

Lone Star Regional Service Conference  
Meeting Minutes

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Lone Star Regional Service Conference – September 15, 2018	Meeting Minutes
Open with Serenity Prayer Open with Service Prayer	Name: Carlotta Time: 9:13am
Twelve Traditions	Name: Jennette
Twelve Concepts	Name: ?
Roll Call	Facilitator: Open Co-Facilitator: Present Money Handler: Open Money Handler Alt: <b>Open</b> Notes Taker: <b>Open</b> RD: Present RDA: Present Communication Liaison: <b>Open</b> Alt: <b>Open</b> CAC Odd: <b>Open</b> CAC Even: Present H&I Coordinator: Present Outreach Coordinator: Present Spanish Area: Present Dallas: Present East Tx: Absent Fort Worth: Present HOT: Present Rose City: Absent (Arrived after lunch) Texarkana: Present Trinity: Present
Introductions	
Notetaker includes reading or reviewing minutes from previous meeting.	Open. Minutes were not read.

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<p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>Eric: RCM learning Day... Change to Regional Learning Day so that members don't think it's only for RCM. Cathy: believe the type of Workshops should be listed so that the members will know what the learning day is about. Felicia: Dallas brought the idea that we should do RCM learning day and should be at the hosting area. The same areas are doing all the workshops. RCMs need to ask is this effective? How many people are coming? How much participation is there from the members? Cliff: We should do the learning day at the same time as RSC in order to help make the traveling more efficient. John: Attended last learning day and it was awesome. We need to be more visible. We did a learning day at an anniversary and continued to put it out there and there was a great turn out. Would like to see us more visible in our groups. Dusty: We have done 2 learning days. Fort Worth had a lot of participation; Trinity did not have a lot of participation. We need flyers and promoting in our meetings to make it more visible. We need to make it more attractive in order to gain participation. We are not doing the appropriate thing of getting it out there. If we do a learning day at the same time as RSC then we would not have enough time. Cliff Dallas: We are not getting it out there enough and we are naming it wrong cause people think it's for RCMs or to learn to be an RCM. Cathy: Regional inventory was never brought back to our area. Jennette: It went to areas. Felicia: John had the information. Cathy: H&amp;I rotates among the groups to get people involved and ASC moves around. Never seen being in 1 location work. If they want to know, talking to them one on one has been more effective getting them involved. It is not effective to get people already involved in service to feel obligated to do service and hope people will show up to get</p>
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involved. Rob: Our guidelines state that our Mission is “The mission of the Lone Star Region is to provide its members a diverse forum for training and support while cultivating leaders who can more effectively carry the message to the addict who still suffers.” Our Visions is “We shall create unity throughout the Lone Star Region and fulfill the vision of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole.” It is about training and mentoring. Felicia: Why not have learning day at RSC instead of making 2 trips within 6 weeks. The reports are being posted and we should not be taking as much time doing business. We have 8 areas and if there is an alt that is 16 people that would be more people being involved. Jeremy: We cannot go over all the information 1 on 1 in the area. There is no way just to give someone the cliff notes to learn and understand the CAR. Dusty: The whole thing about ...why not just not have RSC any more. We are not going to read reports. I can read all day long but not understand. I need the communication involved to understand. A lot of reports were not posted until today and everyone would have to be responsible to get it posted early. Cliff HOT: Car workshop was presented at 3 different groups and 24 people voted. 1 thing that has happened that GSRs have asked to do is GSR workshop. They don't even care about the budget. When we say learning day or workshop, unless there is a lot of food, they are not going to show. Felicia: Last meeting RCMs made a decision to not read report. Everyone said we are not reading reports; if we need to change that then we need to change that. We need to make a decision. Sharon: I think reading reports over and over again is a waste. What better way to get people to get involved but to come and get involved. We need to be more efficient to get our reports out earlier. I provide reports throughout trimester with everywhere I went and

keeping well informed. We went into rotation, so people would be encouraged to get people involved. I got involve when it was rotating. If we stay at 1 day, do the little business we have to do. Then do 1 or 2 workshops. If we discover we have more time, then we can add another. We are a work in progress in our own recovery and we should be a work in process as a recovery body. Things change all the time. Next RSC try doing a learning day at region and see if it works. If not, then ok. Cathy: It will be a great idea for any workshops to be on guiding principles as it gives guidance and direction. Sharon: Hosting area still can pick workshops to be presented. Need the information 6 weeks before to have time to prepare. Rob: This had already been decided. But if RCMs did not provide a topic then we were to do hot topics. Time allotted did not allow a lot of people to share. Carlotta: There is a lot of concerns and interest as to how to work it out. RCMs need to figure it out.

