

February 2014 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes February 15, 2014

Chair opened call. Delegate lead group in the Serenity Prayer. Chair read Tradition 2 and Concept 2.

Roll Call: Elmhurst, IL – Kathryn J
 Glen Carbon, IL – Kelly S
 Rockford, IL (Thurs) – Shannon E
 Rockford, IL (Tues) – Roy Y
 Springfield, IL – Linda
 Munster, IL – Diana K
 Leawood, KS – Nancy B
 Kansas City, MO – Rod S
 Topeka, KS – Terri S
 Maryland Heights, MO – Joseph L

RSC: Chair – Tonia M
 Vice Chair – Cyndee D
 Delegate – Jan F
 Alternate Delegate – Ruth M
 Outreach Chair – Mike Z
 Mentor – Tawnee

Guest: Luanne K (outgoing Chair)

Teleconference Minutes: The following Motion passed unanimously: To place an Addendum on October 2013 Assembly Minutes to reflect that Ruth M was voted as Alternate Delegate for the Midwest Region and that Delegate Jan F was given a vote of confidence to carry the voice and vote of the Midwest Region to the 2014 Nar-Anon World Service Conference. As required, the Amended Assembly Minutes will be sent to WSC Committee in preparation for 2014 WSC.

Treasurer Report: Our outgoing Treasurer (Donna) has forwarded a final financial report for the region. Donna has closed the region's bank account, and forwarded a closing check to Tonia M Chair. Chair has opened a not for profit account at Regent's Bank, which has offices in all four states. A current financial report will be prepared and emailed to GSRs. Motion to approve Tonia M Chair and Cyndee D Vice Chair to be cosigners on the new account (until the positions of Secretary & Treasurer are filled) passed unanimously.

Outreach Challenge: The March Monthly Outreach Challenge is directed to school counselors. Due to extended school days (snow), this is a good time to leave information, meeting lists and brochures with school counselors. School counselors are often the first outside persons aware of a drug problem in the home. In speaking

with the counselors, please suggest Nar-Anon meetings as a valuable resource for parents and family members.

Delegate Report: Jan F and Ruth M held the first of three CAR/CAT conference calls, which covered the first 22 Motions. Tomorrow night at 7 pm, they will begin with Motion 23. These calls are recorded, so that our members may listen to the discussions. March's call will cover the CAT materials. An email has gone out with all information necessary to access that call. Tally sheets will be forwarded to your home group, and a date set to have voting outcomes to our Delegate. If your members have any questions or comments on these items, please email Jan F Delegate (naranon@scorpio57.com) or Ruth M Alternate Delegate (ruthnowhere@gmail.com).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Purchase of banners for the region has been tabled to permit information from WSC and WSO.
2. Cyndee D and Luanne K have updated the Welcoming Letter and Information Sheet to New Groups. Along with an excel spreadsheet, these documents were forwarded to all GSRs and Alternates. The documents are available on our regional website (www.naranonmidwest.org) under Member Services. Whether your group is newer or more seasoned, please review these documents with your home group members. It is a great summary of regional activities and demonstrates our commitment to new groups forming in the region. This spreadsheet will assist our region in continuing contact over a longer time, offering assistance to newly starting groups.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Christine Z, GSR Branson, MO has offered to host the 5th Annual Assembly on October 18, 2014. As there are limited home groups within that area, help will be required in planning and implementation of activities for that date. Motion was unanimously approved to hold the 5th Annual Assembly in Branson, MO.
2. A continuing call is made for volunteers to fill open positions within the region. These include Treasurer, Secretary and Convention Committee (one member from each state). Please canvas your group for members interested in temporarily filling those positions. It is a great way to see if this service commitment "works for you." If interested, please email Tonia M Chair (tonia4moore@yahoo.com).
3. After discussion, a call for voting on amending the new group literature package was made. Motion: ***We move that the Midwest Region add the Outreach Folder, a cost of \$3.50, to the list of items sent to the new groups. We also would like the new groups that have purchased the New Meeting Packet to have the option to receive an Outreach Packet instead. In addition, the list of "New Family Group Literature Packet" materials should be included in the Welcome Letter to the new NFG's.*** Motion passed unanimously.

4. Joseph L GSR Maryland Heights, MO presented an oral motion to instruct the Delegate to withdraw the region's WSC Motion #16 from the CAR. Although there was discussion held, no 2nd was received, and the Motion dies.
5. Tonia M Chair informed GSRs that due to confusion and not wanting teleconference tapes deleted, she changed the password for access to regional teleconference tapes. After discussion, the GSRs voted to have access to the password held by Tonia M Chair and Cyndee D Vice Chair until further motion. Passed unanimously without formal motion.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

1. Please send proposed topics or written motions to be added to the agenda for future GSR teleconferences to Tonia M Chair (tonia4moore@yahoo.com).
2. To ensure that your home group's information is correct, please regularly check the following web sites: WSO (www.nar-anon.org) and Regional (www.naranonmidwest.org). If you have any closings (due to holidays) or other information of special note (accessibility, interpreters, etc.), please email Rod S (rod@nar-anon.org) to add to your home group meeting information.
3. Please send any flyers for NA conventions or activities, where Nar-Anon has a presence, to Rod S (rod@nar-anon.org) to be placed on our region web site.
4. To access the Members Only section of our web site see www.naranonmidwest.org, GSR access code is nmw13. There you will find valuable information to assist your home group members in carrying the message of experience, strength and hope to the public. You will also find prior GSR minutes, financial reports, agendas, Monthly Outreach Challenges and other important information to fulfill responsibilities as GSR.

Having no other business, the teleconference call was adjourned.

Next meeting: Saturday, March 15, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne K
Secretary Pro Tem