

PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICE
FEBRUARY 14, 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:

- 5728 Chester Ave. (Unity Temple Church of God in Christ), Saturday, 6:30-8:00 pm.
Starting February 20. No smoking meeting. ("GOD CARES" Group)
- "NEW ALTERNATIVE" - 821 E. Allegheny Ave., Monday and Wednesday, 12 Midnight.
Doing okay!
- "RECOVERY INN" - 1502 Frankford Ave. (L.K.E.C. Bldg.), Monday, 6:00 pm. New
meeting trying to get established; could use more support from the Fellowship.
- "CLEAN TOGETHER" - 22nd & Chestnut Sts., Tuesday, 8:00 pm. Celebrated their
4th Anniversary, Tuesday, February 16th.
- "DO OR DIE" - Frankford Hospital, Frankford & Wakeling, Wednesday, 7:00 pm.
Needs support at business meeting, 1st Wednesday of the month. We need
General Chair, G.S.R. and Alt. G.S.R. Please come out and get involved.
- "DO YOU WANT WHAT WE HAVE" - Front & Boulevard, Thursday, 8:00 pm. Needs
support at business meeting, last Thursday of the month.
- "HALF WAY THERE" - 1721 Francis St., Tuesday, 8:00 pm. Needs support.
- "H.O.W." - 1538 Girard Ave., Friday, 8:15 pm. 1st Anniversary is in April!
(not February, there was a mistake in last month's minutes)
- "JUST FOR TODAY" - New Location & Time! - Now at Castor & Pratt (St. James),
Tuesday, 10:00 am. (Moved from Conwell & the Boulevard)
- "K.I.S.S." - Frankford & Somerset (Women's Educ. Proj.), Tuesday & Wednesday,
2:00 pm. Needs support at business meeting, first Wednesday of the month
after regular meeting. We need an Alt. G.S.R.
- "LION'S DEN" - 8th & Luzerne, Saturday, 8:00-9:30 pm. In addition to the
open topic discussion meeting, now holding a step meeting at the same time.
- "NEW ATTITUDES" - Solly Playground, Bustleton & Solly Aves., Monday, 8:00 pm.
Needs support; business meetings need support also.
- "NO NONSENSE" - 2627 Kensington Ave., 2nd Fl. (U-Help Center). 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. Business
meeting, first Saturday of the month after 8:00 pm meeting, needs support.
Nine (9) chairpeople and two (2) H&I commitments. Group conscience meeting
second Saturday of the month after 8:00 pm meeting.
- "THE ONLY REQUIREMENT" - Frankford Hospital, Classroom #3, Frankford & Wakeling,
Sunday, 12 Noon. Needs support. Step speaker meeting.
- "PEACE OF MIND" - Friends Hospital, Adams Ave. & Roosevelt Blvd., Thursday,
6:00 pm. Business meeting needs support, last Thursday of the month.
- "PRIMARY PURPOSE" - Maternity BVM Rectory, Old Bustleton Ave. near Welsh Rd.,
Saturday, 7:00 pm. (Meeting list mistakenly has this meeting listed
as Friday.) Celebrating their 7th Anniversary, February 27th; meeting
at 7:00 pm, refreshments afterwards. All Are Welcome! General Chair
to be elected at business meeting to be held first Saturday in March.
- "38th STREET" - 38th & Chestnut Sts. 3rd Annual 24-Hour Marathon: Friday,
February 26, 8:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm), through Saturday, February 27,
8:00 pm. Fellowship, Recovery, Meetings, Food, Fun. All Are Welcome!

GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd):

- "REALITY" - 2205 Bridge St., Monday, 12 Noon; Wednesday, 12 Noon; Friday, 12:30 pm.
Business meeting needs support, first Friday of the month. Need Alt. G.S.R. and Treasurer.
- "START TO LIVE" - 3rd & Reed Sts., Sunday, 7:00 pm. First Anniversary, Sunday, March 6th. 7:00 pm speaker meeting followed by pot luck supper.
- "TOGETHER WE CAN" - 6309 Crescentville Rd., (All Saints Church), Monday, 8:00 pm.
Business meeting first Monday of the month following regular meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I (Hospitals & Institutions): Only 6 H&I reps showed up at the meeting; therefore we don't know how most of the commitments are doing. We would like to ask all G.S.R.s to get the name and phone number of their group's H&I rep and give it to us by the next Area Service Meeting. If your group has an H&I commitment it must have an H&I rep. ... We still need people to host prison meetings! Requirements are one year clean, one year no lock-up, and one year off of probation or parole, and a desire to serve. If interested, call Joe, 624-0168 or Steve, 745-6525. ... H&I needs a secretary. We meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Dixon House, 20th & McKean Sts. in South Philly. ... Open commitments: (1) Riverview Home, 7979 Street Road; (2) Methadone Clinic, 451 University Ave., Wednesday, 10:30 am; (3) Horizon House, 1710 Point Breeze, Tuesday, 8:30 pm.

Literature Review: No further progress on line-by-line comparison of 3rd Ed. Revised and 4th Ed. Basic Text. ... Unable to obtain copies of latest draft of "It Works, How & Why." ... Looking at possible weekly meeting Saturday morning at Bridesburg Rec. (not firm). Will gratefully accept any form of support.

Clean Sheet: Clean Sheet is being sold for 10¢. The Clean Sheet needs a Secretary and Treasurer. Suggested clean time is two years.

Helpline (formerly Hotline): Helpline doing well. We have some new support. Committee voted to give Helpline number to P.I. for local newspaper. ... Next meeting, 2nd Sunday of the month, B.V.M. Parish Hall, Old Bustleton Ave. near Welsh Rd., 6:30 p.m.

RSO: Announce to Area Fellowship that Philadelphia Rep to the R.S.O. will be elected at the March Area Service Meeting, to start in April. Suggested requirements: 3 years clean, 12&12 knowledge. ... Next meeting of Board is February 17, 1988, Holiday Inn, 4th & Arch, 7:00-7:30 pm.

Ad Hoc Committee: First meeting was held January 27, 1988. It went well. Had some support; some information was gathered; no motions were made. ... Second meeting was held February 14, 1988. Meeting went well, had a lot of support, and more information was gathered on office space and phone lines. ... Announce to Area Fellowship that this Committee will need officers once the office has been developed -- Chair (2 yrs.), Co-Chair (1 yr.), Treasurer (2 yrs. and a job), Secretary (1 year). ... Next meeting, Sunday, March 13, BVM, Old Bustleton Ave. near Welsh Rd., 5:30 pm (before ASC). We need support!

Region: "Regional Agenda Report" - February 20, 22nd & Chestnut Sts., 12:00-5:00 pm, followed by spaghetti dinner free for those who attend the meeting, followed by a dance. ... "Area Agenda Report" - February 27, 22nd & Chestnut Sts., 12:00-5:00 pm. ... "Regional Unity Day Spiritual Breakfast" - April 17, Holiday Inn, 4th & Arch Sts. Regional Public Information Committee selling tickets. ... The motion that went back to the groups last month from the RSO Board should not have been voted on at group level, it was already voted on at the Region. ... Next Regional Meeting: SWANA Area, 12&12 Club, 27th & Washington Sts., Wilmington, March 12th, 12 Noon. Convention Committee Chairperson will be open for nominations. Qualifications: suggested 2 yrs. clean time, good working knowledge of the 12&12, and previous work with the Convention Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- M/S That any unapproved literature costs be paid by the WSO.
 26 - For 9 - Opposed 5 - Abstentions MOTION PASSES
- M/S That printing and distribution of the 4th Edition be stopped and the 3rd be printed and distributed now.
 35 - For 1 - Opposed 8 - Abstentions MOTION PASSES
- M/S That all monies stay within PI from meeting lists to offset costs of meeting lists.
 35 - For 1 - Opposed 4 - Abstentions MOTION PASSES
- M/S That P.I. change the format from 2 sheets to one; also charge Area 2¢ above cost.
 29 - For 6 - Opposed 7 - Abstentions MOTION PASSES

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$1672.89 collected. It was unanimously approved to disburse the funds as follows:

- 10.00	- Rent
<u>1662.89</u>	
-1116.90	- Helpline bill
<u>545.99</u>	
- 20.00	- Ad Hoc Committee (reimbursement)
<u>525.99</u>	
- 100.00	- H&I (for literature)
<u>425.99</u>	
- 13.00	- P.I. (sec'l expenses & literature)
<u>412.99</u>	
- 9.00	- Unity (rent)
<u>403.99</u>	
- 15.00	- Secretary's supplies
<u>388.99</u>	

M/S/P To donate \$200 to Region, and hold the balance (\$188.99) in reserve.