Break before workshop.  
Reconvened with serenity prayer.  
RDA did slide on the Zones.  
RD:

MZSS will be meeting with zones on Saturday night to discuss what we may be able to do to join services together. Hot topics are fellowship development, PI and PR. PI and PR are two different topics. Canada has it down packed. They do their zone and then followed up with conventions. Helps attract people to see what the service work is about. Felicia: Please elaborate on the Role of Zones. RDA: We are showing what is going on around the world in the zones. The Role of Zone committee has not met yet. We do not know what the role of zones is yet. It is in the process and is being worked on. 1 of the zones that have 2 regions unseated now can use a zonal delegate to vote. This puts the

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	<p>zones in the structure. RD: We are no longer eligible as a zone to have a zonal seating. We now only have 1 region that is not seated. Ft Worth RCM: I am concerned about the zonal voice not really covering the cultural difference within the zones. Louisiana is quite different from Texas. How are we going to address this? RDA: We don't know how it is going to work. It is in the process. Cathy: WSC is were groups voice is carried through the CAR. Conference has gotten extremely large and extremely expensive. There was a moratorium on new regions for a while. The blessing of a larger body is more input. But it is more time consuming and more of a financial impact. Our voice is carried by our RD. USA has twice as many zones as rest of the world. It is difficult to bring populations together to discuss issues. It's a long process and very difficult to complete. Role of zones is trying to move to bringing zones into the service structure. RDA: I have diagrams for RCMs with the new structure. We need conscience from the groups on new projects to be able to carry a clear conscience.</p> <p>RDA: Played Future of WSC power point. Break</p>
<b>Area Reports</b>	Reconvened with serenity prayer
AAHTXNA	Juan, has new RCM. Lone Star support for Spanish area is appreciated. Rita from Dallas: I don't speak English, well, but I wants to be of service and asks for some of this body to help me.
Dallas Area	Read Report. Report was asked to be read.
East Texas	No report posted not present. RDA: Blake sent an email wanting to know if we are coming to area to do a workshop next month? Carlotta: I have not received an email from him. RD when we were at their area, they never said that they wanted one. They were given the RD's contact info. Felicia: East Texas has not been here. They pull reports but don't post a report. We need

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	<p>more time to prepare. RD: I am not available on their ASC weekend as I will be going to Louisiana RSC. I was contacted by Rose City about doing a workshop on 10/13/18. But have not heard anything back. I do currently have that day blocked for them. Felicia: I will have them follow up this weekend. They were trying to find out topic and time.</p>
<p>Fort Worth</p>	<p>Read Report. Was asked to read report. RCM: Activities had a discussion about having 1 giant event over the holidays. More will be posted later. Co-Facilitator: ASC minutes state that Helpline is open and conversation I had with Cecil confirmed he is not holding that position. Jennette: Ft Worth PI has 2 events coming up Parole and Probation Officers meet and greet on 10/11/18 and on 10/24/18 City of Fort Worth Wellness Fair.</p>
<p>Heart of Texas</p>	<p>Read Report. RCM: We are ready to Host RSC in January. Outreach: Are ya'll looking at opening some new positions? RCM: We have a new position, notes taker. We are looking at H&amp;I and PR coordinators. Outreach: Is there anything we can do? RCM: I think we have it. We are using Guide to Local Service and groups are voting in policies now. Outreach: You currently do not have an outreach chair? Could get a report for HOT to let me know what's going on in the area to help fill report. There is a new group in Waco. First meeting is on 9/8/18. Good diversity coming along. Address is in report.</p>
<p>Rose City</p>	<p>Read Report. Felicia: Rose City area is having a poster day every time they have area an hour before each area. Will be at East Texas state fair, will be there for the whole week and weekend. RD says talked to Ryan. Felicia say he needs help. A lot of members stepping up to do service but there are no mentors. RD: I tried to get him to participate at PR event. Felicia: Tim R and Jason at new beginnings is trying to help. Rose City is always</p>

