

Minutes of the
Florida Region Teleconference
January 23 2011, 7:30 pm EDT.

Attendance: 25

Non voting members: 9

Ed-Chairperson
Kathy-Vice Chairperson
Lynne-Treasurer
Sheryl-Alt. Delegate
Roy- H & I Chair
Melanie-Website Chair
Kristy-Melbourne
Moraine-Port St. Lucie
Sheila- Palm City

Voting Members: 16

Jan-GSR-Longwood
Ivette-GSR-Spring Hill
Robyn-GSR-Fort Lauderdale
Dan-GSR-Lakeland
Alina-GSR-Lutz
Ginny-GSR-New Port Ritchie
Teresa-Alt. GSR-Palm City
Margee-GSR-Melbourne
Yonnie-GSR-Lantana
JoAnn-GSR-South Tampa
Lauren P-GSR-Palm Bay
Stephanie-GSR-Winterhaven (Thursday)
Gina-Alt GSR-Port St. Lucie
Jacquelyn-GSR-Jacksonville
Donna-GSR-Palm Harbor (Evening)
Lorry-Alt GSR-Palm Harbor (Morning)

Ed opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, Sunday January 23, 2011 at 7:34 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

Roll call was taken. See the results above.

Approval of the Minutes:

Ed asked for a motion to approve the December 19 minutes. Jan made the motion and Gina seconded. Three errors were found in the minutes. Ed postponed the approval of the minutes until the following month (Feb.).

Treasurer’s Report:

\$ 1139.69 donation to WSO – we received a letter and Lynne read the letter.

\$3802.85 Balance as of Nov 10, 2010

- +\$50.00 Melbourne
- +\$25 Spring Hill
- +\$50 Palm City
- +\$50 Dunedin
- +\$32 Palm City work shop
- +\$216.72 Cape Coral
- +\$69 Lutz
- \$492.72 total contributions

-\$58.50 Info line (29.25 each month for Dec. and Jan.)

\$434.22 Net

\$4,237.07 Balance as of Jan 23, 2011 (corrected from to 4,235.67)

Delegate Report:

Sheryl reported that she and Rand have submitted quarterly reports to WSO. They included reports on elections of committee chairs and the delegate and alternate delegate, reports on the two “Days of Serenity”; one held in Crystal Beach and one in Palm City, balances in our treasury, our helpline. Also included were the goals of the Delegate and Alternate Delegate for 2011 and 2012.

Ed asked when the minutes from the 2010 conference would be available. Sheryl responded, that she thought that the minutes were already available but that she would check on it.

Website Committee Report:

Melanie reports that all is going well and there are no issues or problems. The system check was good and that just the regular maintenance was needed.

<u>Period</u>	<u>number of hits</u>
2010 (Jan-Dec)	1,965
Jan 1 – Jan 22	169
Dec 1 – Dec 31	249

The website is ranked number 2 under Nar-Anon.fl. Only U.S. Recovery is rated higher.

U.S. is not affiliated with Nar-Anon or NA. It is a private sight with products for sale and links to other sites. Melanie has posted many new events such as; potluck dinners and the face to face meeting in Sebring on Feb 19th. There is new meeting information. The Brooksville meeting has moved to Spring Hill and the Brandon meeting has changed their time to 7 pm. Also, there is an updated literature order form available.

Ed mentioned that Duneden will be having a anniversary/speaker meeting on Feb 1st. Melanie said that she would post it as soon as she heard from the Duneden meeting.

Ed asked about people joining the website committee. Melanie responded that no one has joined the committee. Melanie has received only one response from four people who initially showed interest. Ed said that he would talk to Melanie afterwards.

Melanie can be reached at myjonquility@aol.com

Hospitals and Institutions Committee Report:

Roy said that he sent an E-mail on Jan. 17th, describing the activities of various local meetings getting involved with hospitals and institutions. He has asked for volunteers to serve as committee members. Sheryl, Alina and others have already volunteered. He encouraged members to get involved. Ed suggested that Susan may be of help as well. The committee will be supporting a Nar-Anon presents at the Chasco festival. The committee will be encouraging members to get involved in a letter writing campaign soon.

Melanie asked to be informed about H & I events. Roy said that he would include her in his E-mails. Melanie stated that all she had on the website were the 3 letters for H & I.

Kathy informed Melanie that the 3 letters are outdated and have been replaced by letters from WSO. A discussion followed about these letters and whether they should be taken off the website. A general consensus was reached on these points:

1. That, it was up to the groups to decide whether to use the region's letters or the WSO letters.
2. That, copies of the letters, both WSO's and the region's, be sent to the GSR's so that the groups can make their decisions.

Public Information Committee Report:

Robyn reports that the committee has issued a flyer to all the GSR's. They are tweaking and improving the flyer. Robyn is constantly updating the meeting list. In addition to the times and locations of meetings, Robyn is keeping track of the names of treasurers and secretaries which many groups are submitting. Robyn will be sending out a new meeting list every 3 months and Robyn is streamlining the helpline schedule.

Lynne asked if the schedule that Robyn is working on was from Sebring. Robyn replied that she didn't know about the schedule from Sebring but she used the schedule from the website. Kathy will be sending Robyn a helpline contact list and Robyn agreed to send out a new schedule as soon as possible.

Convention Committee Report:

Kristy reported that the Cocoa Beach Convention committee has come up with a theme for their convention. It is "Words of Wisdom in All your affairs". All the positions on the committee are filled and the committee meets every week. Registration forms should be sent out by the week of Jan. 30th.

Ed asked to have the minutes of the committees meetings sent to either him or Kathy. Kristy agreed. Ed also asked for the time and date of the convention. Kristy reported that the convention will be held from Friday April 1st to Sunday April 3rd at the International Palms Resort. This information is now available on the website. Kathy asked that when the flyer is ready, that she could have a copy to send to WSO and they can post it on their website. The Cocoa Beach meeting will be having a spaghetti dinner fund raiser on March 12th. More information is on the website and there will be a flyer out shortly.

Dan reported that the Nar-Anon convention at FRCNA, will be held Friday July 1st through Sunday July 3rd. The cost of registration is \$20.00. Registrations will be going out shortly. At present, the committee is looking for someone to process the registrations. Lynne volunteered to accept the registrations and process the deposits.

Newsletter Committee Report:

Ed reported that the chairperson of the committee has resigned. Ed is looking for nominations for a new chairperson and hopes to have a newsletter out after the Sebring face to face meeting.

Regional Announcements:

Kathy announced the face to face meeting will be held on Feb. 19, 2011 at Highlands Hammock State Park. The major purpose will be to get ready for the elections of officers and chairpersons. There will be an E-mail sent out with times and directions. The meeting will start at 10:00am and go approximately until 4:00pm. If you attend, you may want to bring a lunch. See the website for more information.

Ginny announced that the Chasco festival will be held from Saturday March 26th to Sunday March 27th. Because Nar-Anon is non-profit organization, the booth fee will be waved. Ed volunteered to be the contact person on Saturday, and added that there are many volunteers to help.

Robyn asked for a copy of the 501 tax exempt form. Lynne explained that that ID number is confidential and cannot be published.

Ginny reported that she and Donna have contacted the Head of Student Services, Lizette Alexander, in Pasco County. Ginny and Donna hope to pass on literature and information to SRO's and guidance councilors. Donna asked if they should use the introduction letters from WSO or the letters from the region's H & I committee. Kathy stated that it was their choice.

Roy asked Ginny for information about getting literature into schools. That information may help him get literature into Hillsboro County schools. A discussion followed.

Adjournment:

The chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn. Lorry made the motion and Roy seconded. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Ed led the membership with the serenity prayer. Afterward Ed said, "See you in Sebring".

The next meeting will be a face to face meeting and will be held on Saturday Feb. 19th at Highland Hammock State Park. The meeting will start at 10:00am EST.

Secretary's Notes:

To get more information on events and regional business, sign onto the Florida Region's website, naranonfl.org.

Additions or corrections for the website can sent to Melanie at MyJonquility@aol.com

Matters concerning meeting times, meeting locations, contact people and helpline scheduling contact Robyn at robyb75@bellsouth.net.

Minutes of the

Florida Regional F2F Meeting Sebring, FL

February 19, 2011, 10:30 am EDT

Attendance: 27

Non voting members: 12

Ed - Chairperson

Kathy - Vice Chairperson

Lynne - Treasurer

John – Secretary

Sheryl - Alt. Delegate

Alice – Dunedin

Melanie - Website Chair

Pat – Port St. Lucie

Alice - Port St. Lucie

Shelly- Palm City

Susan – Cape Coral

Barbara - Melbourne

Voting Members: 15

Doug – GSR - Dunedin

Ivette - GSR - Spring Hill

Jeani – GSR - Largo

Jan – GSR - Longwood

Dan –GSR - Lakeland

Alina - GSR - Lutz

Michelle – GSR - Palm City

Kristy – Alt. GSR - Melbourne

Yonnie - GSR-Lantana

Gerry – GSR - Port St. Lucie

Lauren – GSR - Palm Bay

Stephanie – GSR -Winterhaven(Thursday)

Sandra – GSR - Ocala

Donna – GSR - Palm Harbor (Evening)

Gary – GSR - Palm Harbor (Morning)

Ed opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, Saturday February 19, 2011 at 10:34 am Eastern Standard Time.

Roll call was taken. See the results above.

Approval of the Minutes:

Ed asked for a motion to approve the December 9th, Teleconference Call minutes as amended. Jeani made the motion and Gerry seconded. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Ed asked for a motion to approve the January 23rd Teleconference Call Minutes. Lynn had one minor change to the Treasurer's Report. The monthly Contribution for the Information line is \$29.95. The correct balance in the Treasury as of January 23rd is \$4,235.67. After the amended items, Alina made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Dan seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Workshop: "Who and What" – Sheryl and Rand

Sheryl (Alternate Delegate) conducted a workshop. She suggested that all Nar-Anon Groups have a copy of the "Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services". These are available through the website WSO (Nar-Anon.org) and can be downloaded free of charge in PDF format.

Sheryl discussed of the committees and the responsibilities of each position within the committees. Chairpersons can serve one year and, if voted in again, can serve one more term for a total of 2 years of service.

There was a discussion about the upcoming Nar-Anon conventions in cooperation with Narcotics Anonymous Conventions. The only Nar-Anon supported state wide convention is FRCNA (Florida Regional Convention which held during the week of 4th of July.

A definition of the differences between the PI and the H&I was given. H&I committee is the Hospitals and Institutions Committee. They work with doctors, rehabilitation centers, courts or within the Justice System.

PI is Public Information Committee and is the liaison between the public and the Nar-Anon Region/Nar-Anon Family Groups. They prepare and produce state and local meeting lists, distribute convention flyers, and can participate in public service events, and maintain the information line.

Lynn discussed and explained the process that took place for the approval and participation of Nar-Anon in the CHASCO Festival in Pasco County. The process was started via an email chain and did not come through the GSR Group forum for approval. Because of the lack of information, the proper process was not followed. Susan explained the proper process and that the end result is that Nar-Anon will be participating in this event anyway.

Rand described the procedure for a Nar-Anon Family Group or an individual of Nar-Anon to apply for funds to participate in a health fair or local festival group or other events that benefit the Nar-Anon program and message and are not paid for by a local NFG. If there is time to present the request on a GSR monthly teleconference call, which would be the first place to start. The GSR's will then vote to contribute the funds from the appropriate budget or vote not to support the request. If there is no time to present the request on the GSR call, the Nar-Anon Family Group can email the PI Chairperson, who can then ask for the funds from the Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of January 23, 2011 \$4,235.67

Donations:

Lutz	\$ 80.00
Ocala Forest	20.00
<u>Ft. Lauderdale SESH Group</u>	<u>173.00</u>
Total Contributions	<u>\$273.00</u>

New Balance as of February 19, 2010 \$4,508.67

Semi-Annual Report

Total Donations Year to Date \$1,005.72

Year to Date expenditures from the budget:

H&I	\$62.60
PI (Information Line)	\$119.80
New Comer Group Packets + miscellaneous Shipping)	\$10.00
Shelter Rental Fee	<u>\$107.00</u>

Total Expenditures Year to Date: **\$299.40**

Total donations forwarded to the World Service Organization (from groups) year to date: \$ 25.00

Year to year comparison of donations, year to Date as of February 19th:

2009	\$ 330.00
2010	\$ 735.81
2011	\$1,005.72

Delegate Report:

Rand reported that he is grateful for everyone who came to Sebring and who participates on the monthly teleconference calls. "Getting involved in service helps in our recovery and gives back." Rand and Sheryl are both on the WSO Literature Committee. Currently the Guide to Local Services calls for each Region to only publish one piece of literature per group. Rand would like for the guide to say that Regions and Areas could produce 1 piece of literature, which is intended to be a meeting list.

