

Midwest Region Teleconference

agenda

Dec 3, 2011

9:00 am CST

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Call to Order: Open with the Serenity Prayer & Concepts of Service

Roll Call

Luanne- Chair
Robin- Vice Chair
Donna- Treasurer
Sharon- Secretary
Tawnee- Delegate
Jan- Alternate Delegate
Paula- Convention Chair
David- Outreach Chair

Approval of Minutes

Donna motion to approve November minutes, Paula 2nd..all approved. No opposed. Motion carried

Unfinished Business

Guidelines and protocol based on GSR's stating they want unity and outreach as their goals for 2012

Discussion opened by Luanne. Unified approach

Sharon feels we need to identify a chain of command as protocol

1. Initial contact. How it's to be made. Luanne explained how she has done it in KC.
2. Tawnee stated in her area NA generally makes contact with Naranon and asks if we want to come back this year.

3. Paula felt she didn't have contacts in other areas and felt the area should contact them if they had a relationship and were going to the convention
4. Robin had previous contact who no longer is in NA. Robin feels we should also have Convention Chair(Paula) contact them also to finalize everything.
5. Sharon stated that St. Louis doesn't have the relationship that other areas have. We need to contact NA ourselves each time. We will need to plead our case at the NA regional meeting in Jeff City.
6. Jan approached an NA buddy, and was given names and went last year. This year they got an invite back. Planning to have a room along with table.
7. Luanne feels we need to make a unified approach to the NA committee and make our formal request. We should also follow up with NA regarding the wrap up meeting and thank you and asking if there were any issues with our presence.
8. Paula being in the loop and following up. Follow up with group that attended and get a summary of the convention.
9. Flight to freedom Lisa & Paula attended and didn't know anyone else was going. She feels the guidelines should state that anyone planning attending should let the gsr and the region know. This way if it's a far drive, some won't have to make the trip unless they want to.
10. Luanne hopes with the website our perpetual calendar would help in this area.

Luanne wants feedback so we know how we did, what worked, what mistakes we made so we can do better the next time.

Advance planning and noted on calendar to keep us mindful on what's coming up.

2nd point Luanne stated she will summarize what we come up with and then giving it to the gsr's for comment and approval. Tawnee suggested we don't vote on it next month. That they need time to take it to the groups for additional feedback. This way we can vote in January and all gsr's should be prepared for the vote. Regional meeting list which Tawnee believes is Outreach's responsibility. She suggested a regional meeting list at table or at minimum all meetings in the area for local events.

Meeting list, etc. what other literature do you feel should be there?

Sharon feels that we should have both at the table. Locals will take the local one, travelers will take regional.

Listing at the bottom of the meeting list will be WSO phone and website. All agreed

Luanne is suggesting listing Naranon online presences on the bottom also. David asking for clarification of online meetings. David feels it is worthwhile. David asked if we can use the Naranon logo. Luanne stated we need permission from WSO and that it's normally freely given.

Paula feels it's important to know they are Naranon based and follow tradition. Luanne feels we should promote all naranon not just local meetings since there are so many places that have no meetings available.

Tawnee asked if online meetings were recognized by WSO. Sharon stated that Area 10 is meeting with WSO about this and will have more details at the next gsr meeting this month.

Jan is for it and feels we should approach with caution and not endorse. Luanne suggested a 2nd handout listing other resources.

David stated that we don't want unrecognized meetings under the Naranon logo

Luanne added that our naranon people send their NA contacts to Paula who will forward info to Sharon, IE flyer in pdf as quickly as possible for distribution To obtain exact hours of the convention and blocking time for volunteers. She feels it's easier to block off 2 hour increments instead of the whole day. Each area person would be in charge of blocking the hours off. Home group participating in any convention needs to be responsible for getting info to Paula and Sharon.

Obtaining literature in advance. How much was needed? How much was passed out. Comments or suggestions for base literature?.

Sharon stated that she uses the Outreach Packet and supplement with group literature to sell if we have any available. Donna stated she uses the same literature as Sharon and also brings a SESH for sale. They try to keep them in the convention box they keep.

Paula feels we cannot mandate what they take since we're not providing. Sharon stated the region will supply the Outreach packet if the group applies for it in advance. That we budgeted for this. No SESH books included in it. Paula will remind the groups who have made contact with NA that they need to apply in advance for it.

