

Convention Committee Meeting 3/18/18

Started at 11:02 w/ Serenity Prayer

Traditions: James C.

Concepts: Arian

Chair: Michelle, **VC1:** Arian, **VC2:** Absent Excused, **Secretary:** Heidi, **Treasurer:** Jen G. Alt. **Treasurer:** Brendan, **Site Selection:** Ricky G., **Registration:** Beth P., **Fundraising:** Jesse, **Fundraising VC:** Kenny, **Softball:** James, **Merchandise:** Dana, **Programs:** Gary P., **Entertainment:** Max, **Arts & Graphics:** Rebecca, **Hospitality:** Travis, **Marathons:** Rachel, **Multitaskers:** Dozer, Aaron, Ricky, Eric, Wallace, Sid, Alfred, Ross. **Visitors:** Vince, Kurt, Lisa, Mac, Dylan and Steve.

RSO Report: *Dylan (Outreach)*-This convention committee is a sub committee of RSO.

Concerns about behavior and things that are going on during this meeting. We know this doesn't bring the best out of everybody. At the end of the day, this is for a better purpose and everything affects NA as a whole. How we act reflects how we look. Threats of physical violence is not ok. This will affect the desire of new people coming in and we always need new people to keep in the spirit of rotation.

Vince (Board Member)- Remind everybody that we are here for a purpose. Accountability is important. Behavior here that affects NA- if its negative RSO has the right to remove someone out of their service position. Remember our focus. This is not an autonomous group. We have guidelines for a reason. If we implode within, that is not good. If you have to take a break, take a break.

Kurt (Alt Treasurer)- Shit load of personalities in here but we need to focus on principles. We come in here thinking we are important but everybody is. Primary purpose is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. We have to look beyond ourselves. It's not easy, principles before personalities and to come up with a group conscience. The executive committee has the right to say "You can't do that". The Chair can say "Let's start over"

Dylan- We want to thank everybody for their service

Mac (Visitor)- It's hard to get fired when you don't get paid. There has been some concern. Let's all work together. 38 years meetings have been going on here in Reno. This area is special. It's amazing what can happen in this area that spans so far and wide. Ely, Tonopah, Truckee, Susanville...so many places. I am so grateful to be here.

Chair: Michelle- I did not make it to RSO due to things in our family which I had to stay home but I did send my report to Karen. (Email: Good morning all, Karen please share at the meeting today. I am sorry to say that I will not be able to make to the meetings today. Sadly this disease is alive and well in our family. I am going to have to be home today to hopefully get our son into west hills. My report.....Attached are the minutes from our last meeting. Since then there has been some progress made with the personalities that conflict with one another. Our next meeting is the 18th and we should have more to report. We had our logo chosen last night at the event so it should be available to view soon. We are having troubles locating all of our supplies for fundraising and Karen will meet with me at the storage unit one day to go over what is in there. I will be meeting with Karen on Wednesday to get signed on to the account. Thank you for

letting me be of service. Michelle) Meeting at the bank to get signed onto the account on the 23rd at 3pm. We'll get to the logo in a bit. I know we had some issues. There was a consensus of changing the triangle to diamonds. Looking forward to working on the principles and not personalities. I hope everyone was able to get some guidelines together for ADHOC. This is important. (Q: What is adhoc? Something to write how we do things.) We are making guidelines for you, so please turn them in. Last time they were done was in 2010. Is everybody meeting? - Rebecca passed the Logo around.

VC1: Arian- Attended Mardi Gras event and it was great. Also attended RSO. I will be attending the registration meeting.

VC2: Dave- Absent Excused. Please say a prayer for Dave while he is in the hospital.

Secretary: Heidi- Attended the Mardi Gras event and I thought it was great. Motion to approve last meeting minutes. (Discussion: The minutes need to add the disagreement. No reason was given of why the disagreement was excluded. There was also a blowout in December that wasn't in the minutes that needs to be in there. We need to be accountable for our behavior. This was discussed at RSO. Whatever happened at the meeting needs to be documented. All the way back: the incident was not recorded. -Jen: Apology for my behavior to the body. That's why I chose to remove myself from the meeting. Ricky would be here for everybody and not hurt anyone. Everyone should know this. ((Everyone Thanks Jen))

Kurt: Can we make a vote to amend last meetings minutes?

Motion to table the minutes made by James. 2nd by Dana Passed: 17/0/1

Heidi will Amend minutes.

Treasurer: Jen- *Please see attached report* Wasn't able to attend the entire Mardi Gras but did come towards the end to help Brendan count the money.

Alt. Treasurer: Brendan- Was at the Mardi Gras and I would like to thank Beth for all the help she gave and all the stuff she taught me. Thank you.

Site Selection: Ricky G.- Have received a few calls for bids for 3 different venues. Nugget, Peppermill and Circus Circus. Went to the end of Mardi Gras. (Discussion: Why are we getting other bids? GSR is making changes and increasing the prices on everything which they have never done. Parole and Probation doesn't allow people on casino floors and that's why the GSR works so great for us. Let's debate on this later.

Registration: Beth- Doing a lot of numbers. Working on prices. Last year each bag cost \$9.35. I would like to do a special gift for early registrations. Asking committee if we can add a \$5 gift with all the bags which if we do the first 250 bags would equal \$1250 more. We have 2 weeks to send this to NorCal. We had 175 bags left over last year. I can do the work to make sure

everything is under cost. (Discussion: Was there some fuss last year? Yes. We also raised the price for registration \$5, so it would cover this gift. Why a phone charger? There will be a notebook & pen, keychain, magnet, lanyard and sunglasses. During the convention the wall is lined up with people charging their phone which means they are missing the miracle. Is there a separate budget for each sub committee? Chair said no- we are given seed money and work off of that. Treasurer said yes.

