

SZF MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2020 (Sunday)
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No objections to last minutes

Treasurer's Report January 26, 2020

Beginning Bank Balance	\$12,015.50
Income	
Registrations	\$440.00
Regional Donations	2,438.85
T-Shirt Sales Ft. Smith:	165.00
T-Shirts Sales	830.00
Total Income:	
Expenses	
Lucy O – Secretary	
Check #1072 (293 miles) travel	
Hotel 2-1/2 room nights	\$242.55
Henry C – Southern Zonal Forum Representative	
Check #1076– Hotel 2-1/2 room nights	125.35

Charmaine D – Appointed PR/FD Coordinator Check #1073	430.10
Airfare travel – \$179.40 Hotel 1 full room night – 2-1/2 room nights - \$250.70	
Joy Fields – RD Kemtuckian T-Shirt Seed Money	300.00
Lone Star Region T-Shirt Seed Money Debit Card	551.00
California Steve Web Design Check #1071	300.00
WSO Donation Check #1079	5,000.00
Total Expenses:	6,949.00
Ending Balance:	\$8,940.35

Q: Did we send a donation to NAWS last meeting?

A: We said we would wait to see about sending Henry.

SZ rep report: Not a lot to report. I've been on a couple calls for zonals. One I was traveling so only listened in.

Henry has the zonal report he needs to send in for WSC.

There are 3 questions the zone needs to answer. Can we take a couple minutes to talk about these?

Does the zone have successes we want to share with other zones?

Yes – this weekend

Do we have issues/concerns we'd like help from?

GUIDELINES, Jim: Henry provided Jim with a list of zonal contacts. Only 2 sent guidelines and we exceed what they do exponentially. Would like more input on how they handle business meetings. Henry: US zones aren't formal – most aren't. Some don't even have a facilitator or other positions at zones. They just meet. Still communicating and collaborating. Outside of the US they are more formal. We could improve but we may have to do that ourselves. Suggest we get an adhoc and put together our guidelines ourselves. There was a suggestion to get a mission statement.

Maybe we need to expand our "ask" from zones to regions.

Open to more collaboration with other zones and will be continuing that conversation at the MZSS.

Q: Are we being asked to bring something back to next zone.

A by Jim: Request to Henry, if you don't have a policy, tell us how you do what you do.

Staci: – Let’s expand our guidelines request to our regions. “We’re creating an adhoc and would like input from regions about what is missing that matters to you.”

Comment: Let’s gather input first before we create new guidelines.

Q: Are we creating an adhoc/task group for guidelines?

Staci attended last zonal webinar. There was a conversation about multi zonal and the positive impact. Attendees are going back to regions on fire for service. US zones and all zones meetings will continue to happen.

Acting SZF PR Liaison Report 1/26/2020

I am pleased to report the PR with the professional’s forum turned out successful. It was counted 84 total in the first portion including the panel and 57 in the PR fellowship training which was not able to be completed due to time constraints. I must say I was skeptical it would come together but with the collaborative efforts of many the “WE” pulled it off . I would like to give a big thank you to all involved. We faced many challenges which we overcame with our facilitator helping negotiate the differences in vision of the Dallas area PR and what I felt was the task this body expected me to stay within. I sought guidance also multiple times in the PR advisors at NAWS.

It was recommended I take a quieter approach and allow Lonestar Region and Dallas area work out the details of how to get their PR Chair’s vision accomplished and offer any support and information I could to help the process.

I had much concern over the costs that were adding up over the budget this body had set, I was told “ it would be worked out”. I stated again \$150 for room cost and \$150 for literature copies ect. was the SZF’s commitment. The scope of the project was widening with things that could effect NA as a whole such as the Surgeon General being invited without discussion by the committee. I again voiced concerned and was assured it was ok. Communications could have been more effective even though we held several zoom meetings.

I requested receipts to myself or Sharon the treasurer and am including the response I got. I will close with hope for a discussion on this report.

