

**Multi-zonal Service Symposium Workgroup  
Skype Notes Tues 2/18/14, 8:00pm central**

Barry B., Daniel, Mary B., Stacy Mc., Randie B., Michelle C., Cindi B., John S., Amanda, Monte J., Pat P., Mindy P.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Mindy volunteered to take notes–thank you! Secretary absent.

**REPORTS:**

**Facilitator–Amanda** – I submitted the two approved logos to the NA Way to add to our written submission. ILS, Amanda M.

**Co-facilitator–Barry** – I attended the Programing and the Merchandise workgroups. They are doing a great job. I have been busy with our Region that was last weekend and Close Encounters that is next weekend. So nothing I was supposed to do has been done. Hope to see a lot of you at Close Encounters. –Barry

**Treasurer–Michelle** – (verbal) Secretary note: No changes \$1040.57 is still our balance. EIN situation is under control and we’re waiting on the letter regarding it. Bank wouldn’t move forward with any additions to the account until the EIN was cleared up. We can now set up a PayPal account.

**Co-treasurer–John** – Submitted list of regional/zonal donations through 2-16-14

<u>REGION/ZONE</u>	<u>DONATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<b>MIDWEST ZONAL</b>		
CHICAGOLAND		
GREATER ILLINOIS	\$100.00	11/30/13
INDIANA		
METRO-DETOIT		
MICHIGAN		
MINNISOTA	\$100.00	11/30/13
OHIO	\$250.00	
UPPER MIDWEST		
WISCONSIN		
<b>PLAINS STATES ZONAL FORUM</b>	\$100.00	01/28/14
MID-AMERICA	\$100.00	11/19/13
OK	\$100.00	01/11/14
BEST LITTLE REGION		
IOWA	\$100.00	11/22/13
NEBRASKA	\$100.00	11/22/13
SOUTH DAKOTA		
<b>SOUTHERN ZONAL FORUM</b>		
ARKANSAS	\$100.00	

BLUEGRASS-APPALACHIAN		
KENTUCKIANA		
LONE STAR		
LOUISIANA	\$100.00	01/03/14
MISSISSIPPI		
RED RIVER	\$200.00	
SHOW ME	\$200.00	01/25/14
TEJAS BLUEBONNET		
VOLUNTEER (TENNESSEE)	\$100.00	12/6/13
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 1,550.00</b>	

**Arts & Graphics-Stacy** - I worked on the Registration flyer. And worked up a t-shirt design for the WSC shirt for Merchandising. thanks, Stacy

**Facilities-Pat** - Will be keeping up with hotel room reservations. It will be easier to keep up with things when there is a Host Committee Chair in St. Louis. Kristin D. from St. Louis may be willing, but does not want to be Host Chair. Need to confirm if extra rooms are available for Zone meetings. A buffet may not be the best idea for lunch since there will only be an hour; a seated lunch would make it easier to move forward with programming as people are eating.

**Merchandise-Randie** -On the Skype call (2/10) were Mindy, Kristin, Barry and myself. T-Shirt A - Navy blue with Multi Zonal, Symposium, Expression of Gratitude, date and City in Sunshine Yellow. All other colors same as original design.

T-Shirt B - all colors will be as on original design and will be printed on left chest front and on back of shirt. All of these will be offered for sale on Registration Flyer.

Short Sleeve (Black) - 144 qty. Small - 5X

Long Sleeve (Black) - 36-48 qty. Small - 2X

Hoodie (Gray) - 24-36 qty. Small - 3X

Budget will be adjusted to reflect smaller quantity above.

3 bids will be obtained.

Decided on black tall mug with blue inside.

We will propose sizes to order at next meeting.

Our next meeting will be March 10, 2014 at 7:00 pm CST.

In service,

Randie Benno

Secretary note: A member will be taking t-shirts to WSC - those that are not sold there will be distributed to Zone members to sell. Mugs should be included on the flier so members know they are available, and to help us know if we need to order more. Only t-shirts will be sold at WSC.

**Programming-Cindi** - PROGRAMMING WORKGROUP MEETING

February 11, 2014

Members present: Cindi B., Barry B., Monte J. and Mindy A.P.

We had a very productive Skype meeting with the Programming workgroup last week. Unfortunately, due to technical error or just plain "scatterbrainedness", my notes have been written, typed, emailed and then lost so this report is from memory so

hopefully will be edited after a few workgroup members maybe remind me of a few items I probably have missed.

