

PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICES

Minutes of Meeting - February 10, 1985

Meeting was opened at 7:30 PM with moment of silence, Serenity Prayer, and reading of the 12 Traditions.

Secretary's minutes were accepted with corrections.

Regional Rep. gave report on literature, as he had to leave early. Gave two options: Buy literature from Area or directly from California. This is to be voted on in New Business.

GROUP REPORTS

Carry the Message - Fine	Clean Together - Good. Al-Assist
St. Mary's - Fine	mtg. on Monday from 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Serenity - Doing good	1st Anniversary this Tuesday at
Freedom - Doing good	9th & South Sts.
Gaudenzia - Doing good	Oxford Circle - Well
How It Works - Doing good	Women of Today - Good
Men at Work - Doing good	Primary Purpose - Good, Sat., Feb 23rd
Center City - Good	4th Anniversary at 7:00 PM
New Horizons - Good, business mtgs.	Somerton - Good
need support, last Thursday of month	Reality - Monday at 12:00 and
37th & Chestnut - Good	Friday at 12:30, mtgs. held at 2205 Bridge
Huntingdon - Good, need officers	Street. <del>Tues., Wed., &amp; Thurs., at 12:00</del>
Gloria Dei - Well	<del>at 1912 Welsh Road.</del>
Now or Never - Well, has officers	Manayunk - Good, <sup>Meeting</sup> <del>New Location</del>
South Phila. - Well	175 Green Lane, North Light, Inc., 7:30
	beginner's meeting (old sign reads Boys
	club) <del>Friday</del>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOTLINE - Harrisburg meeting in Philadelphia was informative, but no moves accomplished. Hotline needs to be moved from Lebanon, Phila. was asked; one reason was we receive 70 -80% of calls. New committee moving good and ready to take action. New business to take on a fundraiser dance, to be in 2 months. We have the manpower, now we need the "fundpower".

CLEANSHEET - We found a publisher that's reasonable. We had some input but not much. We had to raise the price of subscription from \$5.00 to \$7.00, due to the cost of postage going up. Correct Post Office Box is: 52020 for subscriptions. We need support. \$22.00 in treasury.

LITERATURE

REVIEW - The new pamphlet entitled "Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous" should be reviewed by the Groups. The World Literature Committee is particularly interested in comments regarding how to improve this pamphlet, specifically, what needs to be added, deleted, changed, expanded or clarified. Please give me (Scott) the group's input in the next 3 months. Then I will forward the input to the W.L.C. before their next meeting in November, 1985. Remember, this literature is unapproved, so it can only be used for review purposes.

PUBLIC

INFORMATION - Week of 2/18/85 North Catholic, 8:00 AM and week of 2/25/85 at Roman Catholic, also at 8:00 AM, I need speakers. Contact me, (Mike Sharkey) at 288-1751 if interested.

POLICY

COMMITTEE - Had meeting today (2/10/85) with 17 members in attendance. Established goals, objectives and guidelines for the committee. Presented a group business meeting format and GSR report form, both pass by the committee (unanimous vote) to be sent to GSR's for their approval for use at next Area meeting. Workshop for Area Service Policy is planned for March 10 at 5:00.

HOSPITALS &

INSTITUTIONS - Still having some problems with prison meetings. Still need 1 male to host Laurel Hall, he must have 1 year clean time. I need a group that will take Episcopal Hospital. There is no set day and time yet. Will find out Monday. All other commitments are doing fine. Need speakers for St. Mary's detox. Call Diane at 426-7074. This is my last month for H & I. Would like to continue with this commitment. I thank all of you. Interim house commitment will be filled.

LITERATURE - \$310.00 in cash. About \$787.00 worth of literature. Need \$22.95 for starter kits.

REGIONAL - Mid-Atlantic reps brought copies of a pamphlet with the issues that will come up at the next WSC so that we can distribute them to our Areas and Groups for input. They need to have this input back from all groups in the region by next regional meeting, March 16th.

