Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes  
January 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

Quorum 1:

GSRs: 15 present

Quorum 2:

GSRs: 16 present

ASC ROLL CALL
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Chairperson (Natalie S.) - Excused
Co-Chairperson (Margaret P.) Present
Secretary (Carlee W.) - Present
Co-Secretary (Dan W.) Present
Treasurer (Barb) Present
Co-Treasurer (Andrew) Present
RCM (Sheldon S.) - Present
Co-RCM (Ryan B.) - Present

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON(S):

Public Relations Chair (Gabe B.) – Present
Public Relations Co-Chair (Brooke) – Present
Activities (Yvonne) - Excused- Co-chair present (Julie)

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

New group:

Chair-

Co Chair:
Thank you for letting me be of service, standing in for the Chair today.

Secretary-
There are copies of the 11st step event that is taking place in Lowell, February 10-12. Please take one and announce at your home groups.

Co-secretary-
Nothing to report

RCM:
We are still looking for people to participate in sponsorship behind the walls. Please email me if you would like to volunteer.
sheldon.skiver@gmail.com

Alternate RCM-
nothing to report
Public Relations:

Verbal report:
Tomorrow we have an H&I conference call with World Services Office. We are in need of women for speaking at Turning Point-7pm on Tuesdays.
6 months clean time requirement
Please recruit and announce at home groups.
We are in need of women for speaking at the jail. Very dire. We have 2 applications only.

Written report:

Chairperson
Hi Family,
All is well in the world of PR. The website is up to date. I will be participating in an H&I conference call tomorrow that NAWS is putting on, through our Regional PR Chair Doug D. I'll report back on that next month. Thanks for letting me serve,
Gabe B.

Cochair/Treatment Center Coordinator
Hi All,
Current list of people scheduled to serve at Turning Point as point people are:
Monday 6:30pm Men Meeting:
  1st Monday: Julius V, Mark L
  2nd Monday: Aaron S
  3rd Monday: Chad G, Jose B
  4th Monday: Reggie H
Tuesday 7:00pm Women Meeting:
  1st Tuesday: Sheldon S, Julie T
  2nd Tuesday: Ann, Jenni T
  3rd Tuesday: Julia H
  4th Tuesday: Margaret P, Kayla P(?)

All weeks for the men were covered by their point people except the second Tuesday, Aaron was having car troubles. Chad G did forget to attend on the second Monday, he contacted me and apologized. I expressed the importance of regular attendance. This was the first time of this happening for him. There are five Monday's in the month this January. Jose has agreed to attend the fifth Monday of the month.
The 1st, 2nd, 3rd Tuesdays of the month for women have been covered. This fourth Tuesday will be covered by Jenni T. Margaret and possibly Kayla will be taking over the fourth tuesday but are unable to start until March. There are also five tuesdays in the month, am working on finding someone to cover that time as well. Jenni was not in attendance for the second tuesday January 25, 2017 of the month. Ann has contacted me to say she will be unable to serve in the month of February only, due to a prior engagement.
Thanks for allowing me to serve.
Brooke B.
Hi everyone,
Brooke and I updated the DOS and donts and made two separate documents. One for the jail and one for treatment centers.
That's all I have,
Lora

Phone Line/Meeting Lists
Phone line for December was $24.34. Phone line for January (to date) is $18.58.
-Jeff K

Activities Report:

We had a very successful activity on New Year’s Eve, hosting with Young in Recovery. Many people came and had fun with the fellowship, and listened to the three speakers share their message of recovery. The total profit was $317.05.
Friday, Jan. 27th is the TGIF game night.
March 18th is an Open Mic Night Hosted by Surrender to Win

Activities Treasurer: The figures for the budget will be in the written report. I have the money. I took the $200 for the TGIF event out of the total and deposited the remaining $415.05. The old budget for does not fit with this way of using the rotating budget. If anyone has any ideas let me know.

Comment from floor: I think that procedure is correct. There just needs to be a paper trail. You should only have to bring a request to area if the activity is going over budget.

Q: Is there a post-event form?
A: We have an open position called “Forms Developer”, if anyone would like to volunteer, please come to the next ASC meeting- First Monday of the Month at 6:30 at the North Alano Club 1020 College Ave NE.
A: Jeff K. has many forms to give us.

Activities Treasurer:
So far we are 3 for 4 in having an activity once per month.
Saturday Night Candlelight GSR:
Saturday Night Candlelight is having the annual picnic on June 17th. We are asking for $150 for the park to reserve the pavilion for the weekend.
That is the only money we ask for. We should have flyers by next Friday.

Chair: We will put that in the New Business.

Joe: No Name group is having their 8th annual picnic on August 12th. It is free.