Rand quoted as follows:

"There have been many questions about the minutes from the World Service Conference in April 2010, which has taken 10 months to be released. Some people have wondered why. If anyone doubts the allegiance of the board to this fellowship, I want to share a personal observation. During the conference a loophole was identified that could potentially allow any future Board of Trustees to "stuff" the board and take control of the fellowship from the World Service Conference. In a testament of the dedication and sincerity of the current board, before the Conference was over, the board had met and the loop hole was closed."

Rand explained why the minutes were so late. In an effort to avoid issues from previous conferences, a person was hired from an outside organization. That person was over whelmed and did not know anything about the fellowship. However, there were microphones setup and recordings were made. Several members reviewed the tapes and painstakingly transcribed the minutes. The financial statement for the World Service Organization is available. Rand will get a hard copy of that report for the Florida Region.

The World Service Organization has a Conference every other year. Fellowships are financially responsible for sending the delegate from their Region and alternate delegate when possible. Some states may have more than one region and will send a delegate from each region.

The Conference Agenda Report (CAR) will be available on November 6th 2011. The first deadline is October 6th for submitted motions to be included in the CAR. December 31st, we need to send in the required monies for the number of delegates we are sending. February 20th 2012 regional delegate's report must be submitted by Rand.

The 2012 Conference will be held 19-23rd April, 2012.

Website Committee Report:

Website Chairperson: Melanie S, Ocala Forest, FL

Website System Upgrades, and System Checks

- No internal errors – all systems in working order
- Website system check – system functionality intact
- Renewal of website hosting on GoDaddy.com. Will expire on 9/29/11.
- **Issues resolved**
 - Hack attempt to site. No pages infected.
 - Notified webhosting site (Go Daddy) re: IP address of hacker.
 - Blocked hackers HTTP access to the site.
 - Updated security settings
- **Issues unresolved**
 - Google Map errors – No access. (user/password needed)
- **Website - Calendar Visitors**
 - 170 as of 2/16/11
 - 379 January 2011 (1,965 overall hits in 2010)
- **Nar-Anon FL reclaimed #1, 2, & 3 search ranking on Google**, was #2/3 December 2010/January 2011. The WSO website moved up to #7, US Recovery.info dropped to 4/5, Agape Center #6.

Updates to Site:

- **Calendar of Events (via KeepandShare.com)**
 - 2/1 Dunedin Anniversary Mtg.
 - 2/22 Lantana Dual Speaker Meeting
 - July 4th weekend FRCNA
- **Information added to site – Events & News**
 - 2/1 Dunedin Anniversary Mtg.
 - 2/22 Lantana Dual Speaker Meeting

- **Information added to site - Meetings**
 - Update mtg. information from new list (if necessary)
 - 3/3 Palm Harbor/East Lake Mtg. time to 7:30 pm
 - Winter Haven – Room # corrected to 226
- **Information added to site – Other, and Misc.**
 - Remove posts & flyers that have expired
 - Upload Jan GSR Mtg. Minutes
 - Uploaded registration form for Space Coast Convention
 - Uploaded registration form for FRCNA
 - Service Opportunities - FRCNA Sub-committee volunteers needed
 - Removed 3 PI letters (2/19 Sebring Group Conscience re: 7 Literature Committee letter in H&I packet)

Website to do's:

- Zip Code - Meeting Locator Search Box
- Links to World Service Organization, PA Forum, Narcotics Anonymous (reciprocity)

Additional Comments:

- Still seeking FL NFG Logo in High Resolution
- Website Committee seeks members

Secretary's note: Melanie can be reached at myjonquility@aol.com.

Hospitals and Institutions Committee Report: Roy, South Tampa

Budget: \$500.00.

\$65 was spent for copies of schedules to distribute at the NOPE Vigil in Pinellas County.

The state of Hospitals and Institutions, at this time, is summarized by our continued encouragement of local participation in events and at institutions.

As most of you know, the H/I Committee acts as a resource to groups and members in their efforts to carry the Nar-Anon message into hospitals and institutions for those who may not be aware of Nar-Anon Family Groups, keeping in mind the Twelve Traditions. In the Tampa Bay Area, we are bringing meetings and presentations to treatment centers and institutions. We have participated in the NOPE Candlelight Vigil and will be participating in the CHASCO Fiesta coming up in March. A second facet of our work is the distribution of Meeting Schedules and other approved literature.

As was stated previously, we are encouraging all meetings to purchase the Packet of letters for Hospitals and Institutions and Public Information for \$2.50. The letters contained in this packet are critical for group discussion and raising consciousness. Groups can then choose their level of participation in Hospitals and Institutions or Public Information. If you need the committee to provide this packet to your group please let us know. Our committee would like to recommend that these packets be made a part of the "New Meeting" literature.

April 2011 - Please poll attending GSR's or their representatives to see which groups would like to receive this information.

If groups and their members can bring presentations and/or meetings to hospitals and institutions, we will encourage and support their efforts. A letter writing campaign to spread the Nar-Anon message would also be an effective grassroots project. Letters to local and municipal judges, doctors, treatment centers, police and probation officers, public defenders, and spiritual leaders would build an understanding of our program and raise awareness of Nar-Anon. To find listings of treatment centers in your area, *the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)* website has a treatment facility locator that can find programs throughout the state of Florida. Form letters for this purpose are included in the H/I/PI packet. The H/I committee can forward these letters to interested parties.

April - 2011: Please ask attending GSR's or representatives to take this information regarding the letter writing campaign to their home groups for suggestions. A coordinated spring letter writing campaign to select target audience(s) could be very effective for spreading our message. Groups that wish to participate may e-mail me at rbranner@tampabay.rr.com.

To all of you who have expressed an interest in this committee, thank you for your patience. As trusted servants of Nar-Anon, we all have our own responsibilities and lives to manage, as well as, to provide service in keeping with our Twelfth Step. Anything that can be done benefits the fellowship and those still suffering. We look forward to your ideas, suggestions, and thoughts.

Convention Committee Report:

Dan reported that the Cocoa Beach Convention committee has come up with a theme for their convention. It is "Words of Wisdom in All Your Affairs". Registrations are available now.

All the positions on the committee are filled and the committee meets every week.

Dan reported that the Nar-Anon convention at FRCNA will be held Friday, July 1st through Sunday July 3rd. The cost of registration is \$20.00. Registration forms will be going out shortly. At present, the committee is looking for someone to process the registrations. Lynne volunteered to accept the registrations and process the deposits. Still needed, are volunteers for the literature table.

Rand mentioned that the "Fun in the Sun" group has agreed to give Nar-Anon a room. The NA convention is April 21-24th. Nar-Anon will be there from Friday April 22nd through Sunday morning, April 24th.

Newsletter Committee Report:

Ed reported that the chairperson of the committee has resigned. Ed is looking for nominations for a new chairperson and hopes to have a newsletter out after the Sebring face to face meeting.

Old Business:

Travel Expense Discussion

Guide to Local Services says that gas expenses are covered, but no meals or overnight expenses. Last year's budget approved use of \$500 for general travel expense reimbursement for Board Members/Officers.

Dan formally submitted a motion that Officers be reimbursed for fuel to fund travel expenses to Regional meetings

Doug seconded it, but as a friendly amendment, wanted it to include Committee Chairpersons. Dan accepted the friendly amendment for F2F Regional meetings. Additional friendly amendments were made until the final motion was voted on as listed below.

Much discussion followed.

Motion as Amended:

To reimburse officers, delegates and committee chair persons, who are not GSR's, to be reimbursed for Regional F2F meetings at the rate of \$.10 per mile for mileage only.

14 approved and 1 not approved. Motion carried.

Clarification: Susan asked if the mileage started with this meeting. It was agreed that it would begin with this Regional F2F meeting.

New Business

Nar-A-Teen

Rand read the rules for beginning a Nar-A-Teen group as presented in the World Service Organization Guidelines and explained what a Sponsor would do for a Nar-A-Teen group. In Florida, we cannot use the same rules. Teenagers in the State of Florida are considered as an "at risk group". As of August last year, finger printing locally and level 2 FBI screening that requires a live scan is required for a sponsor for as Nar-A-Teen group. This could run as much as \$100 or more. Rand suggested that we form a Florida committee, who will report to the World Nar-A-Teen committee. We are looking for someone to volunteer to be the Chairperson of a Florida Nar-A-Teen committee. Kristy from Melbourne made a motion to form a Nar-A-Teen committee within Florida. Yonnie – 2nd the motion.

Motion to form a committee to explore Nar-A-Teen program in Florida:

Discussion: Once the committee is formed the tasks and discovery will be determined. Melanie has gathered information that will help clarify the screenings and will provide that information to the committee that is formed.

Individual vote was taken by the Secretary. Motion was approved unanimously.

Open Committee Chair Positions:

Kathy began a discussion of the open Committee Chair positions:

1. Newsletter
2. Public Information
3. Nar-A-Teen

These people would serve until the next election event which will be at the next F2F meeting in the fall.

Kathy read the details of the Newsletter Chairperson's responsibilities. She also read the PI Committee Chair responsibilities as the link between individuals, groups and the public, conventions flyers and meeting lists, information line, and contact list.

Kristy nominated Margee for the Chairperson for the Newsletter position. Margee accepted via Text message. A show of hands was taken and Margee was approved as the Newsletter Chairperson. You can reach Margee at the following email address: Margaret.Carrella@att.net.

Rand nominated Kristy and Lauren to be co-chairs for the Nar-A-Teen chair position. A show of hands was taken and they were approved as Co-Chairpersons.

Discussion of Regions and Areas:

Rand provided information regarding the division of regions and areas. The decision to break into Areas is up to the Nar-Anon Family Groups. The State is responsible for holding a State Assembly, where GSR's are expected to attend.

The Guide to Local Services says that areas may be inappropriate due to geography and distances. Discussion continued about Groups forming areas, noting that there is no one to guide us through this.

Discussion of qualifications of voting members:

In the Local Guide Lines it states that "a quorum shall consist of 51% of the voting members or business will not be conducted." However, Roberts' Rules says you can use a plurality of a set group.

Yonnie motion: Define a voting member as any Nar-Anon Family Group who sends a GSR or alternate GSR to participate or attend any regional meeting or teleconference in the past 12 months. Gerry seconded the motion.

Due to time constraints, motion was made by Doug to table this motion until the next F2F, Donna seconded the motion.

John took a roll call vote: the motion is tabled until the next F2F. It comes back automatically according to Roberts Rules as part of old business.

Upcoming Board Member Elections:

Kathy:

Next F2F will need a new slate of all officers and all committee chairs. Please read the Guide to Local Services for definitions of each position. Please send nominations to the Secretary by August 15th.

The Next Face to Face Meeting

Dan made a motion that the next Face to Face will be September 17, 2011. Yonnie seconded the motion. A voice vote passed anonymously.

Adjournment:

The chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn. Sandra made the motion and Jeani seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

To end the meeting, Ed led the membership in the serenity prayer.

The next meeting will be a teleconference on April 24th, which is Easter, at 7:30 EDT. The phone number is

(218) 844-0840 and the password is **368151**. The meeting will last less than 1 hour.

Secretary's Notes:

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Sheryl- Alternate Delegate
John-Secretary
Lynne-Treasurer
Melanie-Website Chairperson
Kristy- Alternate GSR Melbourne

Voting Members: 16

Doug-GSR Duneden
Robyn-GSR Ft. Lauderdale
Dan-GSR Lakeland
Yonnie-GSR Lantana
Jeani-GSR Largo
Jan-GSR Longwood
Alina-GSR Lutz
Margee-GSR Melbourne
Ginny-GSR New Port Richey
Sandra-GSR Ocala
Lauren-GSR Palm Bay
Michelle-GSR Palm City
Donna-GSR Palm Harbor
Gerry-GSR Port St. Lucie
JoAnn-GSR South Tampa
Stephanie-GSR Winterhaven

Kathy opened the meeting, Sunday May 1, 2011 at 7:35 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time with the serenity prayer.

Roll call was then taken. See the results above.

Jeani moved to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2011 meeting at Sebring. JoAnne seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Summary

Balance after Sebring meeting	\$4,508.67
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Credits

Group donations	\$ 581.53
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Debits

Help line Fee (Feb-April (@29.95/mo))	\$ 89.85
W.S.O. (New Meeting packets, Guide to Local Services)	\$ 160.00
Shelter Fee (Sept. 2011)	\$ 107.00
Travel Expenses	<u>\$ 66.70</u>
	<u>\$ 423.55</u>

Balance as of May 1, 2011	\$4,666.65
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Delegates Report:

Rand reported that the next World Conference will be held in April 2012. In order to be ready, the region should collect motions that we would like to see on the Convention Agenda Report (CAR). Rand hopes that these motions will be ready by the September face to face meeting in Sebring, but these motions can be submitted as late as Oct. 6, 2011. The CAR will then be given to WSO and resubmitted to the groups for consideration. When all the Groups of the Region reach a decision, the delegates will take the Regions' decisions to the World Conference. Rand suggested that we get to this matter as soon as possible.

Rand stated that the World Literature Committee does not have a lot of members. It has been suggested that Regions form their own literature committees. Rand said that he thought that this was something that our Region should consider. The regional committee could aid in editing and writing Nar-Anon literature.

