

MIDWEST ZONAL FORUM

June, 22-23, 2013

Chicago, Illinois

I. OPENING

- A. Moment of silence. 1:10 pm. Serenity Prayer
- B. Reading of the Servant Worker's Prayer- Derreck
- C. Introductions
- D. Roll Call. (Present Greater Illinois, Chicagoland, Indiana, Metro Detroit, Michigan, and Ohio)

Position	Names	Attendance
Co-Facilitator A	John	Present
Co-Facilitator B	Derreck	Present
Treasurer	Dave L.	Present
Secretary	Sherry E	Present
Web Contact	Bob	Present
Chicagoland	Lewis	Present
Greater Illinois		Absent
Indiana		Absent
Metro Detroit	Greg (RD);	Present
Michigan		Present
Minnesota		Absent
Ohio	Dave (RD)	Present
Upper Midwest		Absent
Buckeye		Absent

- E. 7th Tradition – \$25.00
- F. Reading one of the Concepts from booklet. Read Concept 5: John L.
- G. Special Business/Review-Adjust Agenda:
- H. Elections: None, all positions are filled.

II. MZF – TRUSTEED SERVANT REPORTS

- A. **Co-Facilitator A** – John- Verbal Report
- B. **Co-Facilitator B** –Derreck, will be emailing the report
- C. **Secretary** – Hello Family, It's a great day to be clean and be of service. I have a sign in sheet going around if you could please fill that out so I can make an updated contact sheet. I have copies of the minutes available if you need them. I still don't have access to the MZF backoffice, but I will be meeting with Blynn before we depart this weekend. Also, If you have reports and can email them that would be great. My email is sherry_erb06@yahoo.com
- D. **Treasurer** –
- E. **Web Contact** –

III. REGIONAL REPORTS

- A. **Buckeye:** Absent
- B. **Chicagoland** –
- C. **Greater Illinois-** Report read by Bob

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D. Indiana-E. Metro Detroit- Greg S. Verbal ReportF. Michigan –

Greetings to MZF board members, admin and visitors, I'm an addict named Brian reporting for the Michigan Region.

The Michigan region consists of 14 areas with roughly 394 home groups and 470 weekly meetings. Over the last 14 months the Michigan Region has carried a bank balance of around \$8200.00, contributed \$6900.00 to NAWS and \$100.00 to the MZF.

We are involved in a few new projects and continuing with projects that have been in process for a period of time. Our regional phone line is up and running smoothly with an average monthly cost to each area of around \$38.00.

Of course MRCNA 29 will begin 4 July 2013 at Shanty Creek Resort in beautiful Bellaire, MI. Bellaire is located just northwest of Traverse City. I'm not sure that there is any more scenic landscape anywhere?

We are re-jumpstarting our Sponsorship Behind the Walls project. At one time we had many responses from inmates and much willingness from addicts from around the region to answer the requests from inmates. There seemed to be a pattern along the way with the responses to all but one or two inmates. After one communication with the inmates, they seemed to lose interest in continuing any communication. It seemed most inmates had one thing in common, an upcoming out date. Perhaps they were just using us as a tool? We choose to continue to try!

We have also started a project to stock the libraries in the region with Basic Texts. So far we have allocated \$1000.00 towards this project and supplied 80 some libraries with Basic Texts. Many of the libraries have had Basic Texts but have what they call walk offs.

We are also attempting to bring the Unity Day event from the WCNA into as many Michigan prisons as possible. We had allocated \$500.00 to start the project. The hook up price from the NAWS web page stated the cost was \$50.00 per hook up. After further investigation from our PR representative, he found that any prison hook up is free of charge.

We have also secured a location for the CAR/CAT multi-regional conference 24-26 2014 in Kalamazoo, MI. The flyer is posted on the Michigan web page and should also be on the MZF web page soon.

I have some concerning thoughts from some of what I have read in the recent NAWS News. I will not include this in my report but verbalize my thoughts after my report. I would like to have this topic brought up in open discussion?