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	willing to help. Felicia: Call Tim if you want to help. Rose City paid to have booth there. \$500.00 fee. People pick up flyers at the festivals and it brings people into the meetings. Volunteer needs at least 90 days clean, if not someone with substantial clean time to assist. 903-245-6076 to call Tim R. Ft Worth RCM: will there be any females to commit to help with this? Felicia not able to answer that question. Danny: Got to pay to get in the gate, \$17.00. Felicia: It is inside and there is air.
Texarkana	Read Report. RCM: 1 typo, 6 groups in area. Regional Outreach asked for area outreach to send a report and I didn't bring a report. Outreach: Is there anything outreach can do to help? RCM: So far, you have been quite a bit of assistance. We will have 3 new groups at ASC tomorrow and will follow up.
Trinity	Read report. Felicia: Do you have a date picked out to set up phone line? RCM: No but have next 3 ASC.
	Break for lunch from 11:45am to 1:15pm Open with serenity prayer.
<b>Administrative Reports:</b>	
Facilitator	Read Report. Really wasn't active and did not really have anything to report.
Co-Facilitator	Read Report
Regional Delegate	Read Report. Outreach: I really like the constant flow of information. Cliff HOT: I did too. RD: I will continue to post this way. Trinity: Thanks RD for your consistency. Felicia: Do we need to discuss regional assembly? RD: We are waiting for IDTs for this cycle to come out. We have talked about February or march. Then will pick an area to host to present IDTs. We have our next webinar on October 6 from 1-3pm. I will post in google groups after that and report will be posted when ready. Kathy: Maybe think about asking groups doing events in your area if could have 1 spot in event to bring information to

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	<p>them. Felicia: Living Recovery in Longview and Rose City do this. RD: I need advance notice due to a full life. Thank God to NA.</p>
<p>Regional Delegate Alternate</p>	<p>Read Report:</p>
<p>Communications Liaison</p>	<p>Read Report... Update HOT GSU will host in January at Triangle Baptist church. Closest hotel will be 30 minutes away. I will send email for verification on staying Friday or Saturday night. We answered a 1000 more calls this month. There is a new platform for Spanish area. I will get with the RCMs to show them how to update meeting list. Co-Facilitator: Could we create a tab on google groups for flyers. The flyers are getting lost in other posts. Felicia: Let's wait for Rose City idea, and see where that goes, so not to duplicate services.</p>
<p>Board of Directors Chair</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Convention Administrative Committee</p>	<p>Open position for entertainment chair. 2 years prior service with a convention. Can be any convention. Subcommittee coordinator position open but hopefully will fill today. Reservations are about 124. Pre-registration ends October 1, 2018. Convention is on April 18-21, 2019. Meetings 4th Sunday of month. Most are at the hotel.</p>
<p>Money Handler Report</p>	<p>Report posted. Trimester at a glance has projected finances for this trimester and includes any ideas in new business. Felicia: Can we look at last round minutes in regard to prudent reserve. Sharron: RCMS were supposed to discuss and decide if they want to change bank accounts. If we change accounts, we can lower our prudent reserve. Kathy: What is the January RSC return about on report? Jennette: Coon Lodge returned deposit from January RSC meeting. Since we left the place in good clean condition. Outreach: Outreach amount of</p>



