

MIDWEST ZONAL FORUM MINUTES

PENDING APPROVAL

February 21st, 2015
Toledo, OH (TACNA)

I. OPENING- 02/21/2015

- A. Moment of silence. 10:40AM Serenity Prayer—Opened by John
- B. Service Worker's Prayer:
- C. Introductions
- D. Roll Call: Conducted by Secretary: Sherry E.

| Position | Names | Attendance |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Co-Facilitator B | John | Present |
| Co-Facilitator A | Stuart | Present |
| Treasurer | Dave L. | Present |
| Secretary | Sherry E | Present |
| Web Contact | Kevin | Present |
| Chicagoland | Louis (RD) Yulanda (RDA) | Absent (May Skype In Later) |
| Greater Illinois | Stacey (RD); Holly (RDA) | Present |
| Indiana | Michael (RD) Darayl (RDA) | Present |
| Metro Detroit | Greg (RD); Wendell RDA | Present |
| Michigan | Pattie (RD); Marty (RDA) | Present |
| Minnesota | | |
| Ohio | Charles F. (RD); Brian F. (RDA) | Present (Charles) |
| Upper Midwest | Jeremey (RD); Tom (RDA) | Absent |
| Buckeye | Elmore W. | Absent |
| Wisconsin | | Absent |
| Participating Members | | |
| Metro Detroit | Basil, Charles H, Stuart, Ms. Kitty | |
| Michigan | Dave | |
| Indiana | Blynn | |

- E. 12 Concepts—Concept 8: Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.
- F. 7th Tradition – Passed
- G. Special Business—Review/Adjust Agenda
 - a.

II. MZF – TRUSTEED SERVANT REPORTS

- A. Co-Facilitator A—No Report
- B. Co-Facilitator B—John expressed his concerns with communication issues and
- C. Secretary—Hello Family,

It is a great day to be clean and be of service. Due to scheduling and communication issues I do not have and paper copies of the minutes or reports. Last time I did not use the mailing list and I opted to use it this time around. I was informed no one got the minutes. It turns out the mailing list has been completely disabled. Kevin and I are working together

In Loving Service,
Sherry E.

- D. Treasurer—Let me begin once again by expressing gratitude to my Higher Power and the Fellowship that offered me hope.

At our last meeting on September 28th, 2014 in St. Louis, MO our opening available balance was \$430.64. During that meeting we received income from a 7th Tradition collection in the amount of

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\$75.00 which, following a donation to NAWS in the amount of \$27.70 and other expenses that totaled \$382.77, left us with an ending balance of \$95.17.

Since that time, we have received one donation in the amount of \$150.00 from the Ohio Region. Additionally, as a result of keeping most of our available funds in the "regular share (savings) account" portion of our Connexus Credit Union account, we have earned another 8 cents in interest. In mid-October, we were charged \$14.76 for the 120 new Connexus Credit Union checks that you authorized me to order at our last meeting.

This income & expense brings our account to an opening balance of \$230.49. Our income from the time we started business in September, 2014 until the time we started business today totaled \$225.00; therefore we will be sending a donation to NAWS in the amount of \$22.50 (10% of the income received). This leaves us with an available balance of \$207.99.

NOTE #1: Other than the check (#1001) reimbursing me for expenses (\$100.00) from our last meeting and the very recent deposit of the donation (\$150.00) from the Ohio Region, our current balances as shown on the attached spreadsheets matches the current balances on record with Connexus Credit Union.

Attached for your review is a report of our financial activity for all of 2013 and 2014, plus the year to date and recent bank statements.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this body as your treasurer.

In Loving Service,... Dave L.

E. **Web Contact**—Based on what was discussed from the last meeting

Starting with what was not done:

- Was unable to reorder the current display of the minutes on the website. This is due to the way that file permissions are set on the hosting server. I will continue with this pending on the body's decision
- Still need to add information from Chicagoland

What was accomplished

- Initial redesign was finished for the website
- Changes made to represent current configuration of MZF

Upcoming

- Mailing list will be functional by the end of this weekend
- Website design / development will proceed

In Loving Service, Kevin G.

