MARLCNA 2017

Friday Feb 10th, 2017

Meeting opened up at 9:00pm. Tanna and Mark are the attending WB members

1. Meeting started with a NAWS update/presentation. Basically an overview of what NAWS has been up to since the 2016 WSC and an update on IDT's
2. It was pointed out that the fellowship in the Philippines grew exponentially due to recent political changes (addicts are being killed rather than rehabilitated by the government)
3. The BT is available in 29 languages
4. NA apps are available. NA meeting search; NA recovery companion
5. NAWS received $1,000,000 in contributions

After the update/presentation the WB proposed some ideas that would speed up and make the WSC more manageable. More or less a way to start the conversation on how to get some real changes going. On the surface it would appear like a good way to get everyone to work together on a solution.

Saturday, Feb 11th 2017

First Workshop 8:30-10:00:

Large group discussion regarding conventions. Delegates opened the session up sharing their convention nightmares mostly involving money management and programming.

● As quick as the large group discussion started we moved into a small group discussion in which we focused on the topic of money management.. At the small table we picked two of the ideas we came up with before we presented them to the large group.
● The second session, programming, really opened my eyes up because i realized why I have been struggling attending our convention. Our region and other regions have issues selecting effective, diverse speakers. Topics tend to be less solution based and more focusing on character defects and shortcomings. Circuit speakers who only desire to speak at conventions to be seen and heard, Literature based workshops and speakers tend to be poorly attended. These are concerns that are reaching across our fellowship and perhaps it is time to realize how important programming is to a successful convention.effective use of the schedule will help too. I.E not scheduling service workshops up against more attended workshops (mens/womens rap, relationship workshops etc) screening main speakers should also become a priority as well; let's not just bring a speaker in become we like their submission, let's find out a bit more how these speakers apply this program in their lives.

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Second Workshop 10:30-12:00:

This workshop will consist of the Guiding Principle book.

- One of the members of the workgroup spoke on his experience with helping with the traditions book
- After the presentation delegates shared how we apply the traditions to HG service.
- Following the large group presentation we broke into small groups and traditions 1-3 were distributed throughout the rows of participants. we were given tradition three.

Third Workshop 1:00-1:30:

This turned into a brief impromptu workshop on the future of the WSC. We need to find a way to make the most of our time at the WSC and how to make specific business sessions more manageable (Old Business and New Business)

Fourth Workshop 1:30-3:00

This is a social media workshop. This was a large group discussion that entailed how we can use social media and technology to help carry our message. The facilitators opened up the floor for members their E/S/H in regards to this workshop. After we had a few shares we had a panel presentation regarding some technological tools

1. Danny G (NCRD-A) Discussed the benefits of the BMLT
2. Terry (Tri-State) Presented us with a user friendly website update and a way to access information using twitter and RSS feeds
3. Kim B (Central Atlantic Region RD) Discussed using technology for larger regions/rural regions. Groups, GSR's and RCM's that are unable or unwilling to travel can use a number of methods to collaborate within their service levels and commitments

I took a lot of positive things away from this workgroup. When this workgroup started i thought we would just be discussing the drawbacks and problems we are having with members posting/sharing info on their personal social media sites. This turned out to be an informative presentation that was easily explained and it showed me how we can use these new tools in order to gather our information and to work together if we are unable to meet face to face. Trusted servants can post information electronically and can have it immediately posted for HG members, RCM's, GSR's or RD's

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<u>Fifth Workshop 3:30-5:00</u>

   Input on the Spiritual a Day Meditation Book. This book could be the next book to be submitted for publication and review for the 2018-2020 WSC. We started with a large group discussion based off a straw poll of how we would like this book to be formatted (living clean style or a workbook style copy) most delegates liked the idea of focusing on a book that would have you focus on and study a particular spiritual principle of the day. After the large group discussion we broke into small groups and we were asked to share what spiritual principle(s) we wished NA literature addressed more. It is this delegates opinion that the information on this particular workshop was gathered to gauge interest and some iteration of this project will be in the CAR for 2018. There is also a link that you may access and provide input by going to www.NA.org/meditationbook

 This was my first service commitment as RD and this being a non conference cycle I notice that in service we tend to be very lax when it comes to our participation non conference cycles. I found the upcoming challenges in this year to be very important for myself and the new RD-A. being a part of the cycle is imperative and it is quite obvious to this delegate team that we need to constantly be a part of in order to properly and effectively bring back to our region. Long story short- just because we are not going to the WSC this year doesn't mean we are not preparing for the WSC in 2018. Thank you for letting me be of service to this region and to this fantastic fellowship.

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