Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
April 26, 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:
Met

Quorum 2:
Met

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 (Andrew) - Present
RCM (Sheldon S.) - Present
Alt-RCM (Ryan B.) - Present
**SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON(S):**

Public Relations Chair (Gabe B.) – Present

Public Relations Co-Chair (Brooke) – Present

Activities (Julie) - Present

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

Welcomed Erica, David, and Jared to their first Area meeting

Chair-
Grateful to have served as Chair this past year. Please put chairs back when you’re done.

Co Chair:
Nothing to report.

Secretary-
Usually we ask if there are any new groups. New group is called Time Out. Extra copies of the Saturday Night Candlelight picnic flyer are on the table. Copies of qualifications for service positions on table. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Co-secretary-
Nothing to report.

Treasurer:
I have a conflict and am unable to attend the area meeting tonight. Here is my final report:

Hi family:

I would like to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve this past year as your area treasurer. I would also like to thank Andrew for all his hard work as the co-treasurer. I have absolute faith in his abilities to function as the area treasurer in the future.

I was asked to discuss the tax id situation with one of our attorneys. The person I spoke with has set up many non-profit organizations. He indicated we would need to organize in order obtain a tax id number. We would have a couple options - to form as a non-profit corporation in the State of Michigan, or to form as a limited liability company - not claiming non profit status.

I am seeking a second opinion from the Region's CPA. I am hoping they will say we can form as a non-profit corporation, but not seek 501(c)3 status. I have a call in to Cathie Bauman who is the accountant who prepares the region's tax returns, but she is out of the office. I have also sent her an email - but as of yet have not received a response. I would suggest going with her recommendation.

I would be able to complete the Application for Employer Identification Number and file it with the Internal Revenue Service to obtain the EIN once the decision is made as to how the ASC should be organized at the state level.
I will continue to follow up with Cathie Bauman and will be in contact with you regarding her recommendations. I will be unable to attend the next ASC meeting as I will be in Florida at that time, but will forward any information received to you via email.

Again, thanks for letting me serve!

ILS
Barb P

Co Treasurer:
Will have bi-annual report for Jan-June so look forward to that.

RCM and Alternate RCM:
Region is next weekend. We’ll be attending and will have something to report at the next area meeting. It’s in Comstock at their community center.

Public Relations:
May 24, 2017

PR REPORT

Chairperson
Hi Family,

I got connected to the new website this week, and have been able to change most of what needed to be changed. I added all our Area’s events to the site. The only thing I wasn’t able to do was add new meetings, but someone from Region is working with me on that, so it will get done soon. Two meetings are affected by this: BYOB and Action Group. I will be training our webservant in the next week.
We filled the Community Outreach Coordinator position last month (finally)! We will be getting James going on distributing literature in the community in the next two weeks, and taking ideas for new places to put literature soon.

In loving service,

Gabe B.

**Cochair/Treatment Center Coordinator**

Hi All,

I checked in with Turning Point to see how the transition from Monday to Thursday nights was going for the men’s meeting. They told me that there were no concerns and the transition seemed to be going smoothly.

I am currently looking for at least one but preferably two women to serve as point people for the third Tuesday of the month. If anyone knows anyone who may be interested please feel free to give them my number, 6167106956.

Thanks for allowing me to serve!

Brooke B.

**Phone Line/Meeting Lists**

Phone line for April was $29.03. Phone line for May (to date) is $23.31.

-Jeff K.

**Correctional Facilities Coordinator**
Hello Family,

All is well at the jail, every night was covered, at both the Men and Women's side.
May 24, 2017

In Loving Service,

Tom W.

Q: Did they fix the site to work for cell phones?
A: As far as I know Yes

Activities Report:
Cinco De Mayo was a great turnout. Profit of 231.50. Keeping the dream alive is asking for $300 from rotating budget. Jesse was elected co-chair last month, so it’s open. If you’re interested, please come. RIP Jesse 💔

Old Business:
Tax ID stuff:

Floor: Still confused, NA ought never be organized so futile to go forward.

F: Don’t do anything.

Chair: My understanding is that it’s illegal to do nothing. We have to go right or left. I was gonna motion to table until next month.

F: Has anyone called world to ask why you need a CIN? Would suggest talking to a guy named Steve R.
F: If Bob has a specific person, let’s go with that.

F: Lock box? Get one where there’s two separate keys...two people to open it, etc. That way we don’t have to worry about Tax ID crap. It’s an option.

C: Barb had experience so we asked her. She can’t do the work while we have different things going on. Let’s let her figure it out and maybe use Bob’s option if we need it.

**New Business:**

Elections:

*qualifications read for each position*

F: Question about consensus based decisions

Chair: Margaret, no one else nominated
Co-Chair: Reggie and Jody nominated. Reggie elected.
Secretary: Dan W, no one else nominated.
Co-Secretary: Jody nominated and elected.
Treasurer: Andrew nominated and elected.

RCM’s to be elected next year

**GROUP REPORTS:**

**Action:**
Trusted Servant: Kayla P.
7th:
Donation: $0
Report: No report

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

**Downtown Resting Place:**
no report

**Just Hope Group:**
no report

**Just for Today:**
no report

**Keep Coming Back:**
7th tradition collected: $120
area donation: $12
report: No report
trusted servant: Jason E
Keeping the Dream Alive: 
nol report

Keep it Simple: 
nol report

Open to Change: 
nol report

Men of Character: 
nol report

Natural Life: 
nol report

No Name Group: 
nol report

New Beginnings: 
trusted servant: Fred S
7th tradition: $35
area donation: $0
report: Monday night, 7-8pm. New Community Church. Plainfield Ave (Across from Lowe’s). Business meeting 3rd monday of the month.

Principles Before Personalities:
trusted servant: Bill
7th tradition: $159.26
area donation: $0
Report: Donation was made to get to our prudent reserve. We had elections. Earl G GSR, Vonnee treasurer. Also decided no checking account.

Saturday Night Candlelight: 
trusted servant: Bill
7th tradition: $50
area donation: $0
Report: The Saturday Night Candlelight Meeting continues to meet and follow traditions to the best of our ability. We ask that GSR’s please continue announcing the Family Picnic on June 17th at Riverside Park. Our rent is paid through September. We have literature available for sale and good selection of IP’s for taking. We are not making an area donation this month, but we are hoping the picnic is a success and we can pass on the proceeds to area next month. Our business meeting is the third Saturday, following the regular meeting.

Sisters of Serenity: 
nol report

Staying in the Solution: 
nol report

Steps to Freedom: 
7th Tradition: 21.00
Area Donation: $0
Report: Nothing to report
Trusted Servant: Susan F

Students in Recovery:
7th tradition:
Area Donation: $42.77
Report: “We are shutting down the meeting for the summer since attendance is sparse and there aren’t many students around. Donating all money to area”
Trusted Servant: DW

Sunrise to Sunset:
no report

Surrender to Win:
7th tradition: $60
Area Donation: $0
Report:
Trusted Servant: T.G.I.F.:
7th Tradition:
Area Donation: $103.35
Report: Meeting doing good!
Trusted Servant: Lora V

Time Out:
7th tradition:
Area donation: $0
Report: New group. 5010 S. Division 5:30pm-6:30pm on Thurs
Open meeting

The Path Begins the Journey:
no report

Welcome Back:
no report

We Qualify:
Trusted Servant: Bill Z
7th tradition: $109.25
area donation: $75
Report: No report

Young in Recovery:
REPORT: No report
7th tradition collected:
Area donation: $20
Trusted Servant: Erica V