I struggled to maintain the directive given by the SZF and work within those guidelines. A specific example may be in budgeting. When I requested the information this was the response I was given:

Here are the cost breakdowns. I really have no expectations on reimbursement. Whatever SZF cares to reimburse or not if fine. The rest I may get covered or simply pay myself. I spent \$134 on the 500 flyers purchased in December for the professional presentation. I then spent \$20 that Shane C said was the cost of printing and mailing to me the workshop flyers. I used my own paper and ink supply for programs, badges and table tops. I purchased 100 badge holder \$75 still have 50 unused. My graphic designer made the flyer design and the workshop companion flyer and the badge template \$85 - \$35 & \$35 respectively. I sought branded event and a professional look. She also typed names on badges at the

last minute Fri at 9am when Volunteers did not come through. Probably my all my own expense. (I'm fully prepared to pay her fees myself) or Ask to use our DASC PR budget since we are the largest beneficiaries. I spent \$17 to have the table cloth cleaned so it looked perfect. I paid \$53 for ink to complete table tops badges and programs as I designed typed and printed them all myself personally assuming the associated expenses. Since I was notified was above the customary \$150 expense. I would humbly suggest to the SZF to consider the breath and scope planning an event. The larger the scope the higher the likely expense . Also we added a workshop the week before the event which added to expenses.

Karl B.

I addressed the need for group conscience and many decisions were made by Karl and reported to the group, which is not how I have traditionally worked with a group. The event was well attended and many people found it valuable but in the future I would like for us to have a more communicative way in which we interact with an area where we are presenting. We provide this as a service to the local Fellowship, which is the primary purpose.

Thank You for trusting me to serve,
Charmaine D.

My flight \$179
Room \$250.70
PR Event \$454
Total expense = \$883.70 which is \$154 over budget

Discussion/Comments:

Sounds like from all that, all he actually asked for is in budget. Let's wait for the 124.49 receipt.
We'll send one check after getting receipt.

Questions?

Staci: we had unique challenges – collaborative weekend, lots more people. Unique personalities,
Thank you to Charmaine.

We have prior experience with PR events and go into much less established areas, etc.

We need to be the ones who are flexible and fluid. Everywhere will be different. This is a positive.

Charmaine did a great job.

Q: Are we intending to do one at the multi zonal?

A: Cindi - They have a full PR for Professionals panel that has help from the local area.

Joy – 502 Area has said they have started getting PR situated.

Troy: Expressed confusion about the panel and the question asked. The question asked of facilities was–
What do you do for NA? And it came off like they were promoting their facilities. And that's not what we do as NA. Later on a woman in the crowd asked the real question - "What does NA do for you?"

Why was first question asked?

Question asked was to facilities: What do you do to cooperate with NA?

Multiple people heard different things. We all have our own filters. We all hear it a little differently.

3 questions promoted on the flyer were.

How do you currently work with NA?

What can NA do to assist you?

What challenges do you face?

These questions weren't posed to the panel.

Reminder: When we communicate our perception/feelings – don't state it as fact if we aren't sure.

During Charmaine's first report yesterday, the basket was passed – why? Members put money out of pocket to purchase refreshments for reception following PR for Professionals event.

Charmaine – collected \$27 over and the \$27 will go back to Lone Star since they paid \$3400 for the weekend.

Henry: My question is – was it beneficial? A: Yes it was. Local fellowship thinks it was. Are we providing a service? A: yes. Let's move with it and let it flow. Let's don't beat it down.

Keith: Key take away – we actively listened so we can represent it accurately to our regions.

Another take away – we can use this weekend and how it happened. Sounds like it was being driven by the local region 100%.

Charmaine tried to offer guidance. "Do you have refreshments on hand?" "Do you have the pamphlets?" There was a lot of input from Charmaine but they made the final decision.

Jennette: We worked together - zoom calls, met last minute here to get it together.

Craig –I took a couple pages of notes. It was fucking amazing. Tennessee is going to pump it up as a result of this event. Hats off to Carl. He took a risk, tried new shit. How can we do it better? Couple things were really great. A lot of people don't have any idea what the zone is – these kind of events – even if we were just a support behind the scenes – the zone's presence made a difference. Hats off to all.

