

2014 5th Annual Midwest Region GSR Assembly Minutes
October 18, 2014

Chair opened meeting.
Delegate lead group in recitation of the Serenity Prayer.
Chair read Tradition 10 and Concept 10.

Attendees:

Groups:

AR Fort Smith, Brandy
AR Van Buren, Karen
IL Elmhurst, Janis
IL Glen Carbon, Kelly
IL Homewood, Bill
IL Rockford (Thursday), Shannon
IL Rockford (Tuesday), Bev (substitute)
IL Springfield, Larry (substitute)
IN Munster, Betty
KS Shawnee, Theresa
MO Branson, Christine
MO Kansas City, Ellie
MO Chesterfield, Dale
MO Maryland Heights, Joseph
MO St Peters, Dana

RSC Members:

Chair, Tonia
Vice Chair, Cyndee
Treasurer/Webmaster, Rod
Delegate, Jan
Alternate Delegate, Ruth
Outreach Chair, Mike
Interim Secretary, Luanne

Approval of Minutes: No minutes to approve at this time

Chair's Report (Tonia):

(Full Document <http://www.naranonmidwest.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/5th-Annual-Assembly-Chair-Report.pdf>)

Delegate's Report (Jan):

(Outline <http://www.naranonmidwest.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/5th-Annual-Assembly-Delegate-Report-Outline.pdf>)

Contact the RSC to request any specific documents

Alternate Delegate's Report (Ruth):

In addition to a report on Narateen (to be given later), it should be remembered that this fellowship is relatively new. This year, Nar-Anon held the 5th World Service Conference. 28 people voted at WSC 2014 – decisions were made for the fellowship and the greater good going forward. The WSC passed a new literature process. Translation of Nar-Anon materials into different languages remains a huge need.

Grief literature is also needed to accomplish one of the Literature Committee's priorities. The Narateen process was also decided by 2014 WSC (discussed under New Business).

Treasurer is Report (Rod):

(Full Document [Sept 2014 Treasurer's Report](#))

- Starting Balance: 991.75
Revenue: 0.04
Expenses: 0.00
Ending Balance: 991.79
- Went through Treasurer's Report Packet (Sept Treasurer's Report, Outstanding Expenses, Outstanding Expenses Payable vs Actual on Hand, Financial Workbook, 2015 Budget, Budget Pie Chart, Budget Analysis, Proposed Ledger and Proposed Actions). Discussion held.
- September Financial Report unanimously approved
- **Suggested Actions (voted on in New Business)**
 - Proposed 2015 Budget
 - Reallocation of Funds
 - Change Fiscal Year
 - Give Treasurer authority to use debit card and PayPal to pay Regional expenses

Outreach Report (Mike):

Outreach Chair is stepping down after 2 years of service. Mike reviewed a recap of the progress made in outreach and the region. There is an archive of outreach challenges on the Midwest Region Website for use (<http://www.naranonmidwest.org/member-services/outreach-monthly-challenges/>). Region is very grateful for the service by members of the Outreach Committee.

Midwest Region Website Report (Rod):

Reviewed statistics on the website (average hits) and expenses. The website could use more member shares, as people often view this page. Please forward your personal story to Rod.

New Business:

- Request from 2 groups in Arkansas to join the Region:
 - “The Better Way” Van Buren, AR (Karen)
 - “The Focus” Fort Smith, AR (Brandy)
 - **Motion:** (Maryland Heights, MO) For the Region to extend its geographical boundaries to include the Arkansas Counties of Washington, Benton, Crawford, and Sebastian in order to welcome “The Better Way” Van Buren (Karen) and “The Focus” (Brandy). Seconded (Homewood, IL). Passed Unanimously! Welcome Karen and Brandy!
- Discussion of forming Areas within the Region as we continue to grow. General consensus is that it would be a helpful resource to the groups for additional support. Any groups that wish to, may come together to create an Area.
- Vote to Approve 2015 Budget:
Motion to Approve (Maryland Heights, MO), Seconded (Chesterfield, MO). Passed Unanimously.
- Treasury Proposed Actions
 - **Motion** (Maryland Heights, MO): To allow the Treasurer to use a debit card and PayPal to conduct Regional business. Seconded (Homewood, IL). Passed Unanimously.
 - **Motion** (Homewood, IL): To change our fiscal year to begin November 1 and end October 31. Seconded (Rockford, IL). Discussion held, which lead to an Amended Motion.

