Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
January 24, 2018

- 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 GSR’s that have missed more than five we don’t want to remove them from the list.

Secretary-
Group reports on table.

Co-secretary-
No report

Treasurer:
See attached. Please grab receipts.

Co Treasurer:
No report.

RCM and Alternate RCM:
No report.

Public Relations:
See attached.
Activities Report:
NYE made back $214. Sanford house owes $50. Several treatment centers came.
Activities committee desperately needs people. New event, flyers on table.

Old Business:

Ad Hoc- Hello Family. The bid committee is in the final stages of completing our bid package. We have all the data collected and are in the process of putting it together in a final form. We will have a power point presentation ready to give at the next area meeting and then take to region for the March meeting. I am asking for a check of $100 to cover the cost of printing 16 copies in folders to take to region. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this project. ILS, Fred S

Newsletter- Printed up some guidelines. Still need to review with people (group conscious). Will be back next month with some guidelines.

New Business:

Julie: Activities would like prudent reserve to increase to $450. Reason is we are running to $400-450 atm and it’s coming out of my pocket. I get reimbursed but it’s a bit much.
Fred: We should bump prudent reserve up to match activities. So we need to update guidelines.

*Motion carries to raise activities and area prudent reserve*

*Motion carries to give Fred money*

Sheldon: Would anyone be opposed to me going out to doing a wellness check on the groups who haven’t been to area?

Charles: Three month limit? Shouldn’t they be contacted after two months?

Jennah: There hasn’t been an attempt made to come to area, so how accountable are they being to their groups? We have the guidelines for a reason.

Matt: My point is…it doesn’t make sense that we’re holding groups accountable to the service body, but it’s supposed to be the other way around. We serve the groups.

Fred: I’ve gone to region for lots of years. Other areas will say their area is struggling and no one comes to their area meetings. RCM’s from GR raise their hands and say “this is what we do..” I don’t think we should make an exception. If we do, we’ll be like other areas and then we’ll be at region asking “what do we do?”

Lisa: Meetings are struggling with GSR’s because they can’t get people in the chairs, and on their group service committee. I agree with Charles’ two month contact idea.

Ryan: Fully agree with Lisa. We need to reach out to make sure area is serving the groups. Tell them they’re gonna be taken off the list if they don’t come to area.

Joe: I’m getting tired of being a GSR, but the willingness isn’t there. Does every HG know about the three month thing? Newcomers are chairing meetings and don’t know what they’re doing.

Matt: Propose a motion to change PR language and area language: following two unexcused absences, wellness check will be done. Educate them on what a GSR is and does.

Sheldon: I wanna hear opposition. As RCM’s we just sit here. I am willing to reach out and do a wellness check. Will go to business meetings.

Kayla: I’m GSR for Greenville. I started doing it because there is not a single person there willing to do it. Groups need to elect a new GSR that CAN go to area.
Bill: Traditions say groups are autonomous except for matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole. ...part of area expectations is for groups to come to area to report. If you can’t come you email a report or send to someone else. If you can’t have one group member come to area, you probably don’t belong on the meeting list.

Fred: Changing guidelines would be detrimental later. I believe the meeting will dwindle. Cut and dry. Come back and find out why you were taken off and we’ll put you back on. We need support in return.

Earl: All that’s required to be on the meeting list is a report. There are many ways to get a report to us. I think the wellness check aspect is already in place.

Lora: Purpose of area is to bring unity. We wanna know what’s going on not to censor or tell them what’s wrong...we’re here to help if you don’t know how to do certain things. There are resources at MSO to give groups. If there’s a meeting listed and there’s been no rep

Bill: *reads requirements for active groups* What happens next after the wellness check? Does someone tell someone to take them off the meeting list?

Ryan: What does the proposal state?

Matt: It is not to change the guideline of three unexcused absences. If the group hasn’t attended for two months, group will be contacted. It’s to make an attempt—eighth concept—effective communication.

Ryan: Scheduling could be a problem. I’m in favor of tabling this and bringing it back to homegroups. Verbiage needs to be more clearly defined.

Joe: Back in the day we talked to newcomers. All that’s going on today is speaker jams and cookie drives. We need workshops. We got away from stuff that works. I’m tired of speaker jams.

Reggie: Some homegroups are taking advantage. I got involved because there’s a separation. No unity. We gotta bring this back together. How can we say we’re gonna do MRCNA? We struggle here.