Activities Subcommittee:
Are both groups open to have an Activities Subcommittee member come see what we can offer to help?
SNCL: yes
Joe: I will ask the home group

Comment from floor: Thank you ASC. I heard the even was successful.

**Treasurer Report:**
[see attached for full report]

**Old Business:**

Chair: Comments on the starter pack before we vote [has been taken back to home groups to get advice to vote]

Floor: My group suggested that we include one copy of the IP “The Group”

Floor: Our group said “we are carrying the addict, not the message”, and 6/6 voted no.

Floor: Our group said a similar thing. That newer groups are thinking they need all this stuff, when really what they need is one basic text, and insert some order forms for MSO in there.

Floor: KTDA support the starter pack, and suggested including “The Group” IP.

Q: I wasn’t here last month.

Secretary read the propolasl:

**Written Proposal:**
“[I propose that the ASC offer a starter pack to new meetings that have met the requirements to be on the meeting list, if they are in need and request it. Groups that have some kind of catastrophe happen would also be eligible to get the starter pack. Before a group is on the meeting list and eligible to receive the starter pack from the ASC, we will recommend contacting WSO and requesting their starter kit.]

The starter pack would be:

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Total: $70.15
+$4.21 tax = $74.36 + shipping

Q: Is this more than what you get from WSO for start up?
A: yes

Floor: Greenville needs an NA group. This would not be for every single new group.

Floor: I agree with what he said.
Gabe: Anyone who is asking about the Greenville meeting- we already approved the starter pack for Greenville, and we approved $150, which they did not use all of it. We made it a little less generous. I would also like to point out that we expect a group to be established and to have contacted WSO themselves. At students in Recovery, we have been able to slowly build out egg, so we do not need it. We would not request it even if we are eligible. So hopefully groups wouldn’t want it. It seems like it’s not going to pass with consensus based decision making, and I can understand

Q: how is this not following traditions?
A: fully self supporting.
Q: but isn’t this within NA, I thought outside contributions were outside of NA.
A: no it’s each individual group

Floor: It’s kindof like investing in a business. don’t we want to grow them?
Floor: The structure is pretty much opposite of what you are describing. Each group can have more than one meaning, and do what they want. The groups are the most powerful part of the service structure. We have a lot of old-timers at our group and we had a lengthy discussion about this, with the point coming out that providing this is holding the group back from learning to be responsible for themselves.

Floor: I can see the point on both sides. This Greenville meeting was a different thing, where there was an unforeseen circumstance that caused them to have to suddenly move and it was a unique situation.

Floor: I understand the catastrophic situation, but that situation should not have happened. Has that group been going for two years?
A: No 3 months
Q: and Alano club has been providing literature?
A: that’s a tradition broken.

Gabe: I’m sorry but this has already been voted on. This is not the issue.

Floor: things have changed. A long time ago, a group used to be able to come to area and get free literature. It would be sad to have a group fail because of some literature. We used to take care of each other’s backs around here. We have to play the tape all the way though. I don’t want to see that meeting fold.

Floor: My only concern is in the wording of distinguishing who is going to get it and who is not, to avoid any bias and any division. There needs to be something more concrete about how to decided who gets it and who doesn’t.

Floor: Our primary purpose is to carry the message that still suffer. I don’t see how that could be violating a tradition

Susan: we do not have any books at our book study. I think it would be fine for individual groups to donate to other groups that need it instead of it being an area decision. It’s having many possibilities to get your needs met and not get shut down by a large body.

Gabe: As far as each group needing to be independent, in regards to the Greenville group for example, some of the groups struggle to make rent and some have more slips than dollars in the basket. It helps to have some materials and literature, especially when one can’t make it to a new meeting.

Floor: Alano club is not related to us, it is an outside contributor. These things happening is why we do not do that. I think we did the right thing by this group. So the next group that comes, lets make it fair, and make it sustainable. $75 plus shipping ($94) is not sustainable for this area.

Floor: It doesn’t seem there is much agreement. why can’t we do it on a case-by-case basis. It doesn’t seem that there is going to be this topic coming up for a long time, and it seems we are wasting our time.

Q: Where does the profit for events go to? Can we have an event and have the profit go towards books?
A: Money from events goes to checking account and it’s used for area expenses. There are areas that do fundraisers for books. We should come up with an ad hoc committee to organize it.
A: yes, just put it on the event flyer that the proceeds go to literature

Floor: Good discussion. I am learning a lot at my first day at area. I was at the Just Hope meeting and we had a couple folks from Lowell asking “How do we start a meeting?”. The first meeting I went to there wasn’t literature, but I was able to get it because I was close, if you are far away you can’t.

Floor: I would agree to make it a case-by-case basis.

