

Midwest Region Teleconference
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2011
9:00 CST

Call to Order

Robin M called to order the regular meeting of the Midwest Region at 9:05 am CDT on February 19, 2011 on Free Conference Call.

Roll Call

Robin M –Chair
Tawnee V – Delegate
Joseph – Treasurer
Sharon -Secretary
Donna D Homewood
Marvin Naperville
Jan Rockford
Mark C Munster
Lisa H Springfield, HI/PI chair
David Bloomington
Gracie Haysville
Shane Wichita
Story Des Peres
Luanne Shawnee

Approval of Minutes

Luanne motion to approve the minutes as read. Donna 2nd all in favor

Midwest Region Reports:

1. Delegates Report – Sharon emailed minutes from WSC conference. Any questions email tawnee. Key chains still available
2. Secretary's Report – Sharon stated she only received GSR reports from Munster & Homewood. Marvin needs report, David needs one. Sharon will email to Marvin & David.
3. Treasurer's Report – Joseph will set up 2 new subaccounts for New Group Startup. One for literature and one for Sesh Books.

As of 02-18-2011

Checking account balance	\$1912.02
Savings account balance	\$ 305.10
Total MWR Treasury	\$2217.12

2 Donations from:
Munster \$100.00
Haysville \$ 30.00

Gracie from Haysville specified \$15 to Delegate Expense and \$15 to New Group Literature - Sesh Book.

4. HI/PI Report – meeting last sat will send min joseph website..link to min on rsc pg. there will 4 reports marvin asked about protocol
5. Convention Report – No report.

Old business:

GSR reports. Only 2 rec'd. Sharon to email one to Dave & Marvin

Midwest Region's Vision Statement. Donna read vision statement.

Robin asked if anyone had voted

Donna stated Homewood did not vote...

Marvin asked what constituted a new group. Robin explained.

Marvin questioned what support is available to new groups. Lisa H suggested that Marvin may be interested in joining the HI/PI committee and invited him to partake. Sharon will send Lisa H Marvin's email address.

Luanne motioned to table the vote until next month, mark 2nd

All approved.

Ask me about Naranon buttons. Joseph requested the letter he sent be added to the minutes.

The "Ask Me About Nar-Anon" buttons started within New Choices NFG, Maryland Heights, MO as a group outreach idea to attract interest in Nar-Anon when group members attended 'Family Day' type activities at treatment centers, etc.

I had the idea based on a similar button worn by a friend that said "Ask Me About Herbalife". I asked a New Choices member (a professional graphics designer) to create our own buttons

I mentioned the buttons to Tawnee V. – the Midwest Region World Service Conference Delegate. She saw the possibilities of selling the buttons to other groups and/or Regions for the purpose of raising funds to send our Region Delegate (and, if possible, our Alternate Delegate) to the WSC. WSC Delegate Expense is set by Nar-Anon headquarters at \$1500.00 for each Delegate.

The WSO had asked the MWR to provide lit table assistance at The 4th National Conference on Women, Addiction and Recovery being held in Chicago in July 2010. Tawnee V. thought this was good opportunity to test the 'Attract' power of the buttons.

During the convention, Karen M (the NFG Board President) and Cathy K (the WSO Executive Director) were asked to wear buttons. They both were impressed with the

number of people that approached them asking about Nar-Anon. Karen M liked the buttons so much, that she ordered 12 for use at a convention in Florida. The 12 buttons sent to the Nar-Anon Board President were sold at \$2.50 each plus shipping.

This led to the possibility of the WSO selling the buttons on the NFG website (www.nar-anon.org). I worked out prices that would include the cost of buttons, shipping, handling, administrative costs, and MWR profits. Unfortunately, the WSO website sales did not happen due to various problems within the WSO.

During the 11/20/2010 MWR GSR Assembly teleconference I discussed the retail prices for buttons and profits from button sales. Due to questions about the profits, the discussion was tabled until the next GSR Assembly.

During the 12/18/2010 MWR GSR Assembly teleconference, the button topic was not taken from the table and no discussion was held.

During the 01/15/2011 MWR GSR Assembly, I read the following motion.

“Guided by the Group Conscience of New Choices Nar-Anon Family Group, I move that Nar-Anon Midwest Region purchase “Ask Me About Nar-Anon” buttons from New Choices and that the Midwest Region handle all procedures for the subsequent sale of these buttons as a fund raising project for Delegate Expense.”

I have subsequently been told that as an Officer in the MWR, I am not allowed to make motions. I therefore withdraw this “out of order” motion.

I returned to my home group, New Choices, and asked for a group conscience on the button topic.

During group discussion, the existing “pin back” clip design of the button was thought to present possible damage to shirts, blouses, etc. A “bull dog” clip has replaced the “pin back” clip and the design was modified to 2.5 inches in diameter. These changes were presented to the supplier and updated costs were provided.

New Choices NFG also decided that the Midwest Region should order any buttons directly from the supplier. All procedures for warehousing, sales and delivery to be handled by the Region and not New Choices.

Updated costs to the Region are:

Minimum Order – 100 buttons.

