

**SZF**  
**10/27/07**  
**SATURDAY**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 9:20 WITH A MOS FOLLOWED BY THE SP

THE TREASURER ANNOUNCED SIGN UP SHEET AND DONATION INTRODUCTIONS

**FELLOWSHIP CONCERNS**

**GROUP**

BOBBY: STUFF CAME BACK FROM AREA TO BE VOTED ON. GROUP VOTING PEOPLE IN BECAUSE NO ONE IS RUNNING AGAINST THEM. CONCERN IS THAT SINGLE NOMINIES ARE BEING VOTED IN WHEN NO ONE KNOWS THEM. THEY DICCUSSED THAT THE RCM VOTE ON THESE NOMINEES BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEM.

**AREA CONCERNS:**

DIANNA, CENTRAL ARKANSAS AREA. AREA IS DICTATING TO GROUPS INSTEAD OF GROUPS GOVERNING THE AREA. A GROUP HAS STEPPED OUT OF AREA. HOPE TO FORM OUR OWN AREA. IT IS DIFFICULT TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR AREA. ONLY GSR'S ARE ALLOWED TO TALK AT AREA. WE ARE CALLED CONTROVERSIONAL WHEN WE WANT TO ONLY QUESTION OUR LEADERS.A GROUP THAT IS SUFFERING ASKED FOR OUTREACH AND DIDN'T GET HELP. AS A RESULT THAT GROUP HAS TURNED INTOA DRUG COURT GROUP.

KAREN (ST LOUIS) I LIVE IN A RURAL AREA. WE HAVE 2 GROUPS WITH A SIGNIFICANTAMOUNTS OF MEETINGS.THEY REFER TO GROUPS OUT OF TOWN AS OUTSIDE MEETINGS. ONE MEETING THEY GO TO IS IN AA CLUB HOUSE. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GETTING THEIR RECOVERY ALL OVER THE PLACE. THE GROUPS DON'T GROW AND BECOME STAGNANT. ONE PERSON CAN'T WALK IN THERE AND SAVE THIS MEETING. WHAT DO YOU DO WITH GROUPS LIKE THAT? THIS IS THE ONLY MEETING IN THE TOWN I LIVE IN.

JON L WE JUST HAD AN AREA EVENT. OUR LEADERS GAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SIGN CONTRACTS THAT PUT THE AREA IN JEOPARDY. THE LEADERSHIP DIDN'T FEEL THEY DID ANYTHING WRONG. WE CAME OUT OKAY BUT IT COULD HAVE GOTTEN WORSE. WE DELEGATED SO MUCH AUTHORITY THAT NOBODY WANTED TO DO IT.

ED: GRATITUDE AREA 22 GROUPS SHOW UP LOT OT ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM. STARTED WITH THE RD TEAM BEING PART OF OUR AREA. THEY BROUGHT WORKSHOPS AND PASSION.

KEITH WTAREA. MEMPHIS IS A CENTRAL POINT. SERVICE STRUCTURE WELL. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE THAT TOO; WE HAVE ONE PERSON PER POSITION. AT SOME POINT WE STOPPED NOMINATING FROM HG. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS AT AREA.

CAUCASIANS ARE A MINORITY IN OUR CITY. THIS IS NOT REFLECTED IN OUR FELLOWSHIP. WE HAVE A LARGE SPANISH POPULATION AND NO ONE IN OUR FELLOWSHIP SPEAKS SPANISH. THE GAY POPULATION IS WELL REFLECTED.

BOBBY HAVING BEEN A GSR FOR A WHILE YOU HAPPENS TO NOTICE THINGS. WE HAVE SITUATION IN SC THAT WE WERE TOLD TO GET OUTSIDE OPINIONS ON. OUR GUIDELINES STIPULATE THAT PANEL LEADERS BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF H&I GO IN TO CARRY MESSAGE. PL SCHEDULED TO GO IN CALLED BECAUSE SHOULD NOT MAKE IT. PANEL LEADER CALLED SOMEONE NOT ACTIVE IN HI TO CARRY THE MESSAGE. CONCERN WAS THAT PANEL LEADER CALLED SOMEONE WHO IS NOT AN ACTIVE MEMBER.

MY OPION IS THAT IF YOU WANT TO BE A SUB COMMITTEE MEMBER, TELL SOMEONE. WE ARE ASKING WHAT AN ACTIVE MEMBER IS.

WE HAVE 3 FACILIIES NOW MORE ARE ASKING FOR MEETINGS. WE HAVE ONE OR TWO PEOPLE WHO HARE CONSISTANTLY TAKING MEETINGS IN. THE SUB COMMITTEE SAYS THEY DON'T HAVE THE ADDICTS TO FILL THE COMMITMENTS WE HAVE. SHOULDN'T WE STEP UP AND DO THE WORK, ISN'T THAT WHAT WE COMMITTED TO?

EVERY YEAR WITH NEW PEOPLE WE GET A NEW SET OF PROBLEMS. 25 HG COME TO AREA IN ST. CHARLES. SUGGESTED THAT ALL GSRS GET ON A SUBCOMMITTEE. ABOUT 1/2 OF THEM HAVE. WE EXPECT OTHER PEOPLE TO DO IT FOR USE.

JERRY: WE HAVE AN ONGOING PROBLEM. SUB COMMITTEES ARE NOT AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE AREA. OUR AREA MEETS SAME TIME AND PLACE. MY HOME AREA IS HAVING A LEARNING DAY AT THE SAME TIME OUR RSC IS MEETING. THEY WILL NOT HAVE REGIONAL PARTICIPATION. I FEEL THE SUB COMMITTEE FACILLITATORS SHOULD BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR SCHEDULING THESE EVENTS.

