Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee
January Minutes

Opening:
  Moment of Silence, Serenity Prayer
Readings:
  Twelve Traditions  Ryan
  Twelve Concepts    Travis
  A Vision of NA Service  Taylor

Welcome anyone new to Area:
  Welcome to ‘Big’ Ryan, GSR of the Men of Character group!

Clean Time:
  Just for today!

Quorum 1: 11

ASC ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE:
  Chairperson (Carlee) - Excuse
  Co-Chair (Brooke Q) - Present
  Secretary (Casey J) - Present
  Co-Secretary (Vacant)
  Treasurer (Bill S) - Present
  Co-Treasurer (Dave W) - Excused
  RCM (Aaron M) - Present
  Alt-RCM (Jim N) - Present

SUB-COMMITTEES:
  PR Chair (Linda R-D) - Present
  PR Co-Chair (vacant)
  Activities Chair (Doug) - Present
Campout Chair (Travis) - Present

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New/Returning Groups:

Removed Groups: Action Group, Never Alone Group, Men of Character

****IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT LISTED PLEASE LET THE SECRETARY KNOW****

REPORTS:

CHAIR
No report given, excused absence.

CO-CHAIR
The Policy and Admin meeting will take place before the February Area meeting next month at 6:30 pm.

SECRETARY
No official report
CO-SECRETARY
Vacant

TREASURER
(Came in after reports were given) Treasurer’s report is available on the google drive and will be
attached to the minutes when the secretary irons out technical difficulties.

CO-TREASURER

RCM & ALT RCM
-Our RCM got an email that the region treasurer stepped down, the co-treasurer - AJ - will be stepping
up in her place. The position of co-treasurer at the regional level is open.
-The CAR/CAT workshop is being held this weekend at the Crown Plaza in GR from Friday through
Sunday. The Zone meeting is Sunday at 9 am, really good info is available there!

PUBLIC RELATIONS
-PR filled the Fellowship Development Coordinator position, thank you Curt S for your service!
-There are still positions open - Co-Chair and Community Outreach Coordinator both require 1 year
clean. Please bring this back to your homegroups.
-Men and women are now going to the jail weekly.
-We still need men to go to Turning Point.
-An NA member requested we take meetings to Alternative Directions, PR is reaching out to them to see
if they will allow us to bring in meetings.
-PR has also reached out to Pine Rest to see if they want a meeting as well.

ACTIVITIES
Hey Family,
I hope everyone is having a great New Year. January was a quiet month. We did not have any events.
We do have a poetry event coming up in February. It seems to be generating some buzz. I would ask all
of you to take a flyer and announce this at your home group. It seems like a very cool and unique way to
get some people involved and let some people showcase some of their talent. Activities is asking for
$175.00 from area to help put this event on. We also had a few people show up to the activities
meeting this month for their first time. So please keep in mind we meet the first Tuesday of the month
in the north club library. We are always looking for support and would love to see some new faces every
month.
Thanks for letting me Serve,
Doug
A member asked about making some of the budget submission and post activities report forms available in a more user-friendly way. This way members will be able to edit the form online without having to print it and hand write it. It was decided that this will be done in excel or in google sheets so that some cells are protected and can’t be edited.

CAMPOUT
We planned a bowling fundraiser to raise money for scholarships for the campout for people that may want to camp but don’t have the funds. Friday February 28th at 9:00 after the TGIF meeting at Northfield Lanes. Cost is $12 for 2 games and shoes. Plus, we will have raffles for camping gear. Talked with the activities chair Doug about joining forces with activities to be more productive on planning the campout as well as activities. Going to go to their meeting place on the 1st Tuesdays of each month to see if it will work.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, and also thank you for being of service, Namaste, Travis

OLD BUSINESS
1. Standing Budget - The standing budget was brought up during the prudent reserve discussion, and it was found that there were some mistakes. The phone line is now paid for by region, and the PO box is $106 a year, not $125. It was proposed that we edit the guidelines to show all of these bills as monthly numbers. As of now, some are monthly, some quarterly and some yearly. This proposed change and the updates will be brought up at the next Policy & Admin meeting in February.
2. Meetings with 3 consecutive absences - The Action Group, Men of Character and the Never Alone Group have all been removed from the meeting list. Men of Character was in attendance today and said they intend on coming to at least two consecutive area meetings so that they may be added back onto the meeting list.
3. Spiritual Retreat ADHOC - Region has formed an ADHOC for a spiritual retreat. They would like Area to discuss and then GSRs to take it to their homegroups to determine if people want it and will show up to support is. Region wants to make sure that it will not pull attendance from other retreats or MRCNA. We discuss and have input ready to give back to Region in February.

