Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes  
September 27, 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.) - Excused
### SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON(S):

Public Relations Chair (Gabe B.) – Present

Public Relations Co-Chair (Brooke) – Present

Activities (Julie) - Present

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#### NEW/RETURNING GROUPS:

- **BYOB (bring your own books)**: p p u p p p p p U
- **THE PATH BEGINS THE JOURNEY**: p p U U U U U U U
- **KEEPING IT SIMPLE**: p p p p P U P P
- **OPEN MINDED**: P
*If your group is not on this list...please let the secretary know! Thanks!

*insert new groups*

**Chair-**
No report

**Co Chair-**
No report

**Secretary-**
Sick and didn’t go to work, therefore no group reports were printed. Please use notebook paper.

**Co-secretary-**
No report

**Treasurer:**
See attached reports

**Co Treasurer:**
Please grab your receipts on the table.

**RCM and Alternate RCM:**

Hello GGRASCNA! This September I traveled to the Washtenaw Area for MRSCNA in Ann Arbor, a total of 275 miles, and managed to save on a hotel room by staying with friends! This is my report:

- Next region will be in the Thumb Area, with a CAR workshop preceding the day before.
- Last region we donated $1000 to WSO.
- Our phone bill is $80.89 for the quarter.
- We are the co-authors of a motion for a service pamphlet involving social media, and we’d like the areas feedback on it.
- World in 2018 will be from 4/29-5/5. Information is posted online on the NAWS website under the “NAWS News” portion.
- MRCNA 34 is being hosted in Shanty Creek!
  - We are looking for themes and logo submissions (no trees please)
  - Planning committee meetings are held at 5780 Shanty Creek Rd in Shanty Creek every 3rd Sunday of the month starting at 11am.
  - Pre-registration is open until March 2018 at $20.
- As far as the website goes, we have not heard from Kevin, but we are working on it as quickly as possible.
- Sponsorship Behind the Walls is still looking for participants! Please see me to get information/sign up sheets back to your homegroups.
- NAWS is looking for story submissions for the quarterly newsletter, “Reaching Out” involving the experience of finding recovery behind the walls (treatment centers, jails, prisons, hospitals, or institutions) and maintaining it on the outside! Please see me for information on submitting stories.
- Our PR rep wanted to pose the idea of having meeting lists in hospital ERs or in Senior Centers? Is it something we’d like to look into?
- Another suggestion was looking into getting copies of “Living Clean” into local libraries? There are multiple steps to get them in there, but we are looking at a possible regional budget of $2,000 allocated towards it.
- Consequently, we elected a new PR rep for the year, and that person is now Johnny!
- We are again revisiting the extension/changing of the RD and RDA terms for regional servants. MRSCNA isn’t looking for a vote at this time, but keep in mind that a discussion is going to be coming soon.

That is all I have at this time! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at sheldon.skiver@gmail.com! Thank you!

In Loving Service,
Sheldon S.

Gabe: Just so you know I talked to that Kevin guy about web stuff and he was responsive.

Fred: Sheldon talked about Washtenaw for MRCNA after Bellaire and i don’t think it’s very profitable. Would like to put on new business for our area for MRCNA because hotels are cheaper.
Public Relations:

PR REPORT

Chairperson
Hi Family,

We had Recovery Palooza this past Friday. Thanks to Lora V., Kelly G, James V., and Cloe R. for volunteering at our table. From all accounts it went well. Next year we should order our literature earlier than the week of the event, as MSO was having some issues and we didn’t get it in time. But we were able to gather enough literature to cover our bases, and now we have some extra IPs for the subcommittee. Lora has more on this event in her report.

I’m so grateful for being given the opportunity to serve in this capacity. It has been wonderful doing service with you all.

-Gabe B.

Cochair/Treatment Center Coordinator
Hi All,

Nothing new to report this month, all is going well!

Thanks for allowing me to serve!

Brooke B.

Correctional Facilities Coordinator
Hey Family,

For the most part things went well, only thing being is we had one meeting not happen on the women’s side.

Thanks,
Tom W.

Phone Line/Meeting List
The Phone line for August was $17.96. For September (to date) it was $17.05. Report is attached.
-Jeff K.

**Webservant**

Hi Family,
Got a crash course from Gabe regarding posting to the website and I am starting to get familiar with the procedures. I intend on writing work instructions from my made sense at the time notes taken during my initial session with Gabe but think I may need a refresher regarding some postings. Hopefully this will keep me doing things correctly as well as future web servants. I am using the login for Gabe as the Regional Webservant has yet to get me hooked up.

Thank you for helping me to serve,
Bill Z

**Fellowship Development Coordinator**

Hi,

Nothing to report for my specific position.. however, I have a few things I wanted to have documented regarding the recovery palooza.

The palooza went well.. we had several volunteers that showed up when they were suppose to which was great.. the venue was beautiful.. our table seemed a little lack luster.. I would suggest we buy a rack for i.p.s next year, maybe bring some flowers and have a pretty basket of candy.. also, maybe have a copy of the basic text and just for today book.. I think these things will make us look a little more professional.

