

NEZF Iselin, NJ October 27-29th

Good afternoon,

Thank you for letting me be of service. The Western New York Region Delegate Team had the opportunity to attend the NEZF hosted by the New Jersey Region. Below is a summary of the days events. Along with my report that was sent to the web servant there are also copies of the newly approved guidelines, the statement which will be implemented on the zonal facebook groups and the three proposals that were submitted to the zone.

Friday, October 27, 2017

- The NEZF started at 8:00 with a brief orientation, review of the agenda and general housekeeping
- Regional reports were read
- It would appear that all regions are present
- Nancy NEZF Web Servant stepped down
- Due to a bit of extra time in the opening day we took care of old business
- Due to a bit of more time in the opening day we did elections

Old Business

- A consensus was reached on the approval of the guidelines for the NEZF
- NEZF facebook groups (NEZF Public relations) (NEZF H&I) has been utilized to a small degree of success, we are simply agreeing on the statement on each page asking people to conduct themselves in a spiritual manner on these pages. I have attached a copy of it in the email to the web Servant along with the guidelines and this report

Elections

- Chair- Adam H. Nominated, accepted- no objections
- Vice Chair- Dennis M. Nominated, accepted- no objections
- Secretary-Wilvena G. Nominated, accepted- no objections
- Web Servant- No one at this time

First day closed at 10:46

Saturday, October 28th, 2017

Saturday session started at 10:00am

NAWS Update

- Tanna & MaryEllen were the WB members presenting this update
- 60% of the members participating in the 2016 WSC were from the U.S
- 115 regions, 112 present
- Current IDT's: Applying our principles to technology and social media; Atmosphere of recovery in service; How to use the guiding principles
- Find them at www.na.org/idt
- Send info to WB@na.org
- The literature updates remain the same: Spiritual Principles/Meditation book and an DRT pamphlet
- There has been a measured level of success NAWS has been experiencing from using webinars and video conferencing. It is safe to say this is a more cost effective measure as well
- There are now 29 versions of the Basic Text, Swahili will be next
- NA currently speaks in 82 languages
- Literature is printed in 53
- Local translation committees are used to develop new literature. Typically made up of local members; since the fellowship tends to be new the LTC members tend to be relatively new as well. An amazing way to visualize the seed being planted
- There are currently 67,000 meetings weekly
- The continent of Africa seems to be experiencing the most growth; 384 meetings currently
- Income from fiscal year is 12% contributions and 88% from literature

Workshop: Who's missing from our meetings?

- Presentation from three local members, Effrain, Ron & Ray who are a part of a fellowship development group in their region in order to get the NA message out to potential addicts in an urban setting.
- This was a very convoluted workshop. It went off the rails a few times but there were some points that stood out, mostly in regards to younger addicts not being to identify with the disease of addiction because of the social acceptance to specific substance
- I should also point out that there is an area in the NJ region (Essex) that does not sign meeting lists. This was put into place in regards to being affiliated with a particular governing body; most addicts outside of this area feels that this keeps potential addicts from attending our meetings.

Second Workshop Future of the WSC

- Almost a continuation of this mornings workshop, facilitated by the attending WB members
- There will be members of non seated regions present at the next WSC participating but not voted as a trial basis. This was part of a motion that was voted on at the last WSC.
- In order to make the time at the WSC more manageable, the WB is proposing merging old business discussion & formal old business into CAR discussion & decision
- Rather than discussing amendments to motions if there is a consensus we may be able to eschew amendments and vote on the motion in the original
- There is an approach to new business as well; currently we deal with new proposals AND CAT items that spans several sessions. The WB is proposing breaking this into two categories with different processes: CAT material discussion & decisions; New business proposals submitted at the WSC
- In an attempt to make the most of our time these ideas will be utilized at the WSC. One of the biggest takeaways I had from this workshop is that regardless of conference, in this case workshop size, facilitation will ultimately be the driving factor. Once again there were the same people speaking on every issue often more than three to four times on each topic. This concern was noticed by the delegate team at the last WSC

Second day of the NEZF closed at 5:00pm

Sunday, October 29th, 2017

Proposals

Proposal one from the ENYR (attached in my report)

- This proposal wasn't very well written and it is causing confusion on the floor. It would also appear that this is part of the NEZF's vision to offer support (not services) to participating regions. It was written with a lot of influence from Robert's rules; not CBDM
- After some rewording of the proposal, all regions decided we can live with the discussion of forming a group which will hopefully help regions, areas and groups communicate better

Proposal two from NNE (attached in my report)

- Most regions are in favor of it. Lots of the discussion stemmed from concerns about call times and meeting before or after our respective regions. A lot of the

opposition simply stemmed from people personally not being able to dedicate time to the virtual meeting-kind of frustrating. This is service

Proposal three from NNE (attached in my report)

- Lots of pushback from this. The best takeaway is that some people would have regarded that as a decision and the NEZF was/is not a decision making body. First straw poll- lack of consensus
- After some discussion and a second straw poll we amended the proposal and it received even less support including a lack of support from this region and delegate team when we were in favor of it to begin with.
- After more discussion and a third straw poll including an amendment to simply add a statement to our guidelines, there was strong support for the amended proposal. NJ region could not live with the consensus so they expounded stating their concerns- they felt by adding a statement or a mechanism to combat which for the most part sprung from a single issue (Mid Atlantic workshop) which made a lot of sense.

Hosting Region

- Totals for NJ region- \$4,000-ish
- Next hosting region: NNE seems to be ok with hosting

Non Funded Trusted Servants

- \$378.00 in reserves
- Contributions \$470.00
- After sec fees and Vice Chair disbursements
- Remaining reserve \$620.00

Third day and the NEZF closed at 1:04

As we anticipate the arrival of the CAR this month the new delegate team is starting to work effectively and efficiently. After some careful discussion and this of course being a conference year the team will be attending MRLE in December to prepare the new AD for getting a feel for what a conference year entails. The attention to detail of the CAR at MRLE is a valuable tool for the team to prepare us for MARLCNA and then the WSC. We will not be meeting as a zone independently but we will be meeting virtually at MRLE and at MARLCNA. Thank you as always for allowing me to serve my region.

In loving service,

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