Sheryl reported that there is a new pamphlet on Sponsorship that is in the final stages of approval and that it should be out soon.

Kathy stated that the Region should consider a new committee chair for literature at the next face to face. Rand and Sheryl agreed.

Announcements:

Kathy announced that in September, at the Sebring face to face, the entire board; Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer will be changed out and new elections will be held for these positions. In addition, all committee chairs will complete their 1 year terms and those positions will also be open. Kathy stated that nominations can be submitted prior to the face to face. Note: All nominations should be sent to the Secretary at f1secjohnm@yahoo.com.

Website Committee Report:

Melanie stated that a summary report on the website was submitted to the Secretary. She proceeded to give this report: There were no problems with the website and everything was running smoothly. Over the last 3 months the site had 274 visits in April, 324 in March, and 301 in Feb. There have been 899 total visits in 2011. The website still maintains its #1 ranking on Google. There have been a lot of changes to the website. The website reported 3 meetings had closed and 3 meetings had opened. In addition, the approved Minutes and the Newsletter are on the website. On the front of the website, links have been added to WSO and to NA.

Rand asked if the link mentioned to NA used the term "in collaboration with NA". Melanie answered that the term "helpful links" was used instead.

Public Information Report:

Kathy stated that at the present time, she was the Committee Chair for this committee, but she is asking if anyone would like to take the Position. She outlined the position as having 3 tasks.

1. Maintaining the contact list.
2. Maintaining the meeting list.
3. Scheduling the helpline.

Kathy asked Sandra if she could maintain the helpline. Sandra said that she would be willing to. Yonnie asked if the helpline is running "right now". Kathy replied that it is running, but that the schedule needs to be changed.

Kathy also stated that she had sent out new meeting lists, but that these lists need to be updated. Michelle asked to have her telephone number changed. Kathy replied that she would.

Kathy reported that WSO contact lists are not up to date. This is because groups are not reporting changes, in address, to WSO. The GSR or the Secretary of the group should be reporting this information to WSO when a change is made. Kathy has asked Cathy at WSO if a single contact number, the helpline, could be used for the entire Florida Region. Kathy also asked Cathy to give out the helpline number and the website address in order to find the meeting list. Kathy asked if there was any objection to this idea. No one had an objection. Kathy also made the point that WSO is sometimes very slow and information is not always expedient. Robyn made the point that WSO should give out the helpline number instead of contact people's personal telephone numbers. Kathy agreed.

A long discussion ensued in regard to registration of new meetings with WSO and the Florida Region.

Convention Committee Report:

Dan announced that pre-registration for the upcoming FRCNA convention will end on June 15th. It would be helpful to get as many people as possible to pre-register, so encourage members of your group to do so. Dan commented that Michelle is doing a great job on the registration committee. Dan is looking for volunteers for the registration desk and literature tables. If anyone is willing to help, please contact Dan, Michelle, or Ginny. Dan also asked for groups to donate gift baskets or handicraft items. If your group is going to donate, please contact Sheryl because the committee needs to know about this in advance. Kathy is working to develop the program. She is looking for speakers. Please contact her or Dan, if you or someone you know is willing to speak.

There was discussion about organizing and scheduling these duties. Dan said that he would send out an e-mail that would help organize the voluntary positions.

Michelle reported that her group has looked into purchasing tote bags. The total cost of 75 bags will be \$250.00 and Michelle hopes to get this money from the Region. Book marks and magnets will also be available.

Note: FRCNA will be held July 2-4. Please contact Dan or go to the website for more details.

Sheryl reported that the East Coast Convention committee is asking for help with fundraising for the convention expenses. The East Coast Convention is not held or sponsored by NA. It is comprised of several areas and regions of Nar-Anon. It will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia Resort from August 3rd through the 5th 2012. Sheryl read a letter asking for donations and voluntary support. For more information contact Susan I. at wildhorses525@live.com. Sheryl and Kathy related their experiences at the last East Coast Convention a few years ago. They were very positive. Donations can be earmarked for this cause through the Treasure, Lynne. Kathy discussed various fundraising projects.

Yonnie reported on the NA Gold Coast Convention. The Lantana group hopes that they can set up meetings during this convention. One of the topics they hope to discuss is the establishment of a South Florida Area. She will let Kathy know as soon as plans are finalized. Yonnie ask about how she could get "white literature" that is distributed at conventions. Kathy told Yonnie that the literature would come from the Literature Depot, but she was unsure how the literature would be paid for. Kathy said she would find out. Lynne reviewed the funds available.

Motion:

A motion was made by Yonnie to provide \$25.00 to the Lantana group for the purpose of purchasing "white" literature for the Gold Coast Convention and that any surplus of literature would be brought to FRCNA. The motion was seconded by Jerry.

A discussion ensued as to how to appropriate funds.

Point of order:

Jeani made the point that the teleconference had gone on for 71 minutes and that Motion 1 of the October 2009 Teleconference limits the calls to 1 hour. Kathy noted the point.

Discussion continued

Approval of the Motion:

Kathy reviewed the motion on the floor and called for a roll call vote. The vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Michigan Letters:

Kathy stated that the last she heard was that WSO was dealing with the Michigan matter and that the literature in question would be reviewed.

Rand elaborated on the facts. Three of the points he made were:

1. Michigan as a region is no longer using the unapproved book.
2. One of the things that prompted the Michigan Region was that they would rather have literature in place than no literature at all
3. That this problem is slowly working itself out.

Rand recommended that to alleviate the problem, the Florida Region should establish a literature committee.

New Business:

Sandra asked if the Newsletter was out. Kathy answered that the Newsletter was on the website. Kathy asked Margee if she had sent out an e-mail. Margee said that she had, but her contact list was incomplete. Kathy offered to send her a new listing. Margee asked for articles for the upcoming issue of the newsletter.

Jerry announced that the Port St. Lucie group was having their 9th anniversary meeting on Thursday May 12th at 7 pm, at Temple Beth Israel.

Adjournment: Kathy asked for a motion to adjourn. Jerry made the motioned to adjourn. Yonnie seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 9:17 pm EST.

The next teleconference meeting will be held **May 23, 2011 at 7:30 pm EDT**. The telephone number is **(218) 844-0840** and the password number is **368151**. Please join us.

Submitted by: John M. June 13. 2011

Minutes of the
Florida Region Teleconference

May 23, 2011

7:30 pm EDT.

Attendance: 19

Non voting members: 7

Ed-Chairperson
Rand-Delegate
Sheryl- Alternate Delegate
John-Secretary
Lynne-Treasurer
Pat-Port St. Lucie
Jane-Port St. Lucie
Margee-Melbourne

Voting Members: 11

Kristy- Alternate GSR Melbourne
Yonnie-GSR Lantana
Jeani-GSR Largo
Alina-GSR Lutz
Ginny-GSR New Port Richey
Sandra-GSR Ocala
Lauren-GSR Palm Bay
Donna-GSR Palm Harbor
Stephanie-GSR Winterhaven
Jacquelyn-Jacksonville
Donna-GSR Palm Harbor/Crystal Beach

Ed opened the meeting, Sunday May 23, 2011 at 7:38 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time with the Serenity Prayer. Roll call was then taken. See the results above.

Treasurer's Report: Summary

Balance after Sebring meeting **\$ 4,666.67**

Credits

Group donations \$672.00

Debits

Help line Fee (Feb-April) \$ 29.95

2 new meeting packets and 2 Guide to Local Services \$ 80.00

H and I (Roy) \$ 63.65

\$173.60

Balance as of May 23, 2011

\$5,165.07

East Coast Conference Report:

Sheryl stated that the Florida Region has not decided what to do for the East Coast Conference, as far as making a donation. The East Coast Conference is not sponsored by NA. It is only for Nar-Anon members. The planning committee (for the East Coast Conference) is asking for monetary and service donations. What the Region needs to do is decide if and how we want to donate to the convention.

Ed said that he thought that it would be a good idea to donate and he asked Sheryl, what other groups have donated in the past. Sheryl replied that Susan (Cape Coral) would know more about it, since she is on the planning committee. Sheryl also stated that the committee already had \$1,800.00, but it would take a considerable amount more to put on the conference.

Sheryl said that the Lakeland group would take up a second collection and send it to Lynne so that the Region can decide what to do with this donation.

A discussion about the funding of the conference ensued.

Ed said that he would send out a letter to all GSR's explaining the situation and what's been proposed.

Conference Agenda Report (CAR):

Rand explained that the CAR is what the fellowship produces prior to the World Conference, which will be held in April 2012. The deadline for motions or literature is October 6, 2011. Motions and literature will be reviewed by the fellowship, then those articles, which are approved, will be set be for the delegates to vote on. Rand called for the submission of motions. If you have a motion that you would like to be presented, contact Rand at rand-mueller@cox.net or Sheryl at Sdh21@tampabay.rr.com. Motions will be discussed in September at the next face to face held in Sebring.

Ed pointed out that it takes several meetings to go through the CAR and if anyone wants something changed, this is the time to do it.

Rand explained about the moratorium on recurrent issues.

Explanation of Board Decisions:

Sheryl explained that since the Public Information (PI) and Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) committees are committees of 1 person, the Board will recommend expenditures unless there are any objections from the GSR's until September.

Ed explained that in September that he hopes to have new committee chairs and committee members in place to present these expenditures.

Pasco School PI Project:

Ginny reported that she (and Donna) had talked to Pasco County Schools. At Nar-Anon meetings, it was brought up that there was no way for students to get in touch with Nar-Anon groups. Nar-Anon is not well known among the guidance counselors or the resource officers. They would like to get the meeting lists to the appropriate people in the school system. However, the costs would be prohibitive. Therefore, the plan was to focus on 16 middle schools and 17 high schools. After getting approval from the school system, they sent out 45 meeting lists and 45 cover letters. Ginny asked for \$40.00 from the PI budget to cover their expenses.

The proposal for next year is to target all the guidance counselors for each grade level. That would take 149 cover letters. The approximate cost would be \$14.90. For the meeting list, the approximate cost would be \$149.00 for a total cost of \$163.90.

Ed encouraged other areas to do the same thing. Ed also noted that the \$40.00 had been approved by the Board.

Donna estimated the cost for Pinellas county schools to be \$195.80.

Ed asked if there was anyone who had contacts with other school systems. Alina stated that she knew who to contact for the Hillsboro school system. Ginny added that counselors would be meeting at the beginning of the year and she would try to present something to them. Ed encouraged others to do the same.

The cost and budgeted amounts were further discussed. Also discussed was whether the cover letter had to be approved. According to Sheryl, the cover letter does not need to be approved (by WSO) as long as it does not have the Nar-Anon logo on it.

Discussion about the appropriation of funds followed.

Election Report:

Ed announced that all the board positions; Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, and the Committee Chair positions would be up for election in September. Ed encouraged members to participate in these elections. He commented that it is easy to perform the duties of these positions.

Note: If you or anyone you know would like to run for any of these positions please contact the Regional Secretary at flsecjohnm@yahoo.com.

Convention Committee Report:

Sheryl reported that Yonnie sent out an E-mail to an extensive list explaining the program for Nar-Anon at the Gold Coast Convention of Narcotics Anonymous. Sheryl thought that there would be meetings at noon and 1 o'clock. According to Sheryl there would be discussion about areas. The convention will be over the Memorial Day weekend.

New Business:

Sheryl asked that E-mail messages that are not to be shared with everyone not be sent as "send all" or "reply all" or "forward all" in order to protect our anonymity.

Adjournment: Ed asked for a motion to adjourn. Jerry made the motioned to adjourn. Jacquelyn seconded the motion. It carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 8:18 pm EDT.

The next teleconference meeting will be held on **June 26, 2011 at 7:30 pm EDT**. The telephone number is **(218) 844-0840** and the password number is **368151**. Please join us.

Submitted by:

John M, June 17, 2011

Minutes of the
Florida Region Teleconference

June 26, 2011

7:30 pm EDT.

Attendance: 19

Non voting members: 7

Ed-Chairperson

Kathy- Vice Chairperson

John-Secretary

Sheryl- Alt Delegate

Melanie- Website Chair

Pat-Port St. Lucie

Maureen- Palm City

Voting Members: 12

Jane-Port St. Lucie

Jeani-GSR Largo

Joni-GSR Lantana

Alina-GSR Lutz

Dan-GSR Lakeland

Sandra-GSR Ocala

Jerri-Alt GSR North Tampa

JoAnn-GSR South Tampa

Stephanie-GSR Winterhaven

Donna-GSR Palm Harbor/Crystal Beach

Lori-GSR North Port

Margee-GSR Melbourne

Ed opened the meeting, Sunday June 26, 2011 at 7:37 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time with the Serenity Prayer. Roll call was taken. See the results above.

Jeani made a motion to accept the May 1st minutes. Alina seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Alina made a motion to accept the May 22nd minutes. Joni seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Lynne was not available for the call. We will have a Treasurer's report on the next call in July.

