Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
May 22, 2019

- Opening: A moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.
- Recognize Clean Time
- Reading of the Twelve Traditions
- Reading of the Twelve Concepts
- A Vision of NA Service
- Welcome anyone new to Area

Quorum 1:
Met

Quorum 2:

ASC ROLL CALL
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Chairperson (Reggie) - Present
Co-Chairperson (Vacant) -
Secretary (Carlee W) - Present
Co-Secretary (Linda R-D) - Present
Treasurer (Bill S) - Present
Co-Treasurer (Dave W) - Present
RCM (Aaron M) - Excused
Alt-RCM (Vacant)-
**SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON(S):**

Public Relations Chair (Kaitlyn M.) – Present

Public Relations Co-Chair (Linda R) – Present

Activities Chair (Gabe) - Present

Campout Chair (Travis) - Present

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**NEW/RETURNING GROUPS**

A HIGH WE CANNOT BUY (204 MAIN ST. CALEDONIA) OPEN SUNDAY 6-7

**REMOVED GROUPS**

HOME GROUP

COMPREHENSIVE RECOVERY

OPEN MINDED

PROGRESS NOT PERFECTION

KEEPING IT SIMPLE (closed their doors)

*If your group is not on this list…please let the secretary know! Thanks!*
Chair-
Hey family, I just want to say it’s been an honor and a privilege to serve for the past year, and I just want to thank everyone for coming and supporting area. I have had a great time and made a lot of new friends. Thank you for letting me serve.

Co Chair- (vacant)

Secretary-
Thank you for letting me be of service this year, and thank you Reggie for running the meetings so well to get us out on time every month, and thanks everyone for your service here. There are flyers on the table. Please pick them up and announce.

Co-secretary-
Thanks for letting me serve this year as the co secretary. It’s been a pleasure. Hate to see anyone leave, but I love serving this group.

Treasurer:
Please remember to pick up your receipts. Thanks everyone for the support and patience. Pleasure serving. Copies of the report are up here.

Is anyone going to see Aaron, because I have a check for him for Regional. They never cashed their check for the last quarter for Regional. That’s still outstanding. I wrote it in January. Activity proceeds are the last thing listed and it is from last month, which is why it is missing the receipt numbers, it was just an accident that I did not delete it from last month.

See attached for spreadsheets.

Co Treasurer:
Just grateful to finally be able to devote some time to service after being on the road, and now in semi-retirement.
RCM and Alternate RCM:

Next regional June 2nd greater Muskegon area. Still waiting for more info on that as well as more info on the Zonal Conference.

Public Relations:

Waiting on a call back from Pine Rest about getting an NA meeting in there, because they have all AA meetings. We are going to be asking for a check for Adam for some literature for the jail. The first Tuesday at Turning Point at 7pm, we need women. Spread the word.
Q: Do they need to just show up at Turning Point, or sign up?
A: Call Aaron M. to sign up.

Written report:

May 22nd, 2019 Public Relations Reports

Chair (Kaitlyn M.): Hello everyone. So we are just over halfway through our terms! I know this can get repetitive and frustrating at times but I would love if we could come together with some positivity and hope. I know these are volunteer positions and they can seem like low priority at times, but I hope we can get a little second wind and push forward! I’d love to help Aaron and Adam with the orientation meeting- I think it’s really important to have one each year. I received a couple emails from families asking for support and pointed them in the right direction and shared the hope of NA. I’ve called Pine Rest and it’s still in the works for getting meetings in there. A girl from our Hope voiced some concerns about the Monday noon meeting at the North Club so I’ve asked Dave to check it out. Thank you for all you do, keep it up family! ILS Kaitlyn

Co-Chair (Linda.): Hello family!

I would like to report that due to health issues I will no longer be able to continue with the Soanish NA Juntos Podemos. Effective May 5th 2019. Sunrise to Sunset is now open on Mondays from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM Effective May 6th. They will be doing "In times of Illness Booklet"
We have had a great turn out 8 people the first Monday, 10 the second Monday and 11 the Third Monday.
In loving service Linda R-D

Secretary (Karmen):

Correctional Facilities Coordinator (Adam G.): Hello family!
The only big news for this month is that I made and received the Literature order focusing on white books as that seems to be the best for us to bring in. Also Aaron and I decided to not hold an orientation event at this time due to scheduling difficulties and the fact that it just didn’t feel right for us in other ways. We will consider having one later on towards fall or the next coordinators can pick up that task. Also at this time Linda R is going in a the
womens side twice a month so we are looking for ladies to train, please spread the word. Also I sent out a couple of emails last month concerning this position and never received one acknowledgement. If you receive an email from me I would love the courtesy of a simple “got it” to let me know you care. I am sure I am misunderstanding the lack of response but still….Please don't misunderstand me, I say this in loving service.