M/S/P To spend \$10 for steward's supplies.
(This left \$178.99 in reserve.)

Discussion was initiated by Al R. (Alt. R.S.R.) about the motion which had been erroneously sent back to the groups for a vote. (The motion concerned RSO bank accounts.) In retrospect, there has been some thought that the vote taken at the Regional level (which approved the motion) may have been a mistake-- since, in effect, business and spiritual fellowship accounts would be combined, and these two things should be kept separate.

It was moved that, for the record, we take Group Conscience on this matter.
M/S All existing bank accounts under RSC be placed under parent account of the RSO.
25 - For 4 - No 12 - Abstentions
This Area's Group Conscience was in favor of the motion.

LITERATURE STATUS: \$3900 in sales. Please send in Literature Order Forms before the next Area Service Meeting (keep a copy in case of problems with the mail) to Mike Barry, 6508 Torresdale Ave., Phila., PA 19135, phone #332-7691.

NEW BUSINESS:

H&I Chairperson read a letter drafted by the committee to be sent to hospitals and institutions asking them to purchase their own literature. (See attachment.)

M/S That this letter be brought back to the groups for a vote.
25 - For 6 - Opposed 3 - Abstentions MOTION PASSES

Ad Hoc Committee presented the following motion to be voted on at Area:

M/S That this Area start a prudent reserve. Intent: Preparation for an office.
29 - For 0 - Opposed 11 - Abstentions MOTION PASSES

The Abington Group presented the following motion to be voted on at Area:

M/S That due to financial difficulties and the future Area Service Office needs, that the Area initiate some fundraisers after the March Convention, also for prudent reserve.

There was an objection as to where this motion should be voted on.
Vote on the objection:
24 - Take it back to groups; 11 - Vote on it here; 0 - Abstentions
This motion will GO BACK TO GROUPS.

The Freedom Group presented the following motion to go back to the groups:

M/S That a group show that it is fully self-supporting for 3 months before going on meeting list. Intent: Cut cost of constantly changing meeting list.

M/S/P to close meeting at 9:30 pm.

***** AREA LEGS *****

The following motions are TO GO BACK TO THE GROUPS FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE:

NO PASS - M/S To approve the letter drafted by the H&I Committee. (See attachment.)
PASSED - M/S That due to financial difficulties and the future Area Service Office needs, that the Area initiate some fundraisers after the March Convention, also for prudent reserve.
NO PASS - M/S That a group show that it is fully self-supporting for 3 months before going on meeting list. Intent: Cut cost of constantly changing meeting list.

H&I LETTER

Dear Mr. Doe:

As you already know, the Philadelphia Area Hospitals and Institutions Committee provides Narcotics Anonymous meetings in your facility. We are also responsible for providing meetings at approximately 50 other facilities in the Philadelphia area. In doing this we hope to reach out to suffering addicts so that they may begin the process of recovery.

One of the ways that we reach out to addicts in these meetings is through NA literature. This literature lets the addict see that things do get better and lets him/her know that there are other people that have experienced the same feelings that he/she may be feeling. Literature also gives useful information such as where outside meetings are and how other people have stayed clean.

However, this literature is an enormous expense for the H&I Committee. It costs us _____* amount of dollars to provide it every month. We find ourselves in a position where we must ask you to provide your own literature for your facility. If you are able to do this, please let us know and we will provide you with the information necessary for purchasing literature. If you are unable to do this, we will continue to provide as much literature as we can afford. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

Yours In Service

Philadelphia Area H&I Committee

*This amount will be filled in by the H&I Committee when they have determined the exact amount.