Website Committee Report:

Melanie reported that the site was running smoothly with no issues. As of June 26th there were 129 hits for the month. In May, there were 375 hits. We are maintaining our search ranking at number 1 and 2 under naranonfl. Lots of new events were added; the Crystal Beach 3rd anniversary meeting, the flyers for both SRFCNA and FRCNA, and the new meeting in North Port. Also the minutes for May were uploaded and will be on the site soon.

Convention Committee Report:

Dan reported that the Nar-Anon meeting for FRCNA has been moved from the West Palm Beach Convention Center to the Crown Plaza Hotel. There will be free transportation between the Crown Plaza and the Convention Center. Kathy has put together a great program, Michelle has been handling registration, Ginny will be working the literature table, Lynne is handling preregistration and Sheryl has procured baskets and handcrafted items for auction.

Ed asked how many preregistrations were received. Dan stated that about 30 registrations had been received so far.

Hospital and Institutions Committee Report:

Roy, the Committee Chair was unable to attend. JoAnn gave this report. There is money in the budget to support community projects and the committee would work with those projects.

Public Information Committee:

Kathy reported that she had a new contact list and that she would send it out to everyone. She has added the new people and the new meeting in North Port. She still needs to update the meeting list. This will be difficult because the old template will not work and a new one will need to be made. Kathy sends everything to the Website Chair (Melanie) so that the website is always up to date. In the future, the meeting list will be downloadable from the website. Kathy said that she would like to see the website be the central source for information.

Kathy also noted that the Helpline is working correctly again. It now rings 3 or 4 times before it goes to the next person in line. Ed asked for more volunteers to assist with the Helpline.

Delegate's Report:

Sheryl reminded the membership that the WSO newsletter committee is looking for submissions and articles. She also noted that subscriptions to the WSO newsletter are available.

Sheryl mentioned that the East Coast Convention is scheduled for August 2012

Sheryl noted that, for the WSO conference in 2012, there is a new formula for equalized expenses. She proposed that this be discussed at the Face to Face meeting in September. Also noted was that articles (proposed motions) for the "Committee Agenda Report" (CAR) must be submitted to WSO before October 6th.

Regional News:

Kathy reported that the date for the Face to Face meeting is Saturday, September 17th. Included on the agenda will be the election of new board members and committee chairs.

The FRCNA program is on the website and there will be a mass email to all GSR's. In addition, there will be an early morning meeting/walk. The Nar-Anon meetings will be held at the Crown

Plaza Hotel. The address for the Crown Plaza is 1601 Belvedere Road, W. Palm Beach, FL, 33406. Kathy thanked everyone who volunteered to chair a meeting and noted that Renda, from Canada will speak.

Joni explained the details of the early morning walk/meeting. Walkers should sign up on Friday night so that the number of walkers can be accommodated. For more information, contact Joni or Margee.

Ed reminded everyone about Crystal Beach's third anniversary meeting. There will be a fellowship from 6 pm to 7 pm with refreshments and a speaker from 7 pm to 8 pm.

Ed wanted to recognize the newest meeting in North Port. Lori reported that they have had 2 meetings so far and that attendance had been 5 to 8 people.

Alina announced that there would be a new meeting in Land of Lakes starting on Thursday, June 30th at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Margee announce that the newsletter will be out in August and she is looking for articles. This includes; anniversaries, group events, group reports, essays, stories, personal experiences, etc. Articles can be submitted anonymously. Please contact Margee at margaret.carrella@att.net.

Kristy announced that the Melbourne group will be having a picnic on Sunday, August 7th. Karen, from the North Tampa group, will be speaking on Public Outreach. For more information check the website (naranonfl.org) or contact Kristy at jsqtpie33@aol.com.

Joni mentioned that there will be a room available at SFRCNA in the Bonaventure Hotel in Weston, FL. More information is available on the website.

Donna announced that the Crystal Beach meetings will have a yard sale in conjunction with the Crystal Beach Community Center. The yard sale will be on September 10th. Proceeds will go to the Jamie Lynne school project. More information is on the website.

Adjournment: Ed asked for a motion to adjourn. JoAnne made the motioned to adjourn. Joni seconded the motion. It carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting closed at 8:05 pm EDT.

The next teleconference meeting will be held on **July 23, 2011 at 7:30 pm EDT**. The telephone number is **(218) 844-0840** and the password number is **368151**. Please join us.

Submitted by:

John M, July 18, 2011

Secretary's note: The entire website report has been added as an appendix to these minutes.

Appendix A:

WEBSITE OVERVIEW as of 6/26/11

Nar-Anon FL Region Website: <http://naranonfl.org>

Website Chairperson: Melanie S, Ocala Forest, FL

Website News & Comments:

- ✓ Website System Upgrades, and System Checks
 - No internal errors – all systems in working order
 - Website system check – system functionality intact
 - **Renewal of website hosting on GoDaddy.com. Expires 9/29/11**
- ✓ Issues resolved/unresolved
 - No issues to resolve
- ✓ Website - Calendar Visitors
 - 129 as of 6/26/11
 - 301 Feb '11, 324 March '11, 274 April '11, 375 May '11
 - 1965 overall hits YR 2010
- ✓ Nar-Anon FL maintaining #1, 2 search ranking on Google, Was #1/2/3
 - Jan/Feb, #2/3 Dec '10/Jan '11, The *WSO* website moved up to #4.
 - Updates to Site:
- ✓ Calendar of Events (via KeepandShare.com)
 - 5/1 added Port St Lucie 9th Anniversary 5/12
 - 5/29 added Palm Harbor/Crystal Bch Breakfast Meeting 6/6
 - 6/25 added Crystal Bch 3rd Anniversary 6/27
 - 6/25 added Nar-Anon at SFRNA for 8/20
 - 6/25 added 2nd Annual Serenity at Crystal Bch 10/1
- ✓ Information added/removed on site– Events & News
 - 5/23 added Nar-Anon at GCCNA Flyer for 5/28
 - 6/6 revise location for FRCNA
 - 6/25 added updated FRCNA Program Schedule
 - 6/25 added Nar-Anon at SFRNA Flyer for 8/20
 - 6/25 added 2nd Annual Serenity at Crystal Bch Flyer 10/1
 - 6/25 added Crystal Bch 3rd Anniversary Flyer 6/27
- ✓ Information added/removed on site - Meetings
 - Update meeting information from new list (if necessary)
 - 6/5 revise Cooper City time change and group name
 - 6/25 added North Port Meeting - starts 6/13/11
- ✓ Information added/removed on site – Other, and Misc.
 - Remove posts & flyers that have expired
 - Upload 5/1 and 5/23 GSR Meeting Minutes – approval pending
 - 6/25 added WSO Newsletter Committee Flyer to Service Opps
 - Website To Do's:
- ✓ Zip Code - Meeting Locator Search Box
 - Additional Comments:
- ✓ Still seeking FL Logo in High Resolution
- ✓ Website Committee seeks members

Minutes of the
Florida Regional GSR Teleconference

July 24, 2011
7:30 pm EDT.

Attendance: 28

Non voting members: 9

Ed-Chairperson
Kathy- Vice Chairperson
Rand-Delegate
Sheryl- Alt Delegate
John-Secretary
Melanie- Website Chair
Margee-Newsletter Chair
Pat-Port St. Lucie
Jane-Port St. Lucie

Voting Members: 17

Jacquelyn-GSR Jacksonville
Jeani-GSR Largo
Jan-GSR Longwood
Alina-GSR Lutz
Dan-GSR Lakeland
Sandra-GSR Ocala
Gerri-Alt GSR North Tampa
JoAnn-GSR South Tampa
Stephanie-GSR Winterhaven
Donna-GSR Palm Harbor/Crystal Beach
Lori-GSR North Port
George-GSR Melbourne
Kristy-GSR Melbourne
Ginny-GSR New Port Richey
Michelle-GSR Palm City
Jerry-GSR Port St. Lucie
Ivette-GSR Brooksville

Ed opened the meeting, Sunday July 24, 2011 at 7:33 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time, with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll call was taken, see the results above.

Approval of the minutes:

There were 2 corrections to the June 26th minutes. Gerry from Tampa is a GSR, not an Alternate as reported. Secondly, the date for the July teleconference was listed as July 23rd, but should have been July 24th. Alina made a motion to accept the June 26th minutes, as amended. Michelle seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Lynne was not available for the call. Kathy gave the Treasurer's report.

Previous balance (June 26, 2011)	\$5,165.07
Assets:	
Donations:	\$570.00
Conventions (FRCNA):	<u>\$861.11</u>
	\$1,431.11
Debits:	
Schools Project (PI)	\$40.00
Helpline (June)	\$29.95
Helpline (July)	<u>\$29.95</u>
	\$99.90
Ending Balance (July 24, 2011)	\$6,496.28

Kathy deferred any questions to Lynne, who may be reached at Darlynn@aol.com.

Delegate's Report:

Rand reported that the literature committee is working hard on the new Nar-Anon 36 (book). The first 6 steps have been completed. The first step has been sent out to the groups and the third step has been authorized for distribution. Sheryl stated that she will send these steps to the Secretary who will make them available to the membership. After objections and considerations have been addressed, these steps will be put into the Conference Agenda Report. The steps will then be voted on by all of the delegates. Any recommendations should be sent to Rand at rand-mueller@cox.net or Sheryl at sdh21@tampabay.rr.com.

In regard to the Michigan groups and the unauthorized book they use, there are still some groups who use this book. They are also selling and distributing this book. Rand warned that this book has various defects, and that if you receive a copy, consider that it is not conference approved.

Rand related his experience at the World Conference and the importance of sending the Delegate and the Alternate Delegate to the World Conference. Rand also asked for motions that can be sent to the Florida membership and if approved, could be sent to the World Conference. Rand stressed that the motions should be submitted within the next 2 months.

Website Committee Report:

Melanie reports that the Website is running well. As usual, events and notifications have been added to the site.

Melanie mentioned that the FL Region is getting ready to renew our domain names and our website hosting. Money for the renewals has already been put aside, however, Melanie has been getting notices that we can get up to a 30% discount if we renew them 30 days prior to the expiration date. Melanie said that she will talk to Lynne about the best method of payment.

Sheryl asked when the expiration date was. Melanie replied that the expiration date was on September 29th and that deadline is coming soon.

Margee asked what the total cost of renewal is and how many domain names do we have. Melanie replied that domain names cost about \$20.00 to \$30.00 each and that we have 3 of them. Melanie also said that \$150.00 has already been budgeted this year. Melanie had estimated that the total cost would be \$135.00, but with discounts it would be closer to \$89.00.

Convention Committee Report:

Dan reported that this year's FRCNA was a success due to the people that came, the people who spoke, and Michelle, Ginny, Sheryl, and Kathy, who helped organize the event. Dan stated that about 40 people attended the event. Dan would like to see more and asked for input about making this event more attractive.

Newsletter Committee Report:

Margee reported that she has gotten only 1 contribution for the Newsletter. Margee asked for more contributions or suggestions because without contributions it will be hard to put together a good newsletter.

Kathy asked when the deadline for article submission would be. Margee replied that August 7th would be the best cutoff date.

Michelle mentioned that there will be a new meeting in Okeechobee. She asked if that could be included in the Newsletter. Margee replied that she should send an E-mail to the PI Chairperson (Kathy), the Website Chairperson (Melanie) and herself (Newsletter Chairperson).

Public Information Committee:

Kathy reported that there is \$400.00 left in the budget for PI. There are 2 projects that this money can be used for. One is the school project to get information about Nar-Anon into the public schools. So far, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsboro, and Brevard counties are working on this project. Kathy suggested using some of the \$400.00 on the projects and the rest for projects or events during recovery month, which is September. Kathy has been monitoring a website for events in Florida and will announce them when they come out.

Kathy gave a supplemental report for other budgeted items. The Hospital and Institutions balance is \$375.00, the General Use fund still has \$433.00, and \$230.00 is leftover in the New Group Package fund. In total there is \$1,038 that can be used for Outreach projects.

Donna mentioned that there is an event coming up, "Take our communities back family fun fest". Kathy noted that this is a fundraising event and that they are looking for groups to be affiliated with them as a sponsoring group. This matter was discussed. Sheryl read the actual announcement and it stated that they were asking that participating groups be either affiliated with or sponsor their group. This would be a violation of our Traditions. Sheryl asked for more information and Donna said that she would look into it.

Regional Announcements:

Ed announced that there will be elections held in Sebring at the Face to Face meeting. The entire board, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer will be finishing their terms and new officers will take their places. Ed noted that the only position that needs prerequisites is the Treasurer position (knowledge of bookkeeping). The rest require no experience. Ed asked that if you know someone who would like to serve or you would like to be considered to please contact one of the board members.

Ed announced that at Sebring the region (Nar-Anon Family Groups of Florida) will be considering motions for the Conference Agenda Report (World Conference of Nar-Anon). Anything we (the Region) want to change is changed through the CAR every other year. Ed asked, that if a member would like to change something, that they bring it up at the face to face meeting in Sebring so that the Region can submit a motion in the correct format.

