

## **Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes    Oct. 21, 2017**

Serenity Prayer led by Theresa

Tradition 10 and Concept 10 by Cyndee

**Roll Call**    AR: Karen, Van Buren    IL: Cathy, Elmhurst; Bill and Joni, Homewood; Jan, Rockford; Ilene and Terri, Schaumburg; Leanne, Vandalia; Christina, Villa Park    IN: Patty, Indianapolis    KS: Rose, Leawood; Roberta and Judy, Shawnee    MO: Laura, Maryland Heights; Debbie, Chesterfield

**RSC Members:** Cyndee, Dale, Rod, Ruth, Theresa, Dian

**Minutes from Sept 2017:** 1 error found. Treasurer's report is dated July 2017, should read August 2017. Corrected. Motion to accept as amended made by Bill, seconded by Ilene. Motion passes.

**Financial Report:** Rod: Previous balance \$5228.70 + donations and interest of \$325.21= New balance of \$5,553.91. We are currently above our financial needs by \$428.08

Reports from Outreach, Conventions, Website, Delegate and Alternate Delegate waived.

### **Old Business**

1. Assembly Oct 28, 2017 in Olathe, KS: Update: Theresa and Rod  
Anticipate successful Assembly, currently 60 registered participants. Reminders given re: Hospitality room, RSVP to dinner Sat night, Helpers needed for dinner set up and night driving.
2. Regional Service Opportunities: Cyndee  
Positions open for election at Assembly are: Chair, possibly Vice-Chair, and Secretary.  
Subcommittee Chair positions available are: Outreach, Conventions and Narateen.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Proposed 2018 Budget Preview**

- a. Rod briefly reviewed the Proposed 2017-2018 Budget. The only change will be a decrease of \$100 in donations and a \$100 increase in Assembly income.
- b. Rod explained that a trend is noted of monies raised at the Assembly funding our financial needs through the year, causing our funds to start circling the drain at summer's end, then surge again following the fall Assembly. We are fortunate that the NFGs have always responded generously and readily when the region has needed to call out for financial help.
- c. Rod reminded us that although we do not see it clearly on paper, our donations to the region from the NFGs are actually down this year by about \$1800. We were given a \$2500 donation in 2015, and while the donation came with some conditions, it significantly raised our donations income "in the books." We cannot expect to receive such large donations.
- d. Rod and his finance committee members recommend we determine our donation upward to the World Service Organization annually at the Assembly, pending funds in excess of our prudent reserve.

#### **2. Mentoring Program**

- a. Last year, at the request of the GSRs, we started the TNT (Touch and Talk) program. Because that program did not significantly increase our regional interaction with existing groups who were not involved with region, we are changing our focus. The new mentoring

program will concentrate on the new GSRs and the new groups. Mentors will be experienced GSRs and RSC members. Any current GSR who would like to have a mentor may have one, whether they are new or not, if they want to learn more about their service role 1:1. More about this new venture coming up this fall.

### **3. Midwest Region Objectives**

- a. The last few years have been re-building years. Rebuilding unity, trust, and safety. It is up to the GSRs to determine if Unity and Keeping Groups Healthy are still worthy objectives.
- b. Last year the GSRs selected Guest Speaker Guidelines, which came to fruition through committee work, and Increasing GSR Participation and Member Volunteerism, which resulted in the TNT program.
- c. This year the following ideas have been suggested:
  1. Help NFG realize that service is needed, share our experiences with service.
  2. Evaluate the new Mentoring process in one year to see if we get closer to what the NFG and GSR members need / want that they may not know how to voice.
  3. Sponsors, temporary sponsors, share partners, esp as relates to newcomers. What do other groups do?
  4. Group Conscious meetings-share how groups accomplish this, Healthy meetings

### **4 Open Mic**

- a. Judy, Shawnee, KS: First conference call. Appreciate all the work that has gone into this teleconference alone. Wow. Excited to be a part of. Requests Group Conscience meetings be a teleconference subject or an objective for coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05. Minutes respectfully submitted by Theresa