Brian Higgins was elected Secretary of region. Bill O'Neill was elected H & I Chairman. Joe Gripton was elected Vice Chairman of the region. Maggie O'Connor was elected RSR alternate.

Two motions are to be voted on in new business: Should World Committee reps. be allowed to vote?  
Should Regional Committee reps. be allowed to vote?

OLD BUSINESS

Diane W's. commitment is up as H & I Chairperson. Ken S. and Diane W. were nominated and Diane was re-elected.

A motion was made to continue to buy literature from the region, as this way the money goes into our region instead of out to California. MOTION PASSED

BREAK

Treasury Report

Serenity	\$ 6.00	Freedom	\$ 3.00	Women of Today	\$10.00
Center City	\$ 10.00	Huntingdon	\$ 10.00	Oxford Circle	\$10.00
St. Mary's	\$ 6.00	Clean Together	\$ 3.00	Left over	
Men at Work	\$ 15.00	S. Phila.	\$ 63.34	from Region	\$35.00
Lifewish	\$ 20.00	C. T. M.	\$ 3.65		

Gloria Day 5.00

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Rent	\$10.00	Hotline Reserve -	\$538.00
Secretary	\$15.00	Bill received for	<u>\$378.87</u>
Region	\$36.89	Remaining -	\$159.13
Public Info.	\$50.00		
Cleansheet	\$70.00		
H & I	\$50.00		
Starter kits	\$22.95		

NEW BUSINESS

Motion - That letter that Joe Gripp read at meeting go back to groups. MOTION PASSED  
(letter enclosed)

These motions are to be taken back to groups and voted on:

"Should Regional Committee members be allowed to vote at Regional meeting?"

"Should only R.S.R.'s vote at world level?"

Motion - Cleansheet be sold as literature for .25 a copy. MOTION DEFEATED

Motion - To put on a fundraiser for Hotline Committee after Regional Convention,  
MOTION PASSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Meeting - Manheim & Pulaski - the church on the corner. 8:00 PM Sunday  
business meeting February 17th.

Loretta M. Lennen  
Secretary

## GROUP MEMBERS

We are here to inform you of a watered down group conscience at a world level of service, and we have a suggestion so that we may hear a more solid opinion from the fellowship as a whole.

At the present time there are 37 elected RSR's trusted servants to carry a regions group conscience to the world service conference in

There are a large amount of votes counted that only carry the opinion of an individual. These are:

- 1) 12 Board of Trustees with the ability to extend to 15, all with 1 vote each.
- 2) 6 Board members with one vote each.
- 3) 6 Sub committee chairpersons with one vote and there are no line to how many world sub committees can be developed
- 4) A vice chair with 1 vote
- 5) A secretary with 1 vote.
- 6) A treasurer with 1 vote.

This adds up to 27 votes which will soon be 30 and or more, with individuals that do not carry a group conscience. Clearly this is a big ratio to the RSR's that carry an opinion of a region, with thousands of recovering addicts

## OUR SUGGESTIONS

That we dissolve the votes of "3,4,5,6" they are, "sub committee chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, and treasurer.

That 1, board of trustees be united as one vote, (respecting their knowledge and experience in service and the fellowship).

If the board of trustees has a conflict on an issue for a vote they must have a solid  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority among themselves. If this is not met, their vote would be obtained and that 2, the board members would unite their vote, and follow the same  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority policy as the board of trustees.

We feel that with these votes dissolved and minimized the group conscience of Narcotics Anonymous will make itself obvious.

Narcotics Anonymous is a God-given Program, and we can maintain our group in dignity only with group conscience and God's Love.

In God we trust loving servants

TO: Select Committee

FROM: Mid-Atlantic Region

SUBJECT: Voting participation at the World Service Conference.

The groups within the Mid-Atlantic Region have been con-  
scienced on who should the voting participants at the World  
Service Conference be.

It has been found that we believe only R.S.R.'s should  
be voting participants at the W.S.C. We have asked the W.S.C.  
Administration Committee to allow the priority of this issue  
to be second to nothing else; and we've asked all regions  
to gather this conscience for W.S.C.- 85.

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