Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
December 20, 2017

- 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:
Met

Quorum 2:
Met

ASC ROLL CALL
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Chairperson (Margaret P) - Present
Co-Chairperson (Reggie) - Present
Secretary (Dan W) - Present
Co-Secretary (Jody B) - Present
Treasurer (Andrew K) - Present
Co-Treasurer (Bill S) - Present
RCM (Sheldon S.) - Present
Alt-RCM (Ryan B.) - Present
SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON(S):

Public Relations Chair (Brooke B) – Present

Public Relations Co-Chair (Position open) – Present

Activities (Julie) - Present

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THE PATH BEGINS THE JOURNEY

KEEPING IT SIMPLE

OPEN MINDED

PROGRESS NOT PERFECTION

*If your group is not on this list…please let the secretary know!
Thanks!

Chair-
No report

Co Chair-
If you know someone that attends some of the groups let them know that their GSR needs to get out to these area meetings

Secretary-
Ran out of group reports. Paper on table.

Co-secretary-
No report

Treasurer:
See attached

Since I was gone last month there’s two months worth of reports. We’re one month behind on presto print. Paid rent, good through end of year. Account is high, about $2000. Will have quarterly donations coming up so we may wanna consider bumping them up. Please come grab your receipts.

Fred: We’re two quarters behind on phone bill.

Co Treasurer:
The extra fliers everyone grabbed from last year’s SNC picnic were for scrap paper.
Hello family! This month Ryan and I drove to Bad Axe Michigan for region, a round trip of about 412 miles. These are the notes we have brought back!

- Our phone bill this month is 146.24
- There is a fellowship wide literature survey for all to take at www.na.org/survey. All members are encouraged to participate.
- World Services is hosting web seminars to discuss how to, moving forward, improve the WSC. The project is called “The Future of WSC,” and it can be found at na.org under the public tab.
- The World Service Conference will be April 26th – May 5th in Woodland, CA.
- The literature increase has been adjusted again. Starting July of 2018, there will be a 6% increase as opposed to the expected 7.5%, except in basic texts, where the increase will be 5%.
- Early registration for MRCNA is now open! They are also in need of speakers, so if you would like to make a submission, there is a flyer for that up here.
- The MRCNA committee does not have a fundraiser chair and are in need of assistance; also, if any groups would like to host a fundraiser for MRCNA, please reach out to me. They will bring all of the merchandise as well as a rep to offer discounted registration.
- There was yet again a lot of confusion at Region regarding the website; I have been given web administrator authority in order to assist Rex, so if our web servant has questions, he can direct them to me.
- There are many events from other areas happening soon:
  - Newcomer Day Speaker Jam Jan 6th in Ann Arbor – Flyer attained
  - Dinosaur Days Speaker Jam VI April 28th in Saline – Flyer attained
  - Holiday party Dec 24th-25th for Northwestern Area – on the website
  - Sanity Bash Dec 30th for Saginaw Area – on the website
- We hosted elections for the MSO rep and elected trusted servant Bob.
- We asked about the newsletter at region, and we were told that the Thumb area does produce one. I have contact info in anyone would like to reach out to them.
- Marty is asking to have PR from each area verify the number of H&I meetings being held each week. Please get with me to get the contact info.
- Lastly, there will be elections in May at the regional level for the positions of Secretary and Co-Secretary.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service!

Sheldon S
Ryan B

Q: How do people get in contact that are interested in speaking at MRCNA?

A: There are sign up sheets on the website.
Fred: Sanity Bash is going on...they do crazy stuff like bad christmas sweater contests. Also what about books in libraries?

A: Brought it up and didn’t get a resounding notice of interest.

Fred: Didn’t they wanna get the new book in there?

A: There’s a budget for that. PR guy working on it. Each area to handle it themselves if there’s a willingness at area level.

Fred: There is a lot of money available to put books in libraries. We would have to do it ourselves though.

Q: So Region will provide the books but we have to figure out how to distribute?

A: Yes.

**Public Relations:**

December 2017 PR Reports

Chair

Hi All,
Over the past month I have networked with some other area chairs to get some ideas of some things going on in their areas. I also spoke with the PR Chairperson at the regional level, Jonny. He informed me that on March 13 and 14 the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals Conference is being held in Grand Rapid. Jonny and one other are planning to attend that on behalf of our region. He was hoping I could attend one of the days, which I agreed to. I asked him if others from our committee could attend if there was interest and he said he would love for us to make a team effort in doing so. Thanks for allowing me to serve!

Brooke B.

Secretary
Minutes sent. Nothing more to report.

Kaitlyn M.

Correctional Facilities

Hello Family,

I am attaching a revised list of approved members for going into KCCF. I am also attaching an updated meeting schedule. We have had a few members on the men side drop off and a few men and women get approvals. Our Wednesday slots are filled with Thursday having the most openings. I am in the process of getting people acclimated and filling those positions. Also we have fresh approvals for the womens Tuesdays and have been approved to go in every Tuesday (we currently go in 2nd and 4th Tuesday) I am in process of coordinating the acclimation of new women into those spots as well.

All is well, in loving service – Adam G.

