History of the Wisconsin Nar-Anon Area: WI NFG Area

Nar-Anon meetings have existed in WI going back nearly 20 years. Number of meetings has gone from 3 then to 18 at present. In 2018, several of us began planning to officially meet at WSNAC (Wisconsin NA Convention) in La Crosse, WI to continue growing the Nar-Anon fellowship. (NA in WI, in the spirit of cooperation, has been welcoming Nar-Anon to state conventions: providing a table for literature/information and a meeting room.)

At our first business meeting we voted to become an Area and also voted in an ASR, ASRA and a treasurer. We have attracted many dual members at these conventions who have addicts in their life. Our yearly schedule evolved: meeting at WSNAC, Miracles NA Convention, and Journeys NA Convention. (fall, winter and early summer)

Some members have attended the business meetings via phone. We started offering raffle baskets at our Nar-Anon table as a way of generating funds for our Area. Our next additions were offering a Nar-Anon speaker meeting along with regular meetings including focusing on the newcomer and dual membership.

At WSNAC 2019 in Racine, we voted to pursue joining a Region. We tried MN and that wasn’t fruitful so we asked Midwest Region. They wanted our groups to regularly attend the Midwest monthly GSR meeting as much as possible to show our intent. In April 2020 we were voted into Midwest Region.

The Pandemic started in March 2020 so that April our Area started a Zoom meeting account for any Area groups to use. Midwest Region has a virtual meeting list on their website and our Zoom meetings are listed there. A few meetings in the state have gone back to face to face. Many will try the hybrid model when they return to face to face incorporating Zoom as well. We also attended the Midwest Regional Assembly that was virtual in 2020.

We encourage our WI groups to contribute to Area as per Group Conscience, and our Area has voted to contribute semi-annually to Midwest Region.

Miracles, Journeys and WSNAC events plan on face to face in 2021 so our WI NFG Area will again participate. Mary S. WI NFG ASR (3/21)