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	173.50? Jennette: This amount was just for literature. Gas reimbursement ended up on a holiday weekend and will not show till this trimester. Kathy: p On projected expenses, what is Louisiana RSC? Jennette: This is for an idea that will come out in new business
Board of Directors Representative	Open
Coordinator Reports	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
H & I Coordinator	Read report. 2 Comments. 1. I did not get any response on giving books to Gatesville women's unit. 2. We don't mind giving books. But when are we going to stop giving literature. H&I went over budget last trimester. How far do we want to go? RDA: What do you need? What is the question? H&I: The average is 1500.00 a trimester. Literature keeps going up and prisons keep going up. Asking for \$2k per trimester as a guess. Felicia: I don't think the resolution is to keep adding money to the budget. The question is, does your area have money? Areas continue to come asking for literature for H&I meetings. Does your budget allow enough? Are you asking your area for help? Dallas: It is that we are supposed to ask our area first. H&I: I need clarity on what the RCMs want to be done. Rose City: Have you spoken with area about this literature? H&I: That is where the problem comes. I am only allocated so much money. Ya'll are saying that areas can ask for literature out of the budget allotted. RD: If someone needs something, they should come to this body. If his budget is exhausted as he has certain set budget and a lot of facilities. This body can fund additional funds. They should come to the body and ask for help. Kathy: We need to put something in place that anything outside of the H&I normal facility and budget should come to this body via RCMs. Dallas: You're getting calls about new facilities? H&I: Facilities calling looking for

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	<p>literature. If they call and asks out of the blue, I send them literature. The guys from the units get shorted to fill these additional requests. There are 2 prisons that do not get literature all the time. Facilitator: RCMs need to give directions. RD: I agree with Kathy. If area needs literature, then they should have the RCM bring it to this body. Facilitator: RCMS, is this the direction we want to go? All RCMs are for this idea. Kathy: What is this something about women’s prison and books? Facilitator: This is in old business. Facilitator: Danny, if someone is calling for literature, contact the area RCM and have them bring it to their area first then bring to RSC if needs to.</p>
<p>Outreach Coordinator</p>	<p>Read Report. Felicia: What is the process of Outreach? Outreach: It’s been a growth session. Original guidelines were vague. I am going to a different area every month. Starting to get some good feedback. Rose City: We gave him a little budget for literature. Have you been keeping track of expenses? Outreach: Gas receipts are turned in and the report gives break down of where literature has been disbursed. Jennette: Do you have an idea where you will be visiting this year? East Texas this month and then Waco. On 10/20/18 is Trinity. I Will spend a couple of days at the fair thing. Facilitator: Are you getting feedback from areas? Texarkana has given report, Dallas and Fort Worth are communicating. A lot of growth in HOT.</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>1: <b>Budget.</b> Passed unanimously 2: <b>Prudent reserve and changing accounts.</b> Dallas: Our area wants to know what we want to do and then we will vote on it. Felicia: If we get a new money handler, we can make all the transactions in 1 smooth session. Table to next RSC. The current idea is to change account types in order to reduce prudent reserve. RDA: Then body is supposed to set a prudent reserve. If</p>

	<p>it is 5k or above what is the difference if we change accounts? Kathy, if something happens that we go below 5k at this time there is a penalty. \$5k is not much money to have set on hold. I do not know if there was ever an idea to raise prudent reserve in first place was just leaving this here. Fort Worth: I do not want to see account froze cause we cant touch money in order to carry the message. Rose City: Do we know what our prudent reserve would be if we based it on 3-month expenses? Jennette: We are roughly spending a little over 8k a trimester. Felicia: Aren't we supposed to be taking something back? Facilitator: Right now, we are not needing to focus on the prudent reserve. The idea is do we want to change the bank account? Jennette: this is something the body asked to be researched and the RD and I brought the info back. RD: I think we should leave bank account as is now as the laws have changed, and we are not really a 501c3. It becomes really complicated to change. Trinity: If we are spending 8k a trimester then why drop it to 2k? Fort Worth: My point was to keep from paying penalties when dropped below 5k. Facilitator: Take Back.</p> <p>3. <b>Guidelines:</b> No opposition to guidelines.</p> <p>4. <b>RD term change:</b> 4 groups in opposition. Idea failed.</p> <p>5. <b>Women's unit literature:</b> unanimously passed to continue giving literature to carry the message.</p>
<p>New Idea</p> <p>Rose City Idea on Social Media</p>	<p>1. Rose City Idea for social media page. Rose City: We are going to travel any way. I have never looked up a flyer on our website. I do look at other Facebook pages and look at flyers. Pictures not downloadable files are easier ways today to reach addicts. Outreach: I am in agreement. In open discussion today, I wanted to bring it up. We can't let everyone in google groups to keep it from turning into a battle zone. I am in several groups and utilizes them to</p>

