

MIDWEST ZONAL FORUM
November 16-17, 2013
(GIRCNA) Galesburg, Illinois

I. OPENING- 11/16/2013

- A. Moment of silence. 4:33 pm. Serenity Prayer
- B. Introductions
- C. Roll Call: Conducted by Secretary: Sherry E.

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

- D. 12 Concepts—Stacey
- E. 12 Traditions—Dave L.
- F. 12 Steps—Dave L.
- G. 7th Tradition – None Taken

II. MZF – TRUSTEED SERVANT REPORTS

- A. Co-Facilitator A – Absent
- B. Co-Facilitator B – Verbal Report: Will Email Report
- C. Secretary – Hello Family, It's a great day to be clean and be of service. Apparently, I thought that I had sent the minutes out, but it didn't disseminate to the members. I have sent the minutes out this morning. I learned today if I send something and don't get it back then none of you received it either. Again, I do apologize.
- D. Treasurer – Let me begin by expressing gratitude to my Higher Power and the Fellowship that offered me hope.

Following our last MZF meeting in June, I promptly deposited the funds received that weekend – income from 7th Tradition collections in the amount of \$62.00. This left us with a closing balance of \$176.49 at the end of our last MZF meeting.

Since that time, we received donations in July from the Metro Detroit and Ohio Regions, and last month from the Metro Detroit, Michigan & Ohio Regions. These donations, totaling \$600.00, were deposited into the “regular share (savings) account” portion of our Cintel Federal Credit Union account so that we may resume earning interest on funds between meetings. I was made aware of this option when I made these deposits. And, when I received the September bank statement, I discovered that we already had an extra \$5.00 in that portion of the account. (It has been reported by the previous MZF Treasurer that this \$5.00 is required to be kept on deposit in that portion of the account to keep the account open.) I'm pleased to announce that our account has earned 3 cents in interest over the past two months.

This additional income brings our account to an opening balance of \$781.52. We have no outstanding checks and our current balance as shown on the attached spreadsheet matches the current balances on record with Cintel Financial.

Our income from the time we started business in June, 2013 until the time we started business today totaled \$662.03; therefore we will be sending a donation to NAWS in the amount of \$66.20 (10% of the income received). This will leave us with an available balance of \$710.32 (plus the \$5.00 “reserve” amount mentioned above).

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Until the beginning of this month, every time I went to Cintel Federal Credit Union – either to make a deposit or to check the status of requested changes to our account signers – I was informed that no changes had been made and more paperwork was needed to complete the requested changes. On November 1st, I met with their Compliance Officer and, after asking her to make a phone call to Fred F. who opened this account years ago, she directed that all the requested changes be made.

The following signer was retained on the account: John H.

These signers were added to the account: Sherry E., Derreck K. & David L.

These account signers were removed: John F., Diane H., Blynn M. & Joe Y.

Attached for your review is a report of our financial activity for 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.

Questions: There was discussion about the 5.00 that is required to keep the account open. The money will be noted in the treasurer's report and the balance sheet.

E. **Web Contact** – Between June 18, 2013 and November 14, 2013 there were 756 visits to the MZF website by 634 individual visitors. 81.48% of the views were first time visitors to the site. The 634 visitors viewed 3428 separate pages on the site.

The 20% return visit rate reflects the fact that our site continues to be underutilized by MZF members. This, however, can be partially attributed to ongoing problems we have experienced with the spam filters that were upgraded in response to the incident in which we were hacked and spammed with child pornography offers in the autumn of 2012. The filters remain necessary as we continue to be targeted by spammers on a daily basis.

Progress/explanations:

Flyer Link:

A direct link to the next meeting flyer is now available on the MZF Meeting page

Addition of Upper Midwest Region to the MZF Logo:

Jason, our Webservant, updated the logo but accidentally included the Iowa Region which is not part of our forum. This still needs to be corrected.

The PDF version of the current guidelines is now linked to the guidelines page on the site.

Other progress includes: no spam has made it through to the front end of the site since November 2012 when Jason installed the CAPTCHA filters. Jason has monitored the back end of the site and prevented the spammers who have hacked through our filters to post on the site and I have been monitoring the bulletin boards three times weekly or more.

I have been able to add people to the mailing list but was not able to grant new people to post attachments. This was because of the intensified spam filters we had to install. Jason fixed my permissions and I am able to access the correct portal. I am, however, currently locked out of the mailing list administrative section and Jason will need to reset it. The password has changed in our ongoing efforts to defeat the spammers.

In the hopes of generating interest in the web site, I will be developing a flyer to provide to the participating regions describing the resources available on our site.

I will be assembling a committee of interested MZF participants to conduct an inventory of our web site. I hope to have inventory results available at our planning meeting following WSC 2014.

ILS,
Bob M.

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III. REGIONAL REPORTS

A. **Buckeye:** Absent

B. **Chicagoland** – Greetings to the Mid West Zonal forum:

When we last met, we were talking about the status of the Chicagoland Service Office (CSO). I am proud to say that out standing with the WSO, has improved greatly. We are now in good standing with them.

As for the Multi-Zonal Symposium, our region thought that even though it sounds like a great idea, out region voted not to support financially. Our experience has been, when we have had learning days and workshops on service, there has been a lack of support at these events. We don't see members traveling to go to such an event.

The next event in the Chicagoland Region is out annual convention. CRC XXVI will be January 2-5, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at McCormick Pace, 2223 Martin Luther King Dr. Cincago, IL 60616.

In Loving Service,
Louis H and Joe A.

C. **Greater Illinois-** Our Region continues to meet quarterly on a rotation basis between our five areas. Those 5 ASCs represent 134 meetings weekly. The reorganizing of meeting places has settled down for the most part, meetings are fairly strong, and with us the cold weather is usually a boost for attendance.

