Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
August 22, 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

Quorum 1:
Met

Quorum 2:
Met

ASC ROLL CALL
ADMINISTRATIVE:
Chairperson (Reggie) - Present
Co-Chairperson (Erica V) - Present
Secretary (Carlee W) - Present
Co-Secretary (Linda D) - Present
Treasurer (Bill S) - Present
Co-Treasurer (Dave W) - Present
RCM (Aaron M) - Present
Alt-RCM - Vacant

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON(S):
Public Relations Chair (Brooke B) – Present

Public Relations Co-Chair (Kaitlyn M.) – Present

Activities (Dionna B.) - Present

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

**Chair**
IF YOU ATTEND ANY OF THE HOMEGROUPS THAT HAVE BEEN ABSENT, PLEASE LET THEM KNOW THEY ARE IN JEOPARDY OF BEING REMOVED FROM THE LIST.

IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN AREA, PLEASE INVITE THEM TO ATTEND.

**Co Chair**
No report

**Secretary**
Thanks for letting me be of service.

**Co-secretary**
No report

**Treasurer:**

See attached for written reports.

I put at least one copy of the treasury report and group donations list on the tables. We paid both quarterly donations to regional and WSO last month, and I paid St Peter and Paul through the end of the year. Spent $506, took in $251, brought us down to $1209, one check to regional with probably come out. Got a bill from Presto Print.

**Co Treasurer:**

**RCM and Alternate RCM:**

Next region is second week of September.

**Public Relations:**

Please announce at home groups that we need men and women to serve in the jail. We did start a meeting at Pivot. It is a trial run. It’s going to be a co-ed thing that you can do with your partner or a friend. The coordinator at the jail reached out and asked for more participation for the women in the jail. If it continues being the same three women only, we might have to drop out of that commitment entirely. Need to have 1 year clean time and 3 years off paper.

Q: When do men go to the jail? I would like to volunteer.
A: Wed and Thur.

**Written PR report:**

PR AUGUST PR REPORTS

Chair
HI All,

This month I was able to order the six basic texts that were approved by our committee for the Sober Living Unit at the Kent County Correctional facility that we approved last month. I was also able to get some more information about the panel discussion that we are working as a committee to facilitate at one of our local junior highs. I added this to old business for further discussion as a group. Finally, our pr guideline position description changes were approved by area. I’d like to thank Gabe B. for helping me format the document to pretty it up so it is all finished! A huge thank you to EVERYONE who helped on the ad-hoc committee this year so that our position descriptions were all done and ready for the next term of service. Next month is elections! Please share with your fellow members and homegroups this information!

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

ILS,
Brooke B.

**Co-Chair/Secretary**

Nothing new to report.

Kaitlyn M.

**Correctional Facilities Coordinator**

Jail coordinator Report

Hello Fam Fam,

I have a couple of new recruits on the men’s side so that’s cool. No new blood on the women’s side and Angie reached out from Jail concerned because we had not had a women’s meeting in 3 weeks. That’s because we go in twice a month and both of those times the volunteers could not attend. So this concerned her enough to ask that maybe we could try and get enough women volunteers so that we could have a meeting every week. I let her know that most likely will be a task for the next jail meeting coordinator after elections in September and hopefully we can have a coordinator for each side, mens and womens.

In loving service,

Adam Gee Dog
Treatment Center Coordinator

Hello Family,

I am sorry I am unable to attend this month! My kid had his open house for school tonight!

I am excited that the men’s and women’s meetings seemed to be more covered this month. I only had one no show for the men, that I know about.

Meeting is at Pivot Crisis Center: 385 Leonard St. NE. 7pm on Monday August 20. Monday August 20 will be the first trial run. Pivot has been very interested in getting this meeting started. Thank you Aaron for being willing to go this first month! Moving forward I know they would like someone from NA to come once a week. So if everyone can help me get the word out. Also, I will be looking forward to feedback from Aaron and Brooke Q who are going!

Mallory Bouwman has been my contact and I believe she will be there Monday, but I will confirm. Otherwise Mike Casey came to an event Adam G and I had a few weeks back. I have both their contact information for whoever takes over my position.

I have been happy to serve. I think I will have to step down when my term is up soon. Hope someone can step up and take this over! Thanks for letting me be of service. See you all soon!

Alicia S.