100 – 249 buttons \$1.60 each

250 – 499 buttons \$1.30 each

Shipping and tax not included.

Lower prices available for larger quantities.

Profit margin, shipping costs, etc to be determined by Midwest Region Nar-Anon.

The button design is owned by the Graphics Designer and the Supplier. The buttons are made in the United States.

Respectfully submitted to the GSR Assembly.

Joseph L.
Treasurer
Midwest Region Nar-Anon

Member of New Choices Nar-Anon Family Group
Maryland Heights, MO

Luanne asked for clarification that the supplier will ship to the person designated from region. When buttons are sold, the region would add shipping to purchaser to pay

Shane asked for a description of the current buttons.

Luanne asked about the original motion to new choices have pctg. Joseph stated that motion was off the table.

Treasurer will only pay invoice.

Marvin asked if the supplier would donate these buttons gratis with a plug on our website.

Gracie stated it's a tradition violation for us to advertise like that.

Robin asked if the region want to proceed with this...

Luanne stated that her group doesn't feel the region is set up at this point to handle this.

Mark stated Munster voted NO on the buttons

Story stated Des Peres also voted NO on the buttons because they violated tradition

Mark made a motion to NOT approve the buttons at this time.

Story 2nd

Gracie asked for clarification that if we vote no can a group order them themselves.

Joseph said New Choices was no longer interested in handling anything in regard to the buttons.

Joseph stated that he felt the supplier would sell small quantities to individual groups. He had no pricing on a smaller quantity as it had not been discussed with the supplier.

Lisa asked for clarification that Joseph feels confident that she will sell them

Joseph requested a Roll call vote

Donna No

Marv abstain

Jan..abstain

Lisa YES

Avid YES

Mark YES

Gracie YES

Luanne YES

Shane YES

Story YES

7 approve

2 abstentions

1 No

Motion carried that the Region will not proceed with the sale of Ask Me About Naranon buttons at this time.

Letter to New Groups

Motion to accept letter, fact sheet & gsr list to all new groups..marvin 2nd

Tawnee asked for an amendment to change Board of Directors to RSC

Sharon stated that Lenita who could not attend asked for the words Regional Service Committee in parenthesis.

Vote taken. All approved the amended letter to new groups

Robin asked if we received any letter of intent for open positions.

Marvin wanted to know what open positions we have

Vice Chair is open

It was suggested to take this back to the groups to see if anyone is interested

Marvin asked about the Guide to local service. Tawnee stated it was available as a download. Sharon stated it could be ordered at Nar-anon.org

Tawnee clarified that there were 3 motions

New Business

Robin accepted the position of Chair

Motion for new group startup kit which was Luanne's first motion

Discussion held about new group startup kit.

Inquiry was made to clarify what was in the New Meeting Kit.

Joseph discussed what his group does which is sell blue booklets and at the price.

Sharon stated RSC members cannot speak

Joseph stated he is speaking as Treasurer

There is only 400 in the budget for any funding of new groups.

Luanne stated that her group made this motion with the intent to donate money to cover the first 3 New group donations.

Luanne asked how many new groups we had in 2010. Sharon stated 3 plus one in 2011 as of today.

Mark stated he agreed except for cost...would like to see smaller amount

Marvin stated that as a new group he has a vested interest in this motion. His intent is to repay as the group gets donations.

David stated that his group received a small donation from Alanon. He also felt 5 sesh books was excessive.

Tawnee asked if it was appropriate to ask for an amendment.

Marvin thanked Luanne for their group donation. He then asked her what the average attendance is at the Shawnee group. Luanne stated it averaged 20-40 members.

Story agreed with funding with a lesser amount of Sesh Books.

Joseph stated as treasurer, he would like group donations to include a note explaining where your group wants the monies applied.

Robin reread original motion.

With an amended amount of sesh books.

Tawnee stated we needed to separate the motions.

Marvin 2nd motion Original.

Marvin...needed clarification on the 2 motions.

Story motioned to reduce cost to 3 sesh from 5.

Gracie 2nd

Jan stated that the lower cost would help too. Her group cannot give literature due to lack of donations. She stated they don't get enough in donations to even order literature.

Joseph requested an amendment to the original motion.

Lisa was asking if blue booklets should be given away or sold. No discussion followed.

Vote for original motion with amendment.

All in favor.

Motion carried for the amended motion.

All in favor.

Motion B...Luanne asked that the convention committee prepare a list of ALL NA and Naranon conventions by state.

Joseph stated that the website will have all conventions with a Naranon presence.

David moved to approve as read.

Gracie 2nd

All in favor.

Motion C...Secretary will send welcome letter, fact sheet, etc and a mentor if requested.

Marvin asking clarification on protocol. How to get a mentor? Secretary is the contact point.

Marvin 2nd

All in favor.

Marvin stated that this was his first participation and how delighted he is being here. Thanking everyone for being here and assisting.

Luanne made a motion to close
Gracie 2nd
All in favor

Next Meeting: Date for the next Teleconference is March 19, 2011 at 9:00 am CST.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m. CST.