Mike: if I'm not mistaken, the next zone is in Kentucky? A: we will talk about this in new business

Caitlin: Impressed with how the event went off despite all the difficulties with getting it planned.

Important for us to defer to the area. We're not the ones who have to live here when we go away. The way I see it is we show up and support them how we can and have contingency plans.

Troy: My intention wasn't to put it down. I've done some PR/PI in my area, so I know some of the difficulties. The audience participation was really good. As it got further to the end, a lot of facilities realize they have to rely on us. They can't take care of us addicts forever. They have to rely on us for that.

Staci: The point of being of service behind the scenes is the end result. That stuff stays behind the scenes. Some of the most selfless service done is done behind the scenes. All that being said, it was a huge success. Local community super stoked. And they were skeptical of our presence. They feel it was successful and will continue to allow other bodies to aid them in the future.

Elections:

Treasurer

Sharon rolled forward – agreed she would remain our nominee.

No one opposed to Sharon.

PR liaison

Kentuckiana nominates Charmaine.

Does she need to requalify? No.

Fellowship development

Q: What does fellowship development entail?

Mike B was nominated

Mike declined nomination at this time

Q: how long is the term. A: 2 years

Position still open.

Secretary

Lucy nominated.

July 2021 Forum

When we were in Bluegrass a member asked us to move zonal meeting back a weekend and they would host, provide hotel, etc. At that time Kentuckiana asked us to hold up and see if the region was willing.

Our normal weekend is last full weekend of the month (July).

Any regions opposed to backing up the zone a week?

No one opposed.

We are moving to July 18.

Do you all want a PR experience?

We have the room for PR presentations Friday around noon. Sending invites out to professionals.

Flyer attached. Mention 502 NA to the hotel.

Rides provided.

Joy and Mikey will work with Charmaine.

They got money for tshirts.

Mikey: How many tshirts? A: Caitlin has a list from July. Maybe take off a 5x and turn it into a mediam

Caitlin will send list.

Joy – topics will be picked after WSC.

It's in Shepherdsville KY. Fly into Louisville. About 20 minutes

Search for basic convention.

Q: Will you put together a southern zonal flyer as well as the convention flyer? A: Yes

Q: Are we piggy backing on their room block? A: Yes

Next zone after that will be at the MZSS. Q: Will we have a room? A: yes.

Discussion about last MZSS that spearheaded our weekend together this weekend. Staci made an assumption that we are willing to continue collaborative dialogue that was to invite other 3 MZSS zones to expand MZSS weekend. It turned into everyone who was there (not just the 3 MZSS zones. Staci assumed we were comfortable continuing those dialogues at the MZSS. Are we ok with that?

Q: As a member of programming for MZSS, would this be like 2 different sessions? A: Yes to get us back on track for original idea

- 1) Look like we first intended... meet with other MZ group zones. Continue this discussion
- 2) We'd like to continue the broader – anyone who would like to come together and talk about events like this? Are we ok with this? Can Staci facilitate this?

Cindi: for clarity – the conversation we wanted to have was about collaboration outside the MZSS between the 3 zones. Other members from other zones attended and it turned into a whole zonal collaboration. Not necessarily a workshop but a round table. What can we do together in addition to the MZSS.

Jennette: I'm comfortable with Staci facilitating

Jim: series of conversations. This weekend was a result of one of them. Whether or not the direction of the conference moves toward this it doesn't matter. We do communication well. This would be an opportunity to branch out.

Henry – Let's do both. This is the vibe from other zone. Let's all come together. Let's collaborate.

Troy: maybe not with just 3 zones – but with all 15 zones – can we get NAWS involved?

Cindi: We said these 3 zones because we will have full body, zonal meeting, trusted servants from each zone at MZSS.

Lucy: We need to be intentional about separating the 2 meetings. MZSS meeting between 3 zones on Thursday night.

Jim: It started with good pure intention and got derailed.

Staci: But look what happened as a result. This was a wonderful event.

