

## **SZF SUMMER MINUTES**

Opened 9:18am

Read Traditions and Concepts

### **FELLOWSHIP CONCERNS**

Bluegrass Appalachian – RD-Scott still working on state body level motion with Kentuckian...very excited!

Tejas-Bluebonnet -RD- Dennis visiting all areas for them to know who their Delegate is and offer assistance. 11 Regions, visited 6 so far. Communication world to member. thinking of creating a training orientation.

Show-Me—RD-Tom 8 new RCM's, looking for new hotel to hold Region. Checking into possibility of a new Regional website. Liability insurance two motions going back to groups. Alternate Delegate elected, welcome Troy!

Louisiana- RD/AD-Kory / Ronald -doing well, unfilled pos. difficulty with fulfilling their roles. Looking at a Service Training using an assembly. Looking for assistance and ideas. Feedback needed. Roles of the relationship. Importance of groups knowing the RD/AD team.

Mississippi- Chris RD-participation struggles, convention put on well, not a lot of attendance. Regional Convention being moved to every other year. Trusted service assembly.

Volunteer -RD- Tim- Aug 5<sup>th</sup> assembly, see SZF flyer: United Methodist Church org. Homegroup member brought it to attention. Church is making it a requirement to have 2 babysitters due to insurance and violence against children. Background check, some rules are not related.

Red River- RD-BJ- apathy, getting more involved, using PayPal for event...new. Using new technology during meetings, allowing for email / texts during meeting for those in very rural areas.

Arkansas-RDA/Dyanne- apathy, lack of training, resistance against moving towards technology.

Kentuckian-RD-Kevin- new area, 9<sup>th</sup> tradition, being told they need to report to other area and not Region.

Lone Star- RD-Sharon-8 active areas, RDA not filled, convention success- "In the love of the fellowship", Aug 26-27, 2107. Regional Assembly is held at the Methodist Church Camp Center in Palestine, Texas. Area within Region is questioning new literature and not wanting to participate.

Larry-Red River member- seeing more addicts getting involved, letting new people be a part of. Asked for a Trusted Service Workshop. Region is hoping to host the Texas State Convention.

Dan-Red River previous RD- shared the issue of lack of sponsors. Needing more available sponsors with experience.

Michael- Shared about a homegroup having \$2700 in funds. Why? Service- we need to make it more attractive. For example, instead of saying, "I have too", say, "I get too". Share the rewards.

Cindy- Visiting from Oklahoma Region/ Plain States Zone- Shared some solutions to issues shared: Have a Learning Day. Elections, hold 3 months prior to when their service position starts. This way the person gets to follow and make for an easier transition – Provides more "TRAINING". Fund Flow, holding group events separately, only 1 Annual Learning Day- having Unity with members instead of Area. Fund Flow- how are you contributing if you don't have cash? Members carry less cash then they used to (apple pay, ATM, credit cards, etc.). Regional Inventory – start with Trusted Servants as individuals, more effective. Have a lot of turnover- Bringing more ideas

Colby- Oklahoma Region/ Plain States Zone- Addicts are having "handpicked" book studies, selective, cliques, creating a lot of animosity within Area and lack of Unity. Has seen this over the past 3-4 months.

Nate-Plain States Zone/ Facilitator- Came to SZF to observe. We don't celebrate what we do well. Service Structure- where are we going?

Volunteer Region- RDA-Jim- An area within the Region is being addressed by a World Service rep. concerning the posting of literature. Apathy and Resources Project- sponsorship, attractive, convention-different ideology (Treatment industry- "paying for it") seeing a difference in the want.

Jim continued: Discussion at Region to allow Ricardo (Previous Delegate) to assist the current Delegate team in presenting the Conference Agenda Report. Previous RD lives on the west side of the state and the current team lives on the east. Issue discussed at the January SZF concerning websites/one person owning all the domain names. Had sent a letter to Google via "snail mail", chairperson signed the letter.

Volunteer Region-Charmaine- Meeting locations with websites. Regional person to contact individual areas to check on all meetings. If using "BMLT" – makes meetings easier to fix and update information.