KEITH (NASHVILLE) I'VE COME A FEW TIMES TO THIS BODY. ADDRESSING CONVENTIONS, UNITY CONVENTION STARTED AS A 1 DAY EVENT AND NOW IS 2 DAYS. OUR AREA IS NOW EXPERIENCING FUND FLOW PROBLEMS. THE AREA OWED MONEY TO CONVENTION COMMITTEE. SOMEONES CHILD DID VANDALISM. . LAST AREA MEETING WE WERE IN DEBT 11, 000 TO THE HOTEL. THE VICE CHAIR IS SUPPOSED TO GO BACK TO THE HOTEL FOR DISCUSSION. OUR AREA NEEDS HELP IN HOW TO HANDLE THOSE THINGS. WE ARE WORKING ON FUND FLOW. ALSO ARE PICKING MEETINGS TO SUPPORT.

ANTHONY: (ST LOUIS) I WORRY THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO BE A GSR BECAUSE OF WORK. WE SHOULD LET OTHER PEOPLE QUALIFIED TO BE IN THESE POSITIONS.

THATCHER: AREA CONVENTIONS AND FUNDING, A FOCAL POINT OF DISUNITY IS OUR AREA CONVENTION. WE CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE VERY PASSIONATE. IT WILL NOT GET BETTER UNTIL PEOPLE SIT DOWN AND TALK. (READ FROM SELF SUPPORT IP) UNITY IS NECESSARY FOR PERSONAL RECOVERY. OUR AREA HAS A 500 DOLLAR PRUDENT RESERVE THAT I THINK IS TOO HIGH. MAIN CONCERN IS THAT ISSUES ARE TALKED ABOUT IT HUSHED TONES.

### **REGIONAL CONCERNS**

PAT: WE HAVE TWO BRAND NEW AREAS IN OUR REGION. GROWING AND SOLID. A CONCERN HAS ALREADY BEEN RAISED. THE AREA HAS TO WORK OUT THE PROBLEM, REGION IS WILLING TO SUPPORT THEM

KRISTEN: LACK OF COMMUNICATION HOW DO WE ENSURE INFO IS PASSED BACK TO GROUPS

REGIONAL FUNDS: TREASURER RELAPSED. WE HAVE AN ADHOC COMMITTEE LOOKING INTO GUIDELINES. WE ALSO HAVE A REGIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE. THE ADDICT WANTS TO REIMBURSE REGION. WE IMMEDIATELY FROZE OUR ACCOUNT AND ARE OPENING NEW ACCOUT. INFORMATION WAS NOT UPDATED BY THOSE WE ELECTED AND THE REGIONAL BODY WAS NOT ACCOUNTABLE. WE HAVE FORMS FOR NOT FOR PROFIT AND A NEW

NEW TAX ID AND CHAIRPERSON SIGN. AREAS HAVE STEPPED UP AND DONATED.

REIONAL CONVENTION VOTED TO HOLD FOR 2008, HAVE RECINDED THAT MOTION AND IS NOW HAVING IT. THE AREA THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HOST IT IS NOW NOT HOSTING. WE HAVE HAD A FEW ADDICTS TALKING TO AREAS ABOUT HOSTING WITHOUT REGIONAL DISCUSSION. WE BROUGHT UP ACXCOUNTABILITY AT REGION AND OFFERED TO DO A WORKSHOP.

WE ARE A YOUNG REGION THAT RECENTLY BROKE OFF INTO AREAS, WETHOUGHT WE WOULD GROW IN UNITY BUT IT SEEMS TO BE GOING THE OTHER WAY.

BELINDA WE RECENTLY HAD PROBLEMS WITH USING TRADITIONS TO BEAT EACH EACH OTHER UP. AN AREA IN OUR REGION IS HAVING A YARD SALE. WE ARE WORKING ON OUR REGIONAL CONVENTION GUIDELINES. OUR REGIONAL CONVENTION ROTATES. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE ON THIS TO SHARE? WE HAVE A NEW AREA IN OUR REGION AND A NOMINATION FOR RDA.

JOHN L THINGS ARE POSITIVE. WE WANT TO DO A MULTI REGIONAL LEARNING DAY. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED LET US KNOW.

JERRY, (TEJAS) GRATIFIED TO SEE SMILING FACES AT WCNA. UPCOMING REGIONAL CONVENTION IN JAN AND THE SZF CAR WORK SHOP IN CORPUS CHRISTI.

MIKE: (KENTUCKIANNA) WE HAVE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVES. SERVICE POSITIONS ARE FILLED. OUR RD RESIGNED. THERE HAS BEEN TALK ABOUT TALK ABOUT BRINGING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BACK AND START DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY. SOME ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE LITERATURE BEING PUT OUT.

CHRIS RRR OUR WEB PAGE IS UP, PROUD OF IT. AREA CONCERNS RE LACK OF COMMUNICATION AND APATHY IT SERVICE. OUR RD TEAM PUT ON AN ACCOUNATBILITY WORKSHOP AND NO ONE SHOWED UP.

TRAVIS: ASK YOURSELVES THESE 2 QUESTIONS DURING BREAK  
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE TOGETHER TODAY.  
HOW WILL YOU CREATE THAT?

BREAK

RETURNED FOR PRESENTATIONS.