



Midwest Region of Nar-Anon Family Groups

Concept 11

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Nar-Anon Midwest Region & Nar-Anon Family Groups

The Twelve Concepts of Nar-Anon Service*

Just as freedom for the individual comes from the Twelve Steps and freedom for the groups springs from the Twelve Traditions, so freedom for the service structure flourishes from the Twelve Concepts.*

Concept 11:

Nar-Anon funds are used to further our primary purpose to carry the message, and must be managed responsibly.*

Our Nar-Anon primary purpose as stated in Tradition 5 is to help families of addicts. We do this by maintaining meetings so these new members can learn about a better way to live. The funds come from members around the table each week and then managed responsibly through the Group Conscience of each meeting.

Family Home Group & Service

Each group has expenses for keeping it viable: Purchase and sell literature, pay "rent" (not donation) to location or virtual platform, pay GSR group expenses that may arise, support outreach, and then pay the remainder up to a next level of service while maintaining a prudent reserve. . These choices and amounts are arrived at responsibly through Group Conscience,

Study Question as it pertains to FHG & Service:

What is money used for in your group?

Do you have a regular report each month or so from the treasurer so that the membership is kept in the loop as to the financial status of the group?

What about the management of the sharing of ideas, information and resources?

Does your group revisit the budget list of priorities annually?

Relationships

Families and organizations can do well to have meetings for the good of all , ie. prudent plans for the future including all members in the planning. Transparency going forward is important so that all members share in the progress and possible refining of plans.

Study Question as it pertains to Relationships:

How can having a family member in active addiction affect responsible financial planning for the family? What lessons on responsibility can be introduced as ALOs build recovery time? Do they work on this with their sponsors? Do we have boundaries? Please share your experience.

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