

# **Zone Workshop October 9, 2010 Tulsa Oklahoma**

## **Topics Discussed Today:**

- Meeting Etiquette
- Fund Low
- Consensus Based Decision Making
- New World Service System Structure

## **Introduction**

### **Town Hall Meeting** (Ideas or thoughts written on cards)

- ***Addressing Oneself as an Alcoholic/Addict*** – Can put statement in format....can talk to addicts after meeting during coffee, and explain that it is the same....can ask addicts ahead of time if willing to address selves as an addict and only an addict
- ***Better communications between groups, areas, regions, world and zone*** – it would be great if that topic is addressed continually in the workshops coming up, nurturing and training...make sure new GSR's know what their responsibilities are so the communication can continue...clarification of what the responsibility is...rushing when announcing information
- ***Texting at meetings***—once again this is in our format...remind members that this is in respect of others attempting to share,,,remind it is a common courtesy
- ***Praying on Newcomers***...13<sup>th</sup> stepping...in my area it's not just sexually...financially, robbing them of their time...we have to take care of our newcomers and discuss the topic even though uncomfortable...we have to remember that's it's not just the men doing this, women do this too...last campout we had this topic...it can effect a lot of members...and push others out...we have had that problem just recently in that group...we have had to put men on either side of individual...we need to talk about it, not just burry it under the rug...mentoring...this is called inappropriate behavior and when we first come in we don't know the difference between appropriate and inappropriate, until we are taught
- ***Chiming in or chanting on the readings***—I was training that you respect the readings...it sounds like principals or personalities...it's not to say that it's not promoting unity...we recently put it in our home group format, this

brings it up to people...with our group, we do the chanting and stuff, it does sometimes get carried away...it's the readings that started this verbal feed back, what concerns me even more is asking an individual how they did it can be confusing...I have been on both sides of this issue, newcomers do tend to pay attention more cause they do need to learn the readings to know when to chime in, I did get it voted in that we take it out of our readings and the newcomers stopped paying attention, so we brought it back and got their attention

- ***Disruptive or behavior in meetings*** – I think the solution is a strong meeting leader. I took it as my obligation to help work with the solution when this problem came up...We had that in our meeting too, we had someone interrupting members sharing, we did a little intervention. The intervention didn't work, but at least we tried. Teach members that it is not appropriate to purposefully be a center of attention...We've had a few disruptive members also, some were just randomly talking. We spoke with this individual, and attempted to educate. Second process we speak to them at a business meeting and our third and most dramatic is to tell someone that they can't attend the meeting for 30 days or indefinitely...Sometimes there are other mental issues going on. We have to gage our response accordingly...I don't believe it should all be just on the chair person. If I am at a meeting that a person is disruptive in, I can step up and help also...Remember that we can use 911, that is what the service is for and in recovery we need to be a participate in productive part of society and that is part of it.
- ***FaceBook*** – It has become a serious matter...anonymity..members had been touched or hurt in one form or another...facebook is a problem. Don't put photos of members on facebook. Facebook is set up to grow...We have had a member recently who lost a job due to Facebook. Maybe we need to do a workshop on this in our area. Don't post as a NA event. It is a double edged sword, it does help individuals who don't get a lot of contact with members...You get put into groups that you don't want to be a part of.  
***(The one thing in all we have discussed is to remember the word WE!!! We have to be part of the solution.)***