Fellowship Development Coordinator

Hi family,

Native Center

This month I met with one of the case managers at the NBHP tribal health department in regards to meetings that they have been facilitating. This is a work in progress to say the least. They have been operating under the guise of a Narcotics Anonymous meeting but were literally oblivious to the fact that there are guidelines and traditions to be adhering to. I have ordered them a meeting starter kit have scheduled several more meetings to help with the transition. This seems like an amazing opportunity to get a rather unrepresented group represented in our fellowship. The goal is to get them to an area meeting sometime over the next several months. We are aiming for October. The need is very prevalent in this community.

Greenville
I have visited this meeting for consecutive months now. The meeting is still in desperate need of support. They meeting in my opinion has become a social event and though they have expressed a new found freedom since moving from the Relevant Recovery location it seems like the content of the meeting has deteriorated. Still it is riddled with cross talk. I am going to be making another flyer for support for this meeting.

**BELDING**

This past month there was a new meeting started in Belding. I have not had the opportunity to visit this meeting as of yet. However, I have been in communication with their trusted servants and I am working with them on learning the traditions and getting them the materials that they need. I am unclear as to whether or not this is considered our area. I have attempted to reach out to several people with no returned phone calls. I would like some insight on if i should continue efforts.

In loving service

Jennah R.

**Phoneline/Meeting List**

Nothing to report except that the monthly bill for the region is under the new phone line system was $33.25 and that is working well.

Jeff K.

**Webservant**

Web-servant Report for August

The website is as current as I can get it at this time. I have not yet connected with Debbie K to resolve adding group minutes to the website as it has been a very busy month for me with work, being sick, and out of town. Hopefully it will get done when I return from WCNA 37.

ILS

Bill Z

**Activities Report:**
We had the area campout with the natural life group on July 27-29. Drinks were sold. Seed $170, spent $160.68. Had $22 returned from whatever natural life got. We made 17 off drinks. Whatever was left we donated to no name group by consensus. It was a great success. I would like to thank all that helped out. I must thank god that this is a spiritual program. The gift of recovery is that we had so many children who had never been camping and they were all able to go tubing due to the natural life scholarships. We had a huge turn out way bigger than they had in the past. We were approached by a member in Greenville who is looking for assistance with his group. I asked him to attend tonight (not here). We are planning a friends and family event for the end of Oct. Thanks to all of those who showed up to our meeting with 4 attendees. Praying that people understand their commitment and continue to participate. We are looking for more members to help out as well.

Q: Activities Subcomittee Elections are next month right?
A: Yes. Second Monday of September since the first Monday is Labor Day. All positions are open.

**Old Business:**

Open position Alternate RCM:

Ian K nominated and elected for Alternate RCM

**New Business:**

First New Business:

New Beginning representative: I would like to rapidly submit a proposal for an activity budget for the Chili Cook-off on Oct. 13th @ 5pm at the same church as the Natural Life meeting. I will have fliers next month. We cannot attend activities subcommittee meeting since it is the same time as our home group.

Q: How much help do you need from activities?
A: Some people to help serve that day with collecting money etc..

Comment from ASC Chair: I have not heard from him. It is about respect. With that being said, give him the money.
A: I do apologize for not contacting you.

Comment: It’s great to see motivated home groups.
Comment: It’s also important to have good communication.
Q: Do you have a calendar of upcoming events?
A: Our secretary was on strike and so we still do not have that. If someone has willingness to help that would be great.
A: For the month of August in our area, there was nothing to put on a calendar.
Comment: Everything will be resolved when we have the elections.

ASC Chair states willingness to continue and is reminded that she will still have to be elected.

Q: Are those elections here or at Activities Subcommittee?
A: All at Activities Subcommittee except the Chair position, which is at Area.

Next New Business:

Aaron: A member of the home group misappropriated funds and she serves at Area. I wasn’t sure if I should bring it up or just leave it in the written group report that will be in the minutes.
Comment from floor: We do not usually have anonymity about misappropriating funds at Area service, I would expect people to tell if I did that.
Aaron: [described what occurred when Jennah R. had the tote with money in it and all the money was gone when he got it back. She told him multiple times that she would bring it to him but then did not provide it. Aaron stated he has since been personally adding to the funds in order to get key tags etc. for the group. There was a $50 reserve and about $30 but he was not 100% sure about the dollar amount, because she was chairing that month. The tote looked like it had been rifled through.]

Q: Has she admitted it?
A: She said she has it, but says it’s at home in a safe.
Comment: It has been going on for weeks. Last month right after area was how long it’s been going on. She has not attended any home group meetings since then. I do not want her in my home group. I did not want to come here and bash anyone, but I do not know what to do and I just want to know what to do.

Comment: People should not be holding a position if they have misappropriated funds, but we just voted her into a position at PR. We do need to know about these things.

