Greater Grand Rapids Area Service Committee Minutes
November 28, 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:

ASC ROLL CALL
ADMINISTRATIVE:

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

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON(S):
Public Relations Chair (Kaitlyn M.) – Present

Public Relations Co-Chair (Linda) – Excused

Activities Chair (Gabe) - Present

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

**Chair-**

Thank You for letting me serve.

**Co Chair-**

Please make user this room and the other room are in good condition when we leave. Next month’s Area meeting is moved to Dec. 19th.

**Secretary-**

Thanks for letting me serve.
Co-secretary-

Treasurer:

See attached for written reports.
$1463.20 is the current balance. No outstanding checks.
Asked about a list of non-donating groups to see if they are still active and deleted some from their list.
Opened floor for questions.

Q: Is it common for a group not to give a donation all year?
A from floor: It’s not a requirement. That money goes toward printing our meeting lists etc. It helps all the groups. If I was going to some of these groups I might go to the business meeting and ask where the money is going towards, then be judicious about where I am giving my money to.

Co Treasurer:

RCM and Alternate RCM:

Next regional meeting is on 12/2/18, this Sunday in Flint. I will have a report on that at next Area.

Q: Are you getting a hotel and requesting travel reimbursement?
A: Yes.

Public Relations:

Linda-
In the guidelines that were just approved, the flyers for events, the ASC chair gives it to PR chair and PR gives it to the webservant so we can put it on the website. We want to make sure that that keeps happening. We really did not want to change this and did a lot of work on this guideline. We want to make sure that will work out fine with Activities Subcommittee to bring us those flyers.

Answer from Gabe: Yes, we will do that by email.
The website has been updated so now PR has their own folder to post the PR minutes on the website just like the Area minutes. The webservant can also post the Activities minutes similarly.

Answer from Gabe: We are planning on doing that and are in the process already.

We talked about having a flyer that would pinpoint positions we have open in PR and having the need for people to serve in the treatment centers and jails. We would like Activities help with that.

Answer from Gabe: If you send me an email with the content I will get a nice looking flyer made by next month.

**Activities Report:**

Perhaps we will make a flyer like PR is for the open positions.

We decided to pay rent at the facility where we hold the meeting. It is $20, so we are asking Area Treasurer for that tonight.

(Treasurer responds)- can write check for $70 for that combined with the rotating budget $50 as written in the report below.

Some ideas for events that we need home groups to help with: roller skating night. Any other ideas, please let Activities know and we can work together.

**Written report:**

Hi Family,

We filled yet another position this month, as we elected Amy Lynn R. to the Secretary position. We still have several positions vacant.

We had a group conscience and decided to move our meeting night from the first Monday of every month to the first Tuesday of every month. The location and time are still the same. (6:30 pm in the North Alano Club library.)

TGIF is hosting a game night this Friday. I’m asking for another $50 of our rotating budget to cover costs; we took $150 last month.
We don't currently have any more activities scheduled. Amy Lynn is putting a list together of all the Area home groups and their business meeting times so that we can begin reaching out to groups to help them throw activities. One idea that one of our members had was to do a roller skating night. If there is a GSR who thinks their home group that might like to sponsor an event like this, please get with me after the meeting.

ILS,
Gabe B.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Chair: I visited various home groups and noticed that when they do the announcements, they are not mentioning the times of area service meetings like Area, PR, and activities. I want to encourage people to make that a part of the announcements. We have newcomers who need to know so that they can be a part of it.

Co-chair: Similar to the idea Linda was talking about with the flyer, something like that will help it to get announced.

Gabe: So we can put this on on one flyer then?
A: Yes, maybe put the details in a part that people can check and read and a briefer announcement about what’s needed.

Comment from floor: I know some groups like to give themselves more time for other things and so they are eliminating some announcements.

Comment from floor: It seems like there's been an evolution of a culture in the meetings where people feel it’s not appropriate to be talking about area business in the general meetings. I thought that was brilliant to have a flyer so people can self-select if they would like to read it or otherwise not be bogged down by the details.

Chair: The message about the logo for MRCNA, can you elaborate on that?
A: If you have artwork for the logo for MRCNA, submit it to MRCNA, anyone on the committee or email MRCNA; if your artwork is selected, you will get a full MRCNA package paid for, including dinner, comedian etc..

Q: What is the theme?
A: “Promise of Freedom”- make the art match the theme.
A: The email is jsxynurse@yahoo.com

Comment from floor: It is really important to announce MRCNA this year and also announce that it is coming to Grand Rapids next year. If anyone has intentions of getting involved next year, it would be great to get involved this year to learn and build support.

Comment: I agree, we have a very small committee. We need some co-chairs that can be chairs next year. We need a graphics chair and a co-treasurer. This service is located in Bellaire MI at 11am (subcommittees) and Noon (main committee) 3rd Sunday of the month.

Comment: I make announcements for events in other areas in MI (not the whole flyer, just let people know that it’s on the website). You can find those announcements easily on the website.

**Treasurer:** See written report.

**GROUP REPORTS:**

**Action:**
*No report*

**It Works How and Why:**
*No Report*

**Juntos Podemos:**
7th Tradition: $
Area Donation: $10
4 newcomers, 19 total participants, business meeting held on 11/4
Trusted Servant: Linda R-D

**Just Hope Group:**
Area Donation: $10

**Just for Today:**
7th Tradition: $30
Area Donation: $10
Report: “The Just For Today Group is considering doing an activity, possibly a spaghetti dinner in either Feb-March, and we are interested in working with Activities Subcommittee on this event. That’s all folks!”
-ILS, Lisa M.”
40 total attendees, 1 anniversary celebrated
Trusted Servant: Lisa M.

**Keep Coming Back:**
7th Tradition:
Area Donation: $5
Report: “3 white tag, 15 ppl average”
Trusted Servant: Julie T.

Keeping the Dream Alive:
No report

Keep it Simple:
No report

Men of Character:
7th tradition:
area donation: $10
Report: “The group is doing well. Attendance is up. About 3 new members a month average, In Loving Service, men of Character”
Trusted Servant: Gilbert P.

Natural Life:
No report

New Beginnings:
7th tradition: $63
area donation: $0
Report: “All is going good. Avg. 15 people.”
Trusted Servant:

No Name Group:
No report

Path Begins the Journey:
7th Tradition: ?
Area Donation: $20
Report: “In desperate need of more home group members.
Trusted Servant: Wilbur

Principles Before Personalities:
7th tradition:$93.06
Area donation:$31.53
Report: “Family PB4P is doing well with doors being open and traditions followed. We also made 31.53 donation to WSO. ILS, Earl G.” 15 avg. per meeting, 1 newcomer, 1 anniversary
Trusted Servant: Earl G.

Saturday Night Candlelight:
7th tradition:$61
Area donation: $50
Report: “We celebrated one anniversary in October. We took in $61 in contributions. We had one newcomer and 32 people. Traditions are being followed. We are giving a $50 donation. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Jim N.”
Trusted Servant: Jim N.

Sisters of Serenity:
No report
Staying in the Solution:
No report

Sunrise to Sunset:
No report

Surrender to Win:
No report

T.G.I.F.:
7th tradition: $79.37
Area donation: $45.37
Report: Avg. attendance 60, Total expenses $34 & total left $45.37, donation $45.37
Trusted Servant: Gabe B.

Welcome Back:
No report

We Qualify:
7th tradition: $124
Area donation:
Report: 117 total attendees, 23 avg. per meeting, 2-3 first step meetings, 1 anniversary celebrated
Trusted Servant:

Young in Recovery:
No report