

**Minutes of the  
Florida Regional Assembly  
Saturday, October 14, 2017**

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:10 am with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and members read the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts.

**Roll Call:** The Secretary took roll call and the following 12 voting members were present: Clearwater (Tues.), Clearwater (Thurs.), Crystal Beach, Lakeland (Fri.), Lutz, Lutz Narateen, Palm City, Plant City, Port St. Lucie, Spring Hill (Wed.), St. Petersburg (Mon.), and Tampa (South). There were 13 non-voting members present as well.

**Approval of Minutes:** A call for a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regional GSR Teleconference from December 11, 2016 was made and was followed by a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed to approve the Minutes. A call for a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regional GSR Teleconference from June 11, 2017 was made and followed by a second. Discussion was held about some GSRs not receiving the Minutes and it was suggested that accurate emails were given and settings in email programs were checked to make sure that emails were not being sent to a wrong folder. It was also suggested that the Minutes be sent to the Web Master to be put on the website for easier access. A voice vote was taken: 5 abstentions and 6 "yes"; motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reviewed the yearly breakdown of the Regional budget where it showed where the money was used, what was sent to World, what was brought in from donations and Convention. It was suggested that a motion to pass the budget wait until later in the Assembly when final numbers are submitted.

**Delegate/Alternate Delegate Report:** The Delegate shared about the recovery literature that was sent out and how important it is to share with the groups. It will be going in the upcoming CAT for Conference. She also said that this is the first year that Florida has not submitted anything for Conference.

**Regional Announcements:** An ADHOC Committee has been formed that is in the process of formulating Florida Regional Guidelines and right now they are seeing if they are similar to or different from the World's Guide to Local Service. They are right now going over all the Regional Motions and their end goal is to submit a final Guide in a motion to an upcoming Conference. It is suggested that when this happens, each group will need to go over it very thoroughly due to the detail that will be in it. Another part of discussion that may be put into place is a time limit for discussion on motions so that it can cut down on the length of Assemblies and teleconferences.

**Committee Reports - Year End Reports:**

- **Outreach Committee:** The Outreach Chair submitted the Committee report by email,

which the Regional Secretary read. This is her last term, so a new Outreach Chair will be needed for the upcoming year. The Outreach committee has held no monthly conference calls in August. Participation has been lacking. Their recent activities have been: a member recommended the monthly Outreach Challenges be started again. A September flyer challenge was created, however with the hurricane preparation the September Outreach Challenge flyer was unpublished. The content of the September message was for the Recovery Month. Moving forward the monthly challenges is an effective way to communicate outreach as well as committee participation. The Outreach budget was discussed and agreed to remain the same with the future upcoming events. We are looking for a committee secretary, if anyone is interested in getting involved in this committee. Their next meeting is October 28, 2017 at 12PM.

- **Convention Committee:** There was no one to represent the Convention Committee. The Committee Chair's term is up and the Committee will need to have a nomination to fill the position.
- **Narateen Committee:** A member of the Committee read the report: We have met about 4 times in the last 6 months by phone (most recent 8/24/17). Usually 3rd Thursday of month at 7pm. Committee member attendance has been 2-5, myself and facilitators from Lutz Narateen. Meeting updates: Lutz meeting is doing well. Has regular attendance of 3-5 teens. They started working on the Steps using Nar-anon 12 Step Workbook. They are welcoming donations of partial workbooks now that the full 12 are available. The dedication of 3 active facilitators has sustained this meeting. The teens painted stones with positive message which were auctioned off at FRCNA. Ocala: No direct information but appears to still be on hold. Financial Report: No funds used since last report. Committee activities: Preparation and submission of a motion to revise current regional Narateen Safety Guidelines to comply with motions passed at WSC 2016, update the background check methods for facilitators and take into account WS Narateen Committee recommendations. Regional Treasure rather than alternate delegate would become our Narateen Process Person to help set up and manage the background checks. Budget request was submitted to the region which included background check fees for both future and current facilitators who are due for updates. It also includes funds for a Nar-anon 12 step workbook in each new group packet. Committee chair remains an active member of the World Service Narateen Committee. One facilitator spoke on Narateen at FRCNA and since has been asked to attend local meetings in the Bay area who are interested in starting Narateen. Committee members all expressed a commitment to be involved with Narateen at the World Convention 9/2018 in Orlando. Narateen writings are still being requested to create a Narateen 31 days and new ideas to help stimulate such writing have been discussed. (Multiple writings were received from Narateens in Colombia but translations halted due to lack of copyright releases)
- **Literature Committee:** A member of the Committee gave the report. They have been

meeting every other Monday on Skype due to summer hours and have completed Tradition 3 and have sent it off to the World Literature Committee and, as of this coming Monday, they will be working on Tradition 4.

