Minutes of the Florida Regional GSR Assembly Saturday, February 21, 2015 Ft. Cooper State Park

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: 18 voting members and 11 non-voting members were present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the Regional Assembly for September 6, 2014 were approved with the corrections of putting in the groups with voting members that attended and the names of the elected trusted servants.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was read, with some questions on being able to see what group's donated to World and a donation from the Ocala group. A call for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made, which one was and followed by a second. A voice vote was taken: 17 "yes" and 1 abstention.

Delegate/Alternate Delegate Reports: World Convention 2015 will be held in Rio, with over 200 people expected to attend. Shirts and bags are going to be available to those not being able to attend. World Convention 2018 will be held in Orlando. A convention planning guide is planned to be ready by 2016 Conference and will be similar to the other handbooks that have been printed. All projects from the 2014 CAR and CAT have been completed and available on the web store. Step 10 will be available for review only by groups, not for use, and need to have the feedback returned by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Steps 11 and 12 are not far behind. Translation Committee are working on the brochures to be handed out for immediate distribution. The Blue Booklet is on hold for now. The SESH Book is 70% completed, but it has been put on hold as well. Future translations are going to include the Narateen information, the reading cards, and "I Used to Play Crazy Games". The Nar-Anon 36 is off in the distance for translation. It was strongly suggested that GSRs go on the World website to see all the information that is available for groups to use. There are 5 Outreach challenges on the World Website right now and the 6<sup>th</sup> that is coming will be the video PSA. Every other Wednesday evening at 8 pm, there is a Traditions study group Skype call being held and if anyone is interested, get with the Alternate Delegate to give your Skype information. \*The number of non-voting members at this time is now 12.\* Committee Reports:

1. Outreach Committee: Report given by Outreach Chair, stating projects, events, and teleconferences that have been held since the Assembly and it was also shared that the HACNA (Heartland Area Convention of Narcotics Anonymous) was pleased at Nar-Anons'

presence and would be happy to have us at the next convention for having a table, for the day, or the weekend and would be in touch when details would be available. They also reported that there have been some issues using the flow chart and having some confusion as to how to report information. Their teleconferences are usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month on the teleconference line.

- 2. Convention Committee: Report given by Convention Chair, stating they hold teleconferences once a month, that they have a registration chair for FRCNA, sending out a save-the-date, a fundraising letter will be sent out to the groups every month, and passing around a sign-up sheet for those interested in doing a workshop and the programming, working the registration table, etc.
- 3. Narateen Committee: Report given by Narateen Chair, presented motion to revise the Narateen guidelines for the Region to vote on. A suggestion was made that the alternate facilitators that they attend a meeting at least once a month so that the Narateen group can get to know them and not just showing up. There is an interest for a Narateen group to start in Ocala and the current meetings are going strong.
- 4. Literature Committee: Report given by Literature Chair, stating they are currently working on "Stories of Recovery", which is like the "Personal Stories" that is included in the Newcomers packet, and are about a third of the way through getting it ready for approval at WSC. They meet every Monday on Skype at 6pm. If anyone is interested, contact the Chair with your Skype information.
- 5. Website Committee: Report given by Website Chair; plans for updating the website to make it more user friendly and up-to-date, presented the letter of willingness for the position of Web Master, who has already been instrumental in keeping the website up and running. Tentative ideas for what the updated website may include were mentioned, which is also going to make it more user friendly.
- 6. Helpline Committee: Report given by Helpline Chair, stating that there are still some openings on the schedule if anyone is interested and that the issue of calls going to personal voice mail was made to the OneBox tech, and it was suggested that the number of rings be adjusted on the account to try and eliminate this issue. Also 211 has been occasionally calling to update Nar-Anon's information on their contact list. A question was asked if there was a way to track how many calls come in within a certain timeframe, which there is, and the reason it was asked is to pass the information along to World.

\*Prior to voting on the Election of the Region Web Master and Motions, roll call was taken: 18 voting members were present.\*

The current contact list was passed around to those present so that information could be updated. The list had been divided up between the RSC members to try and contact all the names on the list to help the number of attendees grow, but they had run into wrong numbers, no answers, or there is no contact number. This information is vital for the Regions' growth and if there is any issue of no contact information or no response, please email the Chair on this matter.

