



ROCKY MOUNTAIN FORUM MINUTES

January 7, 2005

Meeting opened in Windsor, CO at the Holiday Inn Express on December 10, 2004 by Linda at 1:00 with MOS and prayer.

Treasures report passed out with no changes.

Linda gave Chair report. No report submitted to secretary.

Discussion on Montana. No replies from their RD or RDA.

Discussion regarding sending items to India. Monte and Tommy to get addresses and send items.

Discussion on India and key tags: Felt by the forum to be a one time event.

Discussed mission statement and agreed that mission statement was inline with our forums objectives.

Regional Reports:

Utah- Has questions on Forum, what are we? What about outreach? New RD and RDA. Division of areas and region. No report submitted.

Wyoming- New RDA and RD. Report submitted.

Colorado- Has locator rotator for meetings. Sent money to world. New RD and RDA. Pueblo is the site for the next regional convention. No report submitted.

Revisit discussion of mission statement and also discussed an email client for which everyone agreed would be helpful.

Break

Reopened meeting at 3:30.

Discussion of our previous undone list. Monte suggested he liked the email list. Linda brought back the idea to finalize the mission statement. Consensus to use the changes for our new mission statement. Changes would be finalized later in agenda.

Discussion of changing the meeting date. No action taken.

Discussion of WB participation at forum. Usually 3 months in advance and Elaine@na.org is our contact with world services on these matters.

Discussion of archives. We have a box and we need someone responsible.

Discussion of PO Box. Would require the person who opened the box to call postmaster and forward mail to the most recent secretary, or trusted servant responsible. Will also discuss under funding.

Discussion of bank account. The current bank account was opened because they have branch banking. Right now we have a state ID and have no problems with the account. PO Box would allow Joann's address to be taken off of checking address. The Rocky Mountain Forum trade name is listed with Joann. Trade name is renewed every year for \$5. Discussed federal ID. No individual names are listed with federal ID's.

Break at 4:30 for dinner.

Reopened meeting at 7:00 by Linda with MOS and prayer.

Discussed guidelines. No action taken.

Discussed funding. Discussion on where our money went, key tags? We had it, we need to use it. Our regions have it; we need to let them know what we need. Discussion of funding Outreach. Discussed AA/NA meeting, outreach to areas that need help. All these have to do with funding.

Closed meeting approximately 8:30

Reopened Saturday at 10:00 by Linda with MOS & prayer.

Discussed funding a web site. \$300 donation given to the treasurer. Don offered to set up a web site for the forum either Sunday or Monday.

Web discussion. Contact the regions first when a request comes. 2 form letters, 1 to sender and one to the forum. Then a letter to the addict and RD's. Would have 2 message boards. Blog, web log message boards. Start with issue discussion topics on blog. Also discussed speaker tape idea.

Discussion of literature development. After web site workshops, provide an article or bulletin regarding our events and what is happening around the region.

Break at 11:10

Reopened at 11:30

Discussion of India. Felt to be a one time thing and we need to take care of our forum first.

Outreach discussion. What can we do? Idea of a skit to integrate our challenges at a convention where we would write and direct.

Discussed outreach guidelines. Chuck recently worked on outreach guidelines and it was also mentioned that the forum might be the best thing that we can do as far as outreach.

Discussed having a skit at the next upcoming regional convention, Upper Rocky Mountain, Cheyenne, on "How to start a meeting".

Fellowship issues and challenges worksheet handed out. What do we want to do with our workshops and common problems? Send regions top 6 problems to forum for workshops.

Discussed annual meeting. We can be in Montana June 17 and 18th if they are willing to participate. If not we will be in southwestern Wyoming in June.

Break

Reopened at 2:05.

Discussed accomplishments: Mission, archives w/box, PO Box, bank account, guidelines, funding, web site, convention skit.

Brenda accepted the secretary position; Bob/Joann accepted the treasurer's position.

\$90 was donated to the motel for the facility and for coffee. Bob collected \$40 from the 7th Tradition.

Discussed leaving the archive box with the secretary and that all members check their areas for prices on a PO Box and all mail will be forward to Bob. Minutes will be sent to the regions and the WSO. Joann will check into the federal ID #, and Don will do the web site. Linda will update mission and guidelines and literature development will be handled by Don, Tommy, and Linda. Any common problems can be mailed to Linda for workshop ideas for next forum. Joann will also put the skit together for the regional convention in Cheyenne May 6-8. Tommy is the program chair for the convention.

Funding and Budget for one year:

Web \$100, PO Box \$75, Trade Reg. \$5, Checks \$15, Secretary supplies \$20, Facilities \$150/year, Trusted servants \$250+/- . Grand total \$615+/-.

Workshops scheduled for June 2006 are contract training for conventions and other legal issues.

Saturday June 18 the proposed workshop will be on outreach in either Montana or Southwestern WY.

Discussed questions from the gallery and closed meeting briefly following the discussion.

In Loving Service,

Stephen Henderson
RMF Secretary