

PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICE  
JANUARY 10, 1988

Moment of Silence  
Serenity Prayer  
12 Traditions of N.A.

M/S/P to accept last month's minutes.

GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW MEETINGS:

- "55th & VINE ST." - 5503 Winter Place, Thursday, 1:00 pm. Needs support!
- "NEW ALTERNATIVE" - 821 E. Allegheny Ave., Monday and Wednesday, 12 Midnight. Needs support! Needs officers or people that are willing to help serve the group. Needs Alternate G.S.R., etc. Group is growing and doing okay. For more information contact John W., 425-1053. Please get involved.
- "REALITY" - This group, which meets at 2205 Bridge St., has added a new topic meeting on Wednesday, 12 Noon. (Other regular meetings are speaker-discussion on Monday, 12 Noon, and open meeting on Friday, 12:30 pm.)
- "RECOVERY INN" - 1502 Frankford Ave. (L.K.E.C. Bldg.), Monday, 6:00 pm, open discussion. (Starts 1/25/88)
- "SOME ARE SICKER" - 4555 Pechin St., Tuesday, 8:00 pm. Needs outside support!
- "WEST OAK LANE" - Limekiln Pike & Walnut Lane (St. Athanasius School - next to church), Monday, 8:00 pm. Needs a lot of support! First meeting was first Monday of January.
- "BOTTOM LINE" - 821 E. Allegheny (K&A), Tuesday, 6:00 pm. Business meeting needs support, first Tuesday of month.
- "DO YOU WANT WHAT WE HAVE" - Front & Boulevard, Thursday, 8:00 pm. Business meeting needs support, last Thursday of month.
- "FOR ADDICTS ONLY" - Hegerman & Longshore, Tuesday, 8:00 pm. Sponsoring a Public Information Workshop on the Traditions, Saturday, Jan. 16, 1988, 1:00 pm.
- "H.O.W." - New Location! - 1528 Girard Avenue, Friday, 8:15 pm. Will be celebrating their 1st Anniversary in February (no exact date yet).
- "LIFEWISH" - Church & Griscom Sts., Sunday and Monday, 8:00 pm. Alternate G.S.R. needed. Business meeting is the last Sunday of the month, after group meeting.
- "LIVING THE PROGRAM" - New Location! - 1319 Locust St. (Union Building), Thursday, 7:30 pm.
- "MANAYUNK" - New Location! - 6730 Ridge Ave. (Salvation Army Bldg., next to Pizza Hut), Thursday, 8:30 pm. Step meeting (Tradition meeting, last Thursday). Needs support! (Not on meeting list.)
- "MESSAGE OF HOPE" - Ford & Monument Rd. (PPC), Sunday, 7:30 pm. Needs support! Treasurer needed.
- "NO NONSENSE" - 2627 Kensington Ave. Nine (9) meetings per week: Sunday, 4:00 pm and 12 Midnight; Wednesday, 10:30 am and 7:00 pm; Thursday, 10:30 am and 12 Midnight; Friday, 8:00 pm; Saturday, 12 Noon and 8:00 pm. Needs support at business meeting, first Saturday of month, 9:30 pm.
- "THE ONLY REQUIREMENT" - Frankford Hosp. (Frankford & Wakeling), Classroom #3, Sunday, 12 Noon. This group is new and needs support. We do have a group conscience. Also, detox patients attend our meeting. Step speaker meeting.
- "PEACE OF MIND" - Adams Ave. & Roosevelt Blvd., Thursday, 6:00 pm. Needs support at business meetings. Come and get involved.
- "RECOVERY BEGINS WITH SURRENDER", 4600 Richmond St. (Bridesburg Rec. Center), Wednesday, 8:00 pm. Group Conscience Meeting the Thursday following Area Service.

GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd):

"STARLIGHT" - Pulaski & Manheim, Sunday, 8:00 pm. Celebrating their 3rd Anniversary, Sunday, February 21, 1988. All Are Welcome!

"TOGETHER WE CAN" - All Saints Church, Crescentville Rd. & Cheltenham, Tuesday, 8:00 pm. Needs 2 officers, Chairperson and Secretary. Business meeting first Monday every month after regular meeting (9:30 pm).

"CENTER CITY" - 3rd & Walnut Sts. (Salvation Army Building), is celebrating their 9th Anniversary, Wednesday, January 27, 8:00 pm (doors open at 7). (There will be no Beginners Meeting that night.)

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hotline: Hotline doing o.k. We have had some new support. We are serving the suffering addict as best we can. Phone numbers are desperately needed from the South Philly area. Next meeting 2nd Sunday of the month, BVM, Old Bustleton Ave. near Welsh Road, 6:30 pm (before ASC).

P.I. (Public Information): Committee is functioning. We could still use support. Also, the committee is holding a Speaker Panel at Longshore & Hegerman at 2:00 pm on January 17, 1988, open to the general public and program members.

