Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
June 27, 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 Eloy to Area

Quorum 1:
Met

Quorum 2:
Met

ASC ROLL CALL
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Chairperson (Reggie) - Present
Co-Chairperson (Erica V) - Present
Secretary (Dan 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 (Matt D) – Present

Activities (vacant) -

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

**Chair-**
No report

**Co Chair-**
No report

**Secretary-**
No report

**Co-secretary-**
No report

**Treasurer:**
*See attached*

**Co Treasurer:**
No report
**RCM and Alternate RCM:**
No report

**Public Relations:**

**Chair:**
Hi All,
The few changes we discussed at last months PR meeting have been put into the guidelines and are ready to be presented to area this evening as discussed. Yay! This is a huge accomplishment and thank you to all have put an effort into making these changes. I have nothing else to report.
Thank you for allowing me to serve.

ILS,
Brooke B.

**Secretary:**
Nothing to report.

Kaitlyn M.

**Correctional Facilities Coordinator:**
Hello Family,

June 9th we (Alicia S, other volunteers and I) had a PR meet and greet for the Jail and Treatment centers. We had about 20 in attendance with speakers from all facilities and our own experienced member Tom W. It went well and it did so because Alicia S. is awesome and did all the great work.
The Meet and Greet was supposed to double as an orientation for members that go into the Kent County Jail. Those that could not attend still require that orientation I will be contacting to attempt a different time.

I placed a literature order for about 300 IP’s and 100 white books for a total of $233.77 of which I am turning in a receipt for reimbursement.
Excited to have Andrew K approved to go and on the schedule.

Grateful to be of service - Adam G.

Treatment Center Coordinator:

Hello,

We are in need of women to cover the first and third weeks at Turning Point. We have had several no call, no show situations on the women’s side. Still need a few men to cover Matt D’s week at Turning Point as well.

Our Meet and Greet event went well. Pivot crisis is looking forward to us attending. Monday evenings once a month. Need one man and one woman to commit. Have a few interested parties. Will try to get that going in July!

Thanks for letting me serve!
Alicia S.

Phone Line/Meeting List Coordinator:

Phone Line Costs for May and June of 2018

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On Friday, June 15th, 2018, I received an email from the regional phone line service provider, Workeasy, informing me that they are going out of business after 30 years of service as of July 15th, 2018. The regional phone line is an essential service. Because of this, the fact that I built the original regional phone line, and that a month is not a lot of time to get things done using our normal decision making processes, I contacted several regional service committee members and asked them to grant me the authority to do the following:

- find a new service provider;
- build a new phone line system;
- inform the area phone line contacts of the change;
- port our 800-230-4085 number over to the new system;
- and go live before Workeasy closes, so there is absolutely no interruption of service.

Since there was not a lot of time to pick and choose the right service provider, I contacted the Detroit Metro Region and asked which service they use. They told me it is Phone.com, which is also the same service that Minnesota uses. (This is important, because Minnesota is typically quite good at choosing and maintaining their technology.) I contacted Phone.com and evaluated their service and felt assured that I could reproduce a system very similar to the regional phone system we have enjoyed for over six years. I then went about learning everything I could about Phone.com, configured the system, recorded all the meeting information for each area in our region based on their website information, and set up those areas that take live calls with call handling rules that match what they were using with Workeasy.

The new system went live June 22nd, 2018. This phone bill information that you see above is the last Workeasy phone bill that the Greater Grand Rapids Area will pay. In addition, I have proposed to the MRSCNA is that in light of the low cost of the new phone line – between $25 and $50 a month,
depending on usage, as opposed to $210 to $230 a month with the old system – it should no longer be necessary for MRSCNA to bill the cost of the regional phone line back to its areas. Instead, they should pay it and the areas should make regular donations to the MRSCNA to the degree they can afford to do so.

ILS, JeffK

**Webservant:**

The website should be current regarding time and date. I do need meeting details if available for some of the meetings so everyone please review with your home group and provide update to me if necessary.

Also someone removed BYOB meeting from the website (not me) without authorization from Area or PR Char. I had received an email from Brennan M stating that the meeting was not being opened but that doesn’t get it pulled without going through the proper channels.

