

December 2012 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes

December 15, 2012

Chair opened call. Jan F lead in unison recitation of Serenity Prayer. Chair read Tradition 12 and Concept 12.

Attendees: Munster IN
 Kansas City "First Call" MO
 Maryland Heights MO
RSC Members: Chair
 Secretary
 Delegate
 Treasurer
 Outreach Committee Chair
 MidWest Regional Mentor

Teleconference Minutes. Teleconference minutes from November were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Reports.

- Balance as of November 10 was \$1170.76. The ending balance of \$1156.76 was reported. The financial statement was approved as submitted.
- A visit was made to the bank to address the service charges against the account. The policy has been changed. A minimum of \$250/mo must be spent in order to avoid service charges (\$14/mo or \$168 annually).
- There were some questions in November regarding the Annual Budget and the allocations by line item. Treasurer has made changes and these were reflected in the documents distributed in advance of the December call.
- Chair requested the Regional Mentor provide insight on prudent reserve. There is an excellent article on prudent reserve in the most recent issue of the ***Serenity Connection***. All GSRs are encouraged to share this information with their home groups to provide insights at the member level. It is only through the sharing of funds through the organizational structure that additional growth can be fueled. The Midwest Region has determined our prudent reserve is to be our budget plus 10%. It was suggested a line item be added to the budget for WSO donation (no donation has been made to World since inception of the region). A request was made for a report on donations by group year to date.
- Suggested the Region make an appeal for donations. Letter would be drafted and forwarded to all Home Groups. Will have further discussion to determine best time to conduct such efforts.

Planning for 4th Annual Assembly. It was suggested the Chicagoland might be a good location for the next Assembly. Hosting in this area would afford the opportunity for multiple Home Groups to collaborate, sharing the work load. Chair advised the topic will be carried over for discussion on January call agenda.

Showcasing Home Groups. This practice will be re-established for 2013. Kansas City "First Call" will be featured on January call.

Sale of Literature from the Assembly. Remaining inventory of literature from the Assembly is available for purchase by individual home groups. As appropriate the inventory list will be updated to reflect current supply levels. Shipping costs for the literature will be covered by the region. It was suggested this offering could be a part of the communication appeal for donations.

Additional Outreach Committee Members. Chair asked for suggestions on how to get more individuals participate in the Outreach Committee from Home Groups. Participation by the groups will help insure that best practices are shared region-wide as well as needed resources are identified. Resource of poster with pull tabs was discussed (announcing pertinent information on local meeting). New Choices is willing to customize the poster (customization limited to the group's name, location, meeting time) and send the PDF to the group for their use.

Conventions. Please add to your calendar and support with your attendance (as well as your NFG member attendance) as possible:

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| • "Freedom to Change" Convention, Kansas City | Dec 29 - Jan 1 |
| • 25 th Chicagoland Regional Convention, Hyatt Regency - Chicago | Jan 3 – 6 |
| • "Cabin Fever Prevention Convention #21", Lake of the Ozarks, MO | Feb 1 – 3 |
| • World Convention for NarAnon, Philadelphia | Aug 29 – Sept 1 |
| ○ NA Registration opened in December | |
| ○ Nar-Anon to open in February (hotel space is going quickly) | |
| • St Louis Area Convention for Narcotics Anonymous, St Louis | November |

ACTION ITEMS

- It is suggested GSRs share the article from the December issue of the ***Serenity Connection*** on prudent reserve with their home groups for their information.
- Treasurer to create a report reflecting regional donations by group for year to date and distribute to the GSRs.
- Kansas City "First Call" to be prepared to Showcase their Group for January GSR teleconference.
- As groups need literature, please review Regional Literature Inventory to determine if pieces can be purchased from Region as opposed to from WSO.