Comment: I have had issues with her in front of everyone. I don’t know about her sponsor or anything, but we are putting people in positions with only 9 months and we are at fault. We need to be able to recognize these threats to a person’s recovery and step in to help. We need to come up with a solution.
Comment: The position at PR she took, we did not waive clean time. People have stolen money with a lot of clean time. There’s only so much we can do. But bringing it to people’s attention so we can approach her is good. It’s definitely not her sponsor’s fault.

Comment: If she has been approached multiple times, it can’t be on Aaron to keep trying. It’s her responsibility not his.

Q: How many positions can you hold?
A: There’s no limit.

Comment: Someone needs to sit down and talk to her. In my mind she is already relapsing and needs help. This is a human life. Do not ostracize and condemn her, pull her back; that could save her life.

Chair: I like what you said. That is our mission to save lives. If anyone here is close to her, please reach out to her.

Comment: I think what we can do about the problem is bring it back to our home group and say that we need more people to be of service at the area level. I agree about treating them in a caring and loving way, which may be holding them accountable.

Treasurer: $238.58 will be deposited tonight on Treasurer’s way home.

GROUP REPORTS:

Action:
No report

Comprehensive Recovery:
No report

Home Group:
No report

It Works How and Why:
No report

Juntos Podemos:
7th Tradition: $21.50
Area Donation: $11

Report: “Group going great. We get a few folks but we are carrying the message of recovery in Spanish.”

Trusted Servant:

Just Hope Group:
No report
Just for Today:
7th Tradition: $41
Area Donation: $30
Report: Good evening!
Today at our business meeting we discussed the possibility of working with the Activities Subcommittee
to host an event.
If you’re looking for a home group that is a closed NA meeting that meets for only one
hour every
Wednesday at Noon, with very comfortable furniture, and serves fun-sized candy, please
drop in for a
meeting.

ILS,
JeffK

Keep Coming Back:
No report

Keeping the Dream Alive:
No report

Keep it Simple:
7th tradition: $18
Area donation: $0
Report: “Officially have 2 homegroup members to help me keep the doors open,
attendance has been small due to summer I’m assuming, but still everything going good.”
Business Meeting first Sat. after meeting. Average 15 attendees per meeting, 41 total in
the month. 3 anniversaries celebrated

Trusted Servant:
Open to Change:
No report

Open Minded:
No report

Men of Character:
No report
(asked jeff K. to bring their donation to Area)

Natural Life:
7th Tradition: $88
Area Donation: 0
Report: “Doing good need more home group members”

Trusted Servant:
Average 25 attendees per meeting, total 100. Business meeting 3rd Tuesday. 13 first step
meetings in the month

New Beginnings:
7th tradition: $65
area donation: $20
Report:
Trusted Servant:
Business meeting 3rd Monday, average attendees 15 per meeting, total 63, 2 first step meetings in the month

No Name Group:
No report

Path Begins the Journey:
7th Tradition: $84
Area Donation: $20
Report: “The group continues to be well attended, We are looking for trusted servants to assist. We are also looking to put on an event soon.”
Trusted Servant: Wilbur
184 total attendees, average 40 per meeting, 1 first step meeting, business meeting 3rd Sunday

Principles Before Personalities:
No report

Saturday Night Candlelight:
No report

Sisters of Serenity:
No report

Staying in the Solution:
7th Tradition: $43
Area Donation: $15
Report:
Trusted Servant:
20 total attendees and average 5 per meeting, business meeting 3rd Friday

Sunrise to Sunset:
No report

Surrender to Win:
7th Tradition:
Area Donation:
Report: “Business meeting was postponed”
Trusted Servant:
Business meeting 3rd Wed of the month

T.G.I.F.:
7th tradition: $69.30
Area donation: $39.30
Report:
Trusted Servant:
Average 53 attendees per meeting, Business meeting 3rd Friday at 6:15

Welcome Back:
7th tradition: $25
Area donation: $10
Report:
Trusted Servant:
20 total attendees, average 4

We Qualify:
7th tradition: $69.35
Area donation: $0
Report:
Trusted Servant: Bill Z

Young in Recovery:
7th Tradition: $45
Area Donation: $15
Report: “Meeting has struggles with home group members but have finally got a solid three or so. Also 7th tradition money came up missing by Jennah R. as she used to be a home group member. Around $80 in total came up missing.”
Trusted Servant: Aaron M.
Business meeting 3rd Thursday. Total attendees “180ish”, average “40ish” per meeting