Treatment Center Coordinator

Hey everyone!

This month we somehow managed to get every week filled at Turning Point even though we had several weeks with people cancelling the day before or day of.

I want to thank Mike B. for committing to the fourth week of the month and Reggie for joining him this month. Also, Aaron Ma. Josh and Matt for continuing to make themselves available whenever possible. Matt and Josh
will be going on the second week starting in January. (and thank you for filling in this month as well!)

We need women who can commit to going once a month. Nellie has been sick and is most likely moving. Julie can no longer go on the first. And I would like someone else to commit to the fourth week. As I write this we have all the weeks covered for the men. However, this is always changing so continue to spread the word to the men who might be willing to serve as well! My goal is to have two people covering each week in case one person is unable to go the other person can still go. Maybe we should have three? I am open to suggestions.

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Thanks for letting me serve! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Hugs and Love,

Alicia S.

Fellowship Development Coordinator
Requested to chairperson to submit a verbal report at the meeting.

**Phone Line/Meeting List**

**Phone Line Costs for November / December 2017**

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**Webservant**

The website is current and as far as I know accurate. I have also completed a set of work instructions for posting to it which need to be tested by someone other than myself for proofing. I am still working with Gabe on getting the Area and PR minutes on the website and hope to have that figured out after the first of the year. My foot is healing well and I expect to get back to being able to drive myself on December 29th, then it will be business as usual in all my areas of service.

In Loving Service,
Bill Z
Webservant
Community Outreach Coordinator
No report submitted this month.

Need a check for 45.53 for Brennan from the budget.

Q: Did you have any elections?
A: We got a new co chair and his name is Matt D.

*claps*

***If you have meeting lists, please scratch out Downtown Resting Place since it’ll be closing.***

**Activities Report:**
Been busy. Greenville was awesome. People from GR and Greenville. $207 profit.
Asking for $100 for NYE at Lifestream. Please take NYE flier back to home groups. We also did some volunteer work for Just Hope’s event.

**Old Business:**

Ad hoc: Only three people showed up at last meeting. We are well on our way though. I have a cover pic that I’ll pass around. It’s for the front page. Letter of need should be done by next meeting. We have contacted one hotel. It’s the crowne plaza. They put together a nice package. They misunderstood us on the banquet, and they quoted us too much money. There’s no mention of coffee supplied. I’ve asked dave to go back to crowne plaza to ask. I’ll have PowerPoint to take to region in march. Next meeting is monday before area.
Bill S: Are you gonna approach any other hotels?

Jim: dave is working on contacting marriot. Except we can’t do it on fourth of july. Gonna approach them with an alternate date. Tom is still trying to contact calvin college too. Room cost would be like $50 a room.

Jim: I’m missing north club meetings as far as willingness to get involved.

Brooke: we developed a set of questions. History aspect...bid package history from 1992 MRCNA. Five questions for old timers, etc. to spice up history aspect.

Fred: in january i will need funds for printing.

P&A meeting: Two changes to guidelines. Ad hoc doesn’t have to make written report. Verbal goes in minutes. Same for P&A report.

**New Business:**

Barb wants to hock some T-Shirts she has...MRCNA shirts

Bill S: Sat Night has decided to do picnic in June. We have to rent the park soon so we need $150 to make sure we have that park.

Brooke: Nobody should be put in a position to stay in a room together (RCM/Alt RCM). We only pay for one room. Ryan paid for his own room.

Fred: I agree with Brooke. We need to put together some kind of budget for that. If we are gonna say yes, we need to plan for it.

Brooke: Other areas research cost for room. Then go back to area and ask for that amount of money because some people don’t have the money up front. So we could come and ask for the money from Treasurer, etc.

Barb: I think we should automatically plan for two people as far as hotel.

Matt: So are we doubling expenses?

Brooke: I propose the two people ride together.

Fred: RCMA would have option to either have mileage reimbursed or hotel reimbursed.
Steve: You can write it off.

Lora: If you don’t itemize you can’t write it off. We could look at lowering the cost of the mileage.

Steve: I worked in a church. We had a mileage chart. Bring receipt back with how much you used.

Fred: Region only pays 35 cents.

Sheldon: This conversation is supposed to be about hotels. Can we get the hotel room proposal done?

Bill S: The motion is: we are not gonna ask people who are not comfortable to share a room.

Brennan: Can we bring the motion into the P&A meeting to change the guidelines?

Margaret: We do have time on this.

Barb: P&A is only supposed to be for ASC members.

Margaret: It’s open to everyone now.

Lisa: written motion to consider before the regional meeting to have two separate rooms

Lora: So GSR’s don’t have the option to vote? We have to come to P&A?

Sheldon: Next region is in holland so we don’t have to worry about it.

Reggie: We have to be careful how we act. We shouldn’t put this off.

Steve: They should get paid in advance.

*motion carries*

$619.20 is balance collected. $1667.44 after expenses.

Fred: Suggest flat rate donation to world of $600. Wil bring it to $1000. We will be double our prudent reserve.

Lisa: Should we have a prudent reserve for RCM hotel?
Sheldon: If we did a yearly it would be around $800. Currently we just take it out of our account.

