

Minutes of the
Florida Regional GSR Assembly
Saturday, September 10, 2016
Highlands Hammock State Park

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:25 am with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and volunteers reading the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts.

Roll Call: The following 14 groups were present: Brandon, Clearwater/Largo, Cocoa, Delray Beach, Lakeland, Lake Worth, Land O'Lakes, Lutz, Ocala, Oldsmar, Palm City, Port St. Lucie, St. Petersburg (Monday), Tampa (North), Tampa (South), and West Palm Beach. There were 16 non-voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: A call for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Florida Regional GSR Teleconference was made, which one was and followed by a second. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken: 14 "yes", motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: 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 report passed unanimously. After the 2016-2017 budget was discussed and the prudent reserve was set, the amount of donation the Florida Region is making to World is \$3,945.47.

Delegate/Alternate Delegate Report: The biggest things that were discussed were some of the new literature that is available. Steps 1 - 12 and Steps 10 - 12 are available for purchase on the website, along with "Sharing Recovery", which are stories compiled from the Newsletter, Outreach posters, just to name a few things. "Continuing Our Journey" has been sent to WSO and will be available soon, as well as the table card for Narateen. The "Boundaries" pamphlet has been flying off the "shelves". New group packets will have new pieces added to it, like a copy of the Guide to Local Services, and it won't effect the price. There was a discussion at Conference on the images on posters. to make them more diverse and clear on what the fellowship is about.

Committee Reports:

- **Outreach Committee:** The Outreach Chair gave the Committee's report. The Committee meets on the 4th Saturday of each month on the teleconference line, but have a low attendance. It was asked that it be mentioned at the groups that if anyone is interested, to join in on the calls. They held a workshop at FRCNA which was very informative. They have been discussing the monthly challenges. The Committee is in need of a Secretary, which the only requirements are that they attend the monthly teleconferences, start the recording on the call, then transcribe the minutes for the next teleconference.

- **Convention Committee:** No representative was present to give a report.
- **Narateen Committee:** The Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm and has 3-5 members. The Chair gave updates on what each group has been doing and shared that Broward County has 2 people interested in starting a meeting, but no other support has been shown. The Chair continues to be part of the World Narateen Committee and helping to translate the Narateen writings that was received from the Medellin Columbia group. The upcoming projects are to review and revise the Florida Narateen Safety Guidelines, decide who can be the Narateen Process Person now that a motion was passed at Conference that states neither the Regional Delegate nor Alternate Delegate can serve in any other position while in office. The Committee has submitted to the proposed budget the same amount they requested last year: 2 new group packets and 10 background checks in the amount of \$470.50.
- **Literature Committee:** The Committee meets on Monday evenings from 6 pm - 7 pm on Skype and will be starting work on the Traditions. They are in need of members, so if anyone is interested, please contact a Committee member with your Skype information.
- **Website Committee:** The Committee meets at 12 pm on Saturdays on Skype. Unfortunately their membership has declined to 1 member. The calendar has been removed from the website and discussion was held on email set-up. It was also discussed about having the Regional minutes put on the website, which no motion is needed for this, just to have the Secretary send them to the Chair for posting. Instructions were passed out on the email addresses that were set up for the RSC.
- **Helpline:** The Helpline report was read by a trusted servant. All is going well, but anyone who is interested in helping fill any open spots is encouraged to get with the Chair with name and contact number.

Vote on the Budget for next fiscal year: The proposed 2016-2017 budget was discussed line item by line item and there was no opposition to what each Committee had submitted. A call for a vote was made, which one was made and followed by a second. A voice vote was taken and the budget passed unanimously with 14 "yes". With the budget passing, the Prudent Reserve was calculated and the amount the Florida Region was calculated (see above in the Treasurer's Report section).

Information on the 2018 World Convention: The 2018 World Convention will be held in Orlando, with the Florida Region being the host region. Help is greatly needed and meetings will be starting this month. The Committee needs at least 6 members to form the host committee, but it is not necessary to attend the meetings, that information will be passed along by Sheryl to those on the committee. If there is anyone interested in being a part of this, please get with Sheryl with your contact information.

