



Subject: **Business Minutes**

**KENTUCKIANA – TEJAS BLUEBONNET-
SHOW ME – LOUISIANA – VOLUNTEER
ARKANSAS – LONE STAR – MISSISSIPPI**

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Forum / Business Session begins at 9:30am
Twelve Traditions/Concepts are read

Secretary Report - Asked the body where she should post the minutes. It was the consensus to split up the minutes into Business, Fellowship & Presentations.

Facilitator Report - Questions have been asked in regards to a Resolution A or direction of the SZF. Stated that new and different people have been attending the SZF, who may not be familiar with its purpose. He asked that we listen to new ideas that they may bring. Mugs will be available in Corpus with two different logos. Sent copy of timeline for next 13 years as it was before we changed our number of meetings to three times per year. Looking for volunteers to adjust the timeline to meet our new schedule. Need to get "Hosting Organizer" paper finished.

Treasurer Report - Counted 11 rooms out of a 15 room block. John will talk to the hotel because it was stated that our room block was full. Treasurer stated that he might have to wait for some donations to come in before we can cash our expense checks. This is to give time for money to be deposited. It was asked if Tejas-Bluebonnet's donation was received. RD from that region stated that he'd look into it.

Representative's Report

Was able to attend WWW in Nashville. No expenses were incurred. Well attended, 200 addicts attended. Anthony E. stated that over 75% of WSC participated at this event. Largest WWW ever attended. Many members of SZF who supported workshops. Personal report available. Attended a RSC within zone as requested. Attended VRC in Nashville. Was able to address region and talk about SZF. Provided Solutions Pamphlet with a short Q&A session. Body was interested in SZF for their regional inventory. Region was happy for us being there. Went to attend Mississippi RSC, but was scheduled for the next day. Did end up meeting with some RSC members at function being held and had a short Q&A session. Incurred airfare expense only. Was unable to meet with entire committee. Was able to pass on the minutes, Solutions Pamphlet and let them know we are here. Mark B. from Nebraska was given SZF information to take back to their region. Hopefully we can give them an understanding of what we do to help them. Would like to attend the PI Learning Day in conjunction with the Midwest ZF in August in Newcastle. Do we want to send him? The Bluegrass Appalachian region wanted us to attend one of their RSC. But it was stated that our own regions within our zone would take priority. Dates for BGA region are not yet known, Show Me region would be in October and would be a minimal expense. Previously it was mentioned that we should try attending Learning Days. Spoke with rep from Plain State ZF. Wants body to advise him which Forums would take priority. Thinks Midwest would be most practical because in would be in conjunction with a PI learning day.

Does the BGA region want us to attend because they are interested in joining? Yes, not only are they interested but are currently unseated at the WSC.

Where do we want to send Travis? Do we want to give Red River a priority because of their attendance? Bluegrass has expressed interest in his attendance and Red River hasn't.

Show Me will be having an Outreach Presentation, will the SZF be doing a presentation. Need to know b/c of what may and may not be a good time to go. Offering of support to region, Q&A, giving of a solutions pamphlet. Would be good to hold during the RCM open forum, for Q&A. It was established that January or April would be better for that region.

Plain States Zonal Forum is in Grand Rapids, Nebraska October 9th.

Steve spoke about a letter given to MS. His idea is to draft a letter written to regions, offering to send our rep to the region. So that RD's and RDA's can give it in their report. That way we don't just show up. It was decided that this was a good idea.

Does the body want to send him to the Midwest Plainses?

Do we still want him to go to BGA? They have requested us to come. Travis will prioritize those two events for this next quarter.

Archivist Report

Copies of AG have been revised and produced for sharing. Rotation of SZF will now be 3X per year. Website broke 200 member mark. Kim S. new secretary and funded at last SZF. Balance 1916 expenses \$1363. Documents available on website. AG should be under "resources". Minutes should be listed under date of forum. Discussed article for NA Way, put on website discussion. Got two negative responses. Lots of discussion on "regional benefits". Reminded everyone about their comments in the meeting about the SZF and perhaps these should be posted on our website as well. Lets try and draft an article for this magazine. Last report as the archivist. Will not be in CC, but will be in Ft. Smith. Stated that he will not be consistently showing up at future SZF. New timeline is in Word. We will only be meeting three times a year. Will change Timeline from a Word document to an Excel document.

Member stated that he learned how to become an RD b/c of the Zones.

If anyone knows of anyone who might be interested in writing this article, please encourage or step forward.

Webservant Report

Stated that 75% of traffic is to the chat room. We have over 230 registered members on our website. Files and Paper page – has done some work there to make it more user friendly. Will be listing under season rather than by month. Website has traditionally been service based. Would a newcomer addict get any basic information? We will be working on that.

Webservant at this time has only been requested to have any reports emailed to him for posting to the website. Anyone can post to NA Related Events.

Is it possible to have calendar events?? WS said he could place a banner say "So and So day, at So and So time we will be discussing Leadership". Everyone seemed to like this idea. Discuss a topic such as "service". We could announce live chats for anyone who has questions about the SZF.

SELECTIONS

Treasurer – Nominations Doug F.; nominated by Travis Accepted nomination

Our current treasurer has expressed an interest to serve another term.

Facilitator – Dickie D. Passed by acclimation

Note: There has been previous discussion that a person nominated did not have to be present.

NEW Business:

Governor's Conference will be held latter part of August in the Show Me Region. There was a question about

Translation of the Solutions Pamphlet – Zean will get with several people in Austin, TX to help with this process. Others will pass along the need as well to there regions.

Will there be someone in Corpus Christi to translate the Business at the next Forum? Yes.

Timeline – Dates have previously been cleared, but document is from 2007. First change will have to be Spring 2007. We will have to call the next two forums and see if they can accommodate pushing everything back after having pulled the Spring forum. Will clear timeline in October.

Hosting Organizer Paper – Would be sent to hosting area/region, would give them the room layout. What we would need for t-shirts, a timeline of what needs to be done. So that questions would be answered. Do we want this to be a formal thing? Steve is going to get the paper finished. We may use the chat room as a forum to discuss this and then he can post it under discussions.

Final Treasurer's Report

Bank account is in Amite, LA. It is under the tax ID number. Lets do research on banks that would be accessible to everyone, as well as not being real pricy. Internet banking would not be safe. Check out US Bank.

There has been an interest in possibly doing a newsletter. Michelle has expressed an interest in doing this. Using the issue discussion topics or anything else that anyone else might want to include. Maybe this could evolve from the solutions pamphlet. Member said that we need to look at the cost. This would be sent electronically and if the region wants to make copies.

That type of activity would go along with archivist activity. Member stated that Michelle has expressed interest in doing the Archivist position. Do we want to combine these positions? Should we make this a chat topic?

All were OK with this.

Michelle G. has expressed a willingness for the archivist position. We will discuss the position in depth at the next SZF.

Discussion that this is still a "position". Webservant should look at the duties. Webservant gave a brief overview of what he does and were we are going.

NEXT FORUM

Need presenters

Infrastructure/Passion in Service & Keeping Long Lifers – Michelle G. & Kim S.

Public Image/Creating Safe Environments in Home Groups - Mike - Volunteer

Bridging the Language Barriers – Tejas Bluebonnet

New flyer will be posted within a week,

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Will be in the negative after expenses until deposit is made. Treasurer stated that he'd hold onto his check. We are waiting on the banquet room rate. We have t-shirts for sale too.

SZF ended at noon.