Lisa: Sub account for rotating servants? Something like activities.

Ryan: Come in month before and have a budget and present how much we may need. No sense setting aside money for RCM.

Jennah: Why not book them further in advance so it’s cheaper?

Lora: They do.

Andrew: Add language to P&A “if you need to be reimbursed, research and come to previous area. Come back with receipt.”

Fred: world requested donations be stepped up cuz they’re hurting.

Margaret: Motion on the floor?

Andrew: motion is to not do the 10%. Last quarter we sent about $120 to each: region, MSO, and world.

Ryan: Motion to take the donation suggestion to after andrew and bill have figured stuff out.

Andrew: $137 each to area, MRCNA, and world. $411 to the three. If we add $600 on top of that it would bring us down to about $660.

Matt: It’s good to have that amount as low as possible. I’m curious why you’re opposed.

Ryan: What amount of money is too much?

Margaret: We don’t have a cap.

Ryan: The point of hanging on is for rotating budgets.

Barb: We have excess fund and we have a prudent reserve. We know what we need for budget allowances. Suggestion to donate the funds. No need to let them sit here.

Fred: MRCNA doesn’t need funds. I made donations for region. Bumping up regional would be pointless cuz they’re up above where they need to be.
Brennan: I’m pro sending the money (was opposed)

Ryan: Whatever. Seems we might be strapping ourselves short. But I can live with it.

*Motion carries we donate to world*

**GROUP REPORTS:**

**Action:**
Trusted Servant: Kayla P.
7th: $115.75
Donation: $0
Report:

Our sponsorship event was a success. We were also able to purchase an IP rack.

**BYOB (Bring Your Own Book):**
No report

**Downtown Resting Place:**
no report

**Just Hope Group:**
7th Tradition: $12
Area Donation: $20
Report:

Just Hope is going well. The event was awesome.

Trusted Servant: ??

**Just for Today:**
7th Tradition: $45
Area Donation: $30
Report:

Good evening! Today at our business meeting we discussed mileage reimbursement rates, the proposed newsletter, and the communication we’re doing to notify people that our meeting will not meet on December 27th, our facility, Trinity United Methodist Church at 1100 Lake Drive SE in Grand Rapids, will not be open that day.

ILS, JeffK

**Keep Coming Back:**
7th Tradition: $30
Area Donation: $21
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: ??

**Keeping the Dream Alive:**
7th Tradition: ??
Area Donation: $20
Report: Open meeting. Business meeting second Monday of the month at 5:30pm. 7pm, Mondays. 636 Bates SE.
Trusted Servant: San C

**Keep it Simple:**
Trusted Servant:
7th tradition: $70
Area donation: $17.28
Report: Bought $27 worth of keytags that we paid back using some rent money. Meetings continue to get bigger with treatment centers attending.

**Open to Change:**
7th Tradition: $28.50
Area Donation: $28.50
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: ??

**Open Minded:**
No report

**Men of Character:**
Trusted Servant: ??
7th tradition: $45
Area donation: $10
Report: ??

**Natural Life:**
Trusted Servant: Hozay Bee
7th tradition: $120
Area donation: $100
Report: ??

**No Name Group:**
7th Tradition: $250
Area Donation: $25
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: ??

**New Beginnings:**
Trusted Servant: Fred S.
7th tradition: $62
Area donation: $68
Report: We will be open both christmas and NYE.

**Principles Before Personalities:**
7th Tradition: ???
Area Donation: $27.25
Report: ??
Trusted Servant: ??

Progress Not Perfection:
No report

Saturday Night Candlelight:
trusted servant: Bill S
7th tradition: $57 + $18 in lit sales
area donation: $20
Report: The Saturday Night Candlelight Meeting continues to meet and follow the
traditions to the best of our ability. We have decided to once again host a summer picnic
at Riverside Park and hope to rent the Riverbend pavilion on the third Saturday in June
again this year. We are still in need of additional HG members. Our rent is paid through
March 31, 2018. We have literature available for sale and good selection of IP’s for the
taking.

ILS,
Bill S

Sisters of Serenity:
No report

Staying in the Solution:
7th Tradition: $45
Area Donation: $20
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: ??

Steps to Freedom:
No report

Sunrise to Sunset:
7th Tradition: $30
Area Donation: $5
Report: Need support
Trusted Servant: ?

Surrender to Win:
7th tradition: $85
Area Donation: $0
Report: Currently changing our rotating format. Giving away basic texts to members with
lowest increments of clean time who do not have literature.

Trusted Servant: ??

T.G.I.F.:
Trusted Servant: Lora V
7th tradition: $175.06
Area donation: $60.34
Report: Everything is going well!

Time Out:
No report

The Path Begins the Journey:
no report

Welcome Back:
Trusted Servant: ???
7th tradition: $20
Area donation: $10
Report: ??

We Qualify:
Trusted Servant: Curt S
7th tradition: $104.50
Area donation: $100
Report: ??

Young in Recovery:
Trusted Servant: ??
7th tradition: ??
area donation: $30
Report: Meeting needs HG members but otherwise things are well.