

SIERRA SAGE REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE
1-14-18

Present:

James C – Vice Chair
Karen R – Secretary/Treasurer
Vince P – Board Member
Bobby C – Board Member
Ami B – Board Member
Curt – Board Member
Danny H – Board Member
Dave B – Board Member
Mike S – Board Member
Abbey B – Board Member
Sheryl – Board Member
Dylan C – RSC Designate

Absent:

Jimmy G – Chair
Mark M – RSC Designate

Visitors:

Ron H – CANA
Alfred – RNA
Terry J – BLAW
Judith – BLAW
Beth P – BLAW
Mike - ?
Arian – BLAW
Michelle V – BLAW
Dozer – BLAW
Dave S – CANA
Max – CANA

At 10:05, James C opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer in Carson City, NV. Minutes from November approved unanimously.

1. Phoneline balance is \$965.32. All areas are current and payments are being received regularly. SLT paid \$180 for the year.
2. Next convention meeting is February 11, 2018, at Round Table Pizza (4th and Vine) in Reno at 11:00 am. Michelle, Chair, was in attendance and reported that she had some concerns that the increase in the attendance from the close-out meeting to the election meeting was stacked to elect certain people to certain positions. Several members state that this is not unheard of and has happened in the past. She knows they have their work cut out for them, but will continue to try to unify the committee and put on another great convention
3. Gratitude Dinner: Karen picked up the money and is waiting for the receipts to finalize the report. There was a slight discrepancy between the written report from CANA and the money turned in (\$20.77 additional funds). Karen will hopefully have the receipts soon and will send out a report then.
4. Treasurer – RSO general account - \$38,715.15 of which \$965.32 are phoneline funds. The annual list of officers was filed with the Secretary of State (\$50), the flight for Dave B's travel to WSZF was booked (\$619.80), a Fuji Park deposit refund of \$500 and a transfer from convention account of \$23,555.49 was made. An additional \$1440 was transferred due to the incorrect report of Early Birds from the convention treasurer. There were actually only 47, not 119. The convention account is \$17,523.60 (less the \$1440). Karen is trying to keep up with their books. RSC has \$8824.14.
5. Curt – Ad hoc on SO – He looked at some rents in Carson City. Sheryl did some footwork as well. Will continue to investigate. Lots of discussion about what we need, what we want. Vince states that we are just

in the fact-finding stage at this time, and we shouldn't expect to see anything concrete for several months. A CC member was in attendance and says that CC is interested in opening an area SO. They have a building that they are looking at, and wanted to know if they could use the regional 503(c)3. This is not possible as we cannot legally provide this information to areas.

6. Received text from Kymberly Laine about her home group's meeting being concerned that the convention Kick-Off dinner had been booked during the same time as her home group. After some investigation, it was discovered that the dinner was actually at the VFW, not the American Legion. Fliers to be adjusted.
7. James asks that Michelle Vander Stoker-Wood be accepted as a board member. She has been in attendance at the past several meetings. No questions, no opposition. Welcome, Michelle!!!
8. It was agreed to use the same figures as last year for literature distribution from convention profits as follows: \$1200 – BLAW \$800 – SLT \$700 – RNA \$500 – GOVA \$500 – CANA \$500 – NLT with an additional case of soft-bound Basic Texts for H & I and BTWSP (1 case each)
9. All agree to send \$5000 to NAWS at this time with further discussion about sending additional contribution in the future.
10. Vince addresses Michelle's concerns about convention. Suggests that convention look over their guidelines and revise if they find it necessary. They must bring any changes to RSO for approval. Offers the service of RSO if they need help. Dave feels that work needs to be done to make it clear that convention is responsible to RSO and the fellowship. The convention committee has become a joke at meetings and a lot needs to be done to help get it back on track. Lengthy discussion with many comments: i.e. accountability, making convention committee attractive, not listening to predecessors....Wants to create a new model of the convention committee.

Next meeting to be held on **Sunday March 11, 2018 at 10am Location – Mark Twain Community Center,
500 Sam Clemens Ave, Dayton, NV 89403**

***These minutes subject to review, amendment, and approval by RSO in March
2018***