Those in service have done a great job strengthening their groups however there are now quite a few open service positions at the ASCs and Region. We need to improve our mentoring and ability to nurture people for service. Many subcommittees don't have chairpeople and officers are few and far between.

My newsletter, Love, Stacy #6 will be the last before the CAR comes out. The link is <http://centralillinoisna.org/rd> . I've never been RD or RDA before so I have been asking a lot of questions and getting guidance from those that have been there before. I think I have been able to educate those in my Region to the best of my ability. I will go to the CAR workshop in Kalamazoo at the end of January. Then make the rounds to all the Areas and have a CAR Assembly the end of March. I am thinking about putting the main points of the CAR on our website for people to provide their input. I have warned my Region that if they don't give me a vote to carry then I will not attend the WSC and waste their money and my time. Any insights you all can provide would be helpful.

I joined the Multi-Zonal Service System Symposium workgoup in September. If you have any questions there are couple of us here who can answer you as vaguely as possible.

In loving service,
Stacy M.
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D. **Indiana-** Indiana region continues to function well and all positions in the region are filled. We have 11 areas in the region and continue to make contributions to NAWS. We are currently planning for the CAR/CAT workshop in February 8, 2014. The region decided to hold funds from each region to hold the February CAR/CAT workshop. We will be collecting a conscience at the December region to host the February region and CAR/CAT workshop in Indianapolis.

The Indiana region has decided to purchase a laser printer to be at the next regional meeting. The printer will help with the treasurer reports, copying of flyers and any other pertinent information. The RDA presented to the region a resignation, due to upcoming work schedule and life events. We had motion to suspend policy to allow the RDA to continue to serve and motion was denied. We currently have an open position for RDA. The PR chair resigned and the PR chair position is open at this time. We will be making a contribution to the MZF in December. We had a motion to hold the regional meeting for one day instead of two days and the motion failed.

I have been in contact with the multi-regional zonal symposium workgroup and they have three possible locations for hosting. The locations are Nashville, St. Louis and Indianapolis. The Nashville proposal was omitted and there has

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been extensive research in St. Louis and Indianapolis. I attended the workgroup via SKYPE on November 14, 2013 and several items were discussed on host locations. The meeting ended with members needing more information to decide on the host hotel. The next MRZS workgroup (via SKYPE) will be November 19, 2013 at 8:00 PM CST.

ILS,
Michael J. - RD Indiana

E. Metro Detroit-

F. Michigan –

G. Minnesota-

H. Ohio – FIRST I'd like to thank my HP for being able to attend this MZF.

We are making a \$100.00 donation to the MZF and plan to continue to support our forum.

our regional areas are currently making plans to gather together to minimize the number of Car/Cat work shops for Brian and myself. Brian's sends his apologies for his absence to this his 1st MZF due to medical issues but plan to make the next. We are scheduling workshops for anyone willing to learn about the SSP and willing to help carry their groups conscience

I'd like to report on the MZSS that we have been participating in via SKYPE meetings every Thursday , we now have 19 out of 25 regions that are willing to support the MZSS,

We have formed a few committees and trusted servants have been elected so we are moving forward. We now have a treasurer and Co- treasurer. And are setting up banking and a PO box., there is a lot left to do yet but we are forging forward .

ILS.
Charles F., ORSCNA RDA

I. Upper Midwest – Absent

J. Wisconsin – Absent

K. Other visiting regions – None

IV. Subcommittee/Adhoc Reports

None

I. OPENING-11/17/2013

- A. Moment of silence. 10:19am Serenity Prayer
- B. Reading of the Servant Worker's Prayer- Kim
- C. Introductions

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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**.- Amend Indiana as Present in the Minutes. Minutes have been amended
- B. **Elections** –None
- C. **Financial decisions** –
- D. **7th Tradition**: 27.00
- E. **Financial Announcement** – As reported at yesterday's meeting of the Midwest Zonal Forum our opening balance is \$781.52.

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Other expenses this weekend are as follows:

- check #634 – \$150.00 to GIRCNA 17 for our meeting space this weekend
- check #635 – \$60.96 to Bob M. to reimburse for gas
- check #636 – \$228.44 to Dave L. to reimburse for copies, gas & lodging
- check #637 – \$155.04 to Derreck K. to reimburse for gas & lodging

These expenses totaled \$594.44, and income from 7th Tradition collections this weekend was \$37.00, leaving us with an ending balance of \$157.88.

In Loving Service,... Dave L.

- F. **Next meetings** - Multi-Zonal CAR/CAT January 24-26th in Kalamazoo, MI (Please See attached Flier)
 Minnesota: Conscience was to stay in rotation; we will contact some folks in Minnesota (if they are still part of the MZF). Meeting will be held in July. Even if Minnesota is unable to host but are still a part of that we will conduct the meeting there since we do have connections.

VII. Topics/ Discussion:

A. SERVICE SYMPOSIUM:

Consensus: Strong support to support the Multi-Zonal Forum Workshop if it is feasible and is necessary then we will send a donation at a later date.

B. MULTI-REGIONAL CAR/CAT WORKSHOP: NAWS is preferring us to have our co-facilitators host the workshop or more experienced members to facilitate.

C. WORLD SERVICE CONFERNCE (WSO): Bob will put together a slide show and contact NAWS to see what type of report they want from us.

D. CRC REQUEST FOR WORKSHOPS: We agreed that Joe and Louis will be the minimum MZF members in attendance. Stacey, Sherry and Derrek expressed willingness to participate in the workshop. Joe will be in touch with interested parties to coordinate that workshop.0020