Brandon- Tejas-Bluebonnet -growth- 5<sup>th</sup> largest metroplex, used to be 5 meetings a week at one point. Very isolated area- strong areas are around, perhaps 2 ½ hours away. "We" struggle because of our own defects-damage control, keep moving forward.

Jennifer- Dallas Area- Renting room in a church, experiencing change. Area had a Unity Picnic – Fellowship all day!

Sharron- A/C, trying to make it better, been too hot.

Chasity-Bluegrass-Appalachian -Survivor Area- Unity/resistance, past stuff. "Patient" brokering is happening. Addicts getting kickbacks for sending someone to treatment. Areas name is being printed on illicit literature (Baby Blues). Older members having side conversations during meetings.

Randie-Kirksville Area-4 groups, 1 meeting a day. Four permanent treatment centers in town. Most come and leave to go to AA/ Lacking Sponsorship availability.

Loretta/Darlene/Steve- Sherman: moved out of church, got their own place, RDA/ disconnect between Areas and Region.

Regina- The workshops we do are amazing and have learned a lot from the Southern Zonal Forum and the Multi-Zonal Symposium.

Henry-Dallas-Paypal account created by homegroup, group insurance- Area& Regions within the state of Texas are doing a "Shared Services Project".

## **WORKSHOPS/PRESENTATIONS**

**Tradition 4:** Scott & Kevin: will send Tradition 4 Packet once received.

Small Group Questions/ Discussion (**attached**)

**Fund Flow:** Kory & Ronald- will send PowerPoint and any additional info once received.

**Doing A PR Presentation:** Charmaine & Kristin -**see attachments**

## **SUNDAY MORNING BUSINESS**

Opened at 9:20am

Scott read Concepts & Tom read the Twelve Traditions

Previous minutes from January 2017 were okayed by the forum.

Randie read both financial reports, donations and expenses in between Forums Jan-July 2017 and during the July 2017 Forum. **See Attachments**

We have met our goal of \$3500.00 by this forum, sending donation of \$765.15 to NAWS.

**SZF Timeline:** on point

July 2018 SZF in Show-Me Region / Kansas City, Missouri/ Hampton Inn Airport/ Rooms \$ 104.00/ Flyer due in October

January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28, 2018 SZF in Volunteer Region/ Nashville, Tennessee / Comfort Suites Airport/ Conference Agenda Report – Conference Approval Track / SZF is requesting for World Board Participation. **Flyer Attached**

October 28th & 29th, 2017 Tejas-Bluebonnet Region/ San Antonio, Texas / Pear Tree Inn \$75.00 / Topics: Address Concerns from Fellowship Concerns- All SZF Participants, Apathy in Resources – Volunteer Team, Tradition 5-Tejas-Bluebonnet Team. **Flyer Attached**

**Elections:** Staci- still interested in Facilitator but was unable to make July SZF due to illness. Staci elected to two-year term as SZF Facilitator.

Henry is our SZF Representative as of January 2017

Will reflect the reactivation of SZF rep. in SZF Guidelines.

Conversation came up regarding a request by World Services to look at possibly not sending Alternate Delegates in the future. One reasoning shared was about saving money at the WSC. Another shared some thoughts of the workgroup looking at not sending Alternates. Reason's being not just about money but the amount of discussion that occurs and the ability to get work accomplished. Workgroup has looked at percentages of Alternates who come to the World Service Conference one year and then do not return. Very low number that do come back as their Regions Delegate.

Henry received an email from Ecuador asking for assistance. Will be checking into the email.

The Southern Zonal Forum will help any Region to do a PR Presentation to Professionals by request, prior to coming to the SZF in the hosting Region. This can also include Outreach, etc.

Thank you to Henry for your service to the SZF as Facilitator. □

Nate- Welcomes any of us to visit the Plain States Zone, September 15-16 located at 2600 White Wood Service Rd., Sturgis, South Dakota. Intimate Regional Convention being held at the same time. Visit Plain States Website at [pszfna.org](http://pszfna.org)

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Kristin D.