

SDRNA Meeting March 26

Present: Sandi M, Connie M, Carol P, Eddie C., Jim C.

Sandi read the minutes and minutes were approved.

Mobile banking was tabled

Facebook page established with Sand and Melissa acting as Admins.

Treasurers report A balance of \$4187.59 This includes a check that was rewritten for \$301.01.

There are several positions that are open, RCM Alt, Secretary.

Alt RD is open

Brad (new business) was elected for Convention chair at area level. At this meeting we elected him to the chair position.

Region handles the funds for the convention, with a proposed budget from the convention chair.

Funds to be available during non-meeting times.

#### PROPOSED BUDGET

Storage \$210

HI/PR \$500

PO Box 109

Admin \$100

Rd/Zone \$500. Should we keep this?

Web servant?

Next meeting

May 15<sup>th</sup> Noon

June 26<sup>th</sup> Noon

Regional REPORT The SDRCNA #23 Trusting the Process was held in Aberdeen, SD on September 18-20,2020 at the Dakota Event Center. Thank you for allowing us to be your host, it was a great honor. This was personally my first NA Convention and the first time on a planning committee. Most of our members are new to the group in the past 4 years. We know we made some mistakes and faced many challenges and feel we have learned a great deal in the process of planning this convention. We feel it was good despite the current covid -19 pandemic. Registration numbers were about average from what we have understood compared to prior conventions held in the state. We enjoyed the Amazing Speakers; workshops; meal; dj; band; marathon meetings; and fellowship. We had members from not only our state but from several states and it was wonderful. One of the highlights for many was the clean time countdown with over 4 centuries of clean time in one room, what an amazing moment. We are forever grateful for the opportunity SDRNA bestowed upon us. The numbers are as follows: 1. Registration there were a total of 54 paid registrations with 4 newcomer registrations given paid for by other members. Total of, \$14502. Convention Buffett sold 47 meal for a total of \$940 3. Merchandise sales totaling \$934.85 4. Auction items sold total of, \$410 5. 7th tradition total of, \$117 6. 50/50Raffle tickets sold total of, \$ 150 7. Donation of \$50 8. Raffle sales \$354.75 9. Total income of \$4289.60 The total Expenses are: This includes the Dakota Event center. We have an appointment with them on Tuesday 2 pm to go over the bill and pay the account there. 1. Dakota Event Center \$4045.19 2. Hotel rooms for Speakers, Band, Hospitality \$1234.44 3. Hospitality room Food/Snacks, supplies \$305.19 4. Promotion and Planning \$192 5. Speaker gifts \$128 6. Entertainment \$800 7. Other Expenses \$356 Total expenses of \$7081.62 Total income = \$4289.60 Total expenses = \$7081.60 \_\_\_\_\_ - \$2792.00

The checkbook register: Beginning Balance: \$3178.55 Deposit: \$640.00 \$ 3818.55 Ck1121 \$99.82 \$3718.73 Ck1122 void Ck1123 \$124.17 \$3594.56 Ck1124 \$21.16 \$3573.40 Ck1125 void Ck1126 \$340.80 \$3232.60 Ck1127 \$33.11 \$3199.49 Ck1128 \$200.00 \$2999.49 Ck1129 \$600.00 \$2399.49 Ck1130 \$822.96 \$1576.53 Deposit \$485 \$2061.53 Deposit \$117.00 \$2178.53 Deposit \$749.25 \$2927.78 Deposit \$50.00 \$2977.78 Paypal balance pending deposit: \$1557.94 \$4534.72

Things that went wrong: we happened to have a vendor who we lost money too, partially our fault it is the way the contract was written unfortunately at the time to settle with him i was the only person from the convention committee there and he was demanding. My recommendation is to double check the contract to make sure everyone understands the procedure beforehand and have more than just one person there at the time of settling the account, the chairperson, along with the treasurer and the signers should be present if at all possible when settling major accounts such as the venue, entertainment, and merchandise vendors, it can be very overwhelming for just one person, to have at least two people present for this not only gives one another support but can also protect not only the convention but NA as a whole. It is easier to maintain accountability . This particular vendor was in my opinion underhanded. We spent too much on entertainment. Should have either raised the registration fee and or the meal price. Those are some things I see we did wrong. Things that I felt went well was the majority of the convention, for the most part things ran fairly smoothly the speakers were not only entertaining but also gave some very good insights especially to those who are relatively new in recovery. The workshops were informative and entertaining, the food was very good, the fellowship was absolutely fantastically amazing . I had a hard time trying to find the words to describe or what a positive effect it had. The dj and band were good. We set up a paypal account and online registration using jot forms which were easy to set up, but are having difficulty getting funds transferred from the paypal account to SDRCNA Bank account. Paypal required us to have online banking set up so we did so and it is now linked to the bank. The problem at this time is them verifying my information. The login information for the online bank account is user name:

SDRCNA23 password is Aberdeenna23 it's a free app through Dakotah bank. It shows each transaction in real time and goes back 2 years. We do have several recommendations for future convention planning committees: Unity is key, prior convention committee members should be more active in planning when we bid on and are given the honor to host SDRCNA we must be willing and able to take on that commitment, not only

We do have several recommendations for future convention planning committees: Unity is key, prior convention committee members should be more active in planning when we bid on and are given the honor to host SDRCNA we must be willing and able to take on that commitment, not only are we committing ourselves for the convention we are hosting but we are making a commitment to the upcoming committee to help guide the through the process especially if they have not hosted a convention before. Examples: we were told to download the convention guide from NAWA which is a great resource but is from 1988, there should be updates for South Dakota, other states that have very successful conventions and are updating their guidelines on a yearly basis. We need to include things such as how to set up online registration forms, prior vendors, and NA approved vendors to invite, a list of addresses of groups, areas, regions of not only our own state but also surrounding states to send out flyers and to contact. We could also include a list of persons that regularly attend the conventions, Contracts, people who record conventions and their contact information, a list of vendors to avoid ones that will take advantage of the committee. A book should be passed from one year to the next, updated as necessary. A cash register with a few categories would be very helpful for in person registration and merchandising, We should be looking at a longer time frame for planning the convention, a lot of other states are planning two years in advance. Which not only allows for more preparation time but gives more of an opportunity for groups to not only bid but have fundraisers; to communicate with each other. Covid-19 has brought many changes to the world including to NA as a whole. 6 months of planning time for the convention isn't long enough to ensure a successful convention. Several states include an in Memorandum Plaque as part of their conventions a honor for those who have passed in the program. I believe this would be wonderful to be able to see names of our predecessors and honor their recovery. We must unite and work together and put our principles before our personalities. At this time I would personally like to thank you for giving me this opportunity and allowing my growth in NA. I have learned a great deal and i will have a flash drive or book to pass on to the SDRCNA #24 committee hopefully by the 1st of