Motion for the first 300 Pre-Registration bags to have the phone charger by Dana. 2nd James. Passed: 17/0/3

*****Robert's Rules of Order*****

Passing flyers around. 250 will be taken to NorCal convention. Lets get tabs going on the website for different things to buy during the convention. We want to have the flyers mailed out by May 1st. Hoppy has been beating all the prices I have been given. I am verifying costs of everything with multiple places. If you see something on the flyer that needs to be changes-let us know. (Discussion: Can we do pre-order shirt on the flyer? Discussed the cost of shirt for pre-order, can we figure out what happens at NorCal?)

Next Registration meeting will be Wednesday at 11am at the Alano club.

Fundraising: Jesse- We borrowed \$400 but we spent more than we were given. The rent is now \$150 for that location.

Motion to pay Jesse back \$44 by James. 2nd by Sid. Passed: 18/0/0 w/ receipts.

We need a money box and coffee pot. Where are these? (Discussion: Ray from the gratitude dinner has the stuff.)

This fundraising committee is working on having an event at the Comstock restaurant. (Cinco De Mayo? We don't know)

Last year was given \$700 for Cinco De Mayo.

Discussion: why wasn't there any decorations? It didn't even feel like a Mardi Gras event.)

Fundraising defense- short on budget because we had to do the event for the logo. Nobody showed up to help set up except 4 people. We still don't have everything we need for an event. (Wallace: let someone borrow his cashbox and would like it back. So if you're buying one you need to buy 2.)

The fundraising committee does not have to do EVERY event. This is up to Fundraising what events and where. Just as long as we work to help raise money for the Convention.

Jesse needs money for the rent, decorations and food.

Not sure when the next meeting will be.

Softball: James- Ricky/Wallace are on the Softball committee. The first week of May, we will sit down to do a schedule. Went to Susanville- might come back as a team. A new team has a \$50 entry fee. We have been encouraging people to be in a team. We want 8 teams.

(Wallace: Hoppy donated a couple metal NA signs) 600 flyers of \$12 was paid already.

LET'S GO BACK: DJ was not paid at the Mardi Gras event. Motion made by Beth. 2nd Wallace. Passed 18/0/0

Merchandise: Dana- Motion to put a pre-sale t-shirt on the flyer. (already discussed) Will put a disclaimer on there that it will be donated if you don't show up at the convention) The T-Shirt will be a different item that is sold at merchandise. We don't know prices of anything. (discussion: at the last meeting Jen gave Dana all the invoices from last year. Dana could only find 100 t-shirts on there. James offered his help to Dana with vendors. Jen will print out the last 3 years and meet with Dana this week. Brendan: was on the merchandise committee last year and we did sell out in the first 4 hours of certain designs.

Dana gave Secretary the Logo Submission sheet signed by the winner of the Logo competition.
please see attached form

(Discussion: Logo submission guidelines-that was in violation of our tradition. There were no limitations for the logo submissions. We had 15 at the Mardi Gras event. Why would anybody want to submit anything in the future when we scrutinize it like we did this years winner? Winner asks that we not change anything else on his logo. Rebecca will get in contact with Mike B so he can help her fix it. The trademark is there.

Dana was last years programs chair and has given a sheet for guidelines to the Chair.

I have been getting calls from people who sell jewelry and stuff- Do we have any contracts for the people who have come the previous years? There are no contracts. Steve Jewelry and Mikes Arts have called Jen and asked if they are returning. But we need only 1 Jeweler and 1 Arts. Location of where merchandise will be during the convention might change so the set up might too.

Programs: Gary P.- Stepping down and Billy C (Programs VC) can take over. Has all of the CDS. Is there anybody else that wants to do programs? Motion Passed for Billy C to be Programs Chair. 18/0/0

Entertainment: Max- Just moved from Fernley to Galena. We won't have the same issues as last year. We have spoken to a few comedians and one that sticks out the most is a comedian that has done a World Convention and he would be the same cost as last years even though he normally charges a lot more. But visiting Reno is on his bucket list. Sorry couldn't make it last month be I had some family issues. We have a small committee. (Discussion: No live band on friday. Ricky and Jen will DJ Friday and Saturday Night during the convention. We will have everything to get to Beth in time for the Brochure.

Will also get everything from the Gratitude dinner and meet with Michelle to return everything.

Arts & Graphics: Rebecca- Most everything has already been brought up and discussed. I have added the prices for the rooms to the brochures. When over everything on it. The only thing that isn't on there is entertainment. We need to change the the logo a little bit. Only Rebecca will get the correct one and will be passed out accordingly.

Hospitality: Travis- I have about 9 people on my committee. I have spoken with Max about guidelines so I know how to do my job. Will let us know when the next meeting will be.

Marathons: Rachel- Doesn't have much to say. Need guidelines. Arian said Jenny Monney has some.

When are the guidelines due? Now. When are we getting them all to ADHOC? Chair will go through everything that we have and send them out. Have you gotten any at all? There are no guidelines. We make our own-It says that in the guidelines??????

Dozer: Things that have gone on in the past, needs to stay in the past. Everybody isn't always on the same page in their recovery every day. Integrity and respect. Let's talk about being spiritual. You get what you give.

New Business: Arian- Gratitude needs raffle prizes. Full package registration? We have some stuff that we can donate.

Dana- Can we have next meeting at a later time? This was squashed.

7th Tradition: \$22

Next Meeting at Round Table at 11am on April 15th

Ended meeting with the Serenity prayer at 1pm