**Election of Florida Region Webmaster:** Nominee read letter of willingness and answered any questions that were asked. A motion was made to accept the nominee and followed by a second; roll call vote was taken: **18** "yes". Motion passed unanimously.

Vote on Motion from Narateen Committee: Motion read by Committee Chair: "We ask the Region to accept the document attached as the new Florida Narateen guidelines. INTENT: Update the previously approved guidelines to accommodate motions passed at the latest World Conference as well as adapt them to the new WSO Narateen Safety Guidelines. Our goal is to provide guidance and support to existing and new Narateen facilitators and group members.", followed by a second. Some discussion on the nominee's qualifications followed. A voice vote was taken: 18 "yes". Motion passed unanimously.

Vote on Motion from Bay Area: Motion read by Regional Chair: The Florida Region will make a donation to the WSO three (3) times per year or after each F2F. INTENT: To set a timetable for donations to the WSO from the Florida Region." Some discussion followed regarding the motion. A motion was made to accept this motion and followed by a second. A voice vote was taken: 15 "yes", 2 "no", and 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Discussion on Flow Chart by Outreach Committee: There has been as issue when it has to do with how the flow chart is to work and what it is to be used for. When it comes to flyers, the flyers from groups should go to the Website Chair, who takes it to the Website Committee for review prior to posting. The note at the bottom of the page gives instructions as to how this process is to go. It was suggested this note could be moved to the top of the page and is a separate procedure from the additions/removals/changes of meetings. Any additions/removals/changes should come from World and passed along by the RSC Chair to the Outreach Chair, and passed along to Meeting list and Helpline. Any meetings that are closing are to notify the RSC Chair as soon as possible to be removed from the list, which will then go along to the Outreach Committee, and then to World. The current flow chart doesn't include any type of alert, which would be a change in time/location for a meeting, and would not only go out to the Outreach committee but would also go out to the RSC. It was suggested that an additional line be added to the flow chart to state the description of what alerts are and they be sent to everyone on the Regional Contact list that we have contact information for and can add that the Regional Secretary be the one to send out the alerts. These changes can only be done in a motion since the original flow chart was formulated by a motion. The new motion will have to be done by the Outreach Committee following the motion procedure and timeframe. This was just a discussion and not a forming of a motion.

\*\* A motion was made to allow the Bay Area ASR to read their report, hence changing the flow of the agenda, followed by a second. Voice vote taken and motion passed unanimously. \*\*

**ASR Reports:** Bay Area ASR reported that there are 8-11 groups at their Area meetings, including some that are not voting groups of the Area, they have made 2 motions, including the motion of a timetable for donations to World, and to fund their own Literature Depot which consists of SESH books, Little Blue Books, and Newcomer packets. ECC also donated literature to the Bay Area for all the help they gave at the convention. A new Outreach Chair was voted in.

\*After lunch, roll call was again taken: 16 voting members were present.\*

**CAR Motions for 2016/Discussion on adding and removing meetings:** September 1, 2015 is the deadline for any CAR motions from Regions to World. Just because the ability to make motions is there, doesn't mean that motions have to be made. There was discussion about the ability to remove meetings from both the Region and World meeting lists and that just because a meeting starts doesn't automatically add them to the list. It was discussed support for new meetings other than just showing up at their meetings, about creating policy for removing unhealthy meetings that don't follow Traditions and protocol, protecting the newcomers, encouraging other GSR to attend Regional Face-to-Face/Assemblies, etc.

**GSR Reports/Roundtable:** Each group went around and shared their experience and how their groups are doing.

# **Regional Announcements:**

- 1. Tentative date for GSR Assembly in September: Saturday, September 19, 2015.\*
- 2. Set a date for the Face-to-Face in May somewhere in the Southern Florida area.
- 3. Regional Bulletin out by the middle of the month.

**Old Business:** It was discussed at a prior Face-to-Face that a "Motions Book" needed to be complied and it is suggested that it be finished by September when the Region meets in Sebring.

# New Business: None

**Donation to WSO if Bay Area motion passes:** The amount that is to be donated to World with the passing of the Bay Area motion is \$945.18.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion was made to adjourn, followed by a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The Regional Face-to-Face closed with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Submitted by Stephanie W. 5/31/2015

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

The meeting opened with o 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 o 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 far 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 complied 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:

 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>, at Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring, FL.
- 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 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 olso 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.