H&I (Hospitals & Institutions): Support was good this month. We have several available commitments: (1) Veterans Hospital Detox, Monday, 6:00 pm; (2) Riverview Home, 7979 Street Road; (3) Horizon House, 1710 Point Breeze; (4) Fire House, 2nd & Norris, Saturday, 8:00 pm; (5) Fairmount Adolescent Unit, Monday, 7:30 pm; (6) University Medical Center Detox, Broad & Fitzwater, Monday, 7:00 pm. Some of these commitments are being filled on a week-to-week basis. Please help! If any group wants one of these commitments before the next H&I meeting, please call Joe M. 624-0168(h) or 742-6836. ... Committee has drawn up a letter asking institutions to buy literature. We would like to present this letter and channel it properly, especially concerning the actual purchasing if it is accepted. ... The committee has recommendations for chair and co-chair and welcomes any other nominations. ... "I would like to personally thank the committee and all the groups for their support over the last year." - Paul M. ... Att. All Groups: Requirement for H&I group reps is 6 months clean minimum.

Unity: The Ski Trip has been cancelled and the sub-committee for the trip has broken up. All down payments will be refunded. ... A Mini Convention at the B.V.M. is being scheduled for May '88. All will be FREE. More information to come. ... The Unity Committee needs support! If we don't get involved soon we will die. We meet 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 6:00 pm at 2205 Bridge St. We would like a rep from each group. Personal recovery depends on N.A. unity. The Unity Committee is planning some exciting, dynamic, unifying and fun activities. Please come and share your ideas!

Literature Review: Chairperson is resigning. The committee is working on line-by-line changes in Basic Text. Purchased copies from Region (flawed but helpful). Seeking new weekly meeting place. Just received survey from WLC on 4th Edition of Basic Text. Contact Mark C., 289-6475.

RSO: Board met 1/9/88. Meeting opened at 10:55 am; minutes passed. Resolved to accept Dan, rep from Bucks Co. Resolved to acquire letterhead and envelopes for incorporation. Articles of Incorporation amended; for Article 3, Section 9, the word "civic" was deleted. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, 7-7:30 pm, Holiday Inn, 4th & Arch Sts. Meeting closed at 11:50 am.

Region:

BUCKS CO. - Needs support in business meetings, but doing well overall. Donated \$179.09 to Region. Voted as an Area to stop printing and distribution of 4th Edition of Basic Text. MONTGOMERY CO. - All positions filled. All sub-committees doing well. TRI-COUNTY - Sub-committees are in need of support. H&I needs women to get involved in prisons. SMALL WONDER - H&I doing well. Helpline is functional, has improved. Literature doing well. All Groups doing well.

RSO-- They are getting in touch with a CPA; also looking for an office. P.I.--Doing great; lots of unity days and workshops in the next two months. Forming an Ad Hoc Committee to deal just with meeting lists; Bob (483-9864) elected chairperson. For new meetings or corrections, contact Curt at 743-3727. Elections being held next month at 2055 Limestone Rd., Suite 113, Wilmington, DE, for voting members to be elected. (P.I. meets last Saturday of month.) Also, P.I. Chair up for nominations and election at next Regional Meeting. LITERATURE REVIEW-- Met on Dec. 16th & 30th to deal with the 4th Ed. of the Basic Text. The first meeting was taped. Tapes are for sale for \$6; you can get them from Bobo, 566-2852. The 3rd Ed. will only be approved literature until the 2nd week in April. Suggested that all concerned members send letters to Bob Stone of the WSO and express your views on the 4th Ed. There have been 25,000 copies already sold to rehabs and other public institutions. It is Literature's concern that the public is getting literature that is not ok'ed by the Fellowship, so please get involved! Lines on the NA symbol will be taken off because they could be interpreted as symbolizing a religion. ACTIVITIES-- First meeting will be Sun., Feb. 7, 12 Noon, Academy & Torrey Rds. (where "Take A Chance" Group meets). A questionnaire has been printed up for each group to get ideas on activity days such as workshops. Please fill these out and bring them to the next Area Service Meeting. Put a person's name and phone number on it who can be contacted. CONVENTION-- \$7912 in account. Registrations are slow, so please pass the word to get moving. Committee met Jan. 14 at 22nd & Chestnut (7 pm meeting to develop policy, 8 pm regular meeting). The Committee has voted that there will be no special interest meetings at this year's convention. They have sent out letters to rehabs to give out free registrations. POLICY-- Rob U. is new chairperson. They've put out a temporary service tool for review and input. If you want one, contact Tom at 637-9420. Next meeting, Sun., Jan 24, 2 pm, in Parksburg. For directions, call Rob U. at 1-857-1190. RSR-- N.A. Way has changed its format. To send in input, use release form on the back of N.A. Way. TREASURY-- We are hurting bad! \$93 on hand, donation of \$179.09, \$1642 from New Year's Dance. Total in treasury is \$1917.47. Please consider our needs when you give to the 7th tradition. HELPLINE-- Elected Tom N. as chair. Committee is looking for help. Anyone interested call Tom at 637-9420.

