

PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICE  
MARCH 13, 1988

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

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

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GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW MEETINGS:

- 1537 N. 59th St. (St. Rosa Lima Parish Hall, downstairs), Tuesday, 8:00-9:30 pm (doors open at 7:30). Business meeting will be held the first Tuesday in April.
- "MORE WILL BE REVEALED" - Mascher & Tioga (school auditorium), Saturday, 3:00 pm.
- "SURRENDER TO WIN" - John McCullough Hall, Torresdale Ave. betw. Levick & Robbins, Saturday, 8:00 pm.
- "TAKE A CHANCE" - Parkwood Playground, Academy Ave. & Torrey Rd., has added a new open meeting, Saturday, 12 Midnight.
- "WE CHOSE LIFE" - 7526 Frankford Ave., Friday, 7:30 pm. Open speaker discussion meeting; last Friday of the month, open step meeting.
- "FOR ADDICTS ONLY" - Longshore & Hegerman, Tuesday, 8:00 pm. Doing well.
- "HALF WAY THERE" - 1721 Francis St., Tuesday, 8:00 pm. Needs support.
- "MESSAGE OF HOPE" - Ford & Monument Rd. (PPC), Sunday, 7:30 pm. Needs support at business meetings. (Meeting is held in a rehab.)
- "NEW ALTERNATIVE" - 821 E. Allegheny Ave., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 12 Midnight. Needs support at business meetings, first Wednesday of the month at 11:00 pm.
- "NEW ATTITUDES" - Solly Playground, Bustleton & Solly Aves., Monday, 8:00 pm. Desperately needs support at business meetings, last Monday of every month.
- "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. Needs support for the business meetings (first Saturday of the month, 9:30 pm) and group conscience meetings (2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30 pm). Needs 11 chairpeople per month (9 meetings, 2 H&I commitments). All morning meetings need support.
- "ON THE RIGHT TRACK" - 3001 Walnut St. (A.F.S.C.M.E. Bldg.), 7th Fl., Rm. 3, Tuesday, 5:30 pm. Great meeting--stop by and check us out!
- "THE ONLY REQUIREMENT" - Frankford Hospital (Classroom #3), Frankford & Wakeling, Sunday, 12 Noon. This group is fairly new and we need more support. Business meetings are the first Sunday of the month; group conscience meetings are the 4th Sunday. We need an Alt. G.S.R. and a Treasurer.
- "OXFORD CIRCLE" - St. Martin's Church, Oxford Ave. & Roosevelt Blvd., Friday, 7:30 pm. Needs support at business meetings, first Friday of the month at 7:00 pm.
- "PEACE OF MIND" - Friends Hospital, Adams Ave. & Roosevelt Blvd., Thursday, 6:00 pm. Needs support. Also needs support at business meetings.
- "REALITY" - 2205 Bridge St., Monday, 12 Noon; Wednesday, 12 Noon; Friday, 12:30 pm. Needs support at business meetings, first Friday of the month. Needs Alt. G.S.R. and Treasurer.
- "RECOVERY INN" - 1502 Frankford Ave. (L.K.E.C. Bldg.), Frankford & Jefferson, Monday, 6:00 pm. We still need a lot of support from the Fellowship. Our business meetings are the first Monday of the month, after the regular meeting.
- "START TO LIVE" - 3rd & Reed Sts., Sunday, 7:00 pm. Anniversary went wonderfully--thanks for all the support! Keep coming back!
- "SUNLIGHT" - 5301 Overbrook Ave., Wednesday and Saturday, 1:00 pm. Will be electing a G.S.R. at business meeting the last Saturday in March.
- "TOGETHER WE CAN" - 6301 Crescentville Ave., All Saints Church (betw. Adams & Cheltenham Aves.), Monday, 8:00 pm. Business meetings, first Monday; group conscience meetings, 3rd Monday.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Helpline: The Helpline is functioning. ... We need 10 Helpline Phone Guide Manuals. ... The phone bill is still high. We'll look into this problem. ... If you are not involved in Helpline Committee, please do not pick up calls out of the kindness of your heart. The Committee has to change the code and account number due to unknown people picking up calls. ... 12 Step lists are being handed out to G.S.R.s. Please bring them back to next Area Service meeting if possible.

P.I. (Public Information): Regional meeting was held March 14, Loretto & Nafle Sts. ... "Drug Awareness Week" - Temple U. (Main Campus), March 22 & 23, 11-2; Temple U. (Ambler Campus), March 22. ... Penn State (Ogontz Campus), April 6, 10:00 am, Gym. ... Attempted to contact the new P.I. Chairperson for Montgomery County to inform him/her of the Temple Ambler meeting and the Penn State Info Day. ... Attempting to get P.I. info into local newspapers, i.e., "Carrier Pigeon."