Kathy announced that the Sebring Face to Face meeting will take place at Highlands Hammock State Park on September 17th and will start at 10:00 a.m. The pavilion is air conditioned.

Alina announced that the Hillsboro County School Board will be meeting on August 11th and that one of the proposals they will be considering will be to make Nar-Anon literature available to school councilors (and resource officers). Alina said that she will report on this at a later time. Ed stated that these school literature projects will be discussed at Sebring.

Kristy announced that her group will be having its second Annual Picnic on August 7th. There will be a workshop on Public Outreach. It will be held at Bicentennial Park in Indian Harbor and will start at 11:30 am.

Lori asked what steps she should take to get Nar-Anon literature distributed to school councilors. Donna advised her to get in touch with someone involved with the County School Board. Alina explained how it is done in Hillsborough County. In Hillsborough, the Parent and Family Involvement Program allows proposals to be submitted to the head of the program and if approved they go to the school board. Kristy noted that in Brevard County, she got in touch with the head of the guidance department. She also suggested getting in touch with the District Attorney's office for other ways to distribute literature and information. Ginny noted that, in Pasco County, she contacted the Student Services department.

Margee cautioned the membership, that Tradition 11 says that we should base our public relations policy on attraction rather than promotion and that we should maintain anonymity in all mediums. She asked that people who are participate in public relations understand this. Sheryl noted that there is a pamphlet on anonymity available from World Services.

Melanie announced that she intends to start a new meeting in Dunnellon. Melanie also asked about the status with the Nar-A-teen program. Rand noted that there are 2 areas which are interested, the Space Coast area and the Palm City/Port St. Lucie area. Rand also noted that the requirements for establishing groups and personnel for those groups have not been determined.

Adjournment: Ed asked for a motion to adjourn. George made the motioned to adjourn. Jerry seconded the motion. It carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting closed at 8:05 pm EDT.

The next teleconference meeting will be held on **August 28th at 7:30 pm EDT**. The telephone number is **(218) 844-0840** and the password number is **368151**. Please join us.

Submitted by:

John M, August 19, 2011

Minutes of the
Florida Regional GSR Teleconference
August 28, 2011
7:30 pm EDT.

Attendance: 22

Non voting members: 5

Ed-Chairperson
John-Secretary
Lynne-Treasurer
Roy-H & I Chair
Pat-Port St. Lucie

Voting Members: 17

Jacquelyn-GSR Jacksonville
Jeani-GSR Largo
Jan-GSR Longwood
Alina-GSR Lutz
Dan-GSR Lakeland
Cynthia-GSR Cocoa Beach
Gerri-Alt GSR North Tampa
JoAnn-GSR South Tampa
Stephanie-GSR Winterhaven
Donna-GSR Palm Harbor/Crystal Beach
Lori-GSR North Port
Margee-GSR /Newsletter Chair
Joni-GSR Lantana
Melanie- GSR Dunnellon/Web Chair
Heather-Alt GSR New Port Richey
Bonnie-GSR Land O' Lakes
Jane-Alt GSR Port St. Lucie
Kristy-Alt GSR Melbourne

Ed opened the meeting, Sunday August 28, 2011 at 7:39 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time, with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll call was taken, see the results above.

Approval of the minutes:

Jeani made a motion to accept the July 24th minutes. Alina seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Some members noted that they had not received the minutes. The Secretary asked all those members that had not received them contact him at flsecjohnm@yahoo.com. The minutes were sent out to some the GSR's who were missing their copies during the conference call.

Website Committee Report:

Melanie reported that the Region renewed our hosting site and 2 domains for the next 2 years. The budget was sent to the Treasurer. Because the purchase was early, the region saved significantly. The use of coupons made it even cheaper.

There were 2 issues this month. There was an internal server error, but it was through the hosting site and they resolved the issue. The site was down for a minimal amount of time. There was also an internal error due to a corrupt file, but the problem was easily fixed.

This month there were 201 visitors, which makes it 2,169 visitors year to date. Since the website started, there have been 4,022 hits. The website still maintains its number 1 ranking on Google.

There are new announcements on the site, including; the annual family picnic on the East Coast, the Sept. 10th yard sale in Crystal Beach, and the day of serenity at FACNA in Tampa October 1st. There are updates on meeting openings and closings. Also the minutes for the June conference call are on the site.

Melanie noted that there are other sites in Nar-Anon, which have Webmasters instead of a Website Chairperson. WSO is working on guidelines that the regions can use to set up their websites. Because the Webmaster is a special position, WSO has made suggestions that will help the region move forward. Melanie would like to discuss this in more detail at the Face to Face in Sebring.

Convention Committee Report:

Dan noted that the only convention that he was aware of was FACNA on October 1st. He deferred to others on the call to answer questions and provide more details.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of July 24th:	\$6,496.26
Income:	
Donations	\$270.00
Expenses:	
Literature	-\$40.00
Helpline	-\$29.95
Website	<u>-\$128.82</u> (revised)
Ending Balance	<u>\$6,567.49</u>

Newsletter Committee Report

Margee noted that she has gotten a lot of responses to her request for more articles and is now accepting articles for the next newsletter. Margee should have the new issue out soon. Carole, from the Satellite Beach group, has volunteered to proof read the newsletter before it is sent out.

New Business:

Ed noted that at the Face to Face in Sebring, there will be elections for all board positions; Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary. He also noted that there would be elections for all the committee chairs; Hospitals and Institutions, Public Information, Conventions, Newsletter, and Website.

In addition, motions for the Conference Agenda Report will be discussed and either approved or disapproved. Motions can be submitted through a Group Service Representative (GSR) for consideration by the GSR face to face meeting. The deadline for submission to the World Service Organization (WSO) is Oct 1st.

The start up process of Nar-Ateen was discussed. The main points are as follows:

1. A live scan process is needed for anyone that has contact with children under 18.
2. The cost of live scanning is between \$38.00 and \$80.00.
3. 2 adults and 2 alternates are required for each meeting.
4. Due to a loop pole in the law, interim adult supervisors are not required to be screened.
5. Screenings are not transferable between departments. i.e. Dept of Child and Family Services, Dept of Education.
6. Lutz will be starting a Nar-Ateen group on Oct. 4th.
7. As of this meeting, there are no funds allocated to Nar-Ateen. However, there is money left over from H&I, PI and untitled funds.
8. There is \$433.00 left over in untitled funds.

Motion: Joni made the motion to allocate funds in order to pay for expenses that the Nar-Ateen meeting in Lutz may incur. The motion was seconded by Gerri. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Regional Announcements:

Alina announced that the FACNA Convention (Narcotics Anonymous) will be held at Embassy Suites, 3705 Spectrum Blvd. Tampa, Florida on October 1st from 9 am to 7 pm. Nar-Anon will have a room there. Registration will be \$10.00. No food may be brought into the convention area.

Joni announced that her group went to SFRCNA and plans to go to the Mid-Coast Convention of Narcotics Anonymous.

Regional Announcements Continued:

Joni also mentioned that there have been discussions about the South Florida groups forming their own region. Ed supported that idea

Alina announced that her group (Lutz) will have a speaker meeting on September 6th.

Kristy announced that her group Melbourne was having a pot luck dinner on October 15th.

Adjournment:

Ed asked for a motion to adjourn. Dan made the motion to adjourn. Kristy seconded the motion. Since this was the last meeting the existing board members would serve, Ed thanked them and anyone who helped. A voice vote was then taken and the motion to adjourn was passed unanimously. The meeting closed at 8:33 pm EDT.

The next meeting will be a Face to Face meeting held at Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring, Florida. The meeting will start at 10 am. Refreshments will be available at 9 am.

Secretary's note:

There was no Delegate's report because the delegates were attending the World Conference of Nar-Anon in San Diego.

Submitted by: John M, September 10, 2011

**Minutes of the
Florida Regional Service Assembly
September 17, 2011
10:30 am EDT**

Attendance: 31

Non-voting members: 12

Ed-Chairperson
Kathy – Vice Chairperson
John-Secretary
Lynne-Treasurer
Rand-Delegate
Sheryl-Alt Delegate
Bonnie-Winterhaven
Pat-Port St. Lucie
Jane- Alt GSR Port St. Lucie
Alice- Port St. Lucie
Harlee-Nar-a-Teen, Winterhaven
Laura-Okeechobee
Gary-Palm Harbor/Crystal Beach

Voting Members: 19

Alice – Alternate GSR, Dundedin
Jacquelyn-GSR Jacksonville
Jeani-GSR Largo
George-GSR Melbourne
Alina-GSR Lutz
Kristy-GSR Melbourne
Ginny-GSR Land of Lakes
Carol – Satellite Beach
Dan – GSR Lakeland
Gerry-GSR Port St. Lucie
Heather-GSR New Port Richey
Roy-Alt GSR North Tampa (H & I Chairperson)
JoAnn-GSR South Tampa
Stephanie-GSR Winterhaven
Donna-GSR Palm Harbor/Crystal Beach
Michelle-GSR Palm City
Melanie- GSR Dunnellon/Web Chair
Sandra-GSR Ocala
Laurie-Alt GSR Palm Harbor/Crystal Beach

Ed opened the meeting, Saturday September 17, 2011 at 10:30 am Eastern Daylight Savings Time, with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll call was taken, see the results above.

Approval of the Minutes, GSR Teleconference, August 28th:

Alina (Lutz) made a motion to accept the August 28th minutes from the GSR Telephone Conference call. Donna seconded the motion, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Florida Regional Service Assembly

George (Melbourne) made a motion to change the name of the F2F meeting to the Florida Regional Service Assembly. Kristy (Melbourne) seconded the motion.

Motion: To officially rename the Florida Face to Face meetings to the Florida Regional Service Assembly.

Intent: The World Service Conference recognizes the Regional Service Assemblies as the appropriate meeting for electing regional positions. The Assembly requires attendance by the Group Service Representatives for this purpose.

No discussion followed, a roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Report on Nar-Anon World Convention:

Letter from the President of WSO

Sheryl read a letter from the President of WSO, Karen M. The letter in its entirety can be seen as an the appendix to the minutes on the last page

Rand spoke about the World Convention held in San Diego, CA. Florida had the largest representation. There were 200 registered members for the Nar-Anon World Convention. NA had approximately 20,000 registered. There are tapes available from Sound Images for the meetings of both Nar-Anion and NA. Rand passed around a list for people to purchase copies of the tapes. Or you can go to the Sound Images website.

Rand also passed around the new literature; book marks, pamphlets, posters for the Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service, and a journal for Step Work that can be used by Sponsors and Sponsees. At the WS Convention, the form and color for the journal was voted on at WSC. The one that sold out first was the winner. Examples were passed for the members to see.

Treasurer's Report

Ed called for a Treasurer's report from Lynn. Lynn stated that the fiscal year ended August 31st. The final report for the year was submitted during the GSR Teleconference of August 28th, and contained in those minutes.

Delegate Report on WS Conference

Rand read a letter from Tom, (Chair of the WSC), that states the opportunity for any member to have a non-voice presence at the Conference. The cost of meals and hotel (without any

travel cost) is \$850 for each person who would like to attend. Any Nar-Anon member can attend, but has no voice or vote.

Nominations for Chairperson

Ed nominated Kathy for the position of Chairperson. Rand called for a ruling on a point of order for a current board member making a motion. The motion was then entered and made by George and Sandra (Ocala), who nominated Kathy. Dan (Lakeland) seconded the motion. Kathy accepted the nomination. A call for other nominees was made by John M. Kathy left the room. With no further nominations, a roll call vote was taken and Kathy was voted in unanimously.

Nominations for Vice Chairperson

George was nominated as Vice Chairperson by Carol (Satellite Beach), Kristy (Melbourne) seconded the motion. Discussion was called for. George spoke to his willingness and shared his experience in the Nar-Anon program. George left the room. With no further nominations, a roll call vote was taken and George was voted in unanimously.

Nominations for Treasurer

Jeani (Largo) nominated Mickey from Largo for Treasurer, Lori (Crystal Beach) seconded the motion. John M read Mickey's letter of willingness. Ed from Largo spoke to Mickey's experience in the Program and willingness to serve. Rand asked why Mickey was not present. Jeani explained that Mickey had a family commitment that was accepted a number of months ago prior to her submission as a candidate for Treasurer. There was a call for other nominations. With no further nominations, a roll call vote was taken and Mickey was voted in unanimously.

Nominations for Secretary

Sandra (Ocala) nominated Stephanie W from Winterhaven for Secretary and Melanie seconded the motion. A letter of willingness from Stephanie was read by John M. The letter shared her experience in the program and many service positions she has held. Stephanie commented on her willingness to be dedicated to the position and the promise to attend the GSR Teleconference calls and Florida Regional Service Assembly meetings. There was a call for other nominations. Stephanie left the room. Discussion took place. Jeani commented on the quality of the letter of willingness. With no further nominations, a roll call vote was taken and Stephanie was voted in unanimously.

John congratulated and thanked the new Board for their willingness to service. The new board will take over on October 1st.