Cindi: We're already geographically connected. We work well together.

Anyone opposed to Staci facilitating?

No.

Heard a question about PR: Can Charmaine join those conversations since this is in our zone?

A: yes.

Thursday night time slot for MZSS round table.

One other item of business: the southern zone normally provides \$350 for meeting space. We have this \$1000 from SEZF. Can we give our \$350 also? Lone Star committed to \$2000. The AV stuff pushed over our contract, but all was useful.

Any problems with the 350?

No opposition.

TIMELINE

Timeline off – cause of multi zonal.

Next year's schedule

Winter 2021 – Mississippi Jan. 29-31

Summer 2021 – Red River – July 23-25

Fall 2021 – Tejas Bluebonnet - Oct 29-31

CAR/CAT 2022

Is the zone committed to continuing collaboration and attend the SEZF car/cat on Jan 2022 28-30 2022 in Atlanta?

All ok with it. This would be Volunteer's rotation.

Charmaine – ok with going to san Antonio and yes we are all ok.

Look at Austin flights when traveling to MZSS

Note: July 2019 minutes have PR / FD guidelines.

Lee – Can we ask communities 6 months out if they want a PR event? A: we do that.

Sharon will admin get ½ room night on Thursday?

Is the body ok with funding body on Thursday night too?

No opposition.

Henry going to conference discussion

Yes we want to send Henry.

Q: Who is he representing?

Mike has a question: For how long are we sending Henry? – A: the whole week.

Q: Is he representing the Southern zone or the 2 unseated regions.

Jim: We don't need to figure out right here right now who he will be representing. If one of the regions doesn't have representation, your conscious will happen.

Jose – if you have 2 unseated regions/communities, the zonal delegate can represent them.

Caitlin: BARNAs has representation through KBARNAs today. But still unseated.

Would we let Henry represent the unseated region rather than the zonal body?

Jackie: Several motions passed at last WSC. One was the possibility for an alternate zonal delegate.

Staci has been filling in as the 2nd rep/delegate

Joy: I emailed the world board. They have Joy as RD for Kentuckiana – only for the seated region will funding be given by World.

Joy – When does NAWS need info? A: Feb 15

Keith: For each region NAWS funds 1 delegate. Is that policy in place for the zones now? A:: yes –

Henry's funding will be provided by NAWS. Q: Henry's our trusted servant, our voice. Why are we discussing this?

Shane: I'm most concerned we'll be in the same spot 18 months for now. We can't get past this policy issue. Thanks for taking the time to discuss it. Do we feel like the conscious of the Southern Zone is represented...?

Keith: We have the 2 unseated regions. We need to be working with our 2 unseated regions to get qualifications necessary to be seated in 2022. If they don't have those qualifications we will be in the same boat again.

Jackie: Bluegrass has been unseated since split. She has received two formal responses from WSC you will not be seated and we accepted this. Started working with both regions and sharing RD team. It's wonderful we now have a zonal rep going. Bluegrass is sharing the vote with Kentuckiana – ½ a vote. If he goes and represents the 2 unseated regions they get another ½ a vote. Aware this is a very uncomfortable situation for a long time. It's all good. We're working together in Kentucky. The entire zone has supported us 100%. We apologize that it's an old issue and uncomfortable. We're saying something new – we will not be seated. We accept that. Kentucky is not going to get an extra vote. We are working through our issues.

Staci: Right now we have a single zonal delegate and it's a lot of work to go by yourself. We don't have a ZDA.

TAKE back to regions we don't have an alternate.

BJ: I plan to go to the conference as well. We voted for this motion at last conference. We can send our vote through Henry. Zonal seating is not about us. It's about what is best for all of us. BJ thinks Henry should represent all of us. If regions want to go individually, is it the right thing to do?

Mikey: went to conference and had 2 alternates. And ended up in the hospital. Having 2 is important.

Donation to NAWS

Sharon: Do we want to send a world donation. We're sitting on \$13,000+

Comment: \$5000.

No objections.

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Lucy