

## April 27 Meeting

### Opened 10 AM with the Serenity Prayer

**Present:** Adam S, AD MS , Bob, RD LA, Joseph N, AD TBRNA, Kevin D RD Kentukianna, Kristin, FD, Kristin Roach, Lucy O, Secretary, Marc S, IT, Rob B, , Ruben, RD TBRNA, Russ RD Lonestar, Scott K, ZD, Scott M, Facilitator, Scotty H, AD LA, , Sharon, Treasurer,

**Fund Flow Workshop** by Scott K was awesome. Great Discussion followed.

### Treasurers Report

Bank balance: 13,971.75. Several donations have come in. We're ok going into the summer zone.

Question: talked about doing a treasurers report last meeting that summarized things like expenses, Sharon thought Bob was going to send an example. At bottom of the check register there was an explanation.

Bob sent an example in Slack but Sharon didn't see it and now it's gone since it was more than 3 months ago. Bob will send another example.

**Nominations:** Rob B for Secretary. Resume attached. We will vote in July.

### IT – Marc

Zoom software solution for using more than one camera and mic. Powerbar with long extension cord and surge protector \$25 USB extension \$8 We can decide in July on these purchases and should also test the set up then to see if it can work for us. In the meantime, we can use member equipment to test out how well it will work.

Ruben's region is about to try the owl and will report back.

Comment made that the sound was much better when speaker / mic was in the center of a more closely set up room.

[it@szfna.org](mailto:it@szfna.org) email mailbox is being set up by Steve S to be used with Zoom etc, since Lucy is rotating off and it technically falls under IT since we created that position.

**Slack:** Joseph N and Kevin D requested to be added to SLACK and Lucy sent them Slack links by text.

### Task Group Reports

#### Communications task group report

The Communications Task Group has met every other week since February 5. We've worke on the following portions of the Lack of Effective Internal Communication:

- Incorporate recovery meetings back into zonal forum
- Develop a set of values for trusted servants of zonal body
- Commit to communication methods for specific items

Under lack of external communications we've worked on:

- Develop Zonal Newsletter

- Develop & present Workshops to fellowship in between zonal meetings

We still need to work on these:

- Develop guidelines for disruptive behavior at service meetings
- Regular internal inventory of the body
- Zonal Pamphlet describing what the zone is and what it does

### **Racism Task Group**

Ruben is now co-facilitator for Racism group and he gave a report

Next Task Group Meeting: May 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Next large group meeting is June 1 at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Question:** What is the difference between the 2 different meetings. This wasn't mentioned in st. louis.

**Answer:** Effects of racism was inventory topic. Put together a virtual meeting and opened up to all. It was a huge meeting and not what was expected.

Question/Comment: also confused. flyer said looking at racism in all narcotics anonymous, but we were tasked to look at the SZF issues.

### **Mentorship**

Apology from Marc. He tried having a meeting but it was a bad time for people. No one showed up.

### **Regional reports**

**Tejas Bluebonnet** had their regional assembly. New AD is Joseph. They are traveling to New Orleans together.

**Lonestar:** Russ said Kristen R is coming in May. Craig is coming to do PR extravaganza.

**Arkansas:** Contact Alica for more info about a Social Media workshop in Searcy.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Zonal Contact Discussed**

Ruben: Most zones do have a 2<sup>nd</sup> zonal contact. 2<sup>nd</sup> zonal contact and thinks it should come from RDs if region is ok with the person doing 2 positions.

We can talk more about this in July – This is mostly referring to the US collaboration body. Scott M / SZF facilitator is willing to be that person.

Under Facilitator Duties: Possibly update guidelines to say in collaboration with rather than in absence of  
– Talk about in July

### **A Suggestion from Marc, IT**

Meet in person once a year for longer time

SUGGESTION: changing how SZF meets Instead of meeting in person 3 or 4 times a year, we meet in person once a year for a longer period and meet virtually 3 times this model is followed by many other zones If we meet for one week, 5 days, we could really dig deeper with strategic planning, have time for workgroups to set a plan for the year to meet the plans goals, and conduct workshops and business. We

could meet Monday to Friday or Wednesday to Sunday. As it is, each of us sacrifices 6 to 8 weekdays a year. This model would sacrifice less days but allow us to get more done. During the virtual meetings every 3 months, we could hear reports and conduct business. We could also set up a yearly inventory to help us with the strategic plan at our in person meeting. The reduction in travel costs alone would reduce our budget or free up money for PR and FD as well as workshops. Just some ideas I'm throwing out there. We don't need to make a decision but maybe we need a workgroup to investigate this approach for us to serve our regions and areas.

**Website Request:**

Bluegrass still showing on website and request to add 2 financial forms to website.

Both have been updated.

Closed with 3<sup>rd</sup> step prayer at 11:54.