

**MZSSNA MINUTES**  
**July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Open with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, followed by the Service Prayer.

**Attendance:**

Trusted Servants			Trusted Servants			Members @ Large
<b>Chairperson</b>	Mary B	P	<b>PR (Local committee)</b>	Jennah	A	Cindi B
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Scott M.	P	<b>Facilities</b>	Stuart L.	P	Mindy E
<b>Treasurer</b>	OPEN		<b>Local Host</b>	Mike F	A	Rob U.
<b>Co-Treasurer</b>	Randi B.	P				
<b>Recorder</b>	Michelle B.	P				
<b>Arts &amp; Graphics</b>	Amanda M.	P				
<b>Merchandise</b>	Andrea	A				
<b>Registration</b>	De L.	P				
<b>Programming</b>	Laura H. (for Louis)	P				
<b>IT</b>	Barry B.	P				

**Introductions were made** (see members at large in attendance above)

**NA-versaries:** Randi – June 10<sup>th</sup> – 36 years

**Approval of June Minutes:** No objections

**Reports:**

**Chair:** Verbal report: Sorry not here last month, but a great vacation. Contact with treasurer discussed. Scott reached out to check in with her. Some miscommunications perhaps happened about leaving the position. The bank information has all been received and updated. Copy of working budget has been posted in SLACK. Open position now noted in treasury. Would like to leave open until next month for others to be considered if interested. MZSSNA Proposal has been sent out. Questions received. Do we wait for answers, then decide when changing policy?

- Questions about timeline of dates
- Discrepancy in letter about 5-6 months OR 4-6 months.
- Just for clarification. Previous have been in Aug, Sept. or Oct.
- Only have 2 responses at this time.
- Maybe post on Social Media?
- Has been sent out to RDs
- Maybe send to ADs since RDs may have rolled off
- Maybe send to Zonal Contacts? To discuss?
- Mary will send to ADs & ZDs

**Vice Chair:** Verbal report: Sold 11 of 15 journals.

**Secretary:** No report

**Treasurer:** OPEN

**Co-Treasurer:** Ready to learn more about treasury more. Fell confident to get up to speed

**Merchandise:** Ready to order. Need address to where to ship it to. Will contact after this meeting to let know.

- Likely ship to Stuart?
- Order about 6 weeks out.
- Probably the end of August.
- Make sure what the turn around times are. Seem to be much slower than in the past. Might asks the vendor the turn around time.
- Journals have been paid for.
- Couple vehicles coming from Oklahoma. May be able to have someone take them in a car. Possibly Tim could transport? But he may not have room. It was 2 full luggage carts in the past. May not be possible.
  - OTHER DISCUSSION:
- Projectors need to be sent there too.
- Could pick them (projectors) up in Amarilla in 2 weeks and bring them back to the Iowa delegate to take in his car. They may also need to be shipped.
- Amanda has a projector. Kathy will be in Bellevue. Perhaps send her an electronic bundle to Denny to take to Detroit. Barry will get list to Amanda.
  - BACK TO MERCHANIDSE
- Amanda asked if Merchandise has all the artwork she needs for the printing. Which format, etc. Andrea ask vendor what format.
- Colors have been communicated.
- Needs proofs so we can use them for posting.

**Facilities:** Early checkin – Will work with us if early that 3:00 pm.

- Screens in rooms? Do they already have some mounted? Some rooms might have them. May have outside AV costs involved.
- Has 4+ one large. One is 10x10 screen.
- Electronic signs vs poster boards. Have couple in the lobby.
- Has a slide in paper by the rooms, but Amanda will double check. Will need the size for the slide ins.
- May need poster size outside of rooms
- Have easels available if needed. Need number of easels.
- All we have is what members can bring and use. Ask for total available. Need approximately 9. Size to hold post-its
- Will talk to hotel for the ones in the rooms for post its. Will talk to members about all the others. DJ to provide sound in rooms. Louis was looking for some consensus on how to proceed on a dance. DJ would then also be available to assist with sound in rooms. Perhaps less money
- May be multiple hundreds of dollars to use hotel sound systems.
- Could approach the AV guys too to see if they can provide a discount
- Would like to have answers by IT's next meeting (August 9<sup>th</sup>) Then get info to Mary.
- What type of event? Dace/ Rave? Karaoke?
- Dance may bring local members to the event for awareness.
- Work with IT & Programming to tie down the numbers to make a decision at next meeting.
- No room numbers booked at this time.
- 1 room comped per 40 nights according to contract.

**PR to professionals:** Unable to fulfill commitment. Reporting sent to Mary. Mindy requested to step in and help with presentation. Will need guidance. Know about PR, but not for PR to professionals. Will need follow-up calls on the professionals that have been mailed to. Scott will be a great resource as the co-facilitator, Mindy & Scott get together to work on the PR to professional. Mindy found a Drug court judge. But not sure how to give the information to the judge to get it in his calendar. Mary will get list of where the cards went out to and then Scott & Mindy will follow-up and putting things together. Mary will contact Jennah to relieve her from her position. Craig may be another great resource to assist with the PR to professionals.

