

## August 2012 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes

*August 18, 2012*

Chair opened call. Serenity Prayer recited in unison. Jan F read Tradition 8 and Concept 8.

Attendees: East Alton IL  
Elmhurst IL  
Glen Carbon IL  
Hartford IL  
Naperville IL  
Springfield IL  
Bloomington IN  
Munster IN  
Shawnee KS  
Kansas City "First Call" KS  
Maryland Heights MO  
RSC Members: Chair  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Delegate  
MidWest Regional Mentor

**Teleconference Minutes.** **MOTION** to approve the July Minutes. Role call vote was taken. Accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report.** Ending balance (as of August 17): \$1,887.33. **MOTION** to approve the report; seconded. Role call vote was taken. Report was unanimously accepted.

**Delegate Report.** There are no new Home Groups in the region. Jan F shared her experiences from attendance at the ECC4 in Atlanta. Was very positive and she encouraged all to attend similar events in order to be exposed to the growth opportunities found there.

**Chair Comments RE: Texas.** Chair will be sending our call notes/minutes to the group/s in Texas as well as inviting them to sit in on future calls. They feel somewhat distanced from the WSO and other groups and it is hoped that wrapping them into our monthly teleconferences will help create greater connectedness. We look forward to having their voice and their wisdom included in our calls.

**Chair Comments RE: Change in Vote Process.** In the future, if any GSR feels there is a need to get feedback from their Home Group, the discussion will be tabled before a vote is taken. This will afford the GSR the needed time to secure a vote within their Home Group. Also, Chair will table discussion if it is believed there is a violation of steps, traditions or concepts. Any decision that requires additional introspection or time with Home Groups to discuss will be tabled.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Regional Assembly Planning**

Date: Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Theme: "Gateway to Growth"  
Location: Mt Zion Lutheran Church, Maryland Heights, MO  
Host: "New Choices" NFG

Assembly will have a regional business meeting. During the business meeting, a budget will be developed. There will also be a nomination process and vote specific to the vacant positions on the RSC. Finally there will be guest speakers and workshops. According to the Guide to Local Services, since this is a voting Assembly, it does require the attendance of every GSR from every Home Group within the

**Update from “New Choices”** (Joseph L). GSR advised that Mr Duncan has decided to take our Assembly off his calendar due to conflict with traditions. Currently, host group is In process of developing flyer, registration form; evaluating costs. MOTION (was sent to all GSRs in writing prior to the call): Requested a \$300 operating loan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly (to be repaid in full from Assembly proceeds). Chair asked Treasurer to confirm available funds. Chair inquired as to whether the funds were sufficient to cover early expenses. A roll call vote was taken. Motion was approved unanimously. Chair asked that the Treasurer send the funds directly to “New Choices”. Treasurer also offered to order Assembly literature for “New Choices”.

## Assembly Workshop Topic Proposals

Top Five topics in order of most frequent to least:

- Chair asked if there were other Home Groups who would have interest in leading or act as a discussion leader for a session, they should contact the Secretary. Chair also indicated that some of the topics could be combined nicely to create a more robust discussion.

**Elmhurst NFG.** GSR expressed this Home Group would have had interest in hearing the “Heroin Epidemic” presentation either before or after the Assembly – tho not incorporated into the actual Assembly agenda. GSR respectfully requested effort be made for complete and timely communication to GSRs to insure meeting time not be spent discussing issues that are moot.

## Chair Convention Update

### Lake of the Ozarks, Lodge of the 4 Seasons

Bloomington IL

Call was adjourned.

Next GSR Teleconference: Saturday, September 15, 9AM Central