Adam G.

Treatment Center Coordinator (Aaron M): I will be out of town this week for my brothers wedding and unable to attend. I have nothing to report aside from the first Tuesday of the month for the women is still available if we can announce that at meetings. If there are any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for letting me serve,
-Aaron

Fellowship Development Coordinator (David O.): I did not complete as much this month as I feel like I could have. I'd really like some suggestions from the group on things that I can help out with completing. I did speak with to the Monday night North club meeting, and they are having trouble with home group members. They are asking for some help with anyone that would be willing to get involved. I said I would bring it to the group and see if we can get some support. As some of you know, I recently took a position at Pine rest in the Redwood unit. I did notice that they have A LOT of AA Literature and brochures. They do have a basic text available, but that's about it from the NA fellowship. I would love to see some IP’s and flyers in there, and I know a guy who could very easily drop them off.

-that's it from me.Thanks

Phoneline/Meeting List (Jeff K.): Jeff updated the meeting list and phone line.

Webservent (Bill Z.): The website is current. There is nothing new to report.

ILS

Community Outreach Coordinator (Jim N): Good Morning Family: First of all I want to apologize because I won't be at tonight meeting. I have another commitment. Now I did reach out to the Clinical Director at Our Hope about possibly having the ladies attend the campout on Saturday evening. I will know something in a week or two. Adam did you already order literature? I would like some IP’s. Who is an addict and what is NA. Thanks. I will see you guys next month. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Jim N

Activities Report:

Written Report:

Hi Family,

We are helping the Campout Committee host a fundraiser for the Campout. It will be June 15 at Lifestream Church, 800 Maryland NE. I have attached a flyer.
The Saturday Night Candlelight annual picnic is coming up at the Riverbend Pavilion at Riverside Park on June 22. There will be no meeting at Pine Rest that evening.

The Activities Subcommittee is in need of trusted servants. We have a variety of positions open. Please announce this at your home groups. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the library of the North Alano Club.

ILS,

Gabe B.

**Campout Subcommittee Report:**

Grand Rapids Area Campout May 2019 Report

Didn’t open the email for the minutes right away, so I didn’t send out the guidelines for everyone to review in time. Might have to be voted for in June. We have planned a kickball event with activities to raise money for scholarships for June 15th. $5 no addict turned away. Includes pizza, Soda, water. Livestream Free Methodist Church 800 Maryland St, 3-7. Games inside. We have received donations from homegroups and another greatly appreciated donation, so we will not be needing any more seed money for the campout. We will be able to pay the seed money back for the candy bar sales also at this time. Currently working on getting the fliers for the campout ready. Our committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month also at 800 Maryland NE.

We still have candy bars for sale. They are $1.

Thank You, Travis – GRAC Chair

Q: What guidelines are you talking about?
A: The guidelines for our subcommittee. I sent them to everyone who gets a copy of the minutes.

Q: Did you figure out prices?
A: Yes, $8 per person per night. The only time we are serving food is Saturday night. You can come in and check in, and set up anywhere in our area that we rent. Guest pass is $5 per person.
Q: Is there a preregistration?
A: No

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Men of Character did have an event on the 18th. We did have an ok successful day at 1072 Jefferson however, our GSR is not here with the receipt and the funds collected; we have an alternate here. The information will be coming in later

**Other new business:**

Comment from floor: Relating to the treasurer. Two months ago we had the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser making 650 some dollars, and there was a motion passes to make a donation to the MRCNA committee for $500 and the rest to the MRCNA Welcome Party. I think for the record, the Activities SC chair should have communicated to MRCNA treasurer directly about what was going on. The way it ended up getting communicated to MRCNA was that the entire sum was for the Welcome Party. I just wanted to report for transparency and to help for the future. The other suggestion would be for the Treasurer to go through the minutes and communicate what was voted at area.

