Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
March 28, 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
- Welcome Blake to area

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 (Open) – Present

Activities (Julie) - Present

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

**Chair**-
No report

**Co Chair**-
If your group can’t make it, please call or email.

**Secretary**-
We had our Ad Hoc meeting and realized we need a finalized updated copy of the guidelines, with pending approvals addressed before moving forward.

**Co-secretary**-
No report

**Treasurer**:  
See attached

Fred: We should discuss whether we need to donate to MRCNA since there was just a fundraiser for it.

**Co Treasurer**:  
No report

**RCM and Alternate RCM**:  
Hello all! Last month Ryan and I traveled to Holland for Region, a total of 70 miles round trip, and this is what we have to report:
The MRCNA planning meetings have been moved to Traverse City for March and April as to attract more support from outside areas; the planning meeting for June will return to Shanty Creek and be rescheduled for the 9th, accommodating Father's Day.

- Grand Rapids won the bid to bring MRCNA to our area for 2020.
- We had elections; Misha was re-elected secretary and Sheldon was elected as Webservant.
- We have been having discussions regarding the MSO; if your homegroup has been having issues or is interested in what those discussions entail, please get with me after this meeting.
- Next region will be in Battle Creek.

Lastly, I have fulfilled my position as RCM and will not be attending region in June as a representative of the Grand Rapids Area. It has been an honor to serve this area, and I am grateful for the learning experience it has provided. I technically hold this position until May, but that was the last region I am to attend as RCM.

In Loving Service,
Sheldon S

Floor: What is MSO?
Sheldon: Michigan Service Office, where you order literature and other NA stuff.
Floor: They are a private organization for profit.
Barb: MSO is a non-profit.

Public Relations:

*See attached report*

Matt paid $44 for parking and would like to be reimbursed.

Fred: Regional PR can reimburse for that. Contact Johnny.

Brooke: According to our guidelines in the time I’ve been serving if you miss three out of six months you are kicked off the meeting list. Also it is the secretary’s responsibility to let me know unless delegated to me.
Dan: Since there’s really no clarity about where we’re at with pending approvals I think we shouldn’t make any decisions until we have a finalized, updated copy of the guidelines.

Lora: If we table this and wait it’s gonna be months before it’s resolved.

Reggie: So many home groups have been misinformed and we need to think about saving people’s lives. We shouldn’t punish home groups when they are trying.

Lora: I don’t want anyone taken off the list but it should be addressed before July. We need to be informing our groups.

Margaret: This should be in Old Business.

Barb: I think you have to use the guidelines on the website, maybe form an ad hoc committee.

Dan: That’s what the fellowship development subcommittee is for.

Brennan: I was misinformed and told P&A could approve motions.

Bill: Guidelines are in place for a reason.

Floor: Part of the RCM and Alt RCM role is to go around to groups and make sure they are ok.

Brooke: We did that.

Aaron: We discussed this in last meeting and were sending people out to those meetings.

Brennan: Motion was not voted on.

**Activities Report:**

On March 17th we held an event at clancy. There was a large attendance and several treatment centers attended. We made $458 at the event. Jennah R will be turning in receipts to Andrew at area.

We are still looking for trusted servants. Our open positions include facilities coordinator, treasurer. And with Julie’s resignation, chair is also open. We anticipate having a vote for Jennah to assume that role. A flyer will be made to promote activities subcommittee.

Jennah: Julie stepped down. Motion request of $30 for a cash box.

Fred: Is the $458 profit?
Matt: We are turning over the $450

Andrew: We cannot take seed money and donate it without area consent.

Margaret: Do we need to vote on Jennah taking over as Activities chair?

Yvonne: She doesn’t meet the criteria.

Brennan: ASC can appoint someone and ASC can hold election if chair steps down and appoint co-chair temporarily.

Fred: What about money?

Floor: Donate the $8 to MRCNA.

Doug: What about expenses at event?

Andrew: $365 plus rent money. Receipt total was out of pocket because Jennah and I were funding some things (??? I dunno that this was logged correctly - Dan).

Floor: How much is Activities sitting on?

Jennah: $450

Andrew: We only brought in $166 today and with what I paid we only have $576.50 total after donations, not including the $450. I recommend we retrieve the $450 from Activities.

Jennah: Need $30 for cash box.

Fred: MRCNA has $12k so $8 doesn’t matter

Brooke: Cash box was donated. Previously we used cigar boxes.

Andrew: We have $569.67 (??? I dunno - Dan) we could make a donation to MRCNA and still have over $1000 in our account.

Margaret: It was a fundraiser for MRCNA, we should donate the $8.

Barb: I’m willing to donate lock box to Activities.

Andrew: Motion to get back seed money and donate the $8.

Floor: What is $8 gonna do?

Margaret: Can you live with it?

Floor: Yes.

Motion carries.
San C: I am here.

**Old Business:**

Brennan: Disbanded newsletter. PR was not able to do the things I wanted to do and cannot act as a subcommittee and require proposed guidelines and quarterly budget. I have a graph to prove this subcommittee works and GSR’s are attending area more frequently.

Fred: What happens down the road...is this sustainable?

*Pending approvals read by Dan*

Floor: What version are you reading, the old one or the newer one?