H&I (Hospitals & Institutions): As of now all H&I commitments are being filled. Most groups are still not showing up at the H&I meeting. If your H&I Rep can't make the meeting, please have them call Joe at 624-0168 or Steve at 745-5625 and let us know how things are going. ... We are still in need of people to host meetings inside the prisons. Requirements are: 1 yr. clean, 1 yr. no lock-up, and 1 yr. no probation or parole, and a desire to serve. ... If your group is having a hard time fulfilling its commitments let us know, because there are groups willing to take new commitments. ... H&I would like to amend the letter it wishes to send to institutions. We have drawn up a new letter and ask that it be voted on. (See Area Legs.) We would like to know if the groups are against the idea of a letter going out or if it was just the way the letter was worded. ... Next H&I meeting is April 4, 7:00 pm, 20th & McKean.

Unity: This sub-committee met twice since the last A.S.C. meeting. Support is very bad. We need people to get involved. Any interested members are encouraged to attend. ... We still need a secretary. Nominations will take place the 2nd Saturday in April. Desire to serve is our only requirement. ... The Co-Chair of this subcommittee who was voted in by the Area has not attended this meeting since his election. We would like to ask the Area to please let the Fellowship know of this opening and to hold elections at the April A.S.C. meeting. ... "Convention Day" - Sponsored by Unity Committee and the Primary Purpose Group, along with the Regional Activities Committee. To be held Saturday, May 21, 12 Noon to 2:00 am, at B.V.M., Old Bustleton & Welsh Rds. All are encouraged to get involved! Anyone with any ideas on meeting types, activities, chairpeople and speakers please come to our next meetings. The theme for the day will be "Therapeutic Value" and the day will be centered on personal recovery. Are you interested in speaking or chairing a specific topic or meeting? If so, come to our meetings, April 9 & 23, 2205 Bridge Sts., 6:00 pm. We will be putting together a program or list of events for the function. Activities at this convention will be free to all. There will be some refreshments; and the day will end with a free dance from 9:30 pm 'til 2:00 am. It will also include a Cleantime Countdown and Neighborhood Recognition. ... Support Unity!! Get Involved!! Please send a Rep from your groups to the Unity Committee which meets at 2205 Bridge St. on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 6:00 pm. Anybody concerned with our unity who wants to get involved or has any ideas that can help us with getting together, please show up!!

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS (Cont'd):

Literature Review: Still trying to find a meeting place. If one is not found by the end of March, we will have to use a private residence temporarily. There is a lot of work to be done and your support will be appreciated. ... Mark C., Chairperson, 289-6475; Tommy T., Co-Chair, 533-5003.

Helpline Ad Hoc Committee: Chairperson has resigned. Richie C. is the new Chairperson; Jackie A. is Co-Chair. ... The Committee is up in the air about storefront for the Helpline. The Committee needs support. We are waiting on other information from the Region.

RSO: Met on February 27, 1988, 7:30 pm, 4th & Arch Sts. Resolved to have a committee formed and meet to check on 3 different locations for office space. The secretary for the Board has resigned; this position is open. New member from Tri-County was accepted. ... Committee met on February 26 and checked on locations. ... Board met again on March 11, 8:30 pm, at the home of the Philadelphia Rep. The Board was deadlocked on office location, so further information will be gathered and shared. It was resolved to make a motion for \$7000 start-up funds from the Region. ... Next meeting will be in April at Walt M.'s house (exact date is not known at this time). For info call 342-7868.

REGIONAL REPORT:

Area Reports: BUCKS - Overall doing very well. Most groups have group conscience meetings. They had an Agenda Review on March 13. ... MONTGOMERY COUNTY - Doing well. The Area was having problems with people being asked not to attend meetings held in facilities they had left without finishing their treatment. Now they have all H&I closed meetings to avoid violating traditions by not letting the addict into the meetings. Donated \$250 to the Region. ... TRI-COUNTY - Doing well. All committees are functioning. Chester feels the need to split from Tri-County. They formed an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate this. They will meet April 17, 7:30 pm, 46th & West Lancaster, Downingtown. ... SWANA - Doing very well. Five new meetings. Their women's meeting is no longer a women's meeting; it is now open to all addicts. All committees doing well.