**Other new business:**

**Open positions:**
Chair listed the open positions and asked for nominations for Chair position.

Travis nominated
Did not accept nomination.

Chair read qualifications for chair.

Ricardo nominated.
Did not accept nomination.

Carlee nominated.
Accepted nomination.
Chair read standard questions to Carlee and all heard answers.
Carlee left room.
Carlee elected Chair.

Chair read qualifications for Co-Chair

Brooke Q. Nominated
Accepted

Dave S. nominated
Did not accept nomination.

Julie T. nominated
Did not accept.

Terry B. nominated.
Did not accept.

Linda DR nominated
Did not accept and stated she would like to move to secretary position.
Chair asked Brooke standard questions and all heard answers.
Understands qualifications, 19 months, has sponsor, has working knowledge, is a GSR and willing to hand to another member. No misappropriation of funds, Has been GSR for two. Was on activities committee. Was in PR for a while. Has left the service commitment before term was up in order to get her daughter to counseling. Ability to lead group: chaired many meetings, been able to regulate meetings, “one meeting, no cross talk etc.” have been a leader at work.

Brooke left room.
No opposition.

Brooke elected Co-Chair.

Chair read qualifications and duties of Secretary.

Linda RD nominated.
Accepted.

No other nominations.

Chair asked standard questions and all heard answers.
Understands and meets qualifications, has 7 years, has sponsor, never misappropriated funds, service experience: been a GSR, visit women at jail twice per
month, co-chair in PR, chair meetings in home group, chair of other meetings, diversity trainer, never left a commitment before term was up.

Linda stepped out.
No opposition.

Linda elected Secretary.

Chair read qualifications and duties of co-secretary.

Earl nominated.
Did not accept nomination.

Kaitlyn nominated.
Accepted nomination.

Chair asked standard questions all heard answers.

Has sponsor, knows 12 and 121, no misappropriated funds. 2.5 years. PR chair now, co-chair for a month before that. Worked with activities committee for a couple months, chaired a few meetings, served in Turning Point meeting. Left before term was up because went to jail.

Q: Are you willing to take on the heavy workload for a year.
A; yes

Q: Do you have a laptop.
A; yes

Kaitlyn left room.
No opposition.

Kaitlyn elected co secretary.

Chair read qualifications and duties for Treasurer.

Dave nominated.
Did not accept nomination and stated he would rather nominate Bill.

Bill nominated.
Accepted nomination.

No other nominations.
No opposition.
Both elected for a second term.

Discussion of whether or not a new alternate RCM is needed. Some discussion of whether or not Alt RCM resigned. Comment from floor: Reported that he did not resign. Listing of when he attended and did not attend. Discussion about what he has said about his intentions, does intend to resign.

Motion to vacate the position in order to make an open position. No opposition.

Chair read qualifications and duties of Alternate RCM.

Eddy nominated. Accepted, but does not meet the requirements. (Has 8 months clean)

Reggie nominated. Accepted nomination.

Chair read standard questions and all heard answers
12 years clean, knows 12 and 12, has a sponsor, never misappropriated funds, past service experience: Chair of area, GSR, director of church youth dept.

Reggie left room. No opposition.

Reggie elected.

Chair: That fills all of our open positions.

**Other new business:**

Q: Can you explain the “In Times of Illness Groups”? A: We use the literature “In Times of Illness” that can be purchased from the service offices and use that as a topic. Offered a copy of the reading for better understanding.

Chair: Please discuss after the meeting.

**Treasurer:** Donations today was $374.97. See written report.
GROUP REPORTS:

Action Group
7th Tradition Collected: 
Donation to Area: 
Trusted Servant: 
Report: 

Double Trouble
7th Tradition Collected: $10
Donation to Area: $5
Trusted Servant: Tommie W.
Report: “The Double Trouble meeting is asking for support as well, There is a parking difficulty. I have spent time asking restaurants if we can park there, Stoggis owner agreed to let us parl. The gathering of people who have attended so approve of it litter that at the group. We are certain that giving time the meeting will increase.”