Brennan: We need to destroy the old copy.

*Confusion between which copy pending approvals are from*

Dan: Once we figure this out it is my responsibility to send updated copies out to everyone.

Sheldon: Language change from 2017 was changed without area approval.

*Someone makes motion to work off of 2016 guidelines*

Ryan: What are the differences between the two?

*page 5 examples shown*

Lora: Requirements were taken out. When you change things are you telling us?

Margaret: We are now.

Floor: P&A is maintenance for guidelines but doesn’t make the guidelines

Margaret: Ryan can you live with this?

Ryan: Yes.
*Motion carries*

*Back to Activities Chair situation*

Jennah: Julie stepped up when Yvonne stepped down without the clean time requirement. Nobody else on the committee has the clean time and no one is stepping up.

Barb: Think we should bring it back to home groups for people with clean time requirements and we don’t want to jeopardize someone’s recovery (for not having clean time).

*Motion passed to bring to home groups while Jennah temp chairs*

**New Business:**

Floor: It Works How and Why asking for a starter pack.

Brennan: I set them up with GSK (?? - Dan) for starter pack through world.

Floor: This is my pastor and I am a Deacon and I want the starter pack.

Margaret: Is that a motion?

Floor: Yes.

*Motion carries*

Andrew: $652.29 donation…$1049.67 (I’m assuming this is the balance - Dan)

**GROUP REPORTS:**

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

Report: Our attendance has been great. 7th trad has been steady, and we have been able to be fully self-supporting. We have also seen other members from outside Greenville making an effort to attend our meeting.

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

**Home Group:**
7th Tradition: $30  
Area Donation: $5  
Report: Meeting is attended regularly  
Trusted Servant: ??

**Juntos Podemos:**
7th Tradition: $19.50  
Area Donation: $0  
Report: None  
Trusted Servant: ??

**Just Hope Group:**
7th Tradition: $45  
Area Donation: $10  
Report: 

The meeting is growing and we are getting good attendance.

Trusted Servant: ??

**Just for Today:**
7th Tradition: $40  
Area Donation: $10  
Report: 
Trusted Servant: Lisa M.

**Keep Coming Back:**
7th Tradition: ??  
Area Donation: $15  
Report: No report  
Trusted Servant: ??

**Keeping the Dream Alive:**
7th Tradition: $35  
Area Donation: $10  
Report: ??  
Trusted Servant: San C

**Keep it Simple:**  
Trusted Servant: Brooke Q.  
7th tradition: $10  
Area donation: $1  
Report: Lots of newcomers, good solid attendance. Moving locations 4/7/18 to 909 Watson at Service Reform Church.

**Open to Change:**
7th Tradition: $72
Area Donation: $5
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: ??
Area donation: $5
Report: Meeting going good

Natural Life:
Trusted Servant: Hozay Bee
7th tradition: $150
Area donation: $150
Report: Everything is good.

No Name Group:
7th Tradition: ??
Area Donation: $10
Report: The meeting is doing very well!
Trusted Servant: ??

New Beginnings:
Trusted Servant: Fred S.
7th tradition: $60
area donation: $0
Report: None

Path Begins the Journey:
7th Tradition: $74
Area Donation: $20
Report: The group continues to grow, and we have people from Adam’s Park attending. We are looking for trusted servants to help.
Trusted Servant: Wilbur W

Principles Before Personalities:
7th Tradition: ??
Area Donation: $0
Report: None
Trusted Servant: ???

Saturday Night Candlelight:
trusted servant: Bill S
7th tradition: $51
area donation: $0
Report: The Saturday Night Candlelight Meeting continues to meet and follow the traditions to the best of our ability. We ask GSR’s continue to announce this event at their home groups. We have reserved the park for June 16 and will again be at the Riverbed Pavillion on the north end of the park—same location as previous years. We are still in need of additional hg members. Our rent is paid through March. We have literature available for sale and good selection of IP’s for the taking. We had a $36 literature order and plan to pay rent for the next two quarters soon and so will not be making an area donation this month.

ILS,
Bill S

Sisters of Serenity:
7th Tradition: $0
Area Donation: $0
Report: Need support
Trusted Servant: ??

Staying in the Solution:
7th Tradition: $90
Area Donation: $10
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: ??

Steps to Freedom:
No report

Sunrise to Sunset:
7th Tradition: $30
Area Donation: $0
Report: Doing good
Trusted Servant: ?

Surrender to Win:
7th tradition: $118
Area Donation: $0
Report: We were unable to have a business meeting this month but will be doing two meetings in April to discuss:
  - Storage of 7th trad funds
  - Safety of our meeting place
  - Trusted servant positions
  - Area donation/use of 7th trad
Our group has been running smoothly and are accommodating our new hg members.
Trusted Servant: Matt D.

T.G.I.F.:
Trusted Servant: Lora V
7th tradition: $143.43
Area donation: $35.81
Report: ??

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

We Qualify:
Trusted Servant: Bill Z
7th tradition: $107
Area donation: $75
Report: ??

Young in Recovery:
7th Tradition: $0
Area Donation: $0
Report: Meeting is running strong many newcomers and treatment centers
Trusted Servant: Jennah R