

April 2013 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes

April 20, 2013

Chair opened call. Delegate lead group in recitation of the Serenity Prayer. Chair read Tradition 4 and Concept 4.

Attendees: Bloomington IN
 Shawnee KS
 Kansas Wed Night
 Springfield IL
 Maryland Heights MO
 Homewood IL
 Naperville, IL
RSC Members: Chair
 Vice Chair
 Delegate
 Mentor
 Outreach Committee Chair
 Treasurer

Teleconference Minutes. Teleconference minutes from March 2013 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer Reports: Treasurer Reports were unanimously approved as submitted. Treasurer reported on trying to change the signatures on the Midwest Region Bank Account and thoughts about moving the account to a bank that does not charge fees. Several banks were suggested for the treasurer to research.

Joseph had a question about the delegate signing on the account. He felt that if the delegate is going to be put on the account a motion would need to be made. Chair indicated that if the delegate was going to be put on the account a motion would be called for at a future meeting of the GSR's.

Delegate Report:

Invitation was received for the World Service Conference (WSC) that will be held next May. Equalized Assed amount for 2012 was \$1600 but the new Equalized Assed amount for the next conference will not be decided until the end of June. The Delegate requested that GSR's begin thinking about any changes that their groups would like presented at the WSC. Any changes should be given to the delegate before October 14, 2013.

Joseph volunteered to put his name into consideration for alternate delegate with one stipulation. He wishes to keep his status as GSR of his home group in addition to the being the delegate. He sited precedence in the in the Serenity Connection,

Volume 28, Issue 2, June 2012, Page 3, "My First Conference". The alternate delegate position for the region will be voted on at the Assembly in October.

The Regional Mentor stated that the service guide indicates one voice one vote. She asked that the region heavily consider not allowing a person to hold a Regional Service position and a GSR position since it goes against the Guide to Local Services.

OUTREACH CHALLENGE: Mike Z presented the Monthly Outreach Challenge to take Nar-Anon information to doctor's offices.

NA CONVENTIONS:

Rod reported on the NA Convention in Lawrence, KS. Nar-Anon provided a literature table and an Information Panel. Three people attended and discussion was about how to start a meeting.

Jan reported on the upcoming NA Convention in Rockford IL. Literature table will be provided for the weekend and they are looking for help to man the table. Nar-Anon is hoping to have a room at the conference but there probably will be a charge.

Chair asked that the groups forward information regarding an NA Convention in your area to the RSC Secretary so she can maintain a list.

- World Convention for NA and Nar-Anon, Philadelphia Aug 29 – Sept 1
 - Seeking good high quality speakers for this meeting; if you know of a speaker that might be appropriate, please notify an RSC member with details
- 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

OLD BUSINESS:

Rod gave an update regarding the Midwest Region Website. A state logo was received from Joseph. A link has been placed on the site for a WSO literature. The website committee is looking for testimonials from members to put on the website. Link has been placed to the Serenity Connection. GSR's need to contact Rod about Handicap Accessible Meetings so he can post that on the website. Discussion was held about what is considered Handicap Accessible. Joseph shared that according to the American's with Disability Act, a building is considered handicap accessible if disabled individuals have access to any area of the building that a non-disabled person has access to. The access can be via ramp or elevator and must include handicap restrooms.

The Region Mentor asked Rod about the Logo because if it has the Nar-Anon name on the logo it is not approved by the world and should not be used. This would be a copy write violation. The current logo being used on the region website does not have the Nar-Anon name on it.

UNITY GOAL:

Bill from Homewood reported on the theme and a topic for the 4th Annual Assembly: Suggestions for the theme are:

Gateway to Growth Comes to the Windy City
Winds of Change

The chair asked that each GSR bring this back to their groups for suggestions and ideas be brought to the next meeting of the GSR's so that a vote can be taken.

Topics suggested:

Restoring your happiness

Chair asked for speaker and program topic suggestions. Discussion by the GSR's followed.

Meeting ended 9:58 AM CST.

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Next meeting: Saturday, May 18, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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