# April 2016 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes As Amended

April 16, 2016

Chair opened call

Convention Chair lead group in recitation of the Serenity Prayer

Chair read Tradition 4 and Concept 4

#### **Attendees:**

#### Groups:

AR Van Buren TH, Karen

IL Elmhurst, Janis

IL Godfrey, Lori

IL Homewood, Bill

IL Rockford T, Jan

IL Rockford TH, Lynn

IL Springfield, Linda

IL Willow Springs, Don

KS Leawood, Rose

MO Chesterfield, Dale

MO Maryland Heights, Gwen

#### RSC Members:

Chair, Cyndee

Treasurer/Webmaster, Rod

Secretary, Shannon

Delegate, Ruth

Alternate Delegate, Theresa

Outreach Chair, Jim

Convention Chair, Dian

#### **Other Participants:**

RSC Volunteer, Luanne

#### **Teleconference Minutes:**

(Archive of Minutes Available Here)

January, February, and March of 2016 approved unanimously pending amendments.

Amendments:

February: Leawood is in Kansas, not Indiana March: Correct spelling of Janis's name

#### **Treasurer's Report (Rod):**

(Archive of Treasurer's Reports Available Here)

Rod reported 11 new groups have formed since the assembly, which has cost quite a bit of money. The goal was not to sound an alarm but to simply notify everyone the number of new groups forecasted and used as a basis for New Group Literature budget needs has been exceeded. Unexpected, rapid growth is a good problem ©. A GSR suggested that we (the RSC) send out an email requesting donations. Another member wondered if a donation was made if it would go straight to that project? Rod responded that it

would go into the general fund and allocated. This will get further discussed. He also mentions we are not far below our overall needs, so we are still in good shape.

### **Outreach Report (Jim):**

Reminds the groups to take advantage of the \$55 in outreach literature, contact himself or Rod with any questions regarding this. There is an archive of prior outreach challenges on the Midwest Region Website for use (<u>Archive of Outreach Challenges Available Here</u>). Please contact Jim with any questions or suggestions!

## **Convention Report (Dian):**

Please notice any additions to the calendar, she will continue to update this and get the information to you. Please contact Dian with any questions, suggestions, or updates!

#### **Website Update (Rod):**

We continue to work on the sponsorship page. Please contact Rod with any questions, suggestions, or updates or to see the progress thus far! It is not yet live.

## **Delegate Report (Ruth/Theresa):**

Ruth mentions they have received about 10 tally sheets so far. The general consensus was to affirm the motions. There were 2-3 motions that a few groups opposed and several GSRs provided helpful comments. Also it is clear that many people would like to state that we hope that Nar-Anon remains a fellowship to support friends and families of drug addicts versus any addiction. Only 4 groups turned in a vote on the literature priority document, those results have also been compiled. The conference is two weeks away and the tally information will be added to the Midwest Region website under Member Services.

Theresa shared on the East PA Region Convention 11. Please contact her for any details or questions!

### **Old Business:**

- 2016 Midwest Region's Assembly
  - Saturday, October 15; Chesterfield, MO
  - Breakout Sessions Discussed, if you did not share your group's top 5, please get them to Cyndee asap.
  - If you want to lead a breakout session, please reach out to
- 2016 Assembly Theme
  - o 2012: "Gateway to Growth" St Louis, MO
  - o 2013: "Winds of Change" Homewood, IL
  - o 2014: "Recovery in the Ozarks" Branson, MO
  - o 2015: "Rising from the Ashes" Elmhurst, IL
  - 2016: We need your ideas! © Email Cyndee or Shannon
- Donation Committee Group (Outreach and Step Literature Grants) Update (Rod):

To date, ten groups out of 47 eligible have participated in the program which is concerning. However, one reason for modest participation may be that groups are unaware which will improve with the new TNT program. Another reason is some groups are waiting for steps 1-12 to come out before they order. Even though they were concerned they asked themselves if they want to open this up to new groups earlier than September, but we decided that the new groups already get an outreach packet to hold them over for now and when the deadline comes, we can reevaluate at that time. As new things are available, the list of available things to order will be updated. Did we need a motion to amend the available items as those change? No one felt so.

- Please contact any member of the RSC with any topics you would like to address during our April GSR Teleconference
- The Region is very grateful for everyone's service and contribution. The next call is Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Call Adjourned.