



Subject: **Business Session**

**KENTUCK-IANA – TEJAS BLUEBONNETT
SHOW ME – LOUISIANA – VOLUNTEER
ARKANSAS – LONE STAR – MISSISSIPPI**

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Note: These minutes were compiled by John S. from the Show-me region. Thank you very much John for your unparalleled determination.

Travis F.

SZF Secretary

ADDENDUM

- Trusted servants wishing to be considered in the selection process for the position of Southern Zonal Forum Representative at the July/August forum need to have resumes submitted for distribution as soon as possible.
- It is my intention (Travis F., SZF Secretary) to post a resume for consideration for the SZF Rep. position.

SOUTHERN ZONAL FORUM BUSINESS SESSION

Sunday, January 25, 2004

- Facilitator's Report. Given by Dickie. Coordinated with Susan and Ron for this weekend. Total expenses for this quarter \$132.59.
- Webmaster's report. Move to new hosting company complete. Cost for one year of service is \$49.95, which is half of what was in his proposal to the SZF. Proposes that we take the additional \$50 and use that to extend the registration of our domain name for the next six years. Unfortunately, the switch to our new provider was not as seamless as anticipated, but is working to get everything up to speed. Body agreed by consensus to use extra funds for this matter. 29 people have registered to date on azfna.org.
- Treasurer's Report. Distributed by the Treasurer. Has reviewed the past two years and created income and expense breakouts for the RDs. Ending balance after this weekend \$2,860. Will be some additions from today from sale of t-shirts.
- Archivist report. Copies of agreement guide distributed.
- Ad Hoc committee on Guidelines/process/policy. In process of creating financial history of past zonal forums to help with budgeting process. Created to document how forum conducts business: what, where, how, etc. Completed position papers describing officers' duties, standards for positions, etc. Also worked to create budget process so we can better utilize time and money. That is the point where the ad hoc committee is now – creating the standardized budget. Since work originally assigned is now complete, chairperson dissolves that committee. Rotation schedule, timeline will be posted on the website.
- Southern Zonal Forum representative. Report distributed from Margaret. Shared her report on the SZF for the WSC.



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Question as to whether we should include financial information (how we are funded and breakout of expense categories). Margaret will include that and make cosmetic changes to the heading on the letterhead as agreed by consensus.

- Elections. Our elections process is that on even years, we elect SZF representative and secretary in 2004. Since our SZF representative is filling a vacancy created by a resignation, that position, too, is up for election in summer 2004. We need to get resumes submitted so they can be distributed at the zonal forum meeting during WSC. Those interested in Secretary need to submit resumes for distribution in July with election in October.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rotation schedule. Next meeting is during the WSC. The meeting in July was scheduled for Kentuckiana, but they request we move to the next Region to give them more time to prepare. Therefore, the zone in July will be in Lone Star. July 31-August 1 is the date. Facilities are being finalized. Region meets again in April and will discuss regional topic for discussion at that time. SZF also submits one topic for discussion. Will most likely be hosted within the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Area will take care of getting t-shirts designed and the zone can just pay for them at the forum.
- Topic discussion for July forum. Dealing with unruly people or people taking groups hostage. Increasing diversity as a service body. When recovery meetings split along racial or culture lines they may isolate from the service body and we're robbed of diversity in our service structure. Keith discussed having a workshop on chairing meetings. Question as to whether we'll need time to discuss or process what happened at WSC. Discussion on Lone Star motion with Tradition Guide, how that came to pass, using grassroots efforts to develop projects, how to work with World Board to get issues such as that on the docket. Issues from Mississippi region since they didn't get to have topics presented this weekend (due to CAR workshop) – disunity and problems with people completing service positions. Also competitive nature of some areas, working against one another as opposed to together. Kentuckiana would like to see discussion on how to move our areas and regions to consensus based decision making and also, have a Guide to Local Service workshop. Another topic: in service at this level how do we move to looking out for the fellowship as a whole. Also, on page 49 of the CAR, there are a list of topics for discussion from World Services. Another topic: written formats and how those influence the atmosphere of a meeting. Topic: how do we are areas, regions and zones understand and move toward fulfilling our NAWS vision statement. World Board asks us to think about, in the future, how we could utilize Board participation – for interactive sessions where they provide discussion on the strategic plan and we give them input to take back to NAWS.

Consensus that we will make a request for World Board participation in October. SZF topic will be creating an atmosphere of recovery for the next SZF in July.



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- Request from Mississippi Region to examine whether we could meet three times a year instead of four. Facilitator requests that we take this discussion back to our regions. Discussion that since we don't provide direct services, certainly no services would be lost, but we would also lose some opportunities for discussion. And that these forums for discussion are what provide our trusted servants the guidance they need to represent members. It also provides forum for leaders in the service structure to meet and interact with local fellowships. Discussion that individual regions can look at their own participation and that they're not required to attend every forum. The forum is more intended for an opportunity for the fellowship to come together in different local areas within our zone and facilitating our interaction.
- SZF agrees by consensus to place SZF Agreement Guide on the website, szfna.org.
- Question as to whether the solutions bulletins are on the website? Not at this time.
- Funding for SZF representative to attend the conference. In the past, plane fare has been the only reimbursement. However, hotel costs are significant (\$400+). SZF representative is requesting airfare and room reimbursement (\$650 total). SZF asks that if she is able to do it for less, to do so and we trust her to make the best decision. Body agrees by consensus.
- Mississippi delegate addressed the body and read a letter from the Mississippi Region that the region wants to make it clear that the reputation of Andy S. was unfairly put in question by discussions from 2 zones ago regarding service within the region. The Mississippi Region wants to make it clear that he has not misappropriated money and has done the jobs asked of him.

Adjourned at 12:00 p.m