Fred: There’s a discrepancy between what Bill was reading and what’s online as far as guidelines. Maybe some homegroups have a different set of guidelines? Maybe we should get with activities and set up a workshop. All speakers geared toward a specific area of service.
Brennan: As fellowship development coordinator I wanna do everything you guys are talking about. I’m setting up a FDC meeting.

Margaret: We will table this.

Andrew: $671.66

**GROUP REPORTS:**

**Action:**
Trusted Servant: Kayla P.
7th: $0
Donation: $0
Report:
Our group has had an anonymous literature donation, and has made a group conscience to give new members that get 30 days clean a basic text if they do not own one already. We have been collecting enough 7th tradition to be fully self-supporting.

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

**Downtown Resting Place:**
no report

**Home Group:**
7th Tradition: $0
Area Donation: $0
Report:
[1975 Jefferson Ave SE](#)  
Thursdays 6-7:30 pm  
Open meeting  
Business meeting every 4th Thursday

Our attendance has been very low. Averaging like 5 people. The building actually has been closed the last 2 weeks do to uncontrollable situations. This use to be one of the most popular meetings until we moved 2x. I'm Charles J. Been chairing meeting for 12 yrs.

**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: $47
Area Donation: $0
Report:

Good evening!

Our treasurer did not have the money with him this month, so we are not forwarding on a donation today. However, our February donation will include the amount we intended to donate in January, as well as money from February.

ILS,
JeffK

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

Keeping the Dream Alive:
No report

Keep it Simple:
Trusted Servant:
7th tradition: $70
Area donation: $0
Report: Meetings were big this month with the exception of holidays. We had a speaker meeting (Amanda D) that went really well. HG members are lacking but we are still managing ok. My totals are estimates as I left my reports at the HG. Will add to next month’s.

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

Open Minded:
7th Tradition: ???
Area Donation: $2
Report: Will get donations from treasurer
Trusted Servant: ??

Men of Character:
Trusted Servant: ??
7th tradition: $70
Area donation: $0
Report: Need more group members and trying to get some more help
Natural Life:

Trusted Servant: Hozay Bee
7th tradition: $175
Area donation: $0
Report: Doing great will have some money next month

No Name Group:

7th Tradition: $100
Area Donation: $15
Report: Everything going ok, our yearly picnic will be held Aug 11, 2018 Richmond Park from 9-5
Trusted Servant: ??

New Beginnings:

Trusted Servant: Fred S.
7th tradition: $72
Area donation: $40
Report: All is well. ILS, Fred S.

Principles Before Personalities:

Entries are on wrong lines so I don’t know which is which. It says $38 to WSO, $30 for rent, and $38.75 under “total attendees” so I’m not sure what that means. - Dan W.
Report: All is well
Trusted Servant: Alicia S

Progress Not Perfection:

7th Tradition: ??
Area Donation: $3
Report: ??
Trusted Servant: Will get donations from treasurer

Saturday Night Candlelight:

trusted servant: Bill S
7th tradition: $55
Area donation: $40
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 pavillion on the third Saturday in June again this year. We have reserved the park for June 16, 2018. 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:

7th Tradition: $5
Area Donation: $0
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: ??

Staying in the Solution:
7th Tradition: $46
Area Donation: $18
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: ??

Steps to Freedom:
No report

Sunrise to Sunset:
7th Tradition: $35
Area Donation: $0
Report: Tues, to the (not sure what this means)
Trusted Servant: ?

Surrender to Win:
7th tradition: $150.50
Area Donation: $0
Report: Changes to our format, will include at next ASC and inform PR for meeting lists.
Business meeting is now at 6:45pm 3rd wednesday of the month
Trusted Servant: ??

T.G.I.F.:
Trusted Servant: Lora V
7th tradition: $229.20
Area donation: $167.91
Report: Everything is going well!

Time Out:
No report

The Path Begins the Journey:
Trusted Servant: Wilbur
7th tradition: $58
Area donation: $0
Report: THE MEETING NUMBERS CONTINUE TO REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH INDIVIDUALS SHARING TOPICS RELATED TO REAL LIFE ISSUES. THANKS, WILBUR WATSON (GSR)

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

We Qualify:
Trusted Servant: ??
7th tradition: $90
Area donation: $100
Report: ??

**Young in Recovery:**
7th Tradition: $33
Area Donation: $0
Report: Meeting going well. Considering changing location.
Trusted Servant: ??