIR?
A: they will be talking about the event at their business meeting this week.

Q: BYOB is planning to hold an event in January. Is there something going on in January. We don’t want to overlap.
A: No you can have January.
A: Actually TGIF is thinking of a game night on a Friday in January, but we can just make sure it’s not on the same day.
BYOB: Stated he would get activity subcommittee phone number.
A: It’s on the flyer you just recieved.

Chair Q: When you come to area will you update us about what dates are taken?
A: yes
Chair: I would like to see the updates so that everyone can find out what months are empty for activities.

Calandar Re-cap:
YIN- new year’s eve
TGIF- game night in Jan
Natural Life- Cinco de Mayo

**Treasurer Report:**

**Old Business:**
Chair: nominations to fill co-treasurer? We would like to have this position filled by May so that someone can take the position. If we do not have a treasurer by May, Margaret will also be collecting the money along with her own position. [read the qualifications aloud]. ANy Questiosn? (none)
New Business:

Chair:
Hope Not Dope is requesting money for literature and key tags because we are in the process of changing facilities. The Alano Club had purchased all the literature and key tags.

Q: have you found a new facility
A: no. we know we are moving, but don’t know where to yet.

Floor suggestion: I would suggest that maybe other GSR’s take this back to their home group and see if any groups can make donations.
Floor: I suggest you make a list of what you need and we buy the supplies for you after approval rather than giving the money.

Q: Is there a starter pack you can get?
A: You can but it only comes with select IPs and some other items, but not books or key tags.

Floor: Can you please make an official motion of your suggestion?
Motion submitted by Bill S.: Provide Greenville group with IPs & key tags to start new group, up to $150
Second?: Yes
Any Opposition?:

Q: Is this setting a precedent that we would expect to do this for any group?
Chair: That is my concern as well.

Floor: We have denied groups for that reason before. My opinion is that we can do this on a case-by-case basis as long as everyone understands what this it. It is a small meeting, in a rural area, much needed service, not a lot of meetings in the area.
Floor: I agree on the case-by-case basis, and I think this is the best use for our money because the main purpose of our service is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

Q: Can we modify the motion to be a lower dollar amount?
Floor: Maybe we should have a certain criteria for what is expected in order to be able to get these funds from area in general.

Chair: We could talk about this issue now. We have indeed been trying to get GGRASCA back toward the rules and guidelines way of working, but would that be a disservice to be unwilling to look at each group individually?
Floor: I think it would be good to approve this case and create a criteria later. I also think we should order the materials for her instead of giving the money.

Floor: About the criteria, I think it could be something about if the group is new, like a new group starter kit.

Chair: Area is approving this motion, but you must itemize what you need. You can jump on an order for with TGIF or PR in order to save on shipping. You can email it to our area email address. I will ask Barb to write a check and get it to you.
Going forward, we want a criteria to give out money for supplies to groups in need, like “what constitutes need?”.
Hope Not Dope: I would like to take this itemization back to the home group and we are
Hope Not Dope: I would like to take this itemization back to the home group and we are not moving until next month.
Chair: please bring the list back here next month then.

Floor: Maybe it should be standard that a new group does get a starter pack from Area. I’m sure there’s a good reason not to do that, but my dollars in the basket, I’m fine with doing that. It would take out the hassle of considering it each time.
Chair: This goes with next New Business

A group of people get together and look at the guidelines. We did have an ad hoc committee to do this and it took a lot of time and went well. We have realized that some things do not make sense (gave example of quorum taking). What we have done is just change one sentence at a time. I would propose that we sit down and fine-tune them so we can bring motions to change all parts of the guidelines that need changing at once, with plenty of time to talk about wording.

Floor: We had decided to add quarterly P&A meetings to the guidelines, so we should be doing that work there. Let’s start meeting for it.

Chair: Can we wait to vote on the criteria until after we have looked at the guidelines in general?
No opposition. Motion Passed.

Chair: If you wait until next month you will probably get your material another month later.
Hope Not Dope: We will have the list ready next Friday and email it.