High You Cannot Buy
7th Tradition Collected: $51
Donation to Area: $5
Trusted Servant: Dael, Terry, Gale
Report: “Everything is going fine.”
Attendees: avg. 6/meeting, total 18

It Works How and Why
7th Tradition Collected: 
Donation to Area: $5
Trusted Servant: 
Report: “Meeting going good! Carrying the message…”
Attendees: avg. 4/meeting, total 20

Juntos Pedemos
7th Tradition Collected: $4
Donation to Area: 0
Trusted Servant: 
Report: “Juntos Podemos closed as of 5/5/19 due to no attendance and health issues of GSR.”
Attendees:

Just For Today
7th Tradition Collected: $41
Donation to Area: $20
Trusted Servant: Lisa M.
Report: “NA Family, All is well with the Just for Today group. We have regular attendance of most all home group members & we’ve added several new members recently. Thanks for letting me serve, Lisa M.”

Attendees: total 30, avg. 8/mtg

**Just Hope**

7th Tradition Collected: $50  
Donation to Area: 0  
Trusted Servant:  
Report:  
Attendees: total 60, avg. 11/mtg

**Keep Coming Back**

7th Tradition Collected: $75  
Donation to Area: $5  
Trusted Servant:  
Report:  
Attendees: 124 total, avg. 12 per meeting

**Keeping the Dream Alive**

7th Tradition Collected:  
Donation to Area: $20  
Trusted Servant:  
Report:  

**Men of Character**

7th Tradition Collected:  
Donation to Area: $10  
Trusted Servant:  
Report:  
Attendees: total 60, avg. 15/mtg

**Natural Life**

7th Tradition Collected:  
Donation to Area: $25  
Trusted Servant:  
Report: “Things are great!”

Attendees:

**Never Alone**

7th Tradition Collected:  
Donation to Area:  
Trusted Servant:  
Report:  

**New Beginnings**

7th Tradition Collected:  
Donation to Area: $33  
Trusted Servant:  
Report:
Attendees:  
No Name  
7th Tradition Collected:  
Donation to Area:  
Trusted Servant:  
Report: “Meeting going very well!”  
Attendees:  
Open to Change  
7th Tradition Collected: $37  
Donation to Area: 0  
Trusted Servant:  
Report: “Home Group needs members, still lacking”  
Attendees: total 100, average 30  
Path Begins the Journey  
7th Tradition Collected: $20  
Donation to Area:  
Trusted Servant:  
Report: “Need more home group members.”  
Attendees:  
Principles Before Personalities  
7th Tradition Collected: $60  
Donation to Area: $30.35  
Trusted Servant: Earl G.  
Report: “Family, I apologize to my absent last month. Our donation of $30.35 was issued last month and this month we will not have a donation due to lit. order. We have also decided we would have a potluck dinner on 7/14/19 at 5:30pm to 7 then we would go into our regular meeting. I.L.S. Earl G.”  
Attendees: total 70, average 20  
Saturday Night Candlelight  
7th Tradition Collected: $51  
Donation to Area: -  
Trusted Servant:  
Expense Rent: $150 six months paid 2nd 3rd quarter  
End balance of April $70”  
Attendees: total 17, avg. 4/mtg  
Sister of Serenity  
7th Tradition Collected: $5  
Donation to Area:  
Trusted Servant:  
Report:  
Attendees: total 12, average 16  
Staying in the Solution
7th Tradition Collected: $43
Donation to Area: $9
Trusted Servant:
Report:
Attendees: total 19, avg. 5/mtg

Sunrise to Sunset
7th Tradition Collected: $48
Donation to Area: $10
Trusted Servant:
Report: “We opened on Mondays after 2 years 5 months closed meeting attendance 1st Monday 8 people, 2nd Monday 10 people, #rd Monday 11 people. We need Booklet “In Times of Illness”. Thank you for letting me be of service. Linda R-D- Secretary of Sunrise to Sunset”
Attendees: total 42, avg. 11/mtg

Surrender to Win
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area:
Trusted Servant:
Report:
Attendees:

TGIF
7th Tradition Collected: $165.77
Donation to Area: $67.62
Trusted Servant:
Report:

Welcome Back
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area:
Trusted Servant:
Report:
Attendees:

We Qualify
7th Tradition Collected: $72.97
Donation to Area: $30
Trusted Servant:
Report:
Attendees: total 61, avg. 15/mtg

Young in Recovery
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area:
Trusted Servant:
Report:
Attendees: