

Southern Zonal Forum
November 4, 2018
Multi-Zonal Service Symposium
Omaha, Nebraska

The meeting opened at 11 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The minutes from July 27 -29, 2018, were accepted.

Bank Account Update

Randie and BJ have been removed from the checking account. Henry is still on. Staci added.

The checking account was set up as a personal account when it was set up, so Scott can't be added from another local. In New Orleans, Staci and Henry can go with Scott to the bank and add him.

Comment: We might consider changing to a business account.

Q: Can we get details of how much it would cost to change from individual to business account?

A: Yes. Staci will research.

Treasury Discussion

Staci asked for permission to write herself a check. She's the only signer present. All were okay with this.

\$340.96 for Staci's hotel, airfare and parking.

Staci paid with the debit card for 2 nights. One for Lucy and one for Staci.

\$241.60 for Lucy's airfare and parking.

Lee has asked for seed money (\$300) for t-shirts. All were okay with this.

At beginning of this weekend, we had \$5319.09 in the bank

After 110.45 for 2 hotel nights this weekend – Staci & Lucy

Minus \$241.60 and \$340.96

Q: Does Lee have wiggle room for t-shirts? He will try to stay within budget. If he can't, he'll call Staci.

Comment: There's a place in guidelines for how hosting a forum works.

Checks can and should be mailed to Scott since he's the treasurer.

Donations since last meeting:

Louisiana Region – \$246.03

North Shore Area – \$82.11

Show Me Region – \$200

BJ deposited \$100 on August 29 from the Primary Purpose group, Bonham, Texas

Guidelines

Q: There was a question about updates to the guidelines.

A: What has been done will be sent out. There were no procedural changes, just housekeeping.

Regional Reports

We didn't plan on doing regional reports because we normally do those on Saturday, but there were a few who offered communications from their regions.

Volunteer Region/Jim B: Reestablished H&I subcommittee. We've had two meetings with 8 of 10 areas participating. We provided new H&I handbooks to all 10 areas. We're using Zoom and Google docs. We have a list of treatment centers/correctional facilities in the region. By 2019, we want to contact and make presentations in all facilities that have asked us to do so. We're doing all of this without an H&I chair with a group of H&I area chairs coming together. All committees are up and running.

Red River Region/BJ: BJ asked a question at last region. Where are we at as a region? Are members being served? Members were asked to send back their feedback. Hopefully this will get the region motivated. We haven't had much rotation in regional service. One area is not doing very well. Only two people are doing service at the area level. How can we make that better? Are we being of service? What services are being provided? He didn't call it an inventory when asking the questions, but that's technically what it is. Things need to change. One area is great. One practically dead.

Volunteer/Charmaine: There's a push in the region to entice the conventions to have service workshops. And not just be speaker meetings, but real workshops... to incorporate some of what we've done this weekend. VRC will have a couple of service related workshops.

Kentuckiana/Joy: Kentuckiana rotation for workshops in 2019: Across the Rivers will do the convention Easter weekend. South Central H&I and PR. Pennyrile Area – traditions.

2020 KRCNA

502 is going H&I and PR

Ovanna – traditions and concepts

An addict suggested doing workshops during convention.

We have two nominations for AD - Suzanne and Kevin.

CAR/CAT in January 2020 in the Lonestar Region - January 24-26

They've asked about the hotel where the convention is held. In January they should have a general idea of where, by July at least.

Room block is 10 – which is what to get quotes based on – and close to airport.

Rod B, Lonestar RDA – letting region know the SZF is coming up in the Lonestar Region in case there are others in the region who want to host in January.

Comment: We probably had 20+ rooms in Nashville (Jan. 2018) because of the unique situations - 5 regions had CAR reviews there. If we have the ability to combine efforts with another zone for CAR

review this would make it easier for the World Board. The idea of having 20 or so regions there for a CAR/CAT review sounds appealing.

Q: If we limit it to 10 for the room block, can we get more rooms for that same price? Lonestar is asking the hotel that question and also looking at surrounding hotels.

Southeast Zone/Danny: CAR/CAT on the agenda for the December meeting so he can't officially speak for the zone now. They don't invite the board to the CAR workshop because they have a good grasp on the material. They invite the Board to the CAT workshop the 1st weekend in February.

Here's an idea: Maybe in our guidelines we can move the hotel date from January to July to get a contract.

Jim: Can we stick with function? Can SE zone facilitator chat with Staci about this combined idea of a CAR/CAT workshop?

Suggestion to reach out to Plains States also. Dallas/Fort Worth is large enough

Danny: maybe set times for zonal meetings at that time. Maybe a session dedicated to talking about how to collaborate better.

Last night when we were talking about the 3 zones - what we do well is collaborate and conversate. Conversation definition: informal discussion of ideas in spoken word.

There's a region in Plains State thinking about coming to the Southern Zone. Invitation to join with CAR/CAT should go to all three zones.

Is CAT always available by the end of January? Typically. We just need to ask WB to include the CAT Bluegrass is summer 2019, July 26-28, at the Hampton Inn - in Lexington probably. Arkansas is not here, but slated for 2019, October 25-27.

Other new business item

Video software

Gotomeeting is usually paid at the end of January / 1st of February.

We've had conversation around switching to Zoom. Lucy will research.

MZSS uses Zoom

If we were a 501 c3 we could get a charitable rate.

We could check on a 2 host license. VRSC could possibly purchase it and get 2 the hosts version using their 501c3.

Kristen wants to use Zoom with Fellowship development, maybe Wufoo.

Planning to get some dates set. (Doodle might be the better option if looking for dates the most folks can attend.)

NAWS hosts 2 separate PR webinars

- 1) Zonal/Fellowship Development/PR. They sent Staci an invite. Staci is sending it to Kristin who's on the new zonal workgroup. Not limited to who can participate. Not sure where original invite went.

Comment from Charmaine: She has attended all of the regular PR webinars and would like clarification on this webinar. Is this for a zonal representative?

Reply: Kristin is our point person for FD. Delores made the decision to step back but will be glad to help Kristen. Delores is going back to local level service. Staci appointed Kristin as the point person for this webinar who will report back with details. January 12 is the next date for this Zonal FD/PR webinar.

- 2) PR "open to all" webinar. Next one is January 17 at 4 PM Pacific time.

Combined Zonal Meeting – Southern, Midwest and Plains States Zones

Going back to conversations from last SZF - clear direction was to extend invite to the other two multi zonal zones.

We asked the MZSS committee to provide space. They added facilitators. We had the good fortune to have representation from all the zones. Part of our original intent got a little lost, much broader than intended. We are planning on sending out an eblast to the MZSS registration list and gather data for a best time to come up with follow up conversation.

We'll send out the blast. Find out what we get back. Disseminate information. Find best times.

We need to facilitate the conversation.

Last night we went astray when it was opened up to "beyond our wildest dreams."

Staci will write a 'cover' letter/paragraph to go with the eblast. It will also include a form for entering regional/zonal meeting data.

One idea last night was for each zone to have two representatives and all have a sit down. But that is probably further down the road when we get to strategic planning. Let's capture those ideas and save them for when we're ready.

MZSS

Anyone who wants to be involved in the next one, go to the website and fill out a service resume.

Q: In previous years, have we always had NAWS doing their track? A: yes.

1st one we didn't use them enough. 2nd one expanded. 3rd at their urging, we used them more. It's been an evolution.

In the initial planning before 1st one, conversations with NAWS was to include things that came out of the conference.

NEXT SZF in New Orleans:

Lee passed out flyers for the next SZF.

- 1) Volunteer Region will do the DRT/MAT at VRC and volunteered to do this in January. Jim interested in someone else doing this with him. Lonestar volunteered
- 2) Spiritual Principle a Day – Staci and Sharon
- 3) Making NA Attractive – Kristin and Lee working on this one. They're trying to get a local PR member involved.

Cut off for room block is December 28.

In loving service,
Lucy O