#### FLORIDA REGIONAL conference call

#### August 16, 2015

# 7:30 pm

# This call is for discussion only for the three motions before the groups to be voted on in September at the regional assembly.

### Conference call number 1-712-432-0393

## Pin number 368151

OPEN CALL WITH SERENITY PRAYER

GEORGE

Motion 1) made by Joni A.

Motion reads It is proposed that the regular Florida Regional Meetings be changed to

The following:

September: General Assembly at Mid-Sate location such as Sebring FI.

December (first half of the month) A conference call

March: a second face to face meeting at a mid-state location such as Sebring Florida

June (first half of the month) a second conference call

Intent: To both have more regional communications and balance travel burdens for those committee members participating in regional service

MOTION 2) made by Port St. Lucie,

This motion is a change in policy for the World Conference to decide and would need to be put in the Car.

Motion reads To change page 6-9 in the GLS,1<sup>st</sup>. Paragraph as follows:

To conduct business, a quorum of the region's GSR'S voting their group 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.

To conduct business a quorum of the region's REGISTERED GSR'S voting their group's conscience Will be necessary. A tie vote will be taken back to the area's 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.

## Rational:

As the paragraph is currently written a quorum would be 51% of all the Region's GSR'S. If all the Region's GSR'S do not attend; a quorum may not be possible

**Financial Impact** 

Financial impact is unknown at this time, but would be the cost of reprinting the GLS.

Motion 3) made by the outreach committee

Addendum to original flowchart,

INTENT:

Add an alert to the original chart. This will require immediate action that can not wait for the monthly

Update of the regions meeting list and contact list, to list (i.e. immediate closure, opening, or change

In start time and also to simplify the chart.

Close with the serenity prayer. George

Minutes of the Florida Regional GSR Assembly Highlands Hammock State Park Saturday, September 19, 2015

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 15 voting groups were present: Brandon, Clearwater/Largo (Tues.), Crystal Beach, Davie (Tues.), Delray Beach, Lakeland, Lutz, Melbourne One Day at a Time, Oldsmar, Palm City, Port St. Lucie, St. Petersburg (Monday), Tampa (North), Tampa (South), and Tarpon Springs. There were 13 non-voting members present. Some discussion followed as to who could be a voting member, what happens if a group does not have a GSR/Alternate GSR, and which appropriate form was needed to be considered a voting member at an Assembly.

**Approval of Minutes:** A call for a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regional GSR Face-to-Face for June 20, 2015 was asked for. A motion was made, followed by a second. A correction was made to correct the name of the location. A voice vote was taken: 15 "yes" and 1 "abstention"; motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer stated that she would take questions at this time due to it being the end of the fiscal year, so the amount to send to World has not been determined and final line items have not been calculated. There would be further discussion on the budget when it came up further in the agenda. A question from the Narateen Committee was asked about where the amount on the report for their committee came from. The Treasurer passed around the codes for each group to use for donations and ordering literature from World which is needed to be used by the groups. It was also mentioned that each group needs to do an annual registration for World's records to keep up-to-date information on file. A call for a vote to pass the Treasurer's report was made, which one was and followed by a second. A voice vote was made and the motion passed unanimously.

**Regional Announcements:** The Chair petitioned to the GSRs present that they go back to their groups with the urging for members to step up into service with all the committees needing support.

**Delegate/Alternate Delegate Report:** The Regional motion will be sent in to World in its final form after voting. CAR will be available on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Delegate and Alternate Delegate gave a Power Point presentation on doing service, levels of responsibility as listed in the Guide to Local Service (GLS), and having knowledge of the Steps, Concepts, and Traditions, as well as resources available. \*\*During the presentation, the GSR from Ocala arrived, bringing voting members to 16. \*\* Committee Reports - Year End Summary:

 Outreach Committee: The current Outreach Chair read the committee's report of the most recent activities and upcoming events. The Chair stated it had been an honor to serve and looked forward to being a mentor to whoever would be the next Committee Chair. As of the time of this Regional Assembly, there were no letters of willingness for the Chair position.