Dallas idea to send money to WSC and SZF

help spread around the events and info. HOT: Great idea. However, this is not a private idea. This can cause misinformation, and anonymity is not protected in the group. Felicia: Right now, we have Rose City area and Ft Worth area outreach and some groups that have Facebook pages, and now we are talking about making a LSR Facebook page. Rose city started a page and added members. When some members were no longer in Rose City, we removed them and it caused a big debacle for removing them. Rose City: As far as HOT's concern, you have administrators set up to control it. There are systems that can be put in place to set some securities and it leaves a helpful place for someone to go to a geographical region place and see what's going on. It bridges the gap that is necessitated by area pages. This will allow a point of contact for events. Fort Worth: Anyone allowed in group can post, and then how would we control everything posted? It could be a full-time job. We, as addicts, are inappropriate and post stuff that should not be posted. Kathy: Can you post a link that will take you to flyer? Concerned about names and numbers being on Facebook like that. A link may be a buffer to keep weirdos out. RDA: Will it be all inclusive? I can see the barriers for instance language. Fort Worth: There is a translate key at bottom of posts. Dallas: We been through this at another region. It was great for first few years but then it began to get out of control when people began to try to reinvent the wheel. Bring it to the area to give flyers so we can get it out there. I would like to see the word get out to all the groups to get the flyers. Felicia: It can work cause we as a convention have a Facebook, and people can like the page and see information about it. Certain people are moderators. Can it work? Yes. Do we already have something in place the works and that we pay for? Yes.

Majority of areas have websites. We could set up links to the other websites. Is there any oppositions? 3 oppose. Ft worth said take it back. Kathy suggests ad-hoc to set up parameters on how to do it. It may alleviate some of the fears. Facilitator: Byron could you bring something back with more information about it. RDA: On google groups, is there a translation button? Does google groups have a translator? Felicia don't know but we communicate with them all trimester and they are able to translate it.

2. Idea to send \$4,000 to SZF and WSC from Dallas: HOT: Clarification; is this saying we are paying for RD team to go? Dallas: For discussion, we have previously funded zone. Facilitator: Is this an increase in budget? Dallas: This is a 1-time donation. Jennette: At the end of trimester at a glance, there is a projected budget at end showing if we spend all projected we will only have an available balance of \$6538.04. In projected donations, it is only from groups and areas. We do not count conventions. RD: After \$8k that comes out we will still have \$6k after prudent reserve and all expenses. When we donate to SZF, anything above their expenses goes to WSC. Dallas: How much will most likely go to WSC? RD: \$2,500 approximately. Ft Worth: I would like to make a friendly amendment to the idea to give some of that money to H&I. Kathy: We just passed a budget for next year. Is the 2k for this year? I think additional fund requests for H&I should come out of H&I's report. Region is sitting on a lot of money. This is not an emergency. The thing is we should do the right thing. Not to long ago we were sitting on pins and needles. Fund flow will continue to allow fund flow. If

<p>RD idea on invite to Louisiana RSC</p> <p>SZF January 2020</p>	<p>we sit on the money, then donations will slow or stop. Felicia: When we look at last year we had 3 conventions in this area. That is where most of the money come from. We have an audit at end of day we have 28k dollars. At same time we went from a 4k a trimester for 2 days, and now we are doing 1-day events. HOT: Fort Worth made a friendly amendment, we need to see if it will be accepted or not. Felicia: If talking about money for H&amp;I, it needs to be a knew idea. RDA: By CBDM, this idea can morph into whatever as long as it is on same concept. H&amp;I will make it a new idea. Felicia: This idea is an idea from Dallas, and it would have to go back to Dallas for approval. Rose City: We have been sending money directly to WSC and SZF due to region sitting on so much money. HOT: Would entertain to split it up to world and zone. Rose City: That is what the idea is for. HOT: We would we reconsider sending \$2500 to each for now and then revisit this at the beginning of next year. Dallas accepts it. Jennette: If body decides, will this be over the budget? Many said yes. Kathy: This has to go back to groups. HOT: This is to see if we want to accept this to go back. Take back to groups at \$2500 each. Kathy: I would think that \$1500 may not be enough for H&amp;I. Facilitator: This would have to be a new idea.</p> <p>3. RD invite to Louisiana RSC. HOT: Clarification, is this money still available in budget? RD: Yes, we still have money left from our budget. This is to see how regions may be able to work together. You will get a detail report as usual. HOT: Thanks for your transparency. RDA: Where in the budget would this becoming? RD: RSC travel. Kathy: She is doing the</p>
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right thing as she is going outside of the original realm for her budget. RD needs prior approval to travel outside of scheduled events. RDA: Where is this coming from? No oppositions. HOT: Usually, travel is RD and RDA. RD: RDA is not available that weekend. RDA: Just trying to find out how much money is available? HOT: Like RDA, where is this line coming from? Felicia: Add a line item that shows exactly what the funds are for. RD: Which budget line item is it in? Jennette: Pulling money from zonal. Felicia: Please make sure it is notated clearly on expenses for future reference.

