

Minutes of the
Florida Regional GSR Face-to-Face
Saturday, June 20, 2015
Hagen Branch Road Library

The meeting opened with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, and the reading of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts.

Roll Call: The following 13 voting groups were present: Brandon, Cocoa, Davie, Delray Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Lakeland, Lake Worth, Melbourne One Day at a Time, Ocala, Palm City, Port St. Lucie, South Tampa, and West Palm Beach. There were 10 non-voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: A call for a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regional Assembly for February 21, 2015 was asked for. A motion was made, followed by a second. It was discussed that for these Minutes and in future Minutes, a list of the voting groups will be documented to reflect the count. A voice vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was read. A breakdown of where the Region stands at 9 months into the budget was read and the amount of the donation to World as of this Face-to-Face is \$519.13. A call for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made, which one was and followed by a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Delegate/Alternate Delegate Reports: The Delegate gave their report: the 2018 World Convention will be held in Orlando, FL, so participation from Florida should be strong and discussion has already started for this convention. At the 2015 World Convention, they learned what was needed to be worked out as far as issues with translation. The World Convention Committee is working on a guide to go into the 2016 CAR. Step 10 was submitted back to the Board, Step 11 is due back on June 27th, and Step 12 is finishing review before it goes out to the fellowship. These three (3) Steps will be on the 2016 CAR. A booklet titled "On the Loss of a Loved One", which will be the size of the Blue Booklet, is being written. A booklet titled "Stories of Recovery" is being worked on by the Florida Literature Committee. All the literature that is submitted that is not in the CAR, it is going to be put on a list, which then a motion will be formed with the compiled numbers from that list from each Region, and then presented back to the Conference. To date, no motions have been submitted from the Region for the CAR and the deadline is getting close.

Voting members now 14: Palm Beach Gardens.

Committee Reports:

1. **Outreach Committee:** Report given by Outreach Chair, stating projects, events, and teleconferences that have been held since the Assembly. Additional white literature was brought for any group that may need any, as well as posters and Outreach packets for those that do not have one. They meet on the teleconference number the 3rd Saturday of every month at 12 pm.

****The Chair asked for all Committees to please email him a week before they meet so that a notice may go out for any members who might be interested in participating.****

2. **Convention Committee:** No attendance

3. **Narateen Committee:** The report was sent by email by the Committee Chair and read by Regional Secretary. The Lutz Narateen meeting is in danger of closing due to only having one (1) facilitator, they have 3-4 regular members. Letters were sent to the remaining nine (9) members that went through the background check, but only received a response from the one (1) current facilitator. The Narateen Guidelines that were passed at a previous Assembly state that there should be three (3) facilitators. New Port Richey is doing well and have 6 regular members. Ocala is in the process of finalizing the requirements for starting a Narateen meeting and the date will be available as soon as this is completed. There are only two (2) members on the committee and face difficulties getting other members involved.

Non-voting members now 11.

4. **Literature Committee:** The report was given by a member. The committee is working on "Personal Stories" right now. They meet on Skype on Monday evenings at 6 pm. If anyone is interested they are asked to email a member with their Skype information.

5. **Website Committee:** The report was given by a member of the committee. Due to the Webmaster being unavailable, it was asked that if there are any problems with the website, to please notify the Website Chair. Per previous conversations, a decision as to the future of the website is needing to be revisited. The committee is in need of help, so anyone interested, please contact the Website Chair. They meet the 1st Tuesday of every month at 10 am on Skype.

6. **Helpline Committee:** The report was given by the Helpline Chair. At a previous Face-to-Face, it was asked if the information on how many calls were received by the toll free number could be printed out. The Chair stated that it could be printed out, but that it isn't all the information that is available on the site itself. It was also stated that when someone is calling World for a meeting, correct information is not being given out, so it was asked that all GSRs make sure to go on the World website to make sure information is up to date. The Delegate and Alternate Delegate will discuss this and see what they can do on their end to try and find a resolve, knowing that there is more than one (1) person at World that answers the phones, while doing a multitude of things, and they are trying to get that call to an immediate person.

****The Regional Chair asked that the Committee Chairs please email him a week before they meet so that the information can be passed out to the whole Region.****

CAR Motions/Discussion:

1. **Motion on Quorum:** A proposed draft motion was read by the Delegate, with the mention that she cannot make the motion, in regard to needing clarification on what a quorum should be and how it should be put into the Guide to Local Services. The draft reads: **Motion:** "To change pg 6-9 in the GLS, 1st paragraph as follows: 'To conduct business, a quorum of the region's GSRs voting their group's conscience will be necessary. A tie vote will be taken back to the areas for their consideration if time permits. If time does not permit, refer to tie breakers under RSC policies above.' Change to 'To conduct business, a quorum of the region's registered GSRs voting their group's conscience will be necessary. A tie vote will be taken back to the areas for their consideration if time permits. If time does not permit, refer to tie breakers under RSC policies above.'" **Intent:** "The insertion of this word will clarify who the voting members are in order to establish a quorum." **Rationale:** As the paragraph is currently written a quorum would be 51% of all the regions GSRs. If all GSRs do not attend, a quorum may not be possible." **Financial impact:** unknown at this time, but would be the cost of reprinting the GLS. In the Guide to Local Services, on pages 6-4 and 6-9, is where the motion is coming from. As stated on page 6-4: "A quorum shall consist of 51% of voting members, or business will not be conducted." As stated on page 6-9, in the first paragraph: "To conduct business, a quorum of the region's GSRs voting their group's conscience will be necessary."; and in the second paragraph: "The only voting members of the assembly are GSRs, or in their absence, alternate GSRs. This is consistent with one vote per group. Only recognized GSRs are considered voting members. This recognition is gained by filing a GSR registration form with the RSC prior to the vote being taken." Deadline for motions is September 1st, so this motion would have to be in draft form by the teleconference due to time constraints. Final drafts of motions are due by October 1st. Clarification of "registered GSRs" as on page 6-9 is a GSR that has filled out a registration form prior to the RSC for voting purposes at Assemblies. These forms can either be found at the back of the GLS or the Secretary has them on hand. After discussion, it was decided that the draft of this motion needs to be presented by email, then it can go out for discussion within the groups prior to the teleconference. A motion was made for this draft motion to be presented as is and followed by a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The draft motion will be brought back to the groups and will be discussed on an upcoming teleconference.