- **Motion to Amend the Motion** (Maryland Heights): Suggested to change our fiscal year to begin October 1 and end September 30. Amendment accepted by Homewood, IL. Passed Unanimously.
 - **Motion** (Chesterfield, MO) To permit the treasurer to reallocate funds for the new fiscal year. Passed Unanimously.
- **Narateen: Alternate Delegate, Ruth:** What is needed to get started:
 - Narateen information may be found within the Guide to Local Services (GLS), as amended by WSC 2014. Background checks are required for all people who work with children within Narateen. They are now using the term “facilitator” vs “sponsor” within Narateen. Region bears the responsibility for creating a process for Narateen groups, which would involve a minimum of a background check and complying with state and/or county requirements for working with children. One Narateen group has formed within the region. A process person needs to be selected to handle the background checks. Ruth is recommending for our region that a committee be established, and that the process person have experience and a passion for working with children. We should strive to keep things simple and helpful.
 - Discussion:

The current Narateen group is willing to share their experiences with the Region. Forming a committee and setting up the process will take time. Narateen information is available on the WSO website. Ruth is willing to act as liaison to pass on information, as she sits on the World Service Committee for Narateen. There are costs associated with background checks and/or additional neglect/abuse reports, and these vary depending on the locale.
 - **Motion** (Chesterfield, MO): That the Midwest Region forms a Narateen Committee. Seconded (Rockford, IL Thursday). Passed Unanimously.
Discussion held on how this committee would fit within the region, and who would chair the committee.
- **Group Survey Presentation (Cyndee, Vice Chair)**
([Link to Group Survey Implications](#))
Comments and discussion was held on general points. This information is extremely informative and helpful as a guide to future regional activities. Thank you for all who participated.
- **Motion** (Branson, MO): To adopt Robert’s Rules of Order as the Region’s process for conducting our monthly teleconferences (Full written motion available). Seconded (Maryland Heights, MO)
 - Request to Amend the Motion (Rockford IL Thursday): To include that Robert’s Rules of Order should not be superseded by Nar-anon Principles. Seconded (Rockford IL Tues)
Amendment was not accepted by original Motion maker.
 - Lively discussion on what Robert’s Rules of order is, how it would fit into our Regional business, as well as additional comments, concerns and questions.
 - Discussion was ended by Call to vote: Yes (6) No (6) Abstain (3) ; RSC Tie-Breaker: Yes (2) No (1)
 - Motion Passed
- Nominations and Election of RSC officers
Results (*Achieved by default, all other nominees for these positions removed themselves from the running, no voting necessary*):
Chair: Tonia (to serve one more year)

Outreach Chair: Open

Convention Chair: Open

Treasurer: Rod (to serve 2 years)

Secretary: Shannon (to serve 2 years)

Chair of Narateen Sub-Committee: Janis (GSRs decided to place the newly formed Narateen Sub-Committee under Outreach. This position will be a non-voting member of the RSC, which permits Janis to remain as GSR for her home group).

Continuing in their current positions:

Vice Chair: Cyndee (to serve one more year)

Delegate: Jan (to serve one more year)

Alternate Delegate: Ruth (to serve one more year)

- Donations and Prudent Reserve (Cyndee, Vice Chair)
([Link to Donations and Prudent Reserve Document](#))
- Financial Contribution within the Nar-anon Structure (Cyndee, Vice Chair)
([Link to Financial Contribution Presentation](#))
People found this information helpful. This would be a good tool to bring back to our groups.
- **Motion:** Available Narateen literature purchased by the region should be provided to the Narateen Committee. Unanimously passed.
- Going forward – the following ideas were suggested by GSRs: (1) prepare a regional manual; (2) review minutes from inception of region to present for inclusion on the website; and, (3) continued work on Sponsorship assistance within the region.

Regional Business Concluded