

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICE

Minutes of Meeting - November 11, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with a reading of the Twelve Traditions and Serenity Prayer. There was a moment of silence.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes were passed as corrected.

GROUP REPORTS (20)

Oxford Circle	- Fine. Need more commitments
St. Mary's	- Well, need support at bus. mtgs.
New Horizons (Now)	- Lawn & Bustleton, 8PM Thurs. now open again.
Freedom	- Well. Anniversary 11/24
South Phila.	- Fine. 3d Anniv. 12/7 - 7:00 - Dixon House
Center City	- Good. Needs support at bus. mtgs.
37th & Chestnut	- Still looking for new location
Manayunk	- Beginning meeting needs support. Monday 7:15. Otherwise Fine.
Somerton	- Good. Needs GSR and Alt. to be elected this month.
Gloria Dei	- Fine. Bus. Mtg. and step mtg. at end of month.
Carry the Message	- Good.
ODAT	- Good.
Primary Purpose	- Good.
Lifewish	- Good.
Surrender	- Well. Meeting changed from beginners meeting to step meeting - Wed. 8:30
Reality	- Still looking for location Wed. 8PM - Cheltenham & Harbison Mon. 12 and Fri. 12:30 - 1st Fl. Bridge Street (2205)
Serenity	- Good.
Abington	- Good.
Men at Work	- Great.
KISS	- Good. Still need officers. Bus. mtg. last Wed. of month 1PM - 1502 Fkd.Ave.

LITERATURE REVIEW REPORT (Scott)

Not much happening right now. The World Lit. Conf. is taking place right now in San Diego, Cal. They are reviewing and working on the 12 & 12 book (It Works) and the I.P.'s that were out for Review. More will be available next Area meeting and Lit. Review should know what literature will be reviewed for next year. Another Look, an I.P., needs to be reviewed by our Area starting next month.

H & I REPORT (Diane W.)

Holmesburg is doing well. We have started the two women's meetings at the prisons maximum security. Went well. Need women to speak and to chair both maximum and minimum security. My number is 426-7074. or call Dawn G. (637-1804). We will be there after 5:30 at night. Maximum mtg. is Wednesday night at 7:00 to 8:30. Minimum is Tuesday night at 7:00 to 8:30. Still need 3 men for the other prison meetings. Please call for further questions. All other commitments are doing fine. Still waiting for all GSR's for number who have H&I commitments. This is the third month I have been asking for these numbers. Please try to give them to me as soon as possible. I really need them. Thank you. South Phila. has new commitment: Navy Yard military prison Tuesday 7:15; Hispanic Civic Center, 5th and Lehigh; Army Tues. 8:00

HOT LINE REPORT (Faith Y.)

See Attached. Requested show of hands re pursuing hot line based in Phila. manned by addicts. A show of hands was given as a pro.

MOTION, that the Hot Line Committee be given a show of hands to study feasibility of Hot Line calls in Phila. PASSED unanimously

CLEANSHEET REPORT (Bob H.)

Cleansheet is doing fine. We need input for the next issue (special holiday issue). The Step will be Step 12. We need input, so please write and send it in. The Cleansheet meets on the 1st and 3d week of each month. Call Andy P. or Bob for exact day and time. All are welcome.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE (Kenny)

Tickets were distributed to the following groups for a New Year's Eve fund raiser. The purpose is to promote unity and recovery and join together the fellowship and also party. If 500 people show up the area service will benefit to the tune of \$1,500, which will be distributed as the area sees fit.

OLD BUSINESS

(Open office) - Regional Rep. (2 yrs. exp. with 12steps and 12 trad's)

Literature Chairperson - Nominations - Bill B. and John D.
John D. is new Literature Chairperson.

Motion re South Philadelphia Group - Is promotion of AA literature by individual of a group in direct violation of 4th Tradition.

9 Aye, 5 Nay, 4 Abs. - PASSED

Discussion followed. There was a vote taken to discuss this motion further. The vote was defeated, 20 aye, 25 nay.

On the Entertainment Committee, J&A Caterers will cost \$12.00/person for New Year's Eve. Guarantee of 200 people required.

Question by Kathy D (as ASR) - What is promotion of AA literature in a meeting? What should I, as ASR, take to Region as Area Report?

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TREASURER'S REPORT (Tom M.)

See attached.

This is the last night for the Literature Chairperson (Andy P.). His final report is zero balance - to start. \$1,021.38 - to end.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Gloria Dei Group that Area withdraw financial support of Cleansheet. Seconded. MOTION DEFEATED - 1-16-1

MOTION that foregoing Motion be brought back to groups, (Should we as Area withdraw our financial support of Cleansheet because not enough input from the groups to warrant that support?) MOTION PASSED - 9-7-1

MOTION, that we charge \$8.80 for NA Basic Text and not \$9.00 to avoid 7th Tradition violation (no profit).

Discussion: Charge exactly what we pay for literature, key chains, books that we sell to institutions, hospitals, etc.

Any and all literature, key chains, in Philadelphia Area be sold for same price they were bought.

MOTION DEFEATED - 3-15-0

MOTION, that all literature sold outside NA be sold for our cost. Seconded. MOTION PASSED - 20-0-0

MOTION, that Area develop a policy committee for dealing with questions of policy at Area level and to set up Traditions workshops. Seconded. MOTION PASSED - 13-4-2

There is a new meeting (How It Works Group) at Broad and York, Watts Street - Thursday, 8PM, Dropsie Institute - Speaker Discussion.