Floor: I think it is a good point about making a new ad hoc committee and coming up with something different.

Motion to table: Passed
Old Business:
[P&A report attached] shared by Co-Secretary

New Business:
Saturday Night Candlelight asking for $150 for deposit to the park for event in June.

Activities Co-Chair: I would request that we have an extra $150 for that instead of taking it out of the rotating budget.

Q: I would like to ask the treasurer, how is that going to affect our budget?
A: Yes we are sitting on some cash

No opposition
motion carries

GROUP REPORTS:

BYOB (Bring Your Own Book):
7th Tradition: n/a
Area Donation: $0
Report: “Nothing to report <3”
Trusted Servant: Brennan M.

Downtown Resting Place:
no report

Hope Not Dope:
7th tradition:
Area Donation: $0
Report: “Changed group name to Action. Also moved to new location & time, Wednesday at 7pm
1015 E. Washington
Greenville, MI 48838
More meetings may start at new location after the group settles.
Trusted Servant: Kayla P.

Just Hope Group:
Report:
7th tradition collected: Est. $40
area donation: $10
trusted servant: Reggie H.

Just for Today:
Report: “We discussed the motion regarding ASC giving $ for new groups to acquire meeting starting kits. The group, after much discussion, voted no. Rather, we could consider donating one basic text with MSO literature order forms, possibly.”
7th tradition collected: $80
area donation: $20
trusted servant: Lisa M.

Keep Coming Back:
no report

Keeping the Dream Alive:
7th Tradition:

Area Donation: $15.00
Report: “Everything going well. Planning event for May or June. More details to follow.”

Trusted Servant: Margaret P.

Open to Change:

trusted servant: David M.
7th tradition: $26
Area donation: 6

Men of Character:

trusted servant: Maurey T.
7th tradition:
area donation: $5
report:

Natural Life:

no report

No Name Group:

trusted servant: Joe W.
7th tradition: 0
area donation: $20
report: “Everything is going good”

New Beginnings:

no report

Principles Before Personalities:

trusted servant: Earl G.
7th tradition: 120.75
area donation: 34.14
report: “We meet on 2/8/17 at 6pm. Doors are always opened and format remains the same”

Saturday Night Candlelight:

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 to host a summer picnic at Riverside Park and hope to rent the Riverbend Pavilion on the third Saturday in June again this year; that

date is 6/17/2017. We have reserved the park and will be asking Area for $150 to cover the

cost of reserving the space. We are still in need of additional homegroup members; we have

been discussing the possibility of closing down or moving the meeting. Our rent is paid through

March. We have literature available for sale and good selection of IPs for the taking. We are

making a $50 area donation this month.
LOCATION/MTG TIME:
Pine Rest/6:30-8:00pm
Open
BUSINESS MTG:
Third Saturday

Total attendees:
40
Average Per Meeting:
10
Total 1st Step Meetings this Month:
1
Total 7th Tradition Collected:
$66.00
Area Donation:
$50
Anniversaries Celebrated:
1

Sisters of Serenity:
REPORT: ”We are putting on an event March 11 from 2pm-8pm @ Adams St. Apartments”
7th Tradition Collected: 20
Donation to Area: 0
Trusted Servant: Olivia R.

Staying in the Solution:
trusted servant: Dave W.
7th tradition: $57.50
area donation: $15
Report:
Steps to Freedom:
7th Tradition: $ 25.52
Area Donation: $ 0
Report: “Growth has blossomed this month!”
Trusted Servant: Susan F.

Students in Recovery:
7th tradition: $22.73
Area Donation:
Report:
Trusted Servant: Isaiah M.

Sunrise to Sunset:
7th tradition: $50
Area Donation: 0
Report: “Our meeting changed from M-F, Now is Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8am-9:30am. Please change on the meeting list.”
Trusted Servant: David M.

Surrender to Win:
7th tradition: $60
Area Donation:
Report: “Open Mic Night March 18th, Clancy St. Ministries 6:30-11:30”
Trusted Servant: Julie T.

T.G.I.F.:
7th Tradition: $235.95
Area Donation: $ 126
Report: “All is well.”
Trusted Servant: Aaron S.

**The Path Begins the Journey:**
7th Tradition: $60
Area Donation: $20
Report: “The group continues to be well attended by people in the community and from treatment programs”
Trusted Servant: Wilbur W.

**We Qualify:**
7th Tradition: $131.30
Area Donation: $ 10
Report: “We are strongly opposed to funding new start up groups & accepting outside contributions.”
Trusted Servant: Curt S.

**Young in Recovery:**
REPORT: N/A
7th tradition collected:
Area donation: $40
Trusted Servant: Andrew K.