- 2. Convention Committee: The Convention Chair gave their report and shared that FRCNA XXXIV made a profit of \$1300.00. FRCNA XXXV will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek, where it had been held the year before last. The Chair stated that she enjoyed being in that position and is willing to help the next Chair. As of the time of this Regional Assembly, there were no letters of willingness for the Chair position.
- 3. Narateen Committee: The Narateen Chair gave their report and shared that the Lutz Narateen meeting closed due to lack of support from approved facilitators, the committee submitted their part for the upcoming proposed budget, the Chair had joined the World Narateen Committee, and that Narateen members are working hard on their own table card for meetings to be a future submission for a CAR. The Chair also shared that narateen.org rights were bought by World. As of the time of this Regional Assembly, there were no letters of willingness for the Chair position.
- 4. Literature Committee: A member of the committee gave the report. They are currently updating literature, like "Personal Stories", working on items for the CAR and CAT, and are always in need of additional members to help. They are working on a piece that has the tentative title "Loss of a Loved One", but it has been asked for other titles to be submitted. Ideas they have already are in the most recent issue of the "Serenity Connection". The committee meets on Monday evenings at 6 pm on Skype and anyone interested contact a member with your Skype information. As of the time of this Assembly, one (1) letter of willingness was submitted by a member.
- 5. Website Committee: The Website Chair gave their report and shared the details of what the position entailed. She also shared that she enjoyed fulfilling the position and her time. The Website Chair shared that the current Web Master had some things going on and that if there was another member interested in the position, she was willing to step down from the position. There is another member has stated an interest, writing a letter of willingness and sharing her knowledge of website and Word Press building. It was asked what would happen if there was no Web Master be able to handle the posting. As of the time of this Assembly, there were no letters of willingness for the Chair position.
- 6. Helpline Committee: The Chair gave their report stating that things are going well and that a recent report of the status of calls for the months of July and August was available for anyone if they were interested.

#### Election of Committee Chairs:

- 1. Outreach Committee: No letters of willingness were received, so a nomination from the floor was made for Rosemary, the current Outreach Secretary, who accepted the nomination. She shared her knowledge of the program, working with a sponsor, and a solid commitment to the position. No other nominations were taken. She shared what her vision of what she could see the committee doing and that she plans on making sure that tasks are delegated out and will find an answer if one is needed. A voice vote was taken and Rosemary was voted as Outreach Chair unanimously.
- 2. Convention Committee: No letters of willingness were received, so a nomination from the floor was made for Phyllis, who stated that she would have to consider the position. It was also questioned what would happen to FRCNA if there were no chair, to which the Regional Chair stated he would send out an email to all GSRs to go back to their groups and see if there was any willingness from their members.

- 3. Website Chair: No letters of willingness were received, so a nomination from the floor was made for Alice, who accepted the nomination. She shared her knowledge of the program, doing service in the fellowship, and meeting attendance. A voice vote was taken and Alice was voted in unanimously. The previous Chair stated that she would be willing to mentor Alice in her new position.
- 4. Literature Chair: One (1) letter of willingness was received from Ed, who was a previous Literature Chair and has been a very active member of the Literature Committee. A voice vote was taken and Ed was voted in unanimously.
- Narateen Committee: The current Narateen Chair, Joni, stated that she had the willingness to continue for a second term. She shared her view on needing more, newer members to be part of service and involved in the Region.
- 6. Web Master: A letter from Theresa was read that shared her experience in the program and with website knowledge. Some discussion followed and a voice vote was taken: 14 "yes", 1 "no", and 1 "abstention".
- 7. Vote to reconfirm Delegate & Alternate Delegate: A voice vote was taken and the Delegate, Sheryl, and Alternate Delegate, Lynne, were voted in unanimously.

#### \*\*After lunch, roll call was taken. 16 voting members were present. \*\*

Regional Vice Chair: There was some discussion as to the Vice Chair not being present at this Assembly or having any contact with her for the last three (3) months. Procedure for "Removal of RSC Officers" was read out of the GSL, from pg. 6-3: "RSC officers may be removed from their positions after written notification of non-compliance. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting assembly members is required for removal of any RSC officer. Non-compliance includes, but is not limited to, failure to fulfill the duties of their positions, and failure to attend two (2) consecutive regular RSC meetings without prior notification to the chair. It is within the discretion of the RSC to accept a written report in lieu of attendance. If removals or resignations occur during an RSC meeting, that position shall be filled on an interim basis at that time. If removals or resignations occur between regularly scheduled RSC meetings, the chair will call an interim assembly for a special election to fill the position until the next election assembly." It was suggested that this information be taken back to the groups to see if there is any interest in filling the position if that should arise.

