

RCM (Acting) Report

May 24, 2017

I attended off month Regional on Sat 5/13/17. There were 7 of the 10 Areas present. Our current chair HJ came to step down, as he is still recovering from his illness. Vice Chair (appointed) Christian ran the off month meeting. Current chair Dave assisted.

Check/ donation from NEFA: I had already called Mike (Regional Treasurer) about the check that was sent to the Service Center. He was not told it was there & did not know until I called him. He picked it up the day of off-month. Barkley (who was there on behalf of the FSR Convention) advised us that NEFA's bank account has changed, so we returned the \$1,000 to Barkley to return to NEFA's treasurer. So, the donation is back with NEFA. Moving forward, if donations are sent to the Service Center, we will need to advise the Region because we only meet there every two months, so it would sit for 60 days or more.

OLD BIZ:

IRS, Taxes, & Banks: FS Treasurer advised that our bank has been asking us for "articles of un-incorporation" forms. We (FSR) are not a non-profit entity; if we were, we would have to file taxes for the IRS. We have an EIN number. The un-incorporation form tells the bank who signs checks, who is the president, board members, etc. As Barkley explained, this is what happened to NEFA's bank account as well. So, the banks are insisting we do this. Shelley (Westside RCM) is familiar with this discussed that these forms are basically a template & it would make sense that we could basically fill in the blanks for "president" with "chair", etc. A new Ad-hoc committee was formed. Shelley is Chair & others are helping too. WSO sent us information: #32 USA banking, EIN, & tax liability info on FSR website & Complete Sample Bylaws, both on FSR May's regional minutes.

Ad-hoc committee: BUDGET

Was to meet that Saturday after off month. Marie (chair of ad-hoc) advised that she could not come but others in the committee could still hold it. This will be reported at next month on 6/10.

NEW BIZ:

WEBSITE: Invoices from web administrators - Discussion as to why we still have two web administrators. One is transferring info over to the new site. We will find out all will be finished & Louie will completely turn everything over to Linda. We looked at Policy for allowed fees, looked at recent motions & agreed to come to next month's Regional to see what we had approved while Linda was loading everything to the new site & what was clearly (or not-so-clearly) defined.

FSRC: Barkley (Vice chair convention) handed out flyers & talked about the upcoming 25th year convention. Prices are lowered a bit, fundraisers are going on, speakers & trusted servants are needed. Please register ahead of time. One of the fund raisers is at NEFA's annual picnic on 6/10. Pre-registration is \$25. I brought two piles of registrations with me.

NEFA picnic: Barkley announced the picnic. I did not see flyers on NEFA's website under Events or Special Events. It is too late to get it to Region, altho they know about it. Please be sure it's added to NEFA.

NEXT Regional: Shelley (Westside) advised that they got the \$400 advance money to have the Regional meeting, paid \$300 for the church & then the church cancelled & is refunding their money. We had no time to secure a new spot, so we asked the Service Center if we can host it there. Agreed.

POLICY: We are still missing H&I's updated Policy. Current minutes from May 2017 from FSR website says Phone Line policy wasn't approve. I believe this is incorrect. (See my report as Ad-hoc of Policy Chair back 2/2017 which said only H&I was missing). We have also not approved Web admin's new policy submission. Any that is missing would then fall back on old policy. Some committee current policy must be reviewed (ie: Special events says they need 2000 flyers for any event. We agreed this must be change.) Also, I looked on FSR website & see 2 Policies, but both appear the same (one updated 3/2017). This is not the exact copy I had made & handed out. I will reach out to our current Policy Chair & web admin.

RD: Dee: No report; not much going on.

RDA: Trish: See report on line. Webinar for RD/RDA's & both attended. Discussed the new literature projects for mental health issues & new meditation book. This was decided at the last CAR (a list of priorities). **MOTIONS:** Our Region can submit Motions for the upcoming CAR. Deadline is 8/1/17

TREASURER: Mike gave a report. We have not met our current reserves. ie: donations today were approx. \$565 but bills are \$773. Current balance is approx. \$2193 Prudent reserve is \$3500. This is why the Ad-hoc budget committee is so important. It will look at what we are spending, where & how we can better allot our funds.

PR: Irv... submitted a report for information only. Subcommittees do not meet at off-month nor do they have to do a report. But PR wanted to keep us in the loop.

NEXT ON-MONTH REGIONAL MEETING: **JUNE 10th**. Sponsored by Westside but at the Balto Service Center on Warwick Ave. 10-11 GSR workshop, 11-12 Subcommittees, 12-1 lunch, 1-4 main meeting. I will be there.

******* Subcommittees: *******

Please let NEFA Vice Chair know in advance (if at all possible) if you cannot attend June 10th Regional. If you cannot go, please ask others within your subcommittee. It is one hour (from 11-12) of your time. Also, please reach out to the Regional Subcommittee chairs if you cannot come. It's the best way to gather & share information.

In service,

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