In service

Brian H

G. Minnesota- AbsentH. Ohio – Verbal Report: David L., ORSCNA RD & Charles F., ORSCNA RDAI. Upper Midwest – AbsentJ. Wisconsin – AbsentK. Other visiting regions –

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IV. Subcommittee/Adhoc Reports

None

V. OPENING-06/23/2013

- A. Moment of silence. 10:22am. Serenity Prayer
- B. Reading of the Servant Worker's Prayer- John
- C. Introductions

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Co-Facilitator B	John	Present
Co-Facilitator A	Derreck	Present
Treasurer	Dave L. (RD) Charles F. (RDA)	Present
Secretary	Sherry E	Present
Web Contact	Bob	Present
Chicagoland	Lewis (RD)	Present
Greater Illinois	-----	Absent
Indiana	Michael	Absent
Metro Detroit	Greg (RD); Wildel (RDA)	Present
Michigan	Brian	Present
Minnesota	-----	Absent
Ohio	Dave (RD)	Present
Upper Midwest	-----	Absent
Buckeye	-----	Absent
Wisconsin	-----	Absent

V. Prioritize list of topics for discussion

Since there are not too many topics we will simply go through them as written.

VI. Basic Services

- A. Approval of minutes.- correct Co-Facilitator A and B need to be switched Co-Facilitator A is Derreck and Co-Facilitator B is John.
- B. Elections –None
- C. Financial decisions – 7th Traditon: \$30.31
- D. Financial Announcement –
- E. Next meetings. Greater Illinios: GIRCNA

VII. Topics/ Discussion:

A. MULTI-ZONAL FORUM WORKSHOP: Need Regions to respond by September 1st to on whether they would like to participate. (Attached) Consideration was made regarding the funding of trusted servants during a conference year where we would usually only fund trusted servants twice during the year. This would provide an opportunity for the zone to become more involved.

What level of participation would our trusted servants being playing? Left message for Pat during meeting, hoping she returns our call shortly. Pat P called back: Chairing and Sharing at workshops. Basically pitch in where we can

Locations: Which would be best for our zone? Please let Amanda or Pat know your regions preference.

Indianapolis, IN: Possible conflict with convention

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St. Louis, MS: Derreck will inform Pat that there was a sense that the zone is supporting St. Louis. But ultimately the individual regions will notify them know their preference.

Nashville, TN: Not supported by Greater Illinois

Pat P. called 918-208-1851, to advise us that they were looking toward Indianapolis.

Consensus: Strong support to support the Multi-Zonal Forum Workshop.

B. TIME LINE FOR SSP: No discussion.

C. WHATS REGIONS OBSERVATION OF THE SSP

There seems to be confusion, frustration and some disagreement. (Type Motion submitted by Indiana Region)-very little support.

Break 11:55am

Reconvene: 11:20am

D. NOMINATION FOR HUMAN RESOURCE PANEL (HRP): Michael will be nominated for the HRP seeing no objections. No objection to John filling out the form and sending to NAWS for Michael's nomination. Michael.

C. QUACTIONAIRE FROM EDM (European Delegates Meeting):

How would we describe our zone how it is progressing?

We are a non-policy making service body that puts on service workshops when we meet.

What are your thoughts of the role of you and other zonal forums in the new service structure? We are interested in seeing the how the SSP progresses. There was much discussion about the zone possibly representing the comprising regions at the WSC, much like the areas sending an RCM to the region. There was not consensus. It's too soon to tell.

Consensus: Derreck and Sherry comprise answers to the questions, and run them by the administrative body before responding to EDM.

D. RDA PARTICIPATION AT THE WSC:

John will direct Memo to WSO to on the Roll of RDAs at the WSC

E. Consensus: Add to the duties of web contact in the guidelines to coordinate with the NAWS calendar for the zonal calendar on the website.

E. MZF SLIDE SHOW TO BE PRESENTED AT WSC

Please send any photos that you have to Bob, webmaster, he will be putting together a slide show that will be shown

VIII. Closing business (Announcements, Next Meeting, Hugs, Prayer...)

Book your hotel early for the MZF meeting in Detroit