III. REGIONAL REPORTS

- A. **Buckeye**— I have no report--Elmore W.
B. **Chicagoland**— Not Present, No Report

C. **Greater Illinois**—

Hey MZF peeps, Greater Illinois Region is back! It was asked at our December RSC if it hurt anything to belong, and the answer, of course, was no. So it was approved for us to belong again. But on the same hand, if it doesn't help us to belong, then know we will not be funded in the future.

Speaking of we, please meet Holly W., the new GIR AD. YEAHHH!!!

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Our RSC continues to meet quarterly on a rotation basis between our five areas. Those Areas have had an increase in the number of trusted servants, but some are still struggling. An Area in far Southern Illinois has called me a couple of times about joining our Region. Not sure exactly how that works since they are surrounded by Areas that belong to Show-Me Region. MWBR.

GIR and it's ASCs have been maintaining it's core events:

OOPs Annual Speaker Jam, May 2

Primary Purpose 29th Annual River Run, May 22-25

GIRCNA, Nov. 6-8

We fully support the creation of another Multi-Zonal Service Symposium. PSZF and SZF have overwhelming voted for a MZSS2, the previous workgroup is just waiting to hear from MZF.

Holly and I will be getting a new edition of the GIR newsletter out after this weekend sometime. Our focus will be on Zonal Forums. What they are. What do we want from them. What MZF does. Etc.

And what ever happened with our discussion of Zonal Representation? I remember talking about it in July but then nothing. I'm sure you are aware there is a Planning Our Future workgroup that has picked up the conversation where the last conference left off. And there will be a new Planning Our Future Workshop that I would like us to make time for at the next Zonal meeting.

GIRCNA XIX would also like to request a MZF workshop at the convention this year. One of the IDTs will probably be great, but we will know more as the Programming Committee works on the plans.

I would also like to make a request that we compile some photos and/or videos to submit for WSC 2016. I'm not sure if we were the only zone that didn't submit one last time, but I felt left out. And I think it would go a long way to knit us closer together and maybe take a step toward getting excited about serving as a ZF.

Much the way that Plains States Zonal Forum does. I attended the PSZF last month and would like to report on my findings.

First, they are enthusiastic and driven with regards to service and that is contagious. And quite honestly that is a little lacking here. They support one another wholeheartedly and the encourage others within the fellowship to participate at zone.

They plan their zonal weekends with the local Area/Region. The weekend this last January was held at a club house that one group manages. It was big enough to hold about 200 for the speaker meetings.

There was a PR presentation on Friday that 3 professionals showed up for. They thought it was great and turned one professional to include NA when he speaks to clients. There was a speaker meeting by a local speaker that was standing room only.

There were workshops all day Saturday.

9:00 a.m. Group Conscience and the 'CAR' —Cindi B. & James S.

10:30 a.m. 'Financial Flow and the 7th Tradition' —Daniel C. and Brian S.

1:30 p.m. 'Supporting Our Vision' —Bob K. and Amanda M.

3:00 p.m. 'Whose Chair is it anyway?' —Leann H. and Jon P.

Then a speaker on Saturday night also to a packed room.

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There was an auction after the speaker that raised \$1,000.

Then the business meeting on Sunday. They have a standing subcommittee for PR and just started a "Sponsorship Behind the Walls" subcommittee.

In loving service,
Stacy and Holly (YEAHHH!!!)

D. **Indiana**—

E. **Metro Detroit**— Written Report

F. **Michigan**—

Hi family, All is good in the Michigan region.. I am looking forward to our convention July 2nd – 5 In Ann arbor MI. there are flyers here somewhere. The next cycle for MRCNA 2016-17 will be held in Kalamazoo MI... Southwest area of the Michigan region..woohoo...

