

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FORUM

MINUTES

DEC 14, 2001

Meeting started at 9:20 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Following was the introduction of attendants. Utah, Colorado and Wyoming were in attendance plus interested members from Colorado and Wyoming.

Reports:

CO: Denver wants a letter addressing financial responsibility/donations so they can make a decision concerning \$2000.00 seed money that they have.

The RD gave his report from the WSM held in Virginia in writing, plus it is on the web site.

UT: The RD talked about the Jan Assembly for the Car and that her region was moving it's meetings around the state. Also that they rewrote the guidelines for the Regional Committee, which have them moving towards a sharing/resource body and away from a governing body. She talked about the regional convention being a success and that speakers were pulled from the zonal forum. Also that two areas, one reformed and one new, have emerged as a direct result of outreach.

WY: RD spoke of upcoming convention in May either at Sheridan or Cody, WY. He talked about service burnout, the convention struggling with money and the ability for his region to maintained structure. All of their operating money comes from the 7th tradition and their region meets four times a year.

CO: Mike RC forgot donation& is opposed to sending someone to WSC just to attend the forum meeting. Would rather hold assembly before and after conference for GSRs & vote on all positions at the Assembly.

Convention in Boulder in Oct, issues with working guide and the "Metro", wants regular time on the agenda concerning committees working on the sly, dissention about rewriting guidelines every year, moving towards consensus based decision making with complete info, etc.

Break: 10:25-10:40

Guidelines are working at the conference. UT doesn't have a problem with who votes. WY and CO concerned about financing problem.

Only vote on distribution of finances.

World Board explains consensus based decisions. Only board has consensus, everyone is heard. Money and voting are issues with everyone. Also stated that there needs to be some accountability. Much discussion followed, general opinions seem to be

Members of RMZF are: interested bystanders can be heard; participants are anyone on attendance; members are the administrative body, RDs, RDAs, Regional Reps. The members are the ones to vote on facilitator and the money disbursement. Point of accountability is the representatives of the regions.

At WSC discuss positions for administration, have elections at first forum meeting after WSC.

Break 11:27-11:45

Technology adhoc gave a written report. RMZF web site is on coat tail of CO website. Still doesn't find a need for meetings online for RMZF. Tabled teaching workshop until next time. Addressed Metro service & gave history of CO. Received copies of CA shared service committees.

Attempted to revisit issues discussed at 1st meeting of RMZF. See minutes.

Outreach

Individual regions shared experience/ with outreach, solutions and suggestions.

Traveling, making service meetings (learning Days, etc.) more accessible to addicts excited about recovery.

Next Agenda

Elections discussion

Address identification problems

Solutions

Timeline for RMZF

Next location (UT?)

What need for what we do

Need to follow mission statement

Offer literature bank to state jails, prisons, etc.

Outreach groups

Come to Conference with brainstorming ideas to add to agenda

Revisit issues brought up @ 1st meeting

Actions-what regions want from forum

How and who we can help

Elections

Break 4:20-4:25

World Board Question & Answer period

Overview

Sponsorship/changes to Basic Text

World Wide Workshops/fellowship relations

Guardians/paper on court cards

Internet groups/meetings

PR evaluation of PI handbook

Bringing new direction to board in Jan

Events- World Convention in Atlanta

Executive Committees

Meeting closed @ 5:00 p.m.