I have been in communication with Patti K regarding codes from NAWS for new meetings and then getting them on the NAWS Meeting website. She seems to have a lot on her plate and is working hard to get things done.

ILS

Bill Z

**Community Outreach Coordinator:**

No report submitted.

**Activities Report:**

Grand Rapids Area Activities Subcommittee
Report – June and July
Written By, Chair-Dionna Brown

Old Business:
Gabe was voted in as an activity coordinator this month. After only being Chair for the past couple of months I have faced many challenges. We have had several folks come out and do a wellness check, which I feel like it was to check on me and not to be supportive of my transition into this new role. I have had to fight tooth and nail just to be able to have a productive meeting which has not happened yet. I know that change is uncomfortable, so I am hopeful that with time we will be able to get past our differences for the sake of NA and the newcomers which should be our primary purpose.

New Business:
For the month of July, we have been preparing for the campout adventure. We purchased over 50 copies of the flier and dispersed them. We submitted a proposal for $170 for the purchase of items needed to support the Saturday lunch. The treasurer wrote us a check and we are prepared to supply all necessary receipts to account for these monies. I was also given copies of the old activity planning kit by Jeff K., which we will use for the area meeting to further explain our details for upcoming events.
We have also gone to the homegroups who have not participated in an activity and offered them a chance to do an event. We will report those findings after our next meeting.

In loving service,
Dionna Brown-Member 13years

*Jeff explains the way guidelines work for Activities*

Jennah: Part of our responsibility is to go to groups, and to P&A to see what groups need.

Gabe: I was involved in Activities with new guidelines and a bunch of people signed up, but there wasn’t a lot of follow through. I don’t know how to create that follow through. Participation waned. What dionna said about getting a flyer out would be a good idea. Take those people who signed up and give them specific tasks.

Dionna: I have to deal with a lot of negativity. It takes time to get to know the position. If we don’t have anyone specific to do those things like outreach, who does it?

Jeff: You would do it until the position is filled.

Amy Lynn: We are trying to get our communication together. There is some resistance. There needs to be some grace.
Jennah: Was told I have no responsibilities unless I am asked. Nothing productive is happening. But we can’t pick and choose what guidelines we wanna follow. If you don’t know what you’re getting yourself into, don’t get into it.

Reggie: We do need some grace. There are things Jeff shared that I didn’t even know about. We need to band together. We have not rallied around Activities to see how we can be of service to them. I motion we table this.

Brooke: I am Activities secretary, and I’ve gone on strike because there’s been no unity. We need to unify. We need to learn how to use the guidelines without finger pointing.

Fred: New Beginnings will do a chili cook off in September. We will sponsor that event.
Wilbur: Our HG also wants to do an event, but make sure we find a date to not step on other groups. Sounds like I start with Dionna as far as touching base.

Bill: Sat Night Candlelight, we took in $330 total. $30 short of what we spent. HG split food. We paid back area seed money. Thanks for everyone coming out.

Erica: In support of Activities, have GSRs announce that Activities needs support.

Dionna: Would be helpful to have a listing of business meetings for each group. Jeff maybe you can shed light--there was no kind of info for Activities for me, no one has been keeping any information. Maybe good idea for a set log so when we jump from person to person it will be a smoother transition. When you don’t have resources it makes it more difficult to do your job.

Jeff: Sounds like a good idea to put together something structured.

Brooke: Thanks to Activities people for sticking it out.

Reggie: We made recommendations for what to do, but we need to move forward. If we have to, we can meet afterward to discuss it.

Bill Z: There is no record of HG’s business meetings.

Jennah: I have a list.

Gabe: Would you mind sharing that HG business meeting list?

Jennah: Yes. I’ve made those efforts, and they can made by anyone. I have given everyone guidelines. I am trying to teach. I get told that I’m wrong, I’m being disrespected.

Fred: Our book teaches us that we don’t have to like everyone here, but it’s a beautiful thing when two people who don’t like each other get together to help the still suffering addict, and newcomer. I agree we should table this and find some unity. Traditions teach us that.

