

**NEZF NNY**  
**April 26-28th, 2019**

Good afternoon and thank you for letting me be of service. The RD team had the pleasure of attending the NEZF hosted by the NNY Region in Rochester, NY. I took notes based on the events of the days below. Friday is typically a housecleaning, report reading type of day. Saturday is dedicated to workshops while Sunday is our business session. Please refer to the days below in regards to my notes.

**Friday April 26th**

- Meeting started at 8:25
- Northern NY, GNY are currently not here
- Minutes were reviewed and approved
- Regional reports were read. Some things of note:
  - ENY region- has 6 areas, 5 hold conventions. ENYR does not have a regional convention.
  - Mid Atlantic- MARLCNA appears to be moving to a hotel in downtown Lancaster.
  - NJ region- will fund their RD to attend the WSC. bus stop/station PR campaign went live and is largely regarded as a huge success. The campaign is state wide even tho there are two regions in the state.
  - NNE- due to geographic descriptions RCM's are allowed to meet virtually via zoom and the RSC is also live streamed via zoom
  - NNJ region- Shared services with NJ region. No convention.
  - Tri-State- 21 areas
- Meeting closed at 11:00

**Saturday April 27th**

Meeting started at 9:30 This day consisted of four separate sessions which were facilitated by Steve R, NAWS and Tanna A, WB chair on how to create work groups through strategic planning. Each session consisted of the SWOT (strength, weakness, opportunity, target) survey RD's were required to fill out. Through large group discussion and prioritizing our needs we actually formed three work groups:

- Fellowship development AD-HOC (Kris R, NE, point of contact)
- Needs of the zone AD-HOC (Brian, CT, point of contact)
- NEZF video (Stephen D, WNY, point of contact)

This session lasted all day and was quite interactive. Local fellowship and members were encouraged to attend and help identify issues. Local fellowship attendance was small. This was a fantastic opportunity for local regions to see what we do here especially since we did form three workgroups in order to grow as a service body. As these new work groups start to flesh out their required tasks the RD team will keep the WNYR informed

## **Sunday April 28th**

- Roll call
  - Tri-State zoomed in
  - GNY zoomed in
- Webservant report:
  - Two emails from a student wanting to observe a meeting and another from a man in Ohio that wanted a ride to a meeting.
- PR report:
  - Met 4/23 on zoom
  - 12 members in attendance.
  - Since this is now a standing committee they can move forward on setting up a committee with members and positions etc
  - 5/1 there is an online speaker jam from 1500-1700 CAT from S. Africa which will be 1200 EST
  - There was discussion in regards to nominations for the PR chair. ENY nominated Wilvena. Some delegates wondered if we should put this out to the fellowship. WNY nominated Jim L. (declined)
  - There was discussion about us bringing nominations out to the fellowship.
  - It was decided that the committee will continue to function as is.
  - It was requested that guidelines be presented to the NEZF for the PR committee.
- Nominations:
  - Voted to wait for nominations until we had guidelines for treasurer
  - PR: Wilvena G was nominated, was not nominated due to abstentions. Wilvena was encouraged to continue as the point person until guidelines be presented to the regions.
  - The WNY region voted in favor to vote her in in spite of our concerns about trusted servants vacating positions to move into a new position. Since this position was created and developed the RD team felt this didn't apply to our (WNY region) best practices from a group, area, regional standpoint.
- Old business
  - NEZF to help pay for the costs of zoom meetings and the website
    - Strong support. Proposal passes
  - Vice chair of the NEZF will create bank account
    - Unanimous support. Proposal passes
- New business
  - Proposal to add to the NEZF guidelines, section 4: responsibilities of the treasurer
    - Unanimous support. Proposal passes
  - Propose to add CBDM
    - Strong support. Proposal passes
- Hosting report for current session
  - \$984.34

- Speaker jam was held down the street in the ROC area. People in the speaker jam had no idea we were meeting.
  - RD and Vice Chair states that ROC area has no RCM and does not participate in regional service that much. It is this delegates opinion that getting the word out does not stop electronically.
- Hosting report for 2019
  - Tri-State will be hosting
  - Erie PA November 1-2
- Non funded trusted servant report
  - Total expense: \$442.00 total
  - Total in donations: \$400.00
- It was also suggested that RD's bring \$33.50 to the October zoom meeting.
- Open forum
  - NE region suggested the NEZF participants work on and begin by practicing netequette.
  - James P, (NE region) is interested in the NEZF treasurer position.
  - James P, (NE region) proposes that Stephen D, (WNY region) be recommended for WSC Cofac.

All in all a productive NEZF and all members were encouraged by the workgroups that were formed. The delegate team is excited to assist with the workgroups. We will be meeting virtually in June and again in person for the NEZF in the Tri-state region which will take place at the Tri-State regional convention which will be taking place in Erie PA on November 1st-2nd. Once again I Would encourage members from this region to attend.

In loving service,

Stephen D.  
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