Ed asked for the Budget report. Lynn requested that the Budget be discussed later in the meeting. Ed agreed.

Web Master vs. Website Chairperson

Discussion was presented to change the position of Web Chairperson to Web Master. Melanie discussed the reason for making the change. Most other regions have Web Masters. The challenge is to have a Chairperson each term that has the knowledge to maintain the website effectively and ensure that our search engine rating is high, and any outages are resolved. Melanie read a complete description of the position and mentioned that she has spoken with

the WSO Webmaster to fully understand the role. It has been a challenge to have a back-up for maintaining the website.

Motion: Donna from Crystal Beach made a motion to dissolve the Web Chairperson position and committee, and to replace it with a trusted servant position, Web Master, without a term limit. A friendly amendment was made to add an Assistant Web Master position.

Intent: The motion will dissolve the Web Committee and replace it with the Web Master and Assistant Web Master. It was seconded by Sandra from Ocala.

Discussion ensued around the content that is posted on the FL Regional Website. The position will be considered as a trusted servant. Melanie mentioned that WSO is preparing guidelines for the Web Master. Rand stated that the Website is a very public representation of the Florida Region. Should postings be questionable, the Web Master will submit that posting request to the Board for review. It is important for Melanie to have a back-up/assistant in case of emergencies. Kathy mentioned that Melanie has consistently presented content to the Board before posting.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Nominations for Web Master

A motion was made for Melanie as Web Master by JoAnn from S Tampa. Alice from Dunedin seconded the nomination. Melanie had already stated her willingness and exhibited experience, as she currently maintains the website. With no further discussion or nominations, a roll call vote was taken and Melanie was voted in unanimously

Nominations for Assistant to Web Master

Dan nominated Michelle from Palm City as Assistant Web Master. George seconded the motion. Michelle stated her experience in IT for over 10 years. She understands the purpose of the Website. She feels it is very important the meetings are posted and correct to ensure New Comers can find a meeting. She has been in Program for 4 years.

Pat and Dan spoke to some of the roles and service work that Michelle has performed. With no further discussion or nominations, a roll call vote was taken and Michelle was voted in unanimously

Vote of Confidence for the Delegates to the World Service Conference

World Service Conference occurs every 2 years. The next WSC will be held in April 2012. We need to enter a vote of confidence in the minutes of the Assembly to ensure that the Delegate and Alternate Delegate go to WSC in 2012. Discussion followed with Kathy elaborating on the excellent work that both persons have done and continue to do in service to the Florida Region. Melanie mentioned that they are always there to answer questions and offer assistance.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the vote of confidence was passed unanimously. Sheryl and Rand left the room during the discussion and vote.

Nominations for Newsletter Chairperson Position

Kristy nominated Margee for the Chairperson position for the Newsletter committee. She also spoke to Margee's experience. Margee accepted the nomination. A voice vote was taken and Margee was elected as Newsletter Chairperson.

Nominations for Convention Chairperson

Jerry from Port St. Lucie nominated Dan and Michelle seconded the motion. Dan withdrew his name. Alina and Ginny were nominated by George for Co-Convention committee chairs. Dan seconded the motion.

Jeani discussed the service work that Alina and Ginny have done for the County Nar-Anon Family Group. A voice vote was taken and Alina and Ginny were elected as Convention committee Co-Chairpersons.

Nominations for Chairperson for Outreach

Susan from Cape Coral mailed in a motion to nominate Lynne as Chairperson. Alice seconded the motion. Lynne spoke to her willingness and experience in the program. Kristy nominated Dan. Dan withdrew his nomination. Kathy told everyone about the meetings on Outreach at the World Convention. There were no other nominations. A voice vote was taken and Lynne was nominated to serve as the Chairperson of the Outreach Program.

Ed announced that all new committee chairpersons need to present a budget for this next fiscal year. Ask for assistance and develop an amount for each committee.

Nominations for Nar-A-Teen Committee Chair Position

Melanie nominated Kristy as Nar-Ateen Chair person. Carol from Satellite Beach seconded the motion. Discussion of the World Nar-Ateen Committee was presented. A voice vote was taken and Kristy was elected as Convention committee.

We broke for lunch; we will reconvene at 1:30 pm.

FACNA 2011

Sheryl announced the FACNA convention to be held 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 1st in Tampa at the Embassy Suites, 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612. Registration is \$10 at the door.

Motions from the Floor:

FL Region Motion to Combine H&I and PI

Jeani made the following motion. Alina seconded the motion.

Motion: Based on the WSO decision to combine Hospital & Institutions and Public Information, we move that the Florida Region adopt the combination of both functions and call the committee Outreach to conform to the WSO language.

Intent: Combine the Hospital & Institutions and Public Information functions to better serve the primary purpose of carrying the message.

Discussion followed. Magee pointed out that the Guide to Local Services separates the committees. Kathy explained that WSO has changed the committee. Lynne confirmed that the change was proposed by the Policies and Guidelines committee and the World Board has approved it.

Kathy pointed out that in the past the budgets were separate and could not be combined to fully serve the purpose of Nar-Anon Family Groups. It is an important position. Rand mentioned that it is also the purpose of the Program to promote leadership in the service roles. The functions for each of the committees will be combined and we will maintain the same purpose.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously.

Motion to Provide Outreach Information

Roy made a motion to provide Outreach information. Alice seconded the motion.

Motion: To provide all meetings within Florida the H & I and PI information packets as part of the new meeting packet.

Intent: To make all meetings aware of the purpose and intent of the Outreach program. This would provide the basis for local Outreach projects.

Discussion followed. Friendly amendment from Roy is as follows, "to provide the information packet to the new meetings only". A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Provide Nar-Ateen Guidelines:

Kristy (Melbourne) proposed the following motion and Michelle (Palm City) seconded.

Motion: To adopt the Florida Region Nar-Ateen committee's guidelines as stated below.

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 - Provide their birth date, city, county, and state.
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 - Pass a commercial internet background search.

4. Preferably, Nar-Ateen sponsors should have their own sponsor. One of the two adults at each meeting can be an assistant Nar-Ateen sponsor. An assistant must meet all other standard except the length of service.
5. Meetings that are held in a school, institution or day care may be required to undergo Level 1 or Level 2 screening, pursuant to the Florida Statutes. Such groups should utilize the screening process in place for the appropriate school, institution, or day care.
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7. The Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson will be the only trusted servants with access to the personal information, Level 1 or 2, and internet background results, and will maintain this information. They will destroy it when the Nar-Ateen sponsor or assistant sponsor no longer serves.

Friendly amendment: Driver's license to be replaced with a "valid government approved photo ID".

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A roll call vote was taken after the discussion. There were 11 yeas, 5 abstentions, and 3 nays. The motion passed.

New Nar-Ateen Meeting Support

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Intent: Since Nar-Ateen Groups don't currently use new packets, we want to provide the basics. The total cost of the Information Packet is to be determined.

Friendly amendment: Margee asked that the words, "each new Nar-Ateen group" be replaced with, "each new Florida Nar-Ateen group". A roll call vote was taken after the discussion. There were 17 yeas and 2 nays, the motion passed.

Discussion for amendment

There is no clear cut set of rules for background check disqualification except for the State of Florida Level 1.

Motion to Form a Florida Regional Literature Committee

The motion was submitted by George. The motion was seconded by Dan.

Motion: To establish a Florida Regional Committee.

Intent: To assist the World Literature Committee to get literature completed more quickly.

Rand discussed the advantage of assisting the World Literature Committee. Sheryl explained the way that Florida can work on documents that are posted on the World Forum. Renda of the World Literature Committee would need to give the Florida Chairperson access to that Forum website.

A roll call vote was taken and the results were 18 yeas and 1 abstention. The motion passes.

Nomination for Chairperson for the Florida Literature Committee

Alice nominated Heather of New Port Richey and Lori seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the nomination passed unanimously.

Motions for CAR:

Motion for World Service Committee

Donna proposed a motion to the World Conference that they approve the use of the Unity Prayer in Nar-Anon meetings and literature. George seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the nonconference approved status of the prayer. Roy read the prayer to the Assembly.

"I put my hand in yours and together we can do what we could never do alone. No longer is there a sense of hopelessness. No longer must we depend upon our own unsteady willpower. We are all together now, reaching out our hands, for a power and strength greater than our own. And as we join hands, we find love and understanding beyond our wildest dreams."

Rand noted there might be technicalities regarding the use of "literature" in the motion. Rand and Sheryl can make a change to the motion at the WSC in order to get it into the CAR. The prayer would need to be approved, before it can be used in any NFG literature. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Unity Prayer discussion

In 2008 at the World Conference, the Unity Prayer (not conference approved) was going to be put before the conference to be used in meetings. It was withdrawn as the origin could not be determined and it was feared that it would infringe on the non-religious tradition of the Nar-Anon Family Groups. Groups are autonomous and can decide through a group conscience vote to use it in their meetings.

Treasurer's Budget Report:

The Budget to Actual report was reviewed as submitted. All budget documents reviewed during this meeting were emailed to all GSR's on August 30th by Lynne. Copies of the budgets are included in the distribution of these minutes.

Lynne explained some additional changes. Net funds remaining are \$965.14 after the Prudent Reserves and miscellaneous funds to be held (\$433.30).

Purposed Budget:

Roy made a motion to accept the purposed expense budget and Alina seconded the motion. Proposed Budget includes a \$0 increase from the actual dollars for 2010-11.

Discussion:

Rand mentioned that income is an estimate and the expenses have historical value behind them. Michelle asked about budgets that were not created by the current Chairpersons. Jeani mentioned that the budget is a flexible estimate and the Chairpersons can make changes during future GSR Teleconferences. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

George made a motion to keep the Contributions the same. Lori seconded the motion.

For each line item, a motion was presented. It was seconded and passed with a voice vote.

Exceptions:

Travel for Officers – Dan purposed that an increase to \$100 for each of the Florida Regional Service Assemblies. Donna seconded it. The voice vote passed unanimously.

New Group Packets – Alice makes a motion to increase the line item to \$510 to cover the Guide to Local Services. Roy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Nar-Ateen Start Up Packets (as noted in the Nar-Ateen motion above) – 4 Groups are starting as of now.

George made a motion to cover 8 groups with a budget line item, of \$300. Lori seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Background checks for Nar-Ateen – Up to \$50 has been purposed to cover the background checks for Sponsors to be active in the program. The sponsoring group with meetings in a school or day care that require a level 1 check, would need to pay for that individually.

Website Budget – Melanie discussed the purposed budget

Sandra made a motion to accept the budgeted amount. Heather seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the budget passed unanimously.

Newsletter – Same budget, Sandra made the motion to accept the budget. Alice seconded the motion. The \$60 could be used for printing the newsletter for conventions. Otherwise it is distributed electronically. A voice vote was taken and passed the budget unanimously.

Delegate costs:

The actual amount needed

Dan made a motion to budget \$850 per person for this budget year. George seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed the budget unanimously.

Outreach Line Item

Newly formed combined Outreach Program

Sub-Line

1. \$359.40 -Information Line –
2. \$300 - White literature, 12 packets to be distributed for projects voted on by the Committee
3. \$90.60- Printed Outreach tools from WSO such as posters, new literature for Regional use
4. Start-up
 - a. \$100 - Start-up project seed money for Print media Projects
 - b. \$100 - Judicial Projects
 - c. \$100 - Treatment facility projects
 - d. \$450 - School project seed money for any County willing to work with the school district (up to \$75 per county)
5. \$100 – Miscellaneous (by friendly amendment)

Total of \$1,600

George made a friendly amendment to add a miscellaneous line item of \$100 to cover unexpected expenses.

Dan made a motion to accept the Outreach budget as amended. Kristy seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the Outreach budget line passed unanimously.

Conventions

\$300 - Speakers expenses reimbursed as deemed appropriate by the new committee. \$400 - A Prudent reserve for conventions that must be paid back to the region from the proceeds of the convention.

Discussion ensued about Host families and travel expenses. It was suggested that a fund raiser could be held to pay for additional expenses. There was a concern expressed that the budget may not have a positive residual amount. Therefore no contribution to World could be made at the end of the next fiscal year.

Jeani made a motion to accept the \$300. Roy seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed the budget unanimously.

Total budgeted dollars are \$5,084 for fiscal 2011-12.

Balance in bank 9/1/11	\$6,567.49
Delegates Expenses	<u>(3,200.00)</u>
Balance before reserve	\$3,367.49
Prudent Reserve (as voted in 2010)	<u>(1,682.30)</u>
Balance	<u>\$1,685.19</u>
Purposed Budgeted Expenses 2011-12	(5,084.00)
Income Budgeted 2011-12	<u>3,860.36</u>
Balance remaining	<u>\$ 461.55</u>

Further discussion ensued about keeping the Prudent Reserve at the established rate from 2010 of \$1,682.30, which includes \$400 seed money for Conventions, paid back to the Region from the proceeds of the convention.

Margee suggested that we table the decision to send the left over money to World until the groups can vote on it. Due to the fact that the contribution was less than \$500, it was decided not to table the decision.