January of 2019 proposal needs be submitted at SZF for hosting SZF in 2020. RD: January 2020 will be the CAR workshop. Last time we hosted the CAR workshop was in Dallas. We have to only be so far from airport so that they do not have so far to drive. What area wants to host? Look at guidelines and what is requested to host. Then communication liaison will find a hotel. RD: The RD team is point of accountability. RD: Communication Liaison usually handles as this is part of their duties and responsibilities. Fort Worth: How many people are expected? RD: There will be about 40-45 people. Felicia: We need to find out who wants to host it first. Then we can go that way. Jennette: This will be like RSC. Hosting group cannot have meetings throughout the day as regular meetings are over business, or we will need a meeting space at hotel. We will be there 2 days. Felicia: Everyone needs to engage on google groups. Facilitator: We decided to use google groups and everyone needs to use it.

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Nominations/Elections	Carolotta: Passed
Facilitator	HOT: I would like to nominate Kathy N from Dallas...
Money Handler	<p>Qualifications: Clean date 4/5/93. Money handler for region twice before. Completed commitments.</p> <p>Currently hold money handler for Dallas Area and region convention. Key holder at Northside. Sponsors and has a NA sponsor. RDA: There is a qualification resume in newly passed guidelines. HOT: Will other service commitments interfere with this one? Kathy: I have prayed and looked at the logistics. Unless someone changes dates, then there will not be a conflict. Besides, currently none of my commitments are on Saturday. Felicia: I have Kathy's service resume and will post to google groups if elected today. Unanimously passed</p>
Money Handler Alt.	Open
Notes taker	<p>Dallas: I understand Andrea L is interested. Andrea accepts nomination: Clean date 2/15/10. Have held notetaker for convention. Sponsors and has a NA sponsor. Willing and able. Has computer. Will send a resume if elected. Passed unanimously.</p>
Communication Liaison	<p>Open Felicia appointed over trimester. Felicia the position does not provide that you need an alternate. Alternate was for mentorship. Not that time consuming</p>
Communication Liaison Alt	Open.



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<p>RSO BOD Liaison</p> <p>CAC ODD</p>	<p>Trinity area nominated Gwen A, and she accepted. Clean date 7/16/13. Sponsors and has a NA sponsor. Has a working knowledge of Steps, Tradition and Concepts. Served on convention for last 2 ½ years. Held positions at home group and has time and resources. Has been acting in this position and has now met the clean time. Will provide resume if elected. Unanimously passed</p>
<p>Next RSC Meeting</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 1/19/2019 <b>Time:</b> 9:00am HOT in Whitney, TX</p>
<p>Announcements</p> <p>Take back to Groups</p>	<p>Learning day 10/27/18 at steps and solutions. RD team nominations are in January. Post all resumes on google groups for nominees and volunteers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do we change bank account type or keep what we have?</li> <li>2. Idea to give an additional \$2,500 to SZF and WSC each.</li> <li>3. Which area and group wants to host SZF in January 2020? Please post promptly in google groups and let Communication Liaison appointee know.</li> <li>4. Nominations for RD team. Must be present in January for nominations and May for elections.</li> <li>5. Open positions: RSO BOD Liaison, Money Handler Alt and Communication Liaison Alt.</li> </ol>