The other thing that is going on is that I am still be directed to write this motion or motions for the conference... this is the Prelim.. and I really would like input .. here and thru email...

Due to the fact a motion to rescind a previously adopted motion may be considered frivolous and dilatory because of the time lapse since the original decision,
we would like to submit a new motion stating:

Motion:

In accordance with our service structure, we motion that the world board have only 1 vote and 1 vote only as our regions have only 1 vote and 1 vote only.

Intent:

To ensure the world board does not override the regional group conscience as was done at the world service conference in 2014 concerning Brazil's request to be seated.
Also We are looking at the count because the count was so close and can be chaotic during the count we need someone counting that doesn't have a stake in the outcome. And if the conference doesn't honor a roll call vote we can't know the count is accurate
HELP

WE have a \$100 donation...

ILS Patti K
Michigan Region Delegate

G. **Minnesota**—Not Participating at this time.

H. **Ohio**—

I. **Wisconsin**—

J. **Upper Midwest**:

K. **Other visiting regions**—No Reports from Visiting Regions

12:25pm Break for Lunch and

IV. Subcommittee/Adhoc Reports

None

VI. Basic Services

A. **Elections**--

B. **Financial decisions**—It was brought up about donations

C. **7th Tradition**: Already Passed

D. **Financial Announcement**: Dave went through the written treasurer's report since they were not available earlier due to the miscommunication about the meeting time. Dave answered and clarified any questions regarding his report.

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E. **Next meetings—**

- a. Wisconsin Region will be hosting Next
- b. Chicagoland Region is looking to host the on October st. Saturday with meeting and a masquerade ball afterwards. Sunday Morning Business and after
- c. Metro Detroit: January 23rd-25th

V. Prioritize list of topics for discussion

- A. **Minutes on Website pending approval:** Discussion was had regarding the time frame of the minutes getting out. Consensus was to set a deadline for when the secretary will have the minutes out. The minutes must be out within 10 days of close of business. The secretary will watermark the minutes with "Pending Approval". The non-approved minutes will not be posted to the website.
- B. **PO Box Central location:** Dave expressed many concerns regarding the PO Box. The treasurer changing, the PO Box moving to a new location and checks being lost. The consensus was to have the checks hand delivered to the MZF Meeting.
- C. **Website issues Discussion:**
 - a. Final Input will no longer be accepted after 6 weeks from today April 4th, 2015. Input is for what you see that is wrong with the current site and what we can do better. Please send input to klgrimley@gmail.com
 - b. Kevin will be developing a Generic User for everyone to utilize in contacting the Committee.
- D. **GIRCNA Workshop:** IDT Workshop done by Blynn and Sherry. This wont be until August.
- E. **MZF Zonal Representation Seating:**
 - a. What are our responses from the last conference? No one really had their votes, more discussion was had about what Zonal representation would look like. Please email your votes for Motion and Proposals to Stacey M. slippery_frog@yahoo.com. she will be complying a spreadsheet to document where we stand as a zone.
 - i. How would the votes be carried?
 - 1. One person carry all votes, a few to carry the votes, or one person with one vote to represent the whole zone?
 - ii. Dave mentioned that as he sat in the peanut gallery last year that it appeared that our regions voted very similarly. Most votes were pretty one sided, meaning most voted either yes or no.
- F. **MZSS II:** Do we want another one? if you are unable to give a conscious of whether you would like another one, Amanda will be calling you to get your conscious.
- G. **Zonal Video/Pictures:** Please send send any updated pictures and Stacey: slippery_frog@yahoo.com. She will communicate via the mailing list to advise the format of the pictures.
- H. **CAR/CAT Weekend**
 - a. Metro Detroit: January 23rd-25th (this will require Metro Detroit to reschedule their RSC meeting)
- I. **Michigan Motions at World Conference:**
 - a. If you are interested in working on these motions please contact Pattie from Michigan at mspattiek@yahoo.com