

November 2015 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes
November 21, 2015

Chair opened call
Delegate lead group in recitation of the Serenity Prayer
Chair read Tradition 11 and Concept 11

Attendees:

Groups:

AR Van Buren, Karen
IL Elmhurst, Janis
IL Schaumburg, Ilene (welcome to your first call!)
IL Springfield, Linda
IL Willowsprings, Don
IN Indianapolis, Patty
IN Munster, Diana
MO Maryland Heights, Gwen

RSC Members:

Chair, Cyndee
Treasurer/Webmaster, Rod
Secretary, Shannon
Delegate, Ruth
Alt Delegate, Theresa
Outreach Chair, Jim
Convention Chair, Dian

Other Participants:

RSC Volunteer, Luanne

Teleconference Minutes (Shannon):

([Archive of Minutes Available Here](#))

June and July 2015 approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Rod):

([Archive of Treasurer's Reports Available Here](#))

Outreach Report (Jim):

Jim shared a little about himself and his involvement in Nar-Anon (thank you for sharing). He wants all the GSRs to know that he is available to them if they have any questions regarding outreach or if they have any input or ideas to share with him.

There is an archive of prior outreach challenges on the Midwest Region Website for use ([Archive of Outreach Challenges Available Here](#)).

Convention Report (Dian):

Dian shared a little about herself and her involvement in Nar-Anon (thank you for sharing). She wants all the GSRs to know that she is available to them if they have any questions regarding conventions and events or if they have any input or ideas to share with her.

Delegate Report (Ruth/Theresa):

- (Ruth) She will send information regarding the CAR and CAT to Shannon to be distributed and we can expect more details and conversation on that after the holidays.
- (Theresa) Theresa shared a little about herself and involvement with Nar-Anon (thank you for sharing).

(Welcome Jim, Dian, and Theresa to your first GSR Call serving on the RSC – Thank you for your willingness to serve the Region in this way!)

Old Business:

- 2015 Assembly Recap
Held October 24 in Addison IL, hosted by the Elmhurst IL group (huge thanks to hosting committee!). Present was 46 members from 14 different family groups as well as all RSC members. Please see the agenda, documents, and minutes to see the financial details and business conducted [here](#). (Thank you Cyndee for accepting the position of Chair! The position of Vice Chair is currently vacant). Thank you to everyone for all levels of participation!
- Donation Committee Update (Rod)
Literature that had been ordered through this program so far were distributed at the Assembly. You can still order literature through this program, please contact Rod for more information. Here are links to the [process](#) and [literature list](#).

New Business

- 2016 World Service Conference (ei, WSC) Participation by Midwest Region
 - Delegate only or Delegate and Alternate Delegate (Seeking a GSR Motion)
 - **MOTION:** Janis (Elmhurst IL) Makes a motion to send both the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the World Service Conference in 2016. Gwen (Maryland Heights MO) Seconds. Brief discussion on whether to vote on this now or wait, it was decided to vote today. Motion passed unanimously.
- Key dates and deadlines leading up to WSC 2016:
 - November 30th Ruth will distribute information. Expect to hear more from Ruth and Theresa in following months regarding CAR/CAT conference call dates.
 - December 31 deadline for RSVP for WSC
- 2016 Midwest Assembly
 - October 15, 2016
 - Janis has put together a guide for hosting assemblies
 - No volunteers yet to host the 2016 assembly
- Tradition 6 workshop tabled until next conference call (thank you Ruth for your work preparing this)
- Region's Meeting "stuff"
 - Offering funds (\$175) to Palatine, IL so they may purchase literature in Russian. There was some discussion resulting in a consensus to have Rod get in contact with them to see what their needs are for Literature.
 - Non- Responders: What can the Region do when a group appears to be inactive and is not responding? There was some discussion resulting in the consensus of the GSRs agree with the procedure proposed by the RSC and finalized by the GSRs which is:

- 1) When we receive word from a third party that there is an issue with a meeting, we will attempt to contact the GSR of record to determine current meeting status
 - 2) If we receive no response, we will let the GSRs know so that the surrounding groups have an opportunity to reach out in person to the meeting in question.
 - 3) If that is not a possibility or unsuccessful, we will contact the WSO to determine if there has been an update to their meeting information OR if there have been any recent literature orders (which would suggest they are still an active group)
 - 4) If we find no information which indicates the meeting is still active, we would send them a message giving them 10 days to respond.
 - 5) If we still receive no response, we will assume they are closed and they will be removed from all websites. This will hopefully prevent newcomers to show up to a meeting that no longer exists.
- The Region is very grateful for everyone's service and contribution. Next call is Saturday December 19th, 2015. Call Adjourned.