May 2012 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes

May 19, 2012

Chair opened call. Serenity Prayer recited in unison. Chair read Tradition 5 and Concept 5.

Attendees: Elmhurst IL

Homewood IL Naperville IL Springfield IL Munster IL Shawnee KS

Maryland Heights MO

RSC Members: Chair

Treasurer Secretary Delegate

Alternate Delegate Convention Chair

Chair's Report. Two highlighted goals for 2012: Unity and Outreach. Asked each GSR to reflect on the experience of the Newcomer at their Home Group. Requested a volunteer to showcase their Home Meeting. No volunteer. Luanne will select the group to be showcased.

Treasurer's Report. Starting balance (as of Apr 17): \$1,810.33 Revenue: \$50.00 Ending balance (as of May 19): \$1,860.33. Motion to approve the report. All in favor, none opposed.

Alternate Delegate Report. Provided review of attendance at World Service Conference (ie, WSC). Expressed gratitude for the opportunity to participate. Representation from US, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Russia, So Africa and Japan. Newsletter will be called, "Serenity Connection".

Delegate Report. WSC was attended by 25 voting members, 16 Delegates, 9 Trustees, 9 NonVoting Alternate Delegates, 3 WSO Staff Members, 3 Observers (Russia) and WSC Chair and Secretary. CAR Motion tally was sent out to all GSRs prior to call. WSC minutes will be forwarded as available. Was gratifying to see how the process of group conscious works. It is the responsibility of the groups to bring what is needed, what is wanted and what is not known to the WSO. The way this is accomplished is through the Delegates. It is believed there is currently a lack of knowledge and communication. Goal going forward is to increase communication between the region and the WCO.

- The new NarAnon website will be launched late this year. Website committee is working now to develop guidelines for regional, area and group websites.
- The newsletter is going electronic within the next 6 mos.
- All the CAT material passed.

MOTION: A Motion was made for Former Delegate (now Trustee) to assume Mentor role within the MidWest Region. Roll call vote was taken. Unanimously approved.

Old Business.

Table banners/Uniform Signage. Maryland Heights GSR, Alternate Delegate provided information on yard signs, door signs, potential table cover options as well as tri-fold display incorporating CAL poster. Chair asked permission to eMail signs to GSRs to determine if region would like to fund costs of signs, banners for use at conventions or public events to help provide a unified presence. GSRs approved.

WSO has created a floor display they will make available to regions at the regions expense.
Could be shipped around within the region. Delegate will gather all pertinent details on the display and will forward to Maryland Heights IL.

Review of Home Meeting Information. GSRs were asked to review Home meeting list on WSO website. Requested the information be reviewed within next few days. Email RSC, Secretary with any changes. The region will work with WSO to get corrections made. Also double check contact information for Delegate, Alternate Delegates on the Regional Roster and contact Secretary and Alternate Delegate with any corrections.

Transcription of Teleconference Minutes. Chair indicated these should be sent out in a single eMail. Previous call minutes will be brought up at June meeting for corrections and ultimately approval. MidWest Assembly (Fall 2012). Chair is seeking Home Group sponsor/s. There was discussion. Chair requested all GSRs go back to Home Groups and talk about location, potential conference topics/content. Chair suggested possibility of one or more sponsors of the physical component of the meeting with one or more sponsoring the content. Suggested date is mid-October. Will be an agenda item on June GSR call and will firm up meeting date at that time.

RSC Membership Changes. Currently have Outreach Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Delegate positions open. Chair requested any interested party come forward and try it out at least for the interim. If there is interest, contact anyone on the RSC.

Convention Chair Report.

Flight to Freedom, Lake Carlyle, McNair Campgrounds June 15 – 17
4th Annual Nar-Anon East Coast Convention, Atlanta, GA Aug 3 – 5
 (Chair has conference information, website for interested parties)
Chicago, McCormick Place Aug 23 – 26

• Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks Oct 26 – 28

Next GSR Teleconference: Saturday, June 16th 9AM