ACTIVITIES-- "Regional Agenda Review" Sat., Feb. 20, 10 am, 22nd & Chestnut. Free spachetti dinner and dance at 9 pm. ... "Greater Philadelphia Unity Day" Sat., Feb. 6, 12 Noon - 2 am, at the Holiday Inn on Street Rd. and Rt. 1. Meetings on: Traditions, NA Language, Group Conscience, Special Interest Groups. All meetings are free. Buffet and dance afterwards - \$12. For tickets see John S. or call 743-3936. ... "Dance" Sat., Feb. 6, 9th & Chestnut, Coatesville. ... "Philadelphia Area Agenda Review" Sat., Feb. 27, 12-5 pm, 22nd & Chestnut. All GSRs are encouraged to attend.

Next Regional Meeting: Sat., March 12, 12&12 Club, 27th & Washington Sts., downtown Wilmington. Convention Committee Chair will be elected (suggested 2 years clean, 12&12 experience, and involvement with Convention Committee).

Regional Lit. Comm. needs help to sell literature. Contact John D., 302-652-3087.

GSRs: Please let Groups know of money problems at the Region. ... Review the 4th Edition and get your Group's votes and input in. ... Fill out activity forms. ... There are five (5) motions to go back to the Groups from the Region. (See Area Legs on the last page of these minutes.)

OLD BUSINESS:

M/S To request the original and existing Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the WSO; we wish to do this through the service structure.

31 - For            2 - Opposed            11 - Abstentions            MOTION PASSES

M/S That on Jan. 11th the Phila. Area Service open up an office for the conducting of literature sales and Hotline activities.

29 - For            9 - Opposed            4 - Abstentions            MOTION PASSES

Discussion on Office to be opened.

GENERAL ELECTIONS-- The following were elected to Area office:

Chairperson - Jeanette L.

Co-Chair - Bill L.

Secretary - Arlene F.

Treasurer - Carol I.

Sub-Committees:

Hotline - Marcee D., Chair            Pat M., Co-Chair

Lit. Review - Mark C., Chair            Tom T., Co-Chair

P.I. - Ted S., Chair            Tom M., Co-Chair

Lit. Status - Mike B., Chair            Jim G., Co-Chair

Unity - Neil I., Chair            James S., Co-Chair

H&I - Joe M., Chair            Steve R., Co-Chair\*

Clean Sheet - Tony H.

Steward - Lydia L.

(At this point newly elected officers assumed their positions and conducted the remainder of the meeting.)

Steve Jones, the outgoing Area Chairperson, thanked the Area for allowing him to serve for the past year.

THANK YOU!-- The Area would like to thank all those who were our trusted servants in 1987!

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$1240.46 collected. It was unanimously approved to disburse the funds as follows:

(\*Following the elections, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to retroactively waive the clean time requirement of one year for the election of co-chair of the H&I Sub-Committee.)

\$1240.46	
<u>-10.00</u>	- Rent
1230.46	
<u>-1095.00</u>	- Hotline bill
135.46	
<u>-35.00</u>	- Secretary's supplies
100.46	
<u>-20.00</u>	- H&I
80.46	
<u>-60.00</u>	- P.I.
20.46	
<u>-9.00</u>	- Unity
11.46	
<u>-10.00</u>	- Reimburse Brian for coffee supplies
1.46	- BALANCE REMAINING

LITERATURE STATUS: \$2540 sales this month; \$126 owed out for meeting lists. Balance - \$2414. PLEASE send in Literature Order Forms before Area Service Meeting. (For your safety, please keep a copy in case of problems with the mail.) Mike Barry, 6508 Torresdale Ave., Phila., PA 19135, phone # 332-7691.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion from Hotline Sub-Committee to be voted on at Area Service:

M/S To form an Ad Hoc Committee of Hotline specifically for the business of opening an office.

MOTION PASSED Unanimously

The first meeting of this committee will be Sunday, January 24, 6:30 pm, 6630 Tulip St. (in the Tacony section). More info, call Karen L., 624-3160.

M/S/P to close meeting at 10:00 pm.

\*\*\*\*\* AREA LEGS \*\*\*\*\*

The following motions from the Region are TO GO BACK TO THE GROUPS FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE. GSRs, please be prepared to vote for your Group at the next Area Service Meeting.

(From Tri-County) M/S That any unapproved literature costs be paid by the WSO. Intent: No one can review literature that they can't pay for, so it will make the literature available to all addicts to review.

(From RSO Board) M/S All existing bank accounts under RSC be placed under parent account of the RSO. Intent: It will provide a tax exempt number for all the accounts, which was one reason for the forming of the RSO. There will be no changes in the way business is done.

(From Lit. Review) M/S That printing and distribution of the 4th Edition be stopped and the 3rd be printed and distributed now.

(From P.I.) M/S That all monies stay within PI from meeting lists to offset costs of meeting lists. Intent: To keep turning money over in P.I. so P.I. just deals with meeting lists.

(From P.I.) M/S That P.I. change the format from 2 sheets to one; also charge Area 2¢ above cost. Intent: To save Area approximately 7¢.