Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
October 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
- Welcome Matt new to Area, Welcome Dave being trained to be a GSR

**Quorum 1:**
Met

**Quorum 2:**
Met

**ASC ROLL CALL**
**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Chairperson (Reggie) - Excused
Co-Chairperson (Erica V) - Present
Secretary (Carlee W) - Present
Co-Secretary (Linda R) - Present
Treasurer (Bill S) - Present
Co-Treasurer (Dave W) - Present
RCM (Aaron M) - Present
Alt-RCM (Ian K.)- Absent

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

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

Activities Chair (Dionna B.) - Present

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

**Chair-**

**Co Chair-**

**Secretary-**

There are meeting lists and event fliers on the front table. I have nothing to report. Thanks for letting me be of service.

**Co-secretary-**
Treasurer:

See attached for written reports.
For the activity- Natural Life received $170 from Area for food, total expenses equaled $27 from the group.
$75 went to world and regional
Gabe needs a check to cover the cost of event flyers.
Per Fred: $100 for Church, $75 cost for event. Bill had to reissue a $100 check because the first one was lost. It was not cashed. (for Chili cook-off)

Co Treasurer:

RCM and Alternate RCM:
Next regional meeting is on 12/2/18 in Flint.

Public Relations:

Talk to Aaron about Basic text books going to the Library.
Julie T. is Community Outreach coordinator. In need of volunteers to being meetings to jail and treatment centers.

Activities Report:

Still open positions in activities.
Ask your home groups what they would like to see for activities.

Hi Family,

The Activities Subcommittee held elections at the beginning of this month. We filled several positions: Doug C. as Co-Chair, Lora V. as Treasurer, and Brooke Q. as Event Coordinator.
The New Beginnings group hosted a successful chili cook-off on October 13. We had 60 people in attendance, with three speakers whose message was unity. Fred S. won the cook-off. The event took in $383, so after expenses of $179.50 and seed money from Area of $175, it profited $28.50, which I'm turning in in cash along with a check for the seed money, for a total of $203.50.

The next event that the Activities Subcommittee is helping with is a game night that the TGIF group is hosting on November 30, after their Friday night meeting. I brought flyers for the event.

I'm asking GSRs to talk to their home groups and find out what kind of events they'd like to see and/or host. We will begin visiting different groups to get some events going soon.

We still have several positions open: Secretary, Event Promoter, Forms and Templates Developer, Facilities Coordinator, and more Event Coordinators. If you're looking to get involved with service and help people have fun in recovery, the Activities Subcommittee is looking for you!

In Loving Service,

Gabe B.
See attached for event flyer.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Some meetings are not getting enough lists because we are running out of the stack that GSRs can grab from at Area. Suggested that PR only put half the stack out each month.
Next New Biz:
Comment from floor: We need more females with stable recovery to give numbers to newcomers and come to the meetings, getting lots of treatment center attendance. This is happening at Saturday Night Candlelight, Monday night at the North Club, and We Qualify.
Suggestions: Have stable women who may not be in attendance write their numbers on some lists to keep on hand and give out.
Have GSRs announce that these meetings need support from females.
Comment from floor: Monday night has not been coming to area so we don’t know about that meeting.
Suggestion: Suggest to those women that they go to some larger meetings in the area.

Next new biz:
Change the date for Area in Nov. and Dec. for Holidays?
November will be better on the normal 4th Wed., but December would be better on the 3rd Wed.
No objection, motion passed to change December Area Meeting to Dec. 19th.

Next new biz:
Sunrise to Sunset will be open for the Holidays.
No Name will be open for Holidays.
Young in Recovery will be open for the Holiday.

Next New biz:
Comment from floor: First Spanish speaking meeting has done a lot of work to get going with formatting. We have gotten lots of English speakers and have gone bilingual so far. We need suggestions because it is a challenge. We want to cover more days of the week and are working on that.
Suggestions:
Just keep it Spanish and let English speakers stay and get what they can out of it.
It would be great to update institutions in the area about the Spanish speaking meeting.
You could split it up into two separate groups.
Have reading printed in English but read them aloud/speak in Spanish.

