

SIERRA SAGE REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE

7-8-18

Present:

Jimmy G – Chair
Karen R – Secretary/Treasurer
Curt – Board Member
Dave B – Board Member
Danny H – Board Member
Sheryl – Board Member
Michelle VW – Board Member
Ami B – Board Member
Abbey B – Board Member
Bobby C – Board Member

Absent:

Mike S – Board Member
Mark M – RSC Designate
Dylan C – RSC Designate
James C – Vice Chair
Vince P – Board Member

Visitors:

Alfred – RNA
Terry J – BLAW
Judith – BLAW
Lisa – BLAW
Dozer – BLAW
Wallace – BLAW
Darryl – NLT
Ben – BLAW
Dawn – SLT
Arian – BLAW

At 10:02 Karen R opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer (Jim G had informed Karen that they were running late) in Gardnerville, NV. Curt read 12 Traditions Danny read 12 Concepts Minutes from May approved with no opposition.

1. Phoneline balance is \$998.38. All areas are current and payments are being received regularly. All bills are paid on time.

Given the current state of things I think it is necessary to correct the minutes.

Please correct my report to state that a \$3000.00 increase was requested by merchandise and declined. Also that I wasn't sure if anything was ordered but the check had not been deposited or cleared out account yet.

Also that a special meeting was held and softball and fundraising was merged at that time.

Below is not my entire report.

2. Next convention meeting is July 15, 2018, at Round Table Pizza (4th and Vine) in Reno at 11:00 am. Last meeting went okay. There are still issues with the merchandise chair. They are asking for \$10,000. The body voted to give merchandise \$5000 against advice from chair, site selection, and treasurer. Nothing has been ordered; chair is very concerned. Fundraising chair stepped down due to personal reasons. Vice chair is willing to stay, but does not meet the clean time requirements. They are looking at combining softball and fundraising as in the past. Bower's Mansion event was a success. Really good turnout. Ad hoc meeting for guideline revision is meeting every two weeks beginning July 16 at Round Table, 4th & Vine in Reno @ 6:00 pm.
3. Gratitude Dinner: Darryl - Committee is in place and doing well. They are requesting that the Gratitude Dinner funds be released for their use. No opposition. Karen let Darryl know that all they need to do is let her know when they funds and she will make them available.
4. Treasurer – RSO general account - \$16,064.38 of which \$998.38 are phoneline funds. The following payments were made this cycle: NAWs contribution - \$2500, CPA - \$650, Insurance (Liability) - \$2851, Insurance (D&O) - \$1706. All major expenses for 2018 have been paid.

Convention - \$3499.49 – Karen expressed major concerns that convention funds are not being used wisely. With the issuing of the \$5000 check to merchandise for a deposit, the account is considerably less than in the past. In July of 2017 the balance was \$13,622.87 with \$3500 banked with the GSR. 2016 balance was \$7,152.06 with \$7500 at GSR and 2015 balance was \$14,117.71 with \$7500 banked with GSR. The financial situation for convention is dire, which could affect the entire Sierra Sage fellowship. There have been no outgoing funds for Programs or Entertainment and Registration still has many financial needs. Although, the executive body members are very aware of their accountability to SSRSO/SSRSC, the committee continues to override their council. Michelle is very distressed by the behavior of the merchandise chair and is asking how to go about removing them from their position. There is a general agreement by several attending NA members that this indeed needs to happen. It is the feeling of this body that she must do anything necessary to bring the convention committee under control and make them understand that they are fully accountable to RSO/RSC and must manage their funds more prudently. This committee does not yet want to step in to micromanage the convention. Michelle has been given the blessing to do whatever she and the executive body of the convention committee must do, including the removal of the merchandise chair.

The following discussion happened during the acting Chairs report from Karen because Jim was late.

In addition, I never said the following: **Michelle is very distressed by the behavior of the merchandise chair and is asking how to go about removing them from their position.**

I have in meetings past asked what to do about Merchandise chair due to her refusal to get a committee together, a vice chair (that was not anonymous) use and/or find a vendor that would do net 30 and requested RSO/RSC step in and remove her, or at least get her on track.

I will most definitely own that.

There was a lot of discussion about the \$5000.00 check that was issued a month ago and never deposited. In addition there was much discussion about the need for funds for the GSR and the fact that we don't have them as we did in years past.

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When the above was said I clearly asked "are you telling me to remove Merchandise Chair from their position?" There were several individuals that expressed a consensus to the removal. At which point Karen asked if there was any opposition and nobody spoke up. I then said "so you are untying my hands now?"

At which time this is partially accurate. **Michelle has been given the blessing (by this body to remove merchandise and retrieve or cancel the \$5000 check, so long as no order has been placed or contract signed) to do whatever she and the executive body of the convention committee must do, including the removal of the merchandise chair.**

2019 Contract is ready for signing (have copy today) No one asked to see it. Michelle and Karen to go to GSR in the upcoming week in order to sign it. Karen asks, that due to the financial situation of the convention, RSO pay the \$1000 deposit for 2019. No opposition.

RSC - \$9,158.77

5. Curt – Ad hoc on SO – Provided an update. See attached. All agree to another 6 months to continue research. Thanks, Curt, for heading this ad hoc committee!

Next meeting to be held on **Sunday, September 8, 2018 at 10am in Bishop, CA, Location The Neighborhood Church 315 East South Street**

Breakfast will be provided by GOVA and will be at 9:00 am, and as usual, they will be having their big BBQ party Saturday evening, so please plan to support and attend RSO/RSC and their event!!!

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