Our first major obstacle has been overcome as we have a PR Professional Day coordinator, Mindy A.P. from Missouri. She has several very good connections including the President of the Missouri Drug Court Professionals so will be able to make some great contacts for the event. She will be meeting with her on Monday. She thought \$400 for the budget was appropriate to mainly cover the mailings. She is aware of the great graphics coordinator we have who could probably help with some letterhead of some kind. She also already has a working relationship with the PR contact with NAWS so that is another step ahead.

We discussed different topics that could be included in the programming. Several of them included Fellowship Development and what that might actually mean in rural America vs a newly developing fellowship and what resources, tools, ideas could be implemented for such a local workgroup. The use of technology (or lack of) in the rural communities and how other sources of communication efforts could be utilized for service and or meetings. Another topic was the complete use of PR and how to actually implement PR efforts of combining/coordinating H&I and PI. We all know how the idea is supposed to work but how do we actually do it? We discussed utilizing and communicating with the EDM and CANA and having them maybe assist or present to us some of the ideas/solutions they have already had to try working within and around geographical boundaries and across long distances. As both of these bodies have already made contact with us and showed their excitement to participate, this seemed like something that could really work also.

We will be connecting a few of the "IT" people together this week to discuss other ways of possible communications and or avenues to investigate and maybe get an IT Programming Coordinator out of the efforts. Several people wanting to work "behind the scenes" which we are grateful for.

I will update these notes if any other members provide information I may have forgotten. I would like to set a goal of maybe having another Programming Skype call on the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00 p.m. but would like to run this by the rest of the programming workgroup before setting a definite date. I will give you a definite time by the next meeting if not before. ILS, Cindi B.

**Registration-Daniel** - Hello MZSS family,

I worked on contacting some places for printing. I can get the double sided flyer printed for \$0.40 a page at a local print shop if ordering 100-500. Over 500 would get another price break. Ready for the go ahead and we can print and I will start getting addresses collected this week for the Regions. Just need guidance on who or if anyone already has a list I can use. Nothing else at this time. ILS, Daniel C.

**Technology-(Barry)** -verbal Secretary note: The component to get more information on the website does not work and has been removed. Will work with Registration to add a shopping cart soon - it can include registration, merchandise.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

>**Communicating with the rest of the fellowship.** Currently there is a website. Minutes are emailed to all RDs. Facebook page - there is no Technology Coordinator and the topic can be revisited when we have one. There is also the anonymity issue.

Monte J. said he can set up a secret FB group and manage it temporarily with several members of the workgroup helping–approved.

During last meeting it was mentioned that there may be an additional Region in the Midwest Zone that we haven't talked to– the Buckeye Region.

>**Guidelines** – Stacy and Amanda are still looking at corrections. The guidelines have been approved but there is grammar that needs to be corrected. If any of the corrections aren't straight forward, Amanda will bring those corrections to the group.

>**Technology** – Barry is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way done with Skype instructions.

>**Workgroup Budget/Pre-registration flyer**

–John asked for clarification on several expenses. Several changes, options, etc...were discussed. Any changes will be emailed from John to Amanda.

–Revisited meal cost/prices as several members had concerns. Cost of luncheon is \$26 all inclusive, cost of Banquet is \$40 all inclusive. Much discussion about affordability for members vs. covering costs. Revised prices from last meetings decision and new compromise reached: \$20 will be price luncheon tickets are sold for; \$34 will be price banquet tickets are sold for.

–There was some discussion about revisiting the cost of merchandise. It was noted that the Merchandise Group has already discussed pricing, tabled until next meeting.

–need to see about 4x and 5x for long sleeve and pull-on hoodie (not on flyer)

–mugs will be added to pre-reg flyer

–Programming workgroup and Amanda will finalize programming language on flyer

–Newcomer donations – who is eligible to receive those at the event?

–Website – Make sure hotel reservation phone number and link are correct

>**Merchandise**

–Logo Colors (t-shirts) – Approved B for use at WSC

–Any merchandise concerns should be addressed to Randi before next meeting; the Merchandising Workgroup may have already discussed your concern

**NEW BUSINESS:**

>Request participation to sell t-shirts at WSC world market–Amanda will do

**NEXT SKYPE MEETING:**

>Thursday 2/27 8pm CST

>Thursday 3/13 8pm CST

**CLOSED**