September 2015 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes September 19, 2015

Chair opened call. Delegate lead group in recitation of the Serenity Prayer. Chair read Tradition 9 and Concepts of Service 9.

Attendees: Fort Smith, AR - Tracey Van Buren, AR – Karen Elmhurst, IL - Janice Evanston, IL - Nancy Glen Carbon, IL - Ellie Homewood, IL - Bill Rockford, IL Tues - Roy Rockford, IL Thurs - Lynn M Springfield, IL – Linda Willow Springs, - Don G Indianapolis, IN – Patty B Leawood, KS - Rose Shawnee, KS – Theresa C Chesterfield, MO -Kansas City, MO - Jane Maryland Heights, MO – Gwen N

RSC Members: Interim Chair - Cyndee Interim Vice Chair - Luanne K Treasurer & Webmaster - Rod S Secretary - Shannon E Delegate - Jan F Alternate Delegate - Ruth M

Minutes: The proposed Minutes for the 2014 Midwest Assembly have been emailed to GSRs/Alternates. A delay occurred due to one section of the business meeting not being taped, as well as review of written notes. In October, these minutes will be placed on the agenda for correction and approval.

Financial Report: The only credit last month was \$0.25 in interest. The only debit to the account was purchase of the New Group Literature for Willow Springs. The ending balance for August 2015 was \$5,996.84. The recent Honorarium will be segregated from the Regional bank account, into a separate account. All transactions out of this Fund will be reflected in the monthly Treasurer's Report going forward.

Outreach: Please continue to use the regional archives for your Home Group's Outreach projects. These are located on the region's website: <u>www.naranonmidwest.org</u>

Delegate Report: A new pamphlet has been received from World Literature Committee, entitled "Boundaries and Consequences." These documents for fellowship review are sent in PDF form (a protected form). As several GSRs have been unable to open this document, Shannon will change it to another form, for ease in opening for all our members. The deadline for fellowship feedback is October 15, 2015. These items from the Literature Committee are written by our members for our members. Please send your feedback to World Literature Committee or to the Delegate for forwarding.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. 2015 Assembly Update Janice reported that ten registrations have been received to date. Using your AAA card will provide another discount for the hotel cost. All materials and handouts are being prepared for the Assembly. Theme baskets for use in the raffle, which generates funds for regional business, are suggested from individuals or Home Groups.
- 2. How to support the Regional Assembly Please pass out the "Save the Date" flyer, and the Registration Flyer at all home group meetings. Encouraging members from our Home Groups to attend all or part of the Assembly will increase attendance and participation. If you can volunteer some time, please contact the Host Committee, as all help will be welcomed and appreciated. If your Home Group is donating a basket which includes gift cards, please remember that our members come from 5 states. The workshops and sharing time will not be taped, to protect anonymity and to keep spirit of confidence in our meetings. A rough agenda will be forwarded by email. In general, the Regional Business Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. through 12 noon; Luncheon will be provided in our designated room; Workshops will be from 1-4 pm. Dinner space will be held beginning at 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Items donated will be raffled after the Workshops.
- 3. Open Ballot for Regional Service positions One position which will be open is the Alternate Delegate. This is a 3 year term of service. The Guide to Local Services lists the duties and responsibilities for that position. If you or any member of our fellowship wants further information about this position, please feel free to contact Jan or Ruth (both have served in this position). Another position which will be open is for Vice Chair. The duties and responsibilities were briefly discussed. Luanne shared that this is a great opportunity to work with a group of creative, passionate people, all supporting Nar-Anon and this region.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Allegary Honorarium Fund Committee was comprised of Rod, Karen, Patty and Roy. Written recommendations and attachments were previous forwarded to GSRs/Alternates. Karen reported that many ideas were generated and discussed by the members of this Committee. Their recommendation is to divide the money evenly between all current Home Groups within the region as of September 19, 2015. This would give each group the option of ordering either Outreach materials or Step Study materials, as their group decides, in the amount of \$55.00. An order sheet is attached to the email with this Recommendation listing the approved items for purchase. If your Home Group has their Order to Rod by October 2, 2015, these materials will be available to be picked up at the Assembly (which saves on postage, due to the larger volume). If your Group decides to wait until after fellowship approval of literature at 2016 WSC, the \$55.00 will include both literature and postage/handling. If your Home Group decides to order literature directly from WSO, please send a copy of the receipt to Rod, Treasurer, for reimbursement up to this amount. This offer of materials will be available to all regional Home Groups until September 30, 2016. Any money left over in this fund after the process is complete, will be used as determined by the GSRs at a later date.

After questions were answered, Bill (Homewood) made a Motion to accept the recommendations of the Committee in full. Gwen (Marilyn Heights) seconded that Motion. Further questions and discussion occurred. Vote was called - Motion passed 15/1/0.

The Region thanks the Committee members for all their work and the final recommendations, all while being mindful of the need to be financially responsible with this Honorarium.

The next GSR teleconference is set for: Saturday, October 17, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you for your service!

Meeting called.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact any member of the RSC. If you have a Home Group concern, please reach out!

Please forward all Midwest Region donations to: Rod Seemann 6239 Howe Dr. Fairway, KS 66205

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Luanne K Secretary Pro Tem

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