Luanne wants meeting lists to be included.

She also wants to field out to GSR's since they have talent that we don't know about. Asked about using a poster at convention. Tawnee stated WSO has one for sale now. Jan bought a backing for it, it's 2x3 and they prop it on an easel. Looks nice and travels well. Luanne wants to look into a banner since easels may not be available. Paula uses foldable easels at work and she thinks she paid \$30 for each. Possible buying one for each area so they have one for conventions. Hopefully they would be used regularly

Follow thru afterward on convention. Formally and informally thank NA for allowing our participation. Asking for feedback from their end. Follow thru with each volunteer and thank them. People like to be recognized for their service. Makes them feel good. RSC should thank volunteers formally in the minutes. Paula likes that idea and feels both Convention chair and Regional Chair should be sending this out.

Lastly the summary list. Homegroup attending sending a summary to Paula with info on the convention. How many came, how much lit used, etc so that next time we are more prepared. Paula will create something and send to RSC for feedback.

Donna is toying with an idea to include a card, business size listing the serenity prayer on one side and contact info for later on. They can keep in their wallet since lit is larger and may end up stuffed away somewhere. All thought it was a good idea. Serenity prayer is a good one. Tawnee stated that each region is only allowed ONE piece of literature developed by region. Donna asked if this is similar to the button issue of the past. We will need to follow protocol and get it approved by WSO before printing, ordering and using.

David asked for guidance regarding the Indianapolis convention. They asked what we want to do. Offered space for workshop and David wasn't sure what to do. Convention is the first weekend of March, 2012. Donna stated that they attended at ISNAC. Their group partook when it was closer to Homewood. Indy is kind of far this year. Tawnee stated that they had speaker meetings (2) and a literature table outside the room. Tawnee stated NA gave us all the stuff for free(the room, sign, table). Tawnee will give David some contacts of local people that may be available to speak.

Luanne asked David if he is contacting Paula to keep her in the loop. Paula to be the clearing house for all this. So all GSR's can be notified well in advance so they may attend.

Once a formal flyer is ready it should go to Paula for coordination and Sharon for distribution. Sharon to send to WSO also

Sharon stated she received an email from Chicago asking to note them as no gsr not absent.

Discussion as to how much info does Paula need or want. Paula said she only needs to know progress not each email in the chain.

Donna asked about the raffle they did in Chicago last year because Chicago Naranon asked if we were doing it again. Issue was we had it outside the room available to all. NA objected to us making money for Naranon outside the room. We need to remember it's their convention and we are guests. Also discussed was registering for NA side as a courtesy. Should be discussed with each NA Convention chair to see how they want it. Some want it some don't. Sharon requested that info be sent to her for distribution so everyone knows what is expected if they attend.

Paula will come up with a list of questions for the contacts to ask NA.

Discussion of the Website time did not allow other than Luanne hopes to have a blank slate started by GSR meeting. GSR's to build the website along with the perpetual calendar. Sharon feels the calendar is a necessity.

Who is going to handle the NA regional meeting in January 2012 in Jeff City, MO.

Sharon let everyone know that we needed to attend the NA regional meeting in January to ask for literature table and a possible room for meetings. Sharon to supply the exact date for the meeting. Sharon feels a group would have a better impact than just one or two people. This would be a great opportunity to show our coordination efforts.

Luanne feels several will be beneficial also so we have a uniform way of doing it. Paula to be kept in the loop and coordinate. We will ask at GSR meeting who would like to attend also. That way it looks like we mean business.

Tawnee informed us that WSO is now asking delegates for listings of all events we do in our region as part of her reporting.

Luanne thanked Tawnee for stepping in for her at the last GSR meeting. She was detained at work due to a crisis. Luanne is asking for suggestions and constructive criticism if she's overstepping. Her new attitude is she is here to learn and we are the teachers. She wants to know if we feel she can do something better or oversteps. She has 2 service sponsors to listen to her vent and whine.

There's nothing this program cannot teach us and she's willing to learn.

New Business

Donna motioned to close the meeting. Sharon 2nd it.

Luanne wished us formally and informally to have a wonderful holiday season.

Next Meeting - January 7, 2012