Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee
February Minutes

Opening:
Moment of Silence, Serenity Prayer

Readings:
Twelve Traditions Barb P
Twelve Concepts Ned A
A Vision of NA Service Jennifer F

Welcome anyone new to Area:
Welcome to Megan!

Clean Time:
Jennifer F - 3 years!

Quorum 1: 17

ASC ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE:
Chairperson (Carlee) - Present
Co-Chair (Brooke Q) - Present
Secretary (Casey J) - Present
Co-Secretary (Vacant)
Treasurer (Bill S) - Present
Co-Treasurer (Dave W) - Present
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
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**New/Returning Groups**: Live Free group in Dorr has shown up to two Area meetings and would like to be added to the list. If they attend the next Area meeting (March) they will qualify to be added to the list.

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

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

**REPORTS:**

**CHAIR**
The Fifth-Third bank account was checked and is as it should be. We had a short P&A meeting today and will update in old business. Please bring any new business to the chairperson before the meeting begins.

**CO-CHAIR**
No official report.

**SECRETARY**
No official report

CO-SECRETARY
Vacant

TREASURER
Treasurer’s report is located at the end of these minutes.

CO-TREASURER

RCM & ALT RCM
Region is this Sunday in Saginaw and the Alternate RCM will be attending.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
-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, but we need another female to go to the jails so it is not only one person.
-Turning Point needs a female to commit to bringing a meeting on the third Thursday of the month.
-Curt S is familiarizing himself with his new position as Fellowship Development Coordinator by attending other meetings and seeing what help they need.

ACTIVITIES
Hey Family,
I am happy to report on another successful event that took place this past weekend. Grand Rapids hosted its first annual poetry event. It was very successful. We had around 45 people attend the event. We had 3 speakers that did a great job and between 10-15 people that got up and actually did some poetry. It was very cool to hear how creative some of our members can be when it comes to stuff like this. I think this was a great event when you consider it was the first time we put something like this on. I think we have a much better idea of how to run this type of event and it will be even more successful the next time we do it. We asked Area for a $175 for seed money. We are returning that $175 and we also raised $24 For MRCNA. We have the Mexican Buffet coming up on Saturday March 14th. For this event I am requesting $320 for seed money. This event is also a MRCNA fundraiser and judging by last year’s results we should have another very successful year. Reminder we have a bowling event this Friday at 9pm right after the TGIF meeting at Northfield lanes off Plainfield. This is being put on by the Grand Rapids NA Camp Out group. This is a fundraiser for the camp out. The cost is $12 and gets you 2 games plus shoes. There is a raffle on site for camping gear. Lastly, activities meets the first Tuesday of the month. We really do need some people to get involved and do some service. We are a very small body as is. So please spread the word or better yet bring a newcomer and show up to the north club library next week at 630.
Thanks for letting me serve.
Doug
OLD BUSINESS

1. Standing Budget - As per the Policy & Admin meeting, the standing budget items will now be listed as monthly amounts. The secretary will type up the changes and we will vote on them as an Area next month.

2. Spiritual Retreat ADHOC - Region asked for homegroups to discuss if they would be in favor of an annual spiritual retreat. Two homegroups voted yay, five homegroups voted nay. The Alt-RCM will take this to region next month.

3. MSO Board member - Region asked for homegroups to discuss if they would be in favor of keeping our region’s MSO board member on their board. One homegroup voted yay, four homegroups voted nay.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was presented inquiring about the Standing Budget and Prudent Reserve. The question is that we have more money that some members feel is necessary in the account. Some solutions we discussed are:
   a. Make a bigger donation to World and Region next month
   b. Possibly adding into the monthly agenda asking groups if they need help with keytags or literature - especially groups whose attendance is mostly treatment centers or the homeless population. This body said that although groups are fully self supporting - we can make decisions on a case by case basis to help the meeting with newcomer packets, etc.
   c. Funding the food in the Hospitality Room at MRCNA since our Area is hosting it this year
   d. Setting up a scholarship fund for MRCNA - this group did point out that it is no addict turned away, but we will still be open to this idea and discuss it further.
   *All of these suggestions will be discussed more next month, and any decisions will be documented in those minutes.

2. Another motion was brought up to discuss creating a Greater Grand Rapids Area convention. This was discussed and said that as an Area we really need more representation on our current service bodies (Area, PR, activities, campout, etc) before we create another service body for something else - especially something as big as a convention. However, since it could take up to 2.5 years to get the convention going, an ADHOC was created to explore the idea further. At the next meeting we will nominate a chair to that ADHOC committee.