Dan proposed that we send \$461.55 to the World Service Organization. Alice seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote

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Submitted by:

John M, October 16, 2011

To: All Members of the Florida RSC, and Florida Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, GSRs, and Alternate GSRs.

September 17, 2011

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October 23, 2011

7:30 pm EST

Attendance: 28

Non-voting Members: 8

Kathy – Chair

George – Vice Chair

Mickey – Treasurer

Stephanie – Secretary

Rand – Delegate

Sheryl – Alt. Delegate

Lynne – Outreach Chair

Pat – Port St. Lucie

Voting Members: 20

Joni – GSR – Delray Beach

Melanie – GSR – Dunellon (Web Master)

RuthAmy – GSR – Ft. Lauderdale

Dan – GSR – Lakeland

Ginny – GSR – Land O'Lakes

Jan – GSR – Longwood

Alina – GSR – Lutz (Convention Co-Chair)

Kim – GSR - Melbourne

Kristy – GSR – Melbourne (Narateen Co-Chair)

Heather – GSR – New Port Richey (Literature)

Lori – GSR – North Port

Phillip – GSR – Palm Beach Gardens

Donna – GSR – Palm Habor/Crystal Beach

Carol – GSR – Palm Habor/Crystal Beach

Barb – GSR – Pinellas Park

Jane – GSR – Port St. Lucie

Carol – GSR – Satellite Beach

Ivette – GSR – Spring Hill

Gerri – GSR – North Tampa

JoAnn – GSR – South Tampa

Ashleigh – GSR – Winter Haven

Kathy opened the meeting Sunday, October 23, 2011, at 7:35 pm Eastern Standard Time, with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll call was taken, see the results above.

Approval of the Minutes, Florida Regional Service Assembly, September 17th:

Laurie (Alt. GSR – Palm Harbor/Crystal Beach) made a motion to accept the September 17th minutes from the Florida Regional Service Assembly. Phillip (GSR – Palm Beach Gardens) seconded the motion. A call for discussion was made, to which Stephanie made mention of receiving an email from Melanie (Web Master) of a correction needing to be made to the title of Assistant Web Master to Website Assistant, in both the motion and intent due to the Assistant having higher level of responsibility. No further discussion and a voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Approve corrected Budget:

Since Sebring, two (2) corrected Budgets have been sent out to all GSRs to look over due to some confusion. It was explained changes were not to the approve amount for each committee or line item but the incoming and the bottom line. First set of changes were total amount received for Conventions and Contributions were in the amount of about \$30.00 different due to an addition error. Instead of \$3,880.36, the actual amount \$4,010.36, approved in Sebring based on a 0% increase from the previous year's budget. The difference on the bottom line shows \$851.89 net income and a miscellaneous funds to be held is \$443.30 was not allocated. Total available as of now is \$1, 285.19. Joni (Delray Beach) brought up the question of whether the \$443.30 was allocated for the start-up costs for the Nara-Teen program on the last phone call and it was if the program needed it, but the Lutz meeting self-funded the money so the allocated wasn't used and became available. As of Sebring, the voted on amount to send to World was \$461.55. Lynne asked that if that is all we are sending to World, what was the Region going to do with the remaining, to which the suggestion was that anything left over would be allocated back to the Miscellaneous Funds Held and carry over to help fund any deficit in the next year's budget. If the Region wants to send World more money, a new motion needs to be made and that can be done at anytime. The Region voted a large budget that will take a lot of effort to maintain. George (Vice-chair) asked if the previous years' donation to World could be given and that if the correct figures were given at Sebring, GSRs would have had a better idea of what they were voting on. The donation for 2009 was \$447.18 and 2010 was \$1, 039.69, which are amounts after fulfilling the budget, completing prudent reserves, and paying expenses.

Reports:

Chair's Report:

Kathy thanked the outgoing Region Service Committee for all their hard work over the previous 3 years: Ed – Chair; John – Secretary; Lynne – Treasurer; Roy – H & I Chair; Dan – Convention Chair, and also thanked the incoming Committee for stepping up to do service for the Region: George (Melbourne) – Vice Chair; Stephanie (Winter Haven) – Secretary; Mickey (Largo) – Treasurer; Rand (Ft. Walton Beach) – Delegate; Sheryl (Lakeland) – Alt. Delegate; Lynne (Palm Harbor) – Outreach Chair; Alina (Lutz) and Ginny (Land O'Lakes) – Convention Co-Chairs; Margee (Melbourne) – Newsletter; Kristy (Melbourne) and Lauren (Palm Bay) – Narateen Co-Chairs; Melanie (Dunellon) – Web Master; Michelle (Palm City) – Website Assistant; Karen (Tampa) – Literature Depot; Heather (New Port Richey) – Literature Chair.

The Service Committee and the Committee Chairs met on October 16, 2011 in Lakeland for a few hours to get the committees up and running and to please be accountable to the Region Service Committee by submitting monthly reports on their activities, meetings held with committees, financial matters, and to get any help they may need, announced on the monthly calls, and show that the Region Service Committee will do its best to be accountable to the membership. The Region Service Committee is the fellowships' resource to the groups, such as needing a speaker for a meeting or joining a committee. Send one of us an email, the contact information is on the back of the meeting list. Outreach has already had their first committee teleconference with 17 people on the call.

A few announcements:

The first Narateen meeting started on October 4, 2011 in Lutz and another will be starting soon in Palm City. Davie (South Fl.) meeting closed and with hope it may start up again at some point in the future. Lantana has 2 meetings: Lake Worth is the new Lantana location and a new meeting started in Delray Beach. South Florida group that was trying to start their own Region has suspended their efforts due to lack of support. Rand asked if details could be given as to why. Joni stated that there were three (3) people who were really working on it and the others just fell away, so they are focusing on working with the Region on Outreach. Rand restated the support of the Region to be a strength to all groups.

Treasurer's Report:

Starting balance: \$6,567.49 (includes what was given after Sebring)

Income:

Fun Coast Convention:

Group Donations:

Registration: \$524.00

Ocala: \$ 40.00

Raffle:	124.00	Spring Hill:	25.00
Contribution to NA (refused):	42.00	Winter Haven (Tues.):	258.50 (closed)

Total: \$690.00

Total Income: \$1, 013.50

Expenses:

September Helpline: \$29.95

October Helpline: 29.95

Convention: 148.00

Raffle basket: 125.00 (not including \$25.00 donation)

Total: \$332.90

Total as of October 23, 2011: \$7, 248.09

Website Report:

Website News & Comments:

- **Website System Upgrades, and System Checks**
 - No internal errors – all systems in working order
 - Website system check – system functionality intact
 - WebHosting on GoDaddy.com expires Sept 23, 2013
 - Domains of .com, and .net expire Sept 23, 2013
 - Domain of .org, expires March 7, 2012
- **Issues resolved/unresolved**
 - No issues to resolve
- **Website - Calendar Visitors**
 - 67 as of 10/19/11 (2317 new visitors to date, 4170 since 9/09)
 - 379 Jan '11, 301 Feb '11, 324 March '11, 276 April '11, 375 May '11, 153 June '11, 160 July '11, 208 Aug '11, 76 Sept '11

- 1965 overall hits YR 2010
- **Nar-Anon FL maintaining #1, 2 search ranking on Google (since 2/11)**, Was #1/2/3 Jan/Feb, #2/3 Dec'10/Jan '11, The WSO website holds at #5.
- **Website Guidelines from WSO – In Progress**
- **10/17 Training Meeting** for Website Assistant. Reviewed basic functions in both KeepAndShare and Wordpress. Next Mtg. is 10/24/11. Weekly meetings will be held for 30 days and then monthly after that.

Updates to Site:

- **Calendar of Events (via KeepandShare.com)**
 - 10/25 Speaker Mtg. – Palm City
 - 10/25 Dual Speaker Mtg. – Lake Worth
 - 10/27 Dual Speaker Mtg. – Delray Beach
- **Information added/removed on site– Events & News**
 - 10/25 Dual Speaker Mtg. – Lake Worth
 - 10/27 Dual Speaker Mtg. – Delray Beach
 - ECC4 Convention Flyer and Registration added 10/3
- **Information added/removed on site - Meetings**
 - Update meeting information from new list (if necessary)
 - New Mtg. - 9/29 Delray Beach – East Mtg. Thurs 7:30
 - 10/5 Mon. Davie Mtg. closed
- **Information added/removed on site – Other, and Misc.**
 - Remove posts & flyers that have expired
 - Update Trusted Servants as of 10/1/11
 - Update HI/PI Page and contents to Outreach 10/19
 - Upload 9/17 FL Regional Assembly Mtg. Minutes (Sebring) – approval pending

Website To Do's:

- Zip Code - Meeting Locator Search Box
- Front Page Scrolling Banner
- State Map (linked to meetings)

Convention Chair Report:

The Committee Chairs are going to be getting together and anyone interested in being part of the committee, please email either Alina or Ginny. The Committee has extended their services to the Melbourne area for their spring convention. FRCNA XXXI will be in Tampa July 5-8 at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina 700 South Florida Ave. Tampa, FL 33602. (Sidenote:

If you go to floridarso.org, on the right side of the page is a FRCNA link with registration information.)

Narateen Chair Report:

Kristy is looking for committee members and if anyone is interested to please email her. She is planning the first committee teleconference for November 6 @ 7 pm using the teleconference number. Some new information has come out on the background checks, and in light of this, some friendly amendments are needing to be made.

Newsletter Report:

Margee was unable to attend the teleconference. The latest issue of the newsletter was emailed out in September and is also up on the website.

Literature Chair Report:

The Literature Committee has been formed and plan to meet on Skype but will send out details. They are still looking for willing volunteers.

Outreach Chair Report:

The Committee had their first call on October 22, 2011 with 19 people on the call. So far there have been 30 people sign up for the committee as of GSR teleconference. The farthest south on the call was South Florida (Joni) and the furthest north was Ocala (Sandra). Still needing interested people from over in the panhandle and over toward the northeast. There are members that are starting projects already and will be getting that information ready. Elections were done: Donna – Secretary; Sub-committee Chair for Helpline: Sandra; Florida contact and Meeting list Sub-committee Chair – Alice; Tri-County Meeting List – Alina; Sub-committee Chair for Nara-Teen – Melanie. All these members' email addresses will be sent out to the GSRs and the Region Committee in an email in the next week or so when those minutes go out. If anyone is interested in being part of these sub-committees, contact the chairs. Any questions, projects in your area, any events to do in your area, contact Lynne at outreachflchair@gmail.com or 727-641-4284 and available most days from 9 am – 10 pm. Some projects that are going on: N.O.P.E. on October 27th, which is a nationwide vigil, has requested Nar-Anon to be there with some of our information as a resource. DACCO, the largest treatment facility in Hillsboro County, has asked to hold two (2) meetings every week: one (1) open to the public and one (1) newcomers/in-house meeting.

The next Outreach teleconference will be Saturday, December 3, 2011, at 12 pm, using (218)844-0840 passcode 368151.

Delegate Report:

The motion from Florida, proposing the approval of the use of the Unity Prayer in Nar-Anon meetings and literature, is facing some technicalities. In 2008, it was going to be put before the

World Conference but was withdrawn due to its origin could not be determined. In 2010, it was brought up again in front of the World Conference, and was voted down, 2/3 to 1/3. What is going to happen is that this motion is ruled out-of-order due to the moratorium of not being able to be brought up for two (2) Conference cycles, so any motion that has to do with the Unity Prayer cannot be brought up until 2016. The Region has a choice to pull the motion or it can stay and be ruled out-of-order, unless it is decided that the World Chair was incorrect and then it will continue, but the end result will be the same. Recommendation was that it didn't really matter whether it gets pulled before Conference or wait until it gets to the floor. When something is ruled out-of-order, the Committee meets and goes over motions, such as spelling, etc. the question comes up as to whether it has come up before or is it to change recovery literature and if it is, it can't come up for two (2) Conference cycles. Occasionally there is an opportunity to debate something that is out-of-order, but it's up to Committee. Rand also stressed caution to the groups when it came to using the "Unity Prayer", with it being non-Conference Approved Literature regardless of each group's autonomy. This year Florida is going to be silent on the CAR.

Alternate Delegate Report:

Sheryl is continuing communication with her mentor whenever she has a questions about service, whom she met in San Diego, and continuing her work on the World Literature Committee on the Nar-Anon 36, reported about the Face-to-Faces our Area has had and Outreach event. Her goals on the Region level are to work on the Outreach, convention, and literature committees and be part of the monthly teleconferences. Her World Service level goals are continue to be well versed on "Robert's Rules" and guidelines and to assist Rand in going around the state when the CAR comes out and continue working with the World Literature Committee.

New Business:

Motion from Restore Us to Sanity group, Lake Worth:

Motion reads: "The Restore Us to Sanity Group (Lake Worth) would like to propose the following replace the list of officers on the Florida meeting list and that the World website be added to the front panel."

Intent: Other options are the 12 Steps or something else from our literature. We thought sharing some of our literature would be more helpful to attract than a list of officers.

