

Southern Zonal Forum
September 28, 2014

1. Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, followed by readings.
2. Suggestion made to waive reading of last meeting's minutes. All agreed.
3. Discussion about timeline:
The timeline has not been redone yet.
Does weather matter in rotation? Can't do north or south and avoid weather. For instance Louisiana had horrible weather last January.
Should we keep going with current rotation after putting Show Me back in the schedule?
Originally set because of budget - so not 2-3 expensive trips in one year – rather than because of weather.
We swapped Louisiana and Bluegrass Appalachian.
Might flip a couple of east/wests – to keep expensive trips down.
Example don't put all of Texas meetings in one year – or all of Kentucky/Tennessee meetings, so that one or more regions have a huge expense that year because all are a far distance to travel.
Reminder about guideline change about being accessible by air
Dickie will complete the timeline by the time we meet next and put it on the website.
4. Minutes in January:
Kristin suggested maybe a delegate or alternate could do minutes in January. It's an expensive trip for the secretary to go to Louisiana.
5. New Bank Account:
Randie said we are very close to having new bank account at Chase Bank. She got us a new EIN number. She's going to open account next week and needs \$200 to open. Henry and BJ can go to their closest Chase Bank and sign cards.
6. Forum preparations:
Louisiana will get flyer on website by next week. It will be in Lake Charles in January.
Louisiana workshops –
 Technology – Lucy and Kory
 Violent and Disruptive behavior – Ricardo and Dan
 Traditions - Rob & Janeen
Bluegrass does have a new RD and the SZF will be in Lexington next July. A flyer will be on the website within 2 weeks.
Arkansas in October, 2015. Matt doesn't want to miss what they're supposed bring to forum about Oct. 2015 meeting. Matt's area was interested in hosting – but it's not close to the airport. Reply: do what you gotta do.
7. Several shirts left over from MZSS – divided between regions. Large/extra large left.
Zones get to keep money. – zonal members bought them.
8. No old business
9. Concern with website – all real old info on it. Maybe we could put together a virtual workgroup to work on it. (but we didn't) Randie said she would contact Steve about website.

10. Discussion about the zone meeting virtually.
 Maybe we could meet virtually in October – talk about the website, rotation, etc.
 Suggestion to wait til after Louisiana meeting because then we will further workshop technology and after that know what software we might want to invest in and have more practice using technology for meetings.
 Spring should be a good time to try it since we don't have a meeting in the spring any longer.
 Lucy will tell Kory we want to fine tune this so we can do this in the spring and then do an official zonal meeting at a later time.
 Maybe Kristen could be secretary virtually!
11. Treasurer's report – Kristen will get official report out ASAP.
 \$570 Donations
 \$833.54 Balance a couple weeks ago
 Checks Received 40.63 & 19.96
 \$894.13 Total prior to mzss.
 Number of donations received here.
 \$1464.13 Total balance now with all the donations.
 Expenses:
 \$377.4 Henry travel
 \$528.77 Randie travel (500 of Randie's travel was paid out prior to that beginning balance)
 \$251.50 Hotel
 \$812.26 Balance (subtract 200 going into new account)
 \$100 Additional for the MZSS tshirts
 \$712.26 Total
 Check will be written after new account opened. Sent to Dickie to sign and then send to Randie.
 \$912.26 Should end up being in new account.
12. Mike brought up the idea discussed at previous forum(s) about the possibility of restructuring so that regions facilitate, secretary to save money. Are we still thinking about doing this? We discussed this a little but nothing was decided one way or the other.
13. Are we going to be in support of another function like this?
 We need to ask our regions. Although we personally should fill out the survey on the MZSSNA.ORG website.
14. Dickie brought up discussion concerning the Southern Zonal Forum.
 What can we (SZF) be? What can we do? Next time we meet – don't let it die.
 Bring ideas in January.
 Dickie told a story about how his area died at one point...
 NE zonal forum – same thing happened that Dickie talked about.
 One service their forum does as a service is they compiled list of all H&I and PR chairs. This allows chairs to talk to each other across zones.

In Loving Service, Lucy O.