

May 2013 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes May 18, 2013

Chair opened call. Delegate lead group in recitation of the Serenity Prayer. Chair read Tradition 5 and Concept 5.

Attendees: Elmhurst IL
Shawnee KS
Maryland Heights MO
Homewood IL
Des Peres MO
RSC Members: Chair
Vice Chair
Delegate
Outreach Committee Chair
Treasurer

Teleconference Minutes. April minutes not available for review.

Treasurer Reports: Treasurer Reports were unanimously approved as submitted.

Delegate Report: Jan shared information about the World Service Conference (WSC) that will be held May 2, 2014. The Nar-Anon World Service Conference is open to all Nar-Anon members. The name of the conference will be "Trust in the Spirit of Unity" and it will be held in California. Delegates and board of trustees are the only people that can vote at the conference. Now is the time for groups to begin thinking about any changes that they would like to see in the Nar-Anon Guide to Local Services or literature. The deadline to submit regional motions in draft form is September 4, 2013.

Luanne asked if anyone has any interest in proposing any motions for the region. She requested that GSR's take this question back to their groups for consideration. Luanne suggested one of the motions that could be considered is the amending the wording in Tradition Four:

Tradition Four Currently Reads: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other Nar-Anon Family Groups, or N.A. as a whole.

Recommended amendment to Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other Nar-Anon Family Groups or Nar-Anon as a whole.

OUTREACH CHALLENGE: Mike Z presented the June Monthly Outreach Challenge that is to provide Nar-Anon information to treatment centers.

NA CONVENTIONS: Jan reported on the NA Convention in Rockford, IL. This is the third year that Nar-Anon has participated in this convention. A Nar-Anon literature table was manned each day of the conference. A meeting room was reserved for two hours and the cost to Nar-Anon was \$50. Jan expressed her thanks to the other Nar-Anon groups that participated by manning the literature table and attending the meeting.

- St Louis Area Convention for Narcotics Anonymous, St Louis Nov 15 - 17
- GIRCNA, Galesburg, IL Nov 15 - 17
 - An individual from GIRCNA (the Convention Chair) visited the Nar-Anon literature table at the Cabin Fever and expressed his desire to have Nar-Anon support this meeting

WORLD CONVENTION: World Conference for Nar-Anon is being held in Philadelphia PA this year. Registration this year is well ahead of other world conventions. Luanne asked if the GSR's would ask their groups if they would like to consider providing a basket to the World Convention. The basket could be from the region or on the group level.

REGIONAL WEBSITE: Rod reported that the website was getting a lot of SPAM so he had to insert a CAPTCHA code. The website committee is looking for member stories to add to the website. Any groups that have a handicap accessible meeting room should inform the website committee so that this can be indicated on the MWR website.

Joseph asked if anyone has requested an MWR e-mail address. Rod said that we have that capability to provide individual e-mail addresses but the committee has not received a request from any other members.

OLD BUSINESS

ASSEMBLY THEME: Discussion was held about a theme for the assembly that will be held in Illinois on October 19, 2013. "Winds of Change", was voted on as the theme for the Assembly. Bill reported that the assembly committee will be meeting and will begin to work on the flyer.

Joseph indicated that last year the person or group that recommended the topic was asked to be facilitator/moderator for that topic at the assembly.

REGIONAL LIST: Discussion was held about groups that are on the WSO website and whether or not they are automatically a member of the region. Rod asked if Jan and Tawnee could do some research regarding this issue and find out how other regions handle this situation. Mike thought that we could possibly change the day of the meeting to try to encourage other groups to participate. Additionally, whether or not to distribute the questionnaire was discussed. Luann suggested

revising the welcoming letter and fact sheet and sending it out to everyone listed on the roster.

Joseph made a motion to adjourn the meeting but there was not anyone left on the line to second the motion. Luanne asked Joseph to provide her information about Robert's Rules of order to distribute to the GSR's.

Meeting ended 10:15 AM CST.

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Next meeting: Saturday, June15, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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