Jane (Port St. Lucie) seconded this motion. A friendly amendment was made by Joni (Lake Worth) to modify the motion to have the Nar-Anon "Do's and Don'ts" in place of the Region Service Committee and Committee Chair email addresses. There was discussion as to whether this information was on the State Website and that the email addresses were put on the meeting list as additional information. Sheryl mentioned that the State meeting list is strictly informational for outreach purposes and that the Nar-Anon white literature is recovery

literature and that it is copyrighted and cannot be put on informational literature. Another friendly amendment was made to just include the World Website to the front of the State meeting list, so that if someone lives out of the State of Florida, they could have World's information even though on Florida's website, it includes World's URL.

Vote was then taken and the motion passed with 12 yes, 2 no, and 2 abstain.

Florida Region Face-to-Face

There were three (3) dates brought up for the Florida Region to have their Face-to-Face in Sebring in the month of February: 11, 18, & 25. After some discussion, the date of the February 11th was suggested. Lori (Crystal Beach) made the motion to accept this date and Joni (Delray Beach) seconded; the motion passed unanimously. (This meeting is a Face-to-Face, not the yearly meeting in September that is called the Assembly.)

Schedule for November and December teleconferences:

Due to the holidays coming up, suggestions of the dates of November 20th and December 18th were given and with no discussion, the dates were passed. They will both be held at 7:30 pm.

GSR Reports and Monthly Procedure:

Due to a very full teleconference, Kathy will be sending this information out in an email and if there are any questions, to bring them up at the next teleconference.

East Coast Convention in Atlanta, GA August 3-5, 2012:

There are raffle tickets being sold: 1 for \$6 or 2 for \$10. The prize is your hotel and registration will be paid fully for the Convention. Kathy and Susan have tickets, so contact them. A flier and registration form is available on the website and was also included in one of Kathy's previous emails.

Motion to Adjournment:

Kathy asked for a motion to adjourn and thanked everyone for their patience with such a long agenda. Heather (New Port Richie) made the motion to adjourn; Kristie (Melbourne) seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously. A moment of silence was taken. The meeting closed at 9:15 pm EST. The next teleconference will be Nov. 18th at 7:30 pm DST. The number to call is: (218)844-0840 and the pass code is: 368151. See you then.

Submitted by Stephanie W. on 10-28-11

Minutes of the
Florida Region GSR Teleconference

November 20, 2011

7:30 pm DST

Attendance: 27

Non-voting Members: 6

Kathy – Chair

Mickey – Treasurer

Stephanie – Secretary

Rand – Delegate

Sheryl – Alt. Delegate

Pat – Port St. Lucie

Voting Members: 21

Lynne – GSR – DACCO (Wed.)

Alice – GSR – Dunedin

Melanie – GSR – Dunellon

RuthAmy – GSR – Ft. Lauderdale

Jackie – GSR – Ft. Walton Beach

Jacquelyn – GSR – Jacksonville

Dan – GSR – Lakeland

Ginny – GSR – Land O’Lakes (Convention Co-Chair)

Wendy – GSR – Largo/Clearwater

Alina – GSR – Lutz (Convention Co-Chair)

Kristy – GSR – Melbourne (Narateen Chair)

Diana – GSR – Miami

Heather – GSR – New Port Richie (Literature)

Sandra – GSR – Ocala (Helpline)

Donna – GSR – Palm Harbor/Crystal Beach

Laurie – GSR – Palm Harbor/Crystal Beach

Jane – GSR – Port St. Lucie

Carol – GSR – Satellite Beach

Ivette – GSR – Spring Hill

JoAnn – GSR – North Tampa

Ashleigh – GSR – Winter Haven

Kathy opened the meeting Sunday, November 20, 2011, at 7:35 pm Daylight Savings Time, with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll call was taken, see results above.

Approval of the Minutes from GSR Teleconference, October 23, 2011:

Kathy made the call for a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 23rd teleconference. Alina (Lutz) brought up two corrections that needed to be made to the minutes: the correction in the spelling of Narateen and DACCO. Stephanie also mentioned that she got an email from Mickey stating that the donation amount was over \$.10, so the correct amount should be \$ 461.55. The corrections will be made and sent to Melanie to post on the website. Alina (Lutz) made the motion to accept the minutes and Donna (Palm Harbor/Crystal Beach) seconded the motion. No further discussion and a voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

None at this time.

Reports:

Chair:

For the Committee Chairs, Florida Region has a Yahoo Groups account: FloridaRegionNarAnon. There is a calendar available for the committees to use to schedule future meetings. Kathy thanked those Committee Chairs who went in their reports by the scheduled date to Stephanie and asked that she be sent a copy of the reports as well. The next GSR Face-to-Face is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2012 at Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring. If there are any conflicts, please let her know but that the date may not be changed.

Treasurer:

	Donations:	
Largo	50.00	
Dunedin	45.00	
St Lucie	75.00	
Crystal Beach	145.00	
Spring Hill	25.00	
Ocala	20.00	
Total		360.00

Expenses:

Info Line	29.95	
WSO Donation	461.55	Approved on October call
Outreach Literature	135.00	
New Meeting Packet	40.00	DACCO
State Registration	306.25	
Reserve Sebring	107.00	F2F February 11, 2012

Total Expenses 1079.75

Beginning Balance	7248.09
Income	360.00
Expenses	1079.75
New Balance	6528.34

FYI: I received 2 donations for the East Coast Convention that were payable to the Florida Region. I deposited these 2 donations totaling \$60 – 50.00 from Largo & 10 from Ocala and have sent a check to the East Coast Convention for these donations that were payable to the Florida Region and earmarked for the East Coast Convention Fund.

I have sent an email to the most current contact list I have asking that future donations to the East Coast Convention be payable to them & sent to : [Nar-Anon East Coast Convention, PO Box 326, Morganville, NJ 07751](#) , not to the Florida Region.

WSO Donations that were received and forwarded directly to WSO are as follows:

\$25.00 from the Spring Hill Group

\$19.15 from the Lutz Group

Website:

WEBSITE OVERVIEW as of 11/16/11

Nar-Anon FL Region Website: <http://naranonfl.org>

WebMaster: Melanie S, Dunnellon, FL

Website Assistant: Michelle L, Palm City, FL

Website News & Comments:

- **Website System Upgrades, and System Checks**
 - No internal errors – all systems in working order
 - Website system check – system functionality intact
 - WebHosting on GoDaddy.com expires Sept 23, 2013
 - Domains of .com, and .net expire Sept 23, 2013

- Domain of .org, expires March 7, 2012
- **Issues resolved/unresolved**
 - No issues to resolve
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- **Nar-Anon FL #1, 3 search ranking on Google**, Was #1,2 March to Nov, #1/2/3 Jan/Feb, #2/3 Dec'10/Jan '11, The WSO website holds #4
- **Website Guidelines from WSO – In Progress**
- **10/24 Training Meeting** for Website Assistant.
 - Reviewed basic functions in both KeepAndShare and Wordpress.
 - Website 'How To' DRAFT created by Website Asst
 - Discussed creating draft of 'spec sheet' (inputs/outputs)
 - Next Mtg TBA – To review back-up, recovery how to & GoDaddy

Updates to Site:

- **Calendar of Events (via KeepandShare.com)**
 - 11/30 New Port Richey Anniversary Mtg.
 - 11/15 Ocala 4 yr Anniversary Mtg.
- **Information added/removed on site– Events & News**
 - 11/30 New Port Richey Anniversary Mtg. and flyer
 - 11/15 Ocala 4 yr Anniversary Mtg. and flyer
- **Information added/removed on site - Meetings**
 - Update meeting information from new list (if necessary)
 - 11/23 Largo 7pm Mtg. closed (1 day only)
 - 11/7 & 11/9 2 new Mtgs. @ DACCO and flyer
- **Information added/removed on site – Other, and Misc.**
 - Remove posts & flyers that have expired
 - Updated Outreach page with chairs, subcommittee emails
 - Added Outreach Information Form
 - Upload 10/23 GSR Teleconference Mtg. Minutes – approval pending

Website To Do's:

- Zip Code - Meeting Locator Search Box
- Front Page Scrolling Banner
- State Map (linked to meetings)
- Calendar of Outreach Events (we are a resource)

Melanie and Michelle have been working toward a training manual but it's in a very rough draft right now. Next meeting has not been planned yet but will be put on the calendar as soon as it is planned.

Convention:

The Committee held its first meeting on November 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm, with all Sub-Committee Chairs in place. Mickey was voted in as Convention Treasurer. The

Committee is looking for a theme for Nar-Anon's convention at FRCNA XXXI, which NA has chosen "The Ride of Your Life". Any suggestions, please email Alina or Ginny with them. There were two suggestions made on the teleconference: "Together We Soar" and "You Are Not Alone". Once the theme is chosen, fliers and all other information will be sent out. The committee is working on a "Day of Serenity". The next scheduled teleconference is on Sunday, January 8, 2012, at 7:00 pm.

Narateen:

Kristy has been doing more research on background check websites that would be an outside source and still keep it within a realistic cost. She has found one but needs to meet with the Committee to vote on it, called Background Bureau. The person needing the background check would go to the site and put their information in, where no one else would see it or have access to it. The next scheduled meeting will be Sunday, December 4, 2011, from 7 – 8 pm and Kristy is still looking for willingness to be on the committee.

Newsletter:

No report

Literature:

The Committee held their first meeting on Monday, November 14, but faced some difficulties which have since been worked out. They have decided to meet every Tuesday, from 5:45 – 6:45 pm on Skype and the date has been put on the Yahoo Groups calendar. A secretary has not been voted in as of yet but there is a suggestion of one. The Committee is also looking for willingness.

Outreach:

Updated Contact Lists and Meeting Lists will be going out on November 20th and please make sure to email Alice with any changes. After these go out, there will be monthly updates to follow. A detailed report was sent to Kathy and Stephanie if anyone would like to see it. On the website, there is a form on the "Outreach" form to fill out whenever a group does an outreach project. It can be printed out to be filled out or it can be done online. The forms are to go to Donna, who is the Outreach secretary, so that it can be shared as to what groups are doing. It was suggested that the GSRs that were on the call go back to their groups to form an Outreach committee on that level and be part of the calls to share what they are doing and what is working, but cannot be part of the recovery meeting. The next scheduled teleconference is Saturday, December

3, 2011, at 12:00 pm. Kathy asked about the addresses and locations of the two (2) DACCO meetings. The Monday night 7:00 pm Beginner/Informational meeting is at the Men's Residential, which is for family members and in-patient residents, 3630 50th Street Tampa, FL 33619, and the 12 Step Open meeting on Wednesday nights at the main DACCO building at 6:00 pm is at 4422 E. Columbus Drive Tampa, FL 33605.

Delegate:

Things are moving along for the World Conference and it is getting exciting. There was fear that the Florida Region was going to break down, but over the last few months, it has proven otherwise and Rand commended all those who had stepped up and are doing service and is very proud of the Region and to be a part of it.

Alternate Delegate:

Sheryl just seconded what Rand had stated and also how proud she was of the Region.

New Business:

1. GSR Reports/Monthly Procedures:

Kathy thought that this would be better brought up at the Face-to-Face in Sebring in February due to any questions needing to be asked.

2. East Coast Convention in Atlanta, Ga. August 3 – 5, 2012

Raffle tickets are still on sale: one (1) for \$6.00 or two (2) for \$10.00. Prize for winning is your registration is paid for and your hotel stay. It was asked what the total amount that was needed for the convention, but it can be found out. Donations are a separate collection and not the Group's 7th Tradition.

3. Information to Order Speaker Meetings from World Convention:

You can order the CDs online from www.fiattend.com/nar or get with Kathy for a phone number. The entire list will show the entire library, which you can order, or just particular speakers.

4. Free Conference Call question:

Sheryl had mentioned that due to all the committees that have been using the free teleconference number/system, has anyone looked into the total minutes that Nar-Anon is allowed to use each month. This will be looked into and Sheryl also suggested that maybe Skype could be used as an alternate source.

5. Helpline willingness request:

Sandra mentioned that the schedule for the Helpline was just about totally covered with the exception of Friday, from 10 am to 10 pm and that if anyone is

willing to be on the list to email her at: naranonhelpline@yahoo.com. She would really like to have two (2) people covering each day. She will be sending out a copy of the lists to all GSRs to take back to their groups to see if there is willingness.

Lynne had mentioned she had gotten a call that one of our members, Bill from Lutz, had suffered a massive stroke earlier in the day and to put him and his family in our prayers.

Kathy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ashleigh (Winter Haven) made the motion to close the meeting, Laurie (Palm Habor) seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously. A moment of silence was taken and closed with the Serenity Prayer. The meeting closed at 8:20 pm Daylight Saving Time. The next scheduled teleconference is Sunday, December 18, 2011, at 7:30 pm. All Committee Chair Reports are due to Stephanie by Sunday, December 11, 2011, with a copy to Kathy.

Submitted by Stephanie W. on 11-26-11