3. The Double Trouble group and the Sunrise to Sunset group will be putting on a MRCNA fundraiser. It will be an all day speaker jam, from 11 am to 8 pm, with a moment of silence at 2 pm to honor our late members. Custom group mugs will be sold, kids are welcome, food all day and other festivities! Please spread the word for a great turnout! Camelot Manor, 6263 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids.
4. Unfortunately, Saturday Night Candlelight will not be holding their annual picnic this year but they are already working on next year’s picnic.

Total Donation: $564.76

OPEN DISCUSSION

GROUP REPORTS

A High We Cannot Buy
7th Tradition Collected: $20.00
Donation to Area: $10.00
Trusted Servant: Report:

Action Group
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $0.00
Trusted Servant: Report:

It Works, How and Why
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $0.00
Trusted Servant:
Report: Group is going well! Will make a donation to Area next month.

Double Trouble
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $0.00
Trusted Servant:
Report:

Just Hope
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $0.00
Trusted Servant:
Report:

Just For Today
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $0.00
Report:

Keep Coming Back
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $0.00
Trusted Servant:

Report:

**Keeping the Dream Alive**

7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $0.00

Trusted Servant: Ned A

Report: Strong homegroup, 8 - 9 home group members (active), steps followed, traditions adhered to. 4th Monday meditation is popular. 12 concepts of service in effect. Will be celebrating 30 years of continuous service in Sept 2020:

** 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.

**Live Free**

7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $10.00

Trusted Servant: “Big” Ryan

Report: Meeting is going well, our poetry event went well and we are looking to get on the Grand Rapids Area Meeting list.

**Men of Character**

7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $10.00

Trusted Servant:

Report: We are working on putting on some events and filling all service positions.

**Natural Life**

7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $0.00

Trusted Servant:

Report:

**New Beginnings**

7th Tradition Collected: $45.00

Donation to Area: $23.00

Trusted Servant:

Report:

**Never Alone**

7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $0.00

Trusted Servant:

Report:

**No Name**

7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $0.00

Trusted Servant:

Report: Sharing the message of recovery! Will make a donation next month.
Open to Change
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $14.10
Trusted Servant:
Report:

Principles Before Personalities
7th Tradition Collected:
Donation to Area: $100.00
Trusted Servant: Earl G
Report: Our facility changed it’s policy so we are able to help doors open during our allotted time. All is well.

Saturday Night Candlelight
7th Tradition Collected: $40.00
Donation to Area: $25.00
Trusted Servant:
Report: This group has decided to not put on their annual picnic. With the move, we did not get the park booked in time. Will regroup with possible help from other meetings to plan going forward 2021. We vote no on the MSO board member.

Sisters of Serenity
7th Tradition Collected: $15.00
Donation to Area: $4.00
Trusted Servant:
Report:

Staying in the Solution
7th Tradition Collected: $40.00
Donation to Area: $20.00
Trusted Servant:
Report:

Sunrise to Sunset
7th Tradition Collected: $133.46
Donation to Area: $22.00
Trusted Servant:
Report: We are in an Area where 80% of the people are homeless. We don’t get a lot of 7th tradition, but we do help the still suffering addict.

TGIF
7th Tradition Collected: $176.99
Donation to Area: $30.66
Trusted Servant:
Report: Meeting is going well, we are following traditions, 12 concepts and spiritual principles.

Welcome Back
7th Tradition Collected: $30.00
Donation to Area: $10.00
Trusted Servant:
Report:

**We Qualify**
7th Tradition Collected: $58.70
Donation to Area: $50.00
Trusted Servant:
Report:

**Young In Recovery**
7th Tradition Collected: 
Donation to Area: $0.00
Trusted Servant:
Report:

**The Path Begins the Journey**
7th Tradition Collected: $120.00
Donation to Area: $40.00
Trusted Servant:
Report:
# GGRASCNA Treasurer's Report

For the period ending February 26, 2020

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| WSCNA 4th qtr donation         | 2/2/2020   | ck#3254     |           | $150.00 |          |
| Presto Print                   | 2/2/2020   | ck#3253     |           | $95.60  |          |
| Doug C - activities seed       | 1/22/2020  | ck#3248     |           | $175.00 |          |
| Total Expenses                 |            |             |           |         | $420.60  |

*Checks still outstanding

11/20/2019 ck#3250 $150.00

Total Outstanding Checks $150.00

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