

# **2023 GMNI Budget Discussion Items**

**There will be no voting on accepting this proposed budget at the September 2022 meeting, this is an introduction, and input and discussion is the desire for the September meeting.** Voting on a final budget for 2023 will be held at the GMNI meeting in November 2023.

All NEW items for the 2023 budget are highlighted in **YELLOW**.

Highlighted in **PINK** are funds getting re-established after having had their 2022 funds re-programmed to cover a donation to FfreeConferenceCall.com and the WSBC Dlegate fund.

GMNI Outreach Projects, highlighted in **BLUE** is a combination of re-establishing funds used to fund the WSBC delegate and NEW funding.

1. "Non-Discretionary" items include the \$400.00 Prudent Reserve, and all services that GMNI uses. Those are: 1and1 Web/Internet, FreedomVoice phone answering, Zoom, FreeConferenceCall.com, or PO Box, and the State of Vermont. These costs amount to an expected \$1682.54, *assuming* that costs for all the services remain the same beginning 2023.

2. "Discretionary" items are things such as: Setting funds aside in case of bank charges/fees, Postage, sending representatives to region 6 Assembly, Intergroup Leadership training, sending a Delegate to WSBC, outreach projects, and/or GMNI sponsored workshops.

3. This budget ASSUMES that re-programming funds in the 2022 budget to fund a \$300.00 donation to FreeConferenceCall.com and to bolster the funds available for our WSBC delegate to attend in April 2023 were APPROVED, resulting in some categories of the budget being void or reduced in the funds in levels thought prudent at the time they were created in previous years' budgets.

4. This budget ASSUMES that GMNI will receive at least \$3000.00 in Tradition 7 donations from Groups and individuals in the course of the year.

NEW in the 2023 budget compared to 2022 are:

- Zoom accounts being paid Annually rather than monthly (saving \$90.00).
- St. of Vermont Change Agent fee, will need to be paid in the Fall of 2023, when our current chairperson's term expires.
- Bank Charges and Fees are set aside in case of needing to return checks or stop payments. These fees increased dramatically in the last year (\$36.00 per "incident").
- Check printing prices increased, also.

- Re-payment of the different funds used to pay FreeConferenceCall.com and to increase the WSBC Delegate fund. \$200/R6IGLeadership training, \$100/Workshop Support, \$72.00/GMNI Outreach Projects.

NEW additions of funds are:

- \$500.00 to begin rebuilding the WSBC Delegate's fund.
- \$50.00 to the State of Vermont, in case GMNI decides to move forward with a name change, re-registration with the new "Assumed Business name" would be required.
- An additional \$500.00 to GMNI Outreach Projects (bringing the total to \$1000.00). These funds were established "to carry the message of OA to those who still suffer". A project or projects need to be decided upon and well described. The description is then used to request Region 6 PIPO funds can be requested up to double the amount of funds GMNI has available.

#### REMOVALS

- Mileage reimbursement for GMNI members attending GMNI meetings. Since we are now meeting by Zoom, and expect to do so for all GMNI meetings. The exception could be GMNI sponsored workshops, should those be started up again in the near future.

#### POTENTIAL ADDITION

- Mileage Reimbursement for GMNI officers and Committee Chairs for GMNI sponsored workshop attendance. In the past there would be three workshops, held in various locations around the State, in part so GMNI could be seen by Groups, as well as participate in the workshops.

This budget points out the need for at least two new committees in GMNI. They are:

- A budget committee that could be a self-selecting ad hoc group that working with the treasurer puts together a proposed budgets each year for an introductory presentation in September each year with voting on the final in November each year.
- and
- A PIPO committee, to formulate ideas for outreach projects to the public and to professionals.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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