#### Motions:

1. Motion to change the Florida Regional meetings: The following motion was read by the maker: "It is proposed that the regular Florida Regional meetings to be changed to the following: September - general Assembly at mid-state location such as Sebring, FL; December (first half of the month) - a conference call; March - a second face to face meeting at a mid-state location such as Sebring, FL; June (first half of the month) - a second conference call. Intent: to both have more regional communications and balance travel burdens for those committed to participating in regional service." A call to accept the motion was made, which one was and followed by a second. Some discussion followed with the statement that with this being a change in policy, a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required and that the Regional Chair is to read the motion for it to be valid. Phone calls will still need to be held to follow the motion procedure; this is just for the Face-to-Faces. It was mentioned about Skype or Go-To meetings be used, but there is still the complication with supporting the calls or being able to facilitate a call like that. It was stated that is a separate topic

and was not related to this motion. A call for a vote was made. Roll call vote was taken: 15 "yes" and 1 abstention. Motion passes.

- 2. Motion to change pages 6-9 in the GLS I.E. forum: The following motion was read by the Regional Chair: "To change pg. 6-9 in the GLS, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph as follows: 'to conduct business, a guorum 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.' 'To conduct business, a guorum 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 guorum. Rationale: As the paragraph is currently written a quorum would be 51% of all the region's GSRs. If all GSRs do not attend, a quorum may not be possible. Financial Impact: Financial impact is unknown at this time, but would be the cost of reprinting the GLS." A call to accept the motion was made, which one was and followed by a second. Some discussion followed as this is a change in the GLS and will be submitted to WSC from the Region and not the motion maker. The definition of what "registered" was discussed, as to does it means with World or at the Assembly. Each GSR, Alternate GSR, or substitute at the Assembly filled out a registration form prior to the start, so they are considered registered to vote. This is a practice that is done at Face-to-Faces and Assemblies. The cost is not a factor since the GLS is reprinted after each WSC. A call for a vote was made which one was made and followed by a second. A roll call vote was taken: 15 "yes" and 1 abstention. Motion passes.
- 3. Motion to modify existing flow chart: The following motion was read by the maker: "Addendum to the original flow chart.' Intent: Add an Alert to the original chart. This will require immediate action that cannot wait for the monthly update of the regions meeting list and contact list (i.e. immediate closure, opening, or change in start time) Also to simplify the chart." A call to accept the motion was made, which one was made and followed by a second. Some discussion followed, that this flow chart has been an ongoing thing for two (2) years and time could be better served and a simpler plan could be formulated. Plus there have been times where even after this chart went out, it is still not being followed. A statement was made to direct the conversation back to the motion on the floor. There was some confusion as to which flow chart was being discussed as to there being two (2) versions being looked at, one dated 6/26 and one dated 7/4. The motion dated 6/26 is the one that is to be discussed because that was the one that went back to the groups. After additional discussion as to what the options for the maker were stated, the motion was withdrawn by the maker.

**Budget for 2016** – **2017** Florida Regional fiscal year: The proposed 2016-2017 budget was presented and discussed. With the earlier motion being passed to have only 2 face-to-face meetings, the line item for the amount for locations was changed, as was when the availability for the recreation hall in March (3/19/2016). The equation for factoring what the prudent reserve should be for the upcoming fiscal year was discussed. A call for a motion was made, which one was and followed by a second. The amount donated to World by the Florida Region is \$2,227.58.

GSR Reports/Roundtable: Each GSR gave their groups report, status of their group, and any issues they may have had. The Space Coast Area ASR gave their report. The Bay Area gave their report as well.

Next GSR Teleconference will be Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm on the teleconference number, 712-432-0393 PIN #: 368151

The next Florida Regional Face-to-Face will be Saturday, March 19, 2016, at Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring, FL.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A call for a motion to close was made, which one was made at 4:05 pm and followed by a second. The Florida Regional Assembly closed with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Submitted by Stephanie W. on 11/1/2015.