- **Website Committee:** The current Committee Chair gave the report. The Committee will need to have a new Chair going into the new fiscal year. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month on the teleconference line and continue to be consistent in updating the website with the latest changes within the Region.
- **Helpline:** The Committee Chair gave the report and update a topic from a prior teleconference about calls going to personal voicemails and hoped that the situation had been resolved. The topic of being able to do texting was also discussed and the only way that it would be able to work is that if the Helpline was an actual phone number and not a toll free number. Within a timeframe of March 1 to October 13, 226 calls were made to the Helpline: 20 were forwarded and 50 were unanswered.

**\*\*At this time (10:40 am), the GSR from Tampa (North) arrived. Voting GSRs are now 13\*\***

#### **Motions:**

1. **Motion Revised FL Region Guideline:** The motion was read and the Narateen Committee member briefly explained what the reasoning was behind the changes. A call for a vote was made: 13 "yes", no abstentions, and no votes against.

2. **Motion Revised of FL Region List:** The motion was read and some discussion followed as to the look of the pamphlet and placement of the wording. A call for a vote was made: 9 "yes"; 3 "no"; 1 abstention. The motion passed.

**\*\* After lunch, there were 12 voting members present. \*\***

#### **Election of Regional Officers:**

1. **Treasurer:** A letter of willingness from Jim (Lutz) was read for the position of Regional Treasurer. The floor opened for discussion and many shared their thoughts on how they felt he would fulfill this commitment. A call for a vote was made: 11 "yes", passed unanimously.

2. **Secretary:** A letter of willingness from Kathy K. from Naples was read. The floor was opened for discussion and it was shared that she is very committed to whatever task she sets out on and that she would do a great job. A call for a vote was made: 11 "yes", passed unanimously.

#### **Election of Committee Chairs:**

1. **Outreach Chair:** No nominations were made at this time.

2. **Convention Chair:** No nominations were made at this time.

3. **Website Chair:** Some discussion was held as to what did the Chair actually do in that position. A nomination for Mike from Spring Hill was made and he accepted the position. The floor was open for discussion and many shared that he is a committed person and would do great at this. A call for a vote was made: 11 "yes", passed unanimously. It was also suggested that with the situations that have arisen with outgoing Committee Chairs wanting to stay in that service position, that maybe for the next conference cycle the Region might want to come up with a motion to revise

the GLS in that area of time frame of Chair positions.

**Vote to Reconfirm:**

1. **Delegate & Alt. Delegate:** A roll call vote was taken to reconfirm Lynne as the Regional Delegate and Patti as the Regional Alternate Delegate: 12 "yes", passed unanimously for both positions.

2. **Helpline:** The floor opened for discussion and many have shared on her abilities of handling the position. A call for a vote was made: 12 "yes", passed unanimously.

**Budget (Attached):** The amount being submitted is \$5402.00. The floor opened for discussion at this time. It was brought up about the amount for the proposed Outreach Committee budget and possibly changing it, with it being suggested that maybe a motion be made to change it, but it doesn't mean that the entire money will be spent and what isn't used will be utilized in other ways. For now it is just a number to go with. A call for a motion to accept the motion was made and followed by a second. A voice vote was taken: 12 "yes", budget passed unanimously. **The amount being donated to World is \$4112.42 and the Regional Prudent Reserve for the 2017- 2018 fiscal year is \$600.00. A call for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made and followed by a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with 12 "yes".**

**\*\*Emerald Coast possibly being dissolved. - The Delegate spoke with the ASR and was told that they still have an active literature depot and a few active meetings. He did ask that this discussion be tabled until the next Assembly to discuss this with the meetings in his Area and go from there. \*\***

**GSR Reports/Roundtable:** Each GSR went around and gave a report as to how their group is doing and if they have any concerns. The Bay Area ASR also gave their Area report at this time. A member even shared about her experience at the East Coast Convention 6 that was just held on October 6 - 8, 2017 in Boston, Mass.

**Reminders:**

1. **Nar-Anon World Convention 2018 in Orlando Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, 2018**

2. **The next Regional teleconference will be on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 7:30 pm. The teleconference number is 605-468-8018 and the PIN is 368151. Some discussion was held about the possibility of changing the location of the Assemblies to a more centralized location like around the Orlando area. Tony (Tampa south) offered to look into this matter.**

3. **A tentative date for the next Regional Assembly was set for Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.**

4. **The need for male sponsorship in the Region. If anyone has the willingness, please step up and reach out to those in your group. Ask the Regional Delegate for help in this situation as she may have resources.**

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 2:40 pm and followed by a second. The Florida Regional Assembly closed with a moment of silence and followed by the Serenity Prayer.**

Submitted by Stephanie W. 10-14-2017