It was a really nice event and I was grateful to be part of it.

That's all I have,
Lora

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

**Activities Report:**
Julie: Been busy. Had elections. Filled all positions. Chili cook off was a great turn out. $318.50 profit...came out with $18.50 ahead after expenses.
Fred: Flyer doesn’t have an address and also needs the NA logo.

**Old Business:**
We made our donations to region and world from August

**New Business:**

**Elections:**

Have to elect Activities chair and PR chair.

Brooke B is PR chair
Julie T is Activities chair

Gabe: I have willingness to help with the bid for GR to have MRCNA next year.

Fred: Need to approach a hotel and work out a contract, discount, how many rooms, etc. We need committed members also. If we have enough people here we can form an Ad-hoc committee, which is a temporary committee.

Gabe: is there some kind of template for putting in a bid?

F: There is.

G: In bid packages, it’s an appeal to region “please hold MRCNA here”. It fosters recovery. Having it in Washtenaw was to get Dawn Farms to warm up to NA.

Sheldon: This bid will be due at next Region. MRCNA guidelines say year before, so we have eight months. Region said they would be due in December.

Fred: I have willingness to chair an Ad-hoc committee. Sheldon will you read service resumes?

S: *explains questions reminiscent of our own elections*

Andrew: I did this in the other fellowship. I have experience doing this, and three months isn’t gonna happen.

G: Can we get ahold of someone in Region and see if it’s in December?

F: *reads online guidelines* We have till March.
Vote on whether to have Ad-hoc committee...we have an Ad-hoc committee

F: *explains all his service experience* Barb would like to be involved, as would Jim. I know of several people who would serve on the Ad-hoc committee.

Fred is elected Ad-hoc chair

Julie requesting $200 for TGIF event (Activities)

Andrew: $600.70 collected

F: That puts us back up over $2000.

A: We have a lot of outgoing payments so we can wait till next month.

***Steps to Freedom to be held at 1975 Jefferson on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30pm***

**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:**
7th Tradition: ??
Area Donation: $10
Report: Just Hope is starting to pick up more and more. Still in need of some trusted servants.
Trusted Servant: Mike B

**Just for Today:**
7th Tradition: $24
Area Donation: $24
Report: Good evening!

Good evening!

Today we agreed to move reschedule our dinner activity with the Principles Before
Personalities group, in conjunction with our area’s activities subcommittee, until February 2018. (We still need to schedule a date with St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church.) Then, based on the availability, we’ll choose a date and time and work with Activities to produce a flier.

ILS,

JeffK

**Keep Coming Back:**
No report

**Keeping the Dream Alive:**
*7th Tradition:* ??
*Area Donation:* $20
*Report:* KTDA is grateful to serve

Trusted Servant: San C

**Keep it Simple:**
*7th Tradition:* ??
*Area Donation:* $0
*Report:* No report

Trusted Servant: Brooke Q

**Open to Change:**
*7th Tradition:* ??
*Area Donation:* $13
*Report:* No report

Trusted Servant: Ryan B

**Open Minded:**
*7th Tradition:* $40
*Area Donation:* $0
*Report:* The second Saturday of the month we are putting together a traveling group to reach out to areas where there are no NA meetings. Unsure on a time but will discuss at the business meeting (first Tuesday of the month).

Trusted Servant: Carson

**Men of Character:**
no report

**Natural Life:**
*7th Tradition:* $150
*Area Donation:* $150
*Report:* No report

Trusted Servant: Jose B

**No Name Group:**
no report
New Beginnings:
trusted servant: Fred S
7th tradition: $74
area donation: $0
report: ??

Principles Before Personalities:
No report

Saturday Night Candlelight:
trusted servant: Bill S
7th tradition: $43.37
area donation: $0
Report: The Saturday Night Candlelight Meeting continues to meet and follow the traditions to the best of our ability. We have our rent due and need to make a literature order, so will not be making an area donation this month. We had low attendance during the month of August as well.

ILS,
Bill S

Sisters of Serenity:
7th Tradition: Can’t tell if it says $11 or $1
Area Donation: $0
Report: Need support
Trusted Servant: ??

Staying in the Solution:
7th Tradition: $40
Area Donation: $0
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: Dave W

Steps to Freedom:
No report

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

Surrender to Win:
7th tradition: $30
Area Donation: $0
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: ???

T.G.I.F.:
7th Tradition: $142.13
Area Donation: $20.20
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: Kelly G

Time Out:
No report

The Path Begins the Journey:
no report

Welcome Back:
7th tradition: $30
Area Donation: $10
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: ??

We Qualify:
Trusted Servant: Bill Z
7th tradition: $104
area donation: $20.50
Report: No report

Young in Recovery:
7th tradition collected: $50
Area donation: $20
Report: Need trusted servants, but otherwise functioning well.
Trusted Servant: Sheldon S