**Old Business:**

**Pending Approvals:**
Earl: Didn’t specify whether or not Activities can put on an event.

Lisa: I have a problem with groups MUST go through the Activities subcommittee. I’d rather it be “highly suggested”.

Erica: I motion to approve these pending approvals, with “highly encouraged” added to Activities section. *carried*

**Elections:**

Carlee elected Secretary.

Erica: Doug C has expressed interest in Alt RCM.

Aaron: I nominate Brooke Q.

Reggie: Do you accept?

Brooke: Yes.

*Reggie reads duties*

Gonna table Brooke’s election till next Region in September.

Gabe: There was someone else expressing interest so tabling it seems weird.

Erica: Let’s table it till next month.

Lisa: Someone let Doug know he needs to be here.

Bill S: $406.82 collected

**New Business:**

None.

**GROUP REPORTS:**

Action:
7th Tradition: $2
Area Donation: $0
Report: We have had two home group members celebrate two years clean!! Problems with our location have come to a head, and our meeting has moved.
Trusted Servant: Kayla P

Comprehensive Recovery:
No report

Home Group:
No report

It Works How and Why:
7th Tradition: $0
Area Donation: $0
Report: Going good!
Trusted Servant: ???

Juntos Podemos:
7th Tradition: $10
Area Donation: $10
Report: None
Trusted Servant: Linda

Just Hope Group:
No report

Just for Today:
7th Tradition: $35
Area Donation: $20
Report: Nothing to report this month.
Trusted Servant: Lisa M.

Keep Coming Back:
7th Tradition: $25
Area Donation: $10
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: ??

Keeping the Dream Alive:
No report

Keep it Simple:
Trusted Servant: ??
7th tradition: $65
Area donation: $15
Report: Nothing to report

Open to Change:
7th Tradition: $62
Area Donation: $4
Report: No report
Trusted Servant: ??
Open Minded:
No report

Men of Character:
Trusted Servant: ??
7th tradition: ??
Area donation: $0
Report: ???

Natural Life:
7th Tradition: ??
Area Donation: ??
Report: Don’t have anything right now until next month thank you
Trusted Servant: Jose B

No Name Group:
7th Tradition: ??
Area Donation: $0
Report: Meeting going smoothly
Trusted Servant: ??

New Beginnings:
Trusted Servant: Fred S.
7th tradition: $42
area donation: $0
Report: None

Path Begins the Journey:
7th Tradition: $75
Area Donation: $20
Report: We continue to have good turnouts for the meeting. We are in need of trusted servants.
Trusted Servant: ??

Principles Before Personalities:
7th Tradition: $85
Area Donation: $21
Report: Family, Principles Before Personalities welcome six members six different locations across the US. All is well. Summer attendance seems a little low.
Trusted Servant: Earl

Saturday Night Candlelight:
trusted servant: Bill S
7th tradition: $51
area donation: $160 ($140 to reimburse area seed money)
Report: The Saturday Night Candlelight Meeting continues to meet and follow the traditions to the best of our ability. The picnic was a success in that there was a fairly good turnout and all had a good time. However, after all the expenses were paid we actually had a shortfall of $30, which will be covered by the home group members. We are still in need of additional hg members. We have paid rent for the second and third
quarters of 2018. We have literature available for sale and good selection of IP’s for the taking.

ILS,
Bill S

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

**Staying in the Solution:**
*7th Tradition: $35*
*Area Donation: $20*
*Report: ??*
*Trusted Servant: ??*

**Sunrise to Sunset:**
*No report*

**Surrender to Win:**
*No report*

**T.G.I.F.:**
*Trusted Servant: Lora V*
*7th tradition: $93.82*
*Area donation: $65.82*
*Report: ??*

**Time Out:**
*No report*

**Welcome Back:**
*Trusted Servant: ??*
*7th tradition: $15*
*Area donation: $10*
*Report: ??*

**We Qualify:**
*Trusted Servant: Bill Z*
*7th tradition: $92.49*
*Area donation: $50*
*Report: ??*

**Young in Recovery:**
*7th Tradition: $45*
*Area Donation: $15*
*Report: Still doing well*
Trusted Servant: Jennah R