ASR Reports:

1. **Bay Area:** The Area has their own Literature Depot, but it carries limited inventory and sold within their own Area to help keep costs down; they have made donations straight to Region; and a recent pot luck dinner did very well and they are planning another in October.

GSR Reports/Roundtable Discussions: Each GSR went around and stated how their groups are doing, what projects they are doing/have done, the number of average newcomers, and if they are having any struggles.

After lunch, a roll call was taken: 14 voting members were present.

The Chair passed around a contact list so that all present could update the information for their meetings.

Committee Group Meeting/Discussions:

- 1. Narateen Committee:** The Chair stated again that the Lutz Narateen meeting was in jeopardy of closing. They need help on the committee and only have two (2) members. In order to have a Narateen meeting, there definitely needs to be three (3) facilitators for a group, per the guidelines that were passed. The committee's appeal is to support the meetings that are already established. It was suggested that the Florida Region committee get in touch with the World Narateen Committee and the Pennsylvania Narateen committee. They meet on Thursday evenings at 7 pm on the teleconference line and the next call will be June 24th.
- 2. Outreach Committee:** The Committee brought some additional white literature, posters, and Outreach booklets for those who may need them. It was also mentioned that when they are asked to attend a convention, they bring up-to-date meeting lists, be it local or state wide, as well as white literature. The committee is re-reviewing the flow chart and getting it back to the basics and adding to the flow chart that any meetings that have an "emergency", notifications will be sent to the Regional Secretary so that it can go out to the entire Region. They are also facing struggles with participation on the committee and are not sure if Outreach is being done within the community because there is no communication between the groups and the committee. They meet the 3rd Saturday of the month and agenda and the previous month's minutes are sent out prior to the call. Several different projects and ideas to simplify the procedure to new meetings were discussed. The Chair asked that he be emailed a week before their next teleconference so that an email can be sent out for anyone that may be interested in being a part of the committee.
- 3. Website Committee:** They need help, especially someone who knows how to work Word Press, until we know what is going on with the Webmaster and it was asked to go back to groups to see if anyone has interest. Right now the only thing the webpage is being used for is to keep the meetings updates. It maybe it is time again to discuss the future of the website and what its purpose should be. If it is discussed and decided that it is time to dissolve the website, it would have to be done by a motion by either the committee or a group, but need to keep in mind Concept 11. Another thing to keep in mind is that there are several domain names the Region pays for, that if the website is dissolved, anyone can take

possession of. The Chair also asked that an email be sent to him a week before they meet so that an email can be sent out to the Region for anyone interested.

4. **Literature Committee:** A verbal description was given as to what the committee does when they are on the weekly Skype call, like going over the content, grammar, punctuation, etc. The committee currently has no chair. They meet on Monday nights at 6 pm on Skype.

Regional Announcements:

1. **Florida Regional Assembly: Saturday, September 19th, at Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring, FL.**
2. **All Committee budget proposals are to be submitted by July 10th, or at the end of the month at the latest, so that the 2016 purposed budget can go out to the groups by August 18th.**
3. **There are two (2) Committee Chair positions that need to be filled at the Assembly: Outreach and Convention. Their Chairs have already served 2 consecutive terms and cannot hold the position again. The other Committee Chairs are also up, but the current chairs can be voted in for a second term.**

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. The Narateen Committee knows of a group that is not following the guideline that were set with needing to have 2 facilitators. They also know of 2 more interested in becoming facilitators, but there is not enough in the budgeted line items for the background checks and would like to ask the Region for those funds. It was stated that a budget is just a planning tool and that if the committee says they need to pay for additional background checks, then the Region will pay for them. A suggestion was made that for the next year, the committee may want to double the amount of money for background checks.
2. Discussion was held on the forming of a motion by the Delray Beach group that, due to the previous motion made of holding 3 Face-to-Face/Assemblies a year (one in the northern part of the state, one in the southern part, and the yearly Assembly in Sebring) has not produced the attendance hoped for, that this may need to have a motion written to better serve the Region's participation. It was discussed that there could be 2 Face-to-Face/Assemblies in Sebring a year with teleconferences in between or, even, 2 Face-to-Face/Assemblies and 2 teleconferences, held during each quarter as follows: Face-to-Face in March; teleconference in June; yearly Assembly in September; and teleconference in December. There is a lot of discussion going on within the Region of distance being traveled if there are no motions to be voted on and even talk of trying to hold Skype during a Face-to-Face, which some locations cannot handle it nor could the system. If the written motion passes in September, it would take effect immediately.

Motion to Adjourn: A call for a motion to close was made at 3:45 pm, which one was and followed by a second. The Florida Regional Face-to-Face closed with a moment of silence and followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Submitted by Stephanie W. on 9/8/2015.