MOTION, to nominate for Chair for Policy Committee - Bobby B., Al S., Bob H. Bobby B. elected Chair for Policy Committee.

Suggestion that Policy Committee put together By-Laws from Archives.

Question to Chair by South Philadelphia Group - A Complaint was made by group member that he was told he could not express his personal experience if it included AA Big Book.

A vote was taken and passed to discuss the question: "Can a member of a group be told how to share their personal experience?"

MOTION passed to grant ten minutes for discussion and vote be taken again to continue discussion for another 10 minutes.

Discussion followed regarding issue of individual member's sharing of personal experience. The discussion was referred to the Policy Committee chairperson, who said that no outside issues were allowed. Discussion followed regarding what is outside issue in relation to individual's personal experience. Discussion followed regarding use of AA Big Book in meetings of NA before Basic Text printed and could this be spoken of in personal experience--specific reference made to Center City Group and other older groups of NA before there were Basic Texts, when AA Big Book and 12 and 12 were used. Discussion followed regarding personal experience in relation to drugs and alcohol. Reference made to "no outside issues." Discussion regarding what is outside issues, and that they cannot be stated in personal exp.

Policy Committee Chair explained outside issues and defined them as anything other than NA--other 12 Step programs, detoxes, rehabs, spiritual literature, etc.

During the discussion, a member of the meeting spoke and said he could no longer consider himself a member of NA due to the new interpretations of the Traditions, limiting what can be said regarding personal recovery.

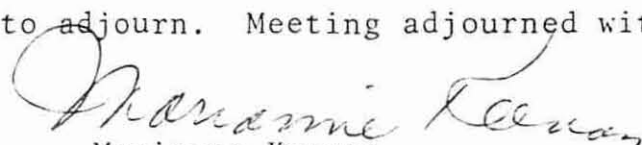
The vote was taken again for a further 10-minute discussion. The vote was not in favor of the discussion being continued.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair for Public Information is open (requirements: 1 year and willingness to be involved, and working knowledge of 12 and 12.

New address for Philadelphia area is Philadelphia Area Service, Post Office Box 52020, Philadelphia, Pa. 19115.

MOTION made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer.


Marianne Keenan
Secretary

This is a report on the activities of the Hot Line Committee and a projection of our hopes.

Early this year, the Phila. Area decided that the 276-Hotline service was inefficient. Reasons for this were -

- 1) The responsibility for distributing calls was put on the shoulders of several members
- 2) Calls were only responded to several times a day. This meant that it could take hours for a caller to be responded to.

This Area felt that our primary purpose was not being effectively accomplished, so we joined the statewide 800-Hot line service.

This committee was formed during the transition from the 276-Hotline to the 800 service. We are now in our 6th month of service to the Phila. Area. We would like to report that all is well with the current set-up, but such is not the case. Although we have found the Answering Service for the 800-Hotline to be very cooperative and a pleasure to work with, there have been many problems which seem to be insurmountable. Among these are:

- 1) The over-burdening of several members with the most clean time getting the majority of calls, to the point where they cannot keep up with them all.
- 2) Names being struck from the Hot Line list for various reasons.
- 3) The impossibility of maintaining and updating the Hot Line list accurately.
- 4) Rising costs. *[The Central Area Service report has been]*

As hard as the 800 Hotline answering service people have tried, they have a hard time distinguishing the various types of calls. They are not addicts, and are not familiar with the functions and operations of a 12-Step Fellowship such as N.A. They are an Answering Service. This was similar to the problem we had with the 276-Answering Service. When an addict in need calls for help, they must first talk to an answering service who does not understand the nature of the problem, and must wait until a member of N.A. can get back to them.

We would like to propose a solution to these problems. WE as a committee have researched and looked into the possibility of establishing a Hot Line Service in Philadelphia which would be manned at all times by ^{Recovered} addicts ~~in recovery~~ in N.A. What we have found is that this is possible for the near future. We would like to have your support and confidence in going ahead with a plan for this type of a Hot Line Service for the Phila. Area.

The advantages of this type of a Hot Line Service would be many. First of all, our primary purpose would be more directly accomplished. When an addict in need calls the N.A. HotLine, he/she would be ~~talking~~ with someone who understands where they're at, and who would know what action needed to be taken. Distribution of calls would be more balanced, since someone who lives in the Phila. Area would know to refer a call from the Northeast to a ~~member~~ ^{Group} ~~Group~~ ^{Group} ~~member~~ in Northeast, a call from Center City to a ~~member~~ ^{Group} ~~member~~ in Center City, etc. All calls would be logged, so that accountability would be more effective. No members would receive more calls than they could handle. Maintenance of the Hot Line List would be much simpler and more effective.

- Faith Jampolsky

TREAS. REP \$
 (11/84) RESERVE 59.78

SERENITY	2832
OXFORD CIRCLE	15-
CENTER CITY	2025
GLORIA DEI	10-
ST MARY	5-
WOMEN OF TODAY	680
LIFE WISK	20-
SURRENDER	5-
FREEDOM	20-
SO. PHILA	100-
ABINGTON	825
CARRY THE MESSAGE	17-
TOT	25562

REAT	10
SUPPLIES	677
HOT LINE	90
REGION	7985
CLEAN SHEET	69
TOTAL	25562

BALANCE ~~0000~~

Tom Murphy