New Business:

Last year we talked about every year having November and December meetings in the 3rd week instead of the 4th week, but this change never made it to the guidelines. My motion is that we put this in the guidelines now.
No opposition. Motion Passed.

GROUP REPORTS:

Downtown Resting Place:
REPORT: Going Great
7th tradition collected:
Area donation: 0
Trusted Servant: Olivia R.

Hope Not Dope:
7th tradition:
Area Donation: 0
Report:
Trusted Servant: Kayla P.

Just Hope Group:
Report:
7th tradition collected: 22
area donation: $8
trusted servant: Julius V., Ladona J, Fischan W.

Just for Today:
Trusted Servant Submitting Report/Donation: Jeff K.
Total 7th Tradition Collected Last Month $42.00
Group donation to Area Service Committee $10.00
Report: Good evening!
We are donating $10 to the ASC this month. We need to spend approximately $20 to replace a Basic Text and purchase an 8-year coin for a home group member celebrating clean time in November.

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: $62
Area Donation: $5
Report: “going great”
Trusted Servant: Lisa K.

Keeping the Dream Alive:
7th Tradition:
Area Donation: $10
Report:
Trusted Servant: Margaret P.

Open to Change:
7th Tradition: 43
Area Donation: $7
Report: “nothing to report”
Trusted Servant: Ryan B.

Men of Character:
NO REPORT

Natural Life:
REPORT:
7th tradition collected: ?
Area donation: 0
Trusted Servant: Jose B.

No Name Group:
No report

Principles Before Personalities:
REPORT: Everything is going well!
7th tradition collected: $238.55
area donation: $103.68
Trusted Servant: Sheldon S.

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; we have been
discussing the possibility of closing down or moving the meeting. Our rent is paid
through
January. We have literature available for sale and good selection of IPs for the taking.
Three of
the homegroup members celebrate their clean dates in November and, as is tradition with
group, we will celebrate all on one Saturday – either the last Sat in November of the first Sat in December.

LOCATION/MTG TIME:
Pine Rest/6:30-8:00pm
Open
BUSINESS MTG:
Third Saturday

Average Per Meeting:
10.25
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:
3
Total 7th Tradition Collected:
$71.00
Area Donation:
0
Anniversaries Celebrated:
1

Sisters of Serenity:
REPORT: Need more women to come on Sat..
March 11, SOS is holding an event, Speaker Jam.
7th Tradition Collected: 10
Donation to Area: 0
Trusted Servant: Olivia

Staying in the Solution:
no report

Steps to Freedom:
7th Tradition: $4
Area Donation: $0
Report:
“really struggling with membership since move. Doesn’t seem to be improving with time.”
Trusted Servant: Susan F.

Students in Recovery (New):
7th tradition: $30.40
Area Donation: $0
Report: “This is our 3rd consecutive attended Area meeting so we now qualify for
publication on the NA website and meeting lists.”
Trusted Servant: Isaiah M.

Sunrise to Sunset:
7th tradition:
Area Donation: 0
Report: “ongoing”
Trusted Servant: Olivia R.

Surrender to Win:
7th tradition: $60
Area Donation: $0
Report:
Trusted Servant: Julie T.
Trusted Servant: Julie T.

T.G.I.F.:
7th Tradition: $76.18
Area Donation: $0
Trusted Servant: Aaron S.

We Qualify:
7th Tradition: n/a
Area Donation: $50
Report: All trusted servant positions are filled.
We are hosting a gratitude potluck meeting on Wednesday, 11-23-16.
Our meeting attendance continues to grow.
Please include on distribution list for area minutes [email address]
Trusted Servant: Kitty M.

Young in Recovery:
REPORT: “Attendance at the North Club has been very good since moving there. We have introduced a speaker meeting every 5th Thursday of the month (if there is one).”
7th tradition collected: $41.94
Area donation: $15
Trusted Servant: Andrew K.

BYOB:
REPORT: “Our first meeting was on Monday, November 7th. We have had good attendance (8 last week, 12 this week). We meet on Mondays at 6pm at the United Church of Wayland in Wayland, MI.”
7th tradition collected: n/a
Area donation: 0
Trusted Servant: Andrew K.