**Registration:**

Below are the numbers. The first column is "since the last meeting" and the 2<sup>nd</sup> column is year to date.

		<u>THIS MONTH</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
# of Reg:	4	\$ 120.00	36	\$1080.00
SS Tee's:	1	\$ 20.00	9	\$ 180.00
LS Tee's:	1	\$ 30.00	4	\$ 120.00
Hoodie (Zip):	2	\$ 100.00	5	\$ 250.00
Hoodie (PO):		\$ -0-	1	\$ 45.00
Garage:		\$ -0-	1	\$ 40.00
Fri Men Lunch:		\$ -0-	3	\$ 90.00
Fri Women Lunch:	1	\$ 30.00	9	\$ 270.00
Sat Banquet:	4	\$ 180.00	21	\$ 945.00
Newcomer Donation:		\$ -0-		\$ 104.00

Grand Totals: Registrations: 1184.00 (This includes Newcomer Donations)  
 Food: 1305.00  
 Merchandise 635.00  
 Less Fees (100.56)

Total Income: \$ 3,023.44

As before, I am keeping track of all the individual orders for types of meals and sizes of merchandise.

In August I will be ordering lanyards, name badge holders and paper inserts. I would like to order some bags to use for registration and merchandise will be able to use as well. I have the colored paper to print food tickets left over from last year. I also have those little food stickers (chicken, cow, vegi & fish) although I was not really thrilled with them, I will use them if you wish.

**Host:** Absent. Mike was seeking volunteers to have people to pull it together.

**Programming:** Greetings! Here's the latest spreadsheet in posted in SLACK. As can be seen, invitations for all the workshops have been sent, and most people have affirmed their participation. The only holes are late Saturday night. A few weeks ago, I realized that we had not planned for anything fun on Saturday night. The Workgroup agreed to do something fun and combined a couple of discussion sessions. In the past, we have done NA Jeopardy. Personally, I'm kinda bored with it. We're thinking maybe a dance or something. We're already using a DJs equipment, maybe we can hire that DJ to do something on Saturday. Lastly, I spoke to Chris B for the NA History. Don't we typically provide them a room, or pay for their transportation to the event? Do we have anything budgeted? I will not be there tonight. Laura will be presenting the spreadsheet. Also, our next meeting is THURSDAY, August 3, 7:30/6:30 pm.

- Dance was brought up at Programming meeting, Sponsorship game (like newlywed game), Jeopardy has been done. Want to ask this body for feedback.
  - What does the local fellowship like? Not known at this time.
  - Games may not be a draw locally. Maybe a combined dance. Game?
  - Try to involve online also if able?

- Alternate dance / Karaoke every hour – Starting at 9:30 PM
- Is it worth having a dance that late?
- If using for sound system the person would already be there.
- People come for the speaker, stay for the dance.
- Recruit young people for the dance.
- Banquet at 6:30, Speakers 7:30 – 9:30.
- Perhaps have a room for Dance/ Room for games
- Chris B. – Do we provide a room or transportation? – No, we have not done that before. Did we provide a free room in Omaha? Yes. So maybe we could provide a room to him.

**Arts & Graphics:** Verbal. Still getting questions answered. More will be revealed on that. Screen shared. Several color for badge as the logo for the shirts. Variation of blue & red. Deb can use anything. Amanda and DE will coordinate for badges. Handouts/ templates. Amanda will send copy PNG to De. Amanda will work on PowerPoint slides for presenters. Artwork for a Banner? What color for the banner? Same color of sample sent to De. Ship banner to Mindy E.

**IT:** Good IT meeting, next meeting second week in August. Aug 9<sup>th</sup>. Individual volunteered to be assigned to one of the rooms. He is an IT professional. Will need 2 more rooms covered. May need to look at registrations to reach out to see who can help. Did a test on a newsletter program on the new website. Worked about 50%, same as MailChimp. Should be doing a mailing soon and will do in both programs to measure our return. Mail programs seem to be going to spam, etc. Hesitant to turn over to new website, but will need to be updated due to other sites needing updated.

- Possibly ship the other 2 projectors from Randi so Barry can coordinate all of the equipment.
- Symbol is only on the hoodie. It makes it challenging to know it's a hoodie.
- When we get proofs we can change the pictures on the website.
- Vendor would need to send pictures of the items
- Banquet does not have options due to it being a buffet.

**Old Business**

- Reviewed above in reports.

**New Business:**

NONE

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Cindy – To post something on social media pages; something different than the save the date to remind people to register!

Meeting adjourned & closing 3<sup>rd</sup> step prayer led by

**Next scheduled meeting:** Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 PM central time

**Reminder:** 90 minutes may not be enough time for our next few meetings 😊

Respectfully submitted by Michelle B.