Information on the World Conference and the votes on motions at the Conference: All GSRs

received the results from the voting of the motions from the Conference so it was not being discussed in great detail. The motion regarding the ADHOC committee being formed to look into the use of social media was pulled, going to be amended and be presented as an Outreach tool. 2 motions from Northern California on the process on starting an Area or Region: 1 failed and the 2nd pulled after the first failed due to the motion from 2014 being passed that came from Florida. All the proposed recovery literature passed, as well as the CAT material, with the exception of the Social media motion, which can be presented to the Outreach committee by October 31st. Motion #60 was briefly discussed and the process that any service or Outreach literature would go through and be ready for the next conference cycle. Several other items were briefly touched on, such as a motion from Brazil being recinded, Narateen Motion # 34 being diligently worked on, and cover letters being available on the website. A question was asked about the number of attendance, which has stayed about the same and is partially due to finances within Regions.

Elections of positions:

- **Regional Chair:** A nomination for Belle was made and she submitted a letter of willingness. No other nominations were made. Several members shared their positive affirmations at her being in this position. A call for a vote was made, which one was made and followed by a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 13 "yes".

- **Regional Vice Chair:** A nomination from the floor for Whitney was made and she gave her willingness. No other nominations were made. Several members shared their positive affirmations at her being in this position. A call for a vote was made, which one was and followed by a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 13 "yes".

- **Regional Delegate:** A nomination was made for Lynne, the Alternate Delegate, for the position of Delegate and a letter of willingness was submitted. No other nominations were made. Several members shared their positive affirmations at her being in this position. A call for a vote was made, which one was made and followed by a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously, 14 "yes".

- **Regional Alternate Delegate:** A nomination was made for Patti H. for the position of Alternate Delegate and she expressed her willingness. No other nominations were made. Several members shared their positive affirmations at her being in this position. A call for a vote was made, which one was and followed by a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 14 "yes".

- Committee Chairs:

- **Outreach:** The current Chair, Rosemary, was asked if she had the willingness to serve in the position of Outreach Chair for a second term, which she said she did.

- **Convention:** The current Chair, Kim, had sent an email expressing her willingness to serve

in the position of Convention Chair for a second term.

- **Narateen:** The current Chair is unable to serve in the position due to having served 2 consecutive terms.

- **Literature:** The current Chair, Ed, was asked if he had the willingness to serve in the position of Literature Chair for a second term, which he said he did.

- **Website:** The current Chair, Alice, was asked if she had the willingness to serve in the position of Website Chair for a second term, which she said she did.

- **Helpline:** The current Chair, Bonnie W., had sent in a letter of willingness to serve as Helpline Chair for another year.

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

An added item was brought up of the length of Committee Chair terms. This was brought up due to the current Narateen Chair having the willingness to serve another year. There was research done to see if there was a motion in place stating what the length of terms would be, which one was not found. So it was decided to go by what the Guide to Local Service states and that the Narateen Committee would still function without having a Chair, but that if anyone has the willingness to step up would be appreciated. If a motion is created to set a term limit on Committee Chairs, it would have to follow the motion set in place for the timeframe of new motions and could very well be voted on at the next teleconference in December.

Vote on Regional Guidelines as brought forth by the RSC: The motion was read: "To discontinue use of the flowchart created in 2014 and replace with Regional Internal Guidelines created by an ADHOC Committee." Intent: "To provide a more useful document to include information from the flowchart and other Regional policies." An ADHOC Committee was formed and came up with a proposed set of Florida Regional Internal Guidelines that all GSRs received 60 prior to the Assembly and a call was held 30 days ago for discussion purposes only. These Guidelines are going to be needed to be voted in before voting on the motion to dissolve the flowchart. This motion will need a 2/3 majority vote. Discussion followed on the use of the Guidelines and the flowchart, both pro and con. A call for the motion was made, which one was and followed by a second. A roll call vote was taken: 4 "yes" and 10 "no"; the flowchart stays in place.

Vote on the motion for removal of the existing flowchart to be replaced by the Regional guidelines if adopted: This motion was not voted on due to the prior motion not passing.

GSR Reports/Roundtable/ASR Reports: Each GSR shared how their group was doing, if they were having any issues that other groups may have experienced and sought feedback, and the Bay Area ASR gave their report.

