

RSC meeting minutes of September 13, 2023

Serenity prayer: Robert led the prayer

Roll call: Committee members Robert P., Barbara S., Sunny J., Les P., Mary O., Kim K., Larry B., Alijah M., and Stephanie K. were all present. JT W. was an observer.

Quorum: was met

Traditions: read by Larry

Concepts: read by Stephanie

Approve the minutes of 8/9/2023: Consensus to approve

Adopt Agenda: Consensus to adopt

Old Business: Robert saw the report submitted by Narateen. Stephanie said she is reformatting for appearance. Robert directed Stephanie to review the Narateen guidelines within the current agenda. Stephanie said she would incorporate the information. Stephanie is asking about facilitators. Robert thinks it is a good practice to have 2 facilitators. Stephanie thinks it should be a group conscience if there is only one available. Alijah is bringing up the "requirement" for something. Alijah believes that zoom could be treated differently. Instead of saying "requirement" maybe use "strongly suggested". Robert asked if parents are in the Narateen meetings, Alijah said no. Discussion started around facilitator and group conscience. Sunny said this is being discussed at the WS for fellowship review. An ad hoc committee is going through the world guidelines. WS is looking for clarity. One thing brought up is that it should be required not strongly suggested because of past problems. Also that minors shouldn't be making group conscience. Remember the WS guidelines will be edited when it goes out for fellowship reviews. Other regions, the Pacific Northwest region, Washington and Oregon, do not have a meeting if there aren't 2 facilitators available. This is for the safety of the teens and they have had a legal review. This is for everyone's safety. In the Florida region they also have 2 facilitators. Sunny said she only wants to bring information forward. Alijah said Rocky Mountain and Pennsylvania are who she talks to. Robert is spending time going over page 5 of the agenda, the proposed changes, these need to be reviewed. Stephanie wants to discuss what if there is only one facilitator available? Barbara said she thinks that there should always be two facilitators. Mary talked about Concept 7 and she believes in group conscience. It has also been the practice for panels that Outreach has to always have two people at events. Robert is talking about the responsibility of the Region and the liability. Sunny said that Narateen is a subcommittee like other ones. Les wants to know about recording the meetings. Sunny said that it is clear that it would violate the anonymity of the minors participating in their own recovery. Kim has a concern about it being changed to required because what happens if someone doesn't show up. Alijah said if there is a special circumstance the meeting could be recorded to zoom when bringing up group conscience. Robert said again that minors cannot make decisions. The legal liability is there. Alijah said there is a permission slip asking about 1 facilitator. Barbara talked about the need for CCR to have Narateen because there aren't enough members to support the endeavor. Robert is frustrated with the Narateen subject, it is taking up too much time. Mary asked if the issue can be tabled and bring the recommendations to the next RSC. Alijah agreed.

Robert: his report is in the agenda packet

Larry: doing fantastic, maintaining the website, current and up to date. 90 percent of his time is devoted to the website. Open to suggestions at the meeting. Stephanie will send a flyer to Larry that she received for adding to the Events page of the website.

Les: Contributions increased this month by 489.67, 13 in expenses. The balance is 9042.2. Barbara asked about the bank info and access for herself and Robert. Larry requested the balance again and Les provided it. Stephanie asked about groups that say they don't have expenses and don't ask for 7th tradition contributions. Barbara explained why they don't have expenses and that it is in the script to donate directly to CCR or/and WS. Les asked about money to be sent for the IWSC 2024. Robert explained why it needs to be sent in early, because of the accounting done at the last conference and the discrepancies.

Sunny: her report is in the agenda packet

Mary & Kim: Mary said they will open the Narathon at 9:30 and run until 3:45, 1/2 hour for lunch. The Narathon is not in the CCR zoom room. The correct link is on the flyer. It will be in Robert's personal room. There is an update to the format and all participants have the updated format. She reviewed the agenda for the Narathon. Outreach meetings have a change to their time to 7: 30 p.m. Larry did outreach in SLO county. Addiction is not a choice but a disease and that is what was addressed at the SLO outreach event. Mary talked about the NA pig roast. There was discussion that Narcan is now available. Discussion about the changes and information regarding overdose .

Alijah & Stephanie: The majority of Narateen's report was discussed during the Old Business portion of the meeting. Narateen discussed wanting to get involved with the schools and make them aware of Narateen. Mary let Alijah know that this is what Outreach already does and this should be brought to the Outreach committee. Mary informed them that Larry has been sending letters to schools. Alijah said she had an inquiry about contact with schools and that was why she wanted to consider doing it.

New Business: IWSC 2024: Sunny talked and referred to her report. Sunny mentioned the email from Ruth about the topic of literature. Sunny will collect all topics, December 2nd is the deadline, and make a recommendation to the IWSC. Robert said we need to discuss this further for submission. Sunny said we should vote on the suggestions. Kim thought they could be submitted individually and Robert said that the suggestions need to go through the RSC. Sunny thinks this should be old business for the next RSC, it will be under the Delegates' report.

Administration:

Poster from Sunny regarding service opportunities to be included.

Mary thinks we should call it "September/October TBTM", so that the GSRs and members understand that the TBTM covers both months. After some discussion we decided to change the heading.