Next new biz:
Comment from floor: “In Times of Illness” meeting- Suggested other groups put the reading into their format. We are trying to bring it to the Downtown Resting Place meeting. This is good to do, especially in handicap accessible meeting locations.

Treasurer: Verbally reported income from the night. See written report.
GROUP REPORTS:

Action:
No report

It Works How and Why:
7th Tradition: $10
Area Donation: $0
Report: “Meeting going well!”
Trusted Servant:

Juntos Podemos:
7th Tradition: $24.70
Area Donation: $12
Report: “Mtg going great! Growing a little at a time.”
Trusted Servant:

Just Hope Group:
No report

Just for Today:
7th Tradition: $37
Area Donation: $15
Report: “Nothing to report this month. Thanks for letting me serve.
Trusted Servant: Lisa M.

Keep Coming Back:
7th Tradition: $45
Area Donation: $5
Report: Saturday meeting is in room 1, not room B
We are now a closed meeting
Trusted Servant:

Keeping the Dream Alive:
7th Tradition: ?
Area Donation: $5
Report: “Meeting going well. Enjoying meditation Monday and other formats.”
Trusted Servant:

Keep it Simple:
7th tradition: $12
Area donation: $0
Report: “Meeting is severely lacking in support and therefore will be shutting its doors. Both Amanda and myself have talked and agreed to it. Will most likely be combining our resources with the Thursday night Y.I.R. meeting!” 15 total attendees for the month, 4 average per meeting.
Business Meeting first Sat. after meeting. Average 8 attendees per meeting, 31 total in the month. 3 anniversaries celebrated
Trusted Servant:

Men of Character:
7th tradition: area donation: $10
Report: “The group is doing well. Attendance is up. All is well. In loving service, The Men of Character Group”
Trusted Servant:

Natural Life:
7th tradition: n/a
Area Donation: $50
Report:
Trusted servant:

New Beginnings:
7th tradition: $60
area donation: $0
Report:
Trusted Servant:

No Name Group:
7th tradition: $100
area donation: $15
Report: “Carrying the message of recovery!”
Trusted Servant:

Path Begins the Journey:
7th Tradition: $80
Area Donation: $20
Report:
Trusted Servant:

Principles Before Personalities:
7th tradition: $85.06
Area donation: $63.38
Report: “Family, our attendance during summer was somewhat low but all is well and doors are always open. We also made donation with WSO of 67.38”
Trusted Servant: Earl G.

Saturday Night Candlelight:
7th tradition: $49
Area donation: $25
Report: ”The Saturday Night Candlelight meeting continues to meet and follow the traditions to the best of our ability. We are still in need of additional homegroup members. We have paid rent for the second and third quarters for 2018. We have literature available for sale and good selection of IPs for the taking. We have two envelopes yet to tally so numbers are skewed.”
Trusted Servant:

Sisters of Serenity:
No report

Staying in the Solution:
Tradition: $61.67
Area Donation: $20
Report: “While we continue to experience ups and down in our attendance, we have a solid core group that holds this group together.”
Trusted Servant: Dave W.

Sunrise to Sunset:
No report

Surrender to Win:
Tradition:
Area Donation:
Report: “The meeting has been having more attendees. No problems with safety. Homegroup is getting smaller so this month’s business meeting was rescheduled. The majority of the members could not make it last week.”
Trusted Servant:

T.G.I.F.:
7th tradition: $131.10
Area donation: 0
Report: Celebrations: Doug C. 1 yr, Greg 8yrs, Gabe B. 13 yrs
Trusted Servant:

Welcome Back:
Tradition: $20
Area Donation: $10
Report:
Trusted Servant:

We Qualify:
7th tradition: $50
Area donation: $50
Report:
Trusted Servant: Bill Z.

Young in Recovery:
Tradition: $60
Area Donation: $10
Report: “Meeting attendance has gone up and gaining more support from fellow NA members.”