A message was read from the Region's previous Delegate, Rand, who has been going through some

health issues, stating he appreciated the Region's love and support while going through this time.

Region updates/information (dates for Face-to-Face and phone calls):

1. **Regional Teleconference:** Sunday, December 11th, at 7:30 pm on the teleconference line.
2. **Regional Face-to-Face:** Saturday, March 11th, starting at 9 am.
3. **Regional Teleconference:** Sunday, June 18th, at 7:30 pm on the teleconference line.
4. **Regional Assembly:** Saturday in September; location and time TBA.

Motion to Adjourn: A call for a motion to close was made at 2:55 pm, which one was made and followed by a second. The Chair closed the Assembly with his thanks and appreciation, and followed with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes of the
Florida Regional GSR Teleconference
Sunday, December 11, 2016

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:35 pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call: The following 8 groups were present on the call: Delray Beach, Lakeland (Friday), Lakeland North, Lake Worth, Port Richey, Port Richey Narateen, Port St. Lucie, and Tampa (South). There were 10 non-voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: A call for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Florida Regional GSR Assembly was made, which one was and followed by a second. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken: 8 "yes", motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: 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 report passed unanimously.

Delegate/Alternate Delegate Report: Items from the 2016 World Conference are available on the website, like the complete book of Steps 1 - 12, Steps 10 - 12, the booklet "Loss of a Loved One", the new Guide of Local Service and the new Guide to World Service.

Committee Reports:

- **Outreach Committee:** No representative from the Committee was available to give a report.
- **Convention Committee:** No representative from the Committee was present to give a report.
- **Narateen Committee:** The Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. The Port Richey meeting has on average 6 members in attendance and put up posters at schools. When they met in October, the poster that had been submitted for Conference had been redesigned and will be resubmitted, they were having issues with the printing of cards but are being resent in different formats, and the guidelines are being reformatted so they can be sent back.
- **Literature Committee:** No representative from the Committee was present to give a report.
- **Website Committee:** The Web Master gave a brief report stating that she hadn't heard from any of the RSC in regard to the new emails that were set up for the Region positions. She also gave a brief explanation as to who and why these emails were set up.

- **Helpline:** The Helpline Chair gave the Committee report stating that all was going well and that if anyone had any upcoming holiday restrictions, please send her an email with their name, date, and time they would be unavailable. Thursday and Friday afternoons are still open, so if anyone is interested, please let the Chair know.

Region Announcements:

1. Appeal from East Coast Convention: A letter was sent out to groups and read from the East Coast Convention asking for help in fundraising and giving contact information of where to send contributions. It was stated that any group wishing to make monetary contributions, they should be separate from the 7th Tradition collected by their group.

Discussion:

1. Group Goals: There will be a list formulated and emailed out with items such as Outreach activities, learning days, starting new groups, Areas, service projects, etc. The Bay Area is going to start working on Guidelines from past motions and minutes. It was decided that further discussion on putting the minutes on the website would be continued at the Face-to-Face in March.

2. Meeting List font size: There was discussion on the look of the meeting list and how to clean it up, and maybe change things up a bit. It was mentioned that in the URL that the hyphen was not needed, that it was easier to find Nar-Anon without it. It was also shared that members were upset that "addiction" was the focal word on the pamphlet and felt that their anonymity was being broken. There was also discussion that there could be 2 different types of pamphlets to be used: 1 for meetings and 1 to do Outreach. It was also brought up about the difference in the meeting list that is emailed out and the one that can be printed out from the website, ~~and that the one from the website was being sent out to the GSRs for review.~~ **The website meeting list version had the exact same wording; only different font sizes/formatting. The FL delegate explained that the meeting list issue should be addressed in the Outreach Committee; not the region teleconference. It was agreed that the website version would be removed immediately.**

3. Motion Time Restraints: It was brought up that maybe the motion that is in place for outing motions on the floor should be revised to allow voting from the floor and the ability to bring back motions to the groups for further discussions. This was suggested to bring to the Face-to-Face in March.

The Florida Regional GSR Face-to-Face will be Saturday, March 11th, at Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring.

A call for a motion to close was made at 9:29 pm, which one was made and followed by a second. The call ended with a moment of silence and followed with the Serenity Prayer.