NEW BUSINESS
1. This committee has voted Jim N in as our RCM-A. Congratulations Jim, thank you for your service!
2. Double Trouble Group’s trusted servant Terry J reported that his homegroup is making collectible coffee mugs that have different homegroups listed on them and is selling them as part of a MRCNA fundraiser, as well as donating them to MRCNA and another homegroups 30 year anniversary.
3. Region has requested that GSRs bring the following topic to their homegroups... Currently there is a region representative on the MSO board. Do we want to keep that representative? The
representative currently facilitates consistent updates on the situation with MSO’s financial issues and ability to stock their shelves and fulfill orders. The other argument is that since our region has cut almost all ties with MSO and gets our literature elsewhere there may not be a need to keep the representative since their current status is still unsuitable for continued business (at least at this point.) Please note: homegroups are autonomous and are free to choose where to purchase their literature. *GSRs will come back to the next area meeting with feedback from their homegroups.

Total Donation: $510.71

**Policy & Admin meeting next month, 6:30 pm before our Area meeting**

OPEN DISCUSSION

GROUP REPORTS
A High We Can’t Buy
7th Tradition Collected: 
Donation to Area: 
Trusted Servant: 
Report: 
Action Group
7th Tradition Collected: 
Donation to Area: 
Trusted Servant: 
Report: 
It Works, How and Why
7th Tradition Collected: 
Donation to Area: $5.00
Trusted Servant: 
Report: Carrying the message 
Double Trouble
7th Tradition Collected: $0.00
Donation to Area: $0.00 
Trusted Servant: Terry J 
Report: This area is at 54th Division, the heart of downtown homeless area. We are keeping the doors open for anyone that walks in for recovery.

Just Hope
7th Tradition Collected: 
Donation to Area: 
Trusted Servant: 
Report: 
Just For Today
7th Tradition Collected: $65
Donation to Area: $0 (paid $30 in rent, plus no one was available to deliver our 7th Tradition donation)
Trusted Servant: Jeff K

Report: We had some unexpected events occur that puts our MRCNA fundraiser event in question. Our group will meet the week of January 27th to discuss whether to move forward with it.
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.

ILLS, Jeff K

Keep Coming Back
7th Tradition Collected: $100.00
Donation to Area: $40.00
Trusted Servant:
Report: Going great!

Keeping the Dream Alive
7th Tradition Collected: $100.00
Donation to Area: $10.00
Trusted Servant: Ned A
Report: 12 steps practiced, 12 traditions followed, 12 concepts practiced. 3rd Monday - Meditation meeting (11th step).

** Please Save the Date! Sept 26, 2020 Keeping the Dream Alive will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary!!! Every Monday, 52 weeks a year, every year, every decade, for 30 years!
Join us at 1st CRC Church at Franklin St/Henry Ave from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

Men of Character
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area:
Trusted Servant:
Report:

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

New Beginnings
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $80.00
Trusted Servant:
Report: The meeting is going well, we have several treatment centers attending.

Never Alone
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area:
Trusted Servant:

Report:

No Name
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $20.00

Trusted Servant:
Report: Meeting is going well! Carrying the message of recovery...

Open to Change
7th Tradition Collected: $40.00
Donation to Area:
Trusted Servant:
Report: Working with homegroup to get a new GSR to attend Area and bring area donations!

Principles Before Personalities
7th Tradition Collected: $60.00
Donation to Area:
Trusted Servant:
Report: Principles Before Personalities will make a donation at the next ASC on 2-26-2020. Our meeting is still somewhat small.

Saturday Night Candlelight
7th Tradition Collected: $49.10
Donation to Area: $50.00
Trusted Servant:
Report: Saturday Night has new flyers out.

Sisters of Serenity
7th Tradition Collected: $10.00
Donation to Area:
Trusted Servant:
Report:

Staying in the Solution
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area:
Trusted Servant:
Report:

Sunrise to Sunset
7th Tradition Collected: $88.07
Donation to Area:
Trusted Servant:
Report:

TGIF
7th Tradition Collected: $420.53
Donation to Area: $255.71
Trusted Servant: Casey J
Report: After literature, rent, coffee and a negative balance from last month our total expenses come to $164.82 and we are donating the remaining $255.71. We have recently gotten more homegroup members and the meeting is doing really well, following traditions and spiritual principles. ILS.

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

We Qualify
7th Tradition Collected: $53.90
Donation to Area: $50.00
Trusted Servant:
Report:

Young In Recovery
7th Tradition Collected: $35.00
Donation to Area:
Trusted Servant:
Report: Meeting attendance has been on the lower side.

The Path Begins the Journey
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area:
Trusted Servant:
Report:
GGRASCNA Treasurer's Report
For the period ending January 22, 2020

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