Sub-Committees:

J.A.C. (Joint Administrative Committee): The GPRSC Co-Chair called the sub-committees together to discuss the purpose of the J.A.C., financial considerations, preparation for GPRSC meetings, and issues regarding motions, etc. (Please see the enclosed minutes from that meeting.)

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: With a lot of time and patience, they compiled Convention Committee Policy from old minutes. It was discussed whether to send this back to the Areas for review, but this was tabled in order to give the Committee a chance to review it and send back to the Groups those portions that would affect N.A. as a whole (such as the policy of no special interest meetings at the Convention). A copy of this policy statement is enclosed. Please feel free to look it over and come to the next Regional Meeting to express your views. ... The Committee has \$23,000 in the bank, and put a deposit down on the hotel of \$7000. Sold 510 out of 1000 Banquet tickets, and 470 out of 750 Brunch tickets. 250 free registrations will be given to rehabs. The dances following the opening speaker on Friday and the Saturday night banquet will be until 3:00 am; there will also be meetings going on Friday and another large meeting during Saturday's dance.

REGIONAL REPORT (Cont'd):

There will be no sleeping in the Hospitality Suite at this year's Convention. Also, there will not be coffee around the clock, but there will be fruit. The dinner menu is: chicken, vegetables, salad, fruit cups, and vanilla or chocolate mousse. Soda bars will be set up during the Banquet. The Committee has absorbed some of the cost of this year's Convention--Dinners are \$26.00/plate, the Committee is charging \$20.00; Brunch is costing \$13.00/person, the Committee is charging \$10.00. ... The Committee sponsored a free dance March 19 at 22nd & Chestnut. (Usual charge for sodas.) ... The Committee is sending a motion back to the Groups concerning signing a contract with the Adam's Mark Hotel to hold the Convention there for the next 3 years (see Area Legs). The reasoning behind this is the reality that there is no other place in our Region that can accommodate us (at least not until the new Convention Center is built). One disadvantage is that there are no March dates available for 1989. Our choices for next year are the weekends of Feb. 3-5, Feb. 24-26 or April 21-23. Because we needed to give the hotel some kind of answer as to whether or not we would be back, the ASRs voted to tentatively hold the Convention Feb. 3-5, 1989. This is not locked in; it is just a precaution so that we would not lose space at the hotel for future years. The contract will only be signed if the Fellowship gives its o.k. The reason that particular weekend was chosen was that there were other conventions being held within 100 miles of Philadelphia on the other two dates, which we felt would affect the turnout at our convention.

P.I.: The Committee has met twice since the last Regional Meeting. They attended a Black Counselors of America meeting in Center City, which went well. ... Meeting lists are going like hotcakes--10,000 were sold in 40 days! We will print at least 10,000 more using the old format before we will be able to switch to the new format (since it takes time to typeset everything, etc.). We hope to have the new meeting lists by the next Regional Meeting. ... The Unity Day, Feb. 6, went well. Approximately 300 people attended, and there were 200 at the dinner. Once the dance started we collected money for a half hour, then everyone was let in for free. Sodas were 30¢, but were lowered to 25¢. The event made \$700, after reimbursing the Region \$200 that was used as a deposit. \$207 was given to the Region.

H&I: Everything is going well. The next meeting will be April 16. Call Diane for time and place.

ACTIVITIES: This Committee is asking for Reps from each Area. We are also looking into space for this year's New Year's Eve party. One possible site is the National Guard Armory, which accommodates up to 1000 people. Next meeting is April 10, 6:00 pm, at the BVM Gym, Old Bustleton & Welsh Rds. (before Philadelphia ASC Meeting).

LITERATURE REVIEW: Next meeting - April 17, 12 Noon, 4th & Arch Sts. (after the Spiritual Breakfast).

CLEAN SHEET: Doing well. It has Reps from Philadelphia, Tri-County, and Small Wonder; needs Reps from Bucks and Montgomery Counties. The Committee will have a table at the Convention where it will be selling subscriptions to the Clean Sheet. Clean Sheet has been receiving input from a lot of newcomers and people in jails and institutions. It is in need of a typist, secretary, and treasurer. The next meeting will be held at 409 Wyoming Ave., Wilmington, DE.

POLICY: Has been unable to find any minutes from before 1986, so there is no record of policy set before 1986 (except for what may be remembered by members who have been on the committee since then). The Committee has a motion to go back to the Groups (see Area Legs).

REGIONAL REPORT (Cont'd):

HELPLINE: Next Meeting - April 10, 2:00 pm, Academy & Torrey Rds., Parkwood Playground (where "Take A Chance" Group meets). We will be establishing our purpose, along with getting officers. Anyone with Hotline experience please attend!

RSR prepared a letter to present to the WSC (copy enclosed with these minutes). The RSR and the Alt. RSR are going out to California the last week in April. All Agenda Report votes must be submitted at meeting on April 16, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Loretto & Napfle Sts. The purpose of this meeting is to compile all votes that are to be carried to the WSC (we vote as a Region). There will be an extra room available to any member wishing to attend this year's WSC. We are donating \$1500 to the WSC. The expenses of sending the RSR and Alt. RSR are \$2323.20.

Elections:  
Regional P.I. Chair - Brian H.  
Convention Chair - Rodney I.  
Literature Chair - John D. (re-elected)

Old Business:

Motion to stop the printing of the 4th Edition and begin distributing the 3rd Edition Revised passed.

Both P.I. motions passed--that the meeting list format change from two sheets to one, and that all monies from sale of meeting lists stay within the P.I. Committee. (Tri-County did move to table the motion of changing the meeting lists until they saw what the format would be, for example, if the Steps and Traditions would be on it. This motion failed, but we were assured that the Steps and Traditions would still be on the list.)

The motion that the WSO pay costs for all unapproved literature in review or input form was passed and will go to the World Service Conference in April.

REGIONAL POLICY WORKSHOPS -- Philadelphia: Saturday, March 19, 1:00-5:00 pm, Longshore & Hegerman Sts. ... Tri-County: Sunday, April 24, 2:00-5:00 pm, HIPID Bldg., 7112 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby. ... Bucks County: Sunday, May 22, 2:00-5:00 pm, Newtown Presbyterian Church, Washington & Chancellor Rds., Newtown. ... Montgomery County: Sunday, June 12, 2:00-5:00 pm, Eagleville Hospital (exact room location to be announced).

May Elections: At the next RSC Meeting in May, nominations will be open for H&I and Clean Sheet Chairpersons.

OLD BUSINESS:

M/S To approve the letter\* drafted by the H&I Committee. [\*That is the letter that went back to the Groups last month, not the one attached to these minutes.]

11 - For                    28 - Opposed                    1 - Abstention                    MOTION FAILED

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.

23 - For                    14 - Opposed                    4 - Abstentions                    MOTION PASSES

M/S That a group show that it is fully self-supporting for 3 months before going on meeting list.

16 - For                    28 - Opposed                    1 - Abstention                    MOTION FAILED

RSO Board Rep Election: (Announcement of this election should have been in last month's Area Legs, but it was in the body of the minutes.) Walt S. was nominated and won re-election unanimously.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	\$1315.59	collected
	- 10.00	- Rent
	<u>1305.59</u>	
	-1090.00	- Helpline bill (being held in reserve until
	215.59	we get clarification of bill)
	- 27.00	- Helpline Committee (manuals & copying)
	<u>188.59</u>	
	- 40.00	- Secretary's supplies
	<u>148.59</u>	
	- 20.00	- H&I (rent)
	<u>128.59</u>	
	- 80.00	- P.I. (literature)
	<u>48.59</u>	
	- 9.00	- Unity (rent)
	<u>39.59</u>	
	- 10.00	- Steward's supplies
	<u>29.59</u>	Balance remaining

M/S/P To disburse the funds as listed above.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion from "Recovery Begins With Surrender" Group (to go back to Groups):

M/S That any meeting whose name separates or excludes other members of N.A. should change its name or be removed from the meeting list (for example, "Women About Change," "Men at Work," "NA Women of Today," and "For Addicts Only").  
Intent: To uphold the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 12th Traditions.

There was an objection to considering this motion. (Such an objection needs a 2/3 majority to pass).

With 39 GSRs present, the vote on the objection was:

21 - For objection      19 - Opposed to objection      1 - Abstention

Objection Fails -- Motion will go back to the Groups.

Motion from "Recovery Begins With Surrender" Group (to go back to Groups):

M/S That any meeting held in a facility whose policy prohibits former clients from entering that facility should become an H&I meeting or be removed from the meeting list.  
Intent: To uphold the 1st, 3rd and 5th Traditions.

Motion from H&I Sub-Committee (to go back to Groups):

M/S To approve the revised letter drafted by the H&I Committee. (See attachment.)  
Intent: To determine if the Fellowship is opposed to the idea of the letter or just to the specific wording.

Motion from Region (Convention Committee) (to go back to Groups):

M/S That the Convention Committee sign a three-year contract with the Adam's Mark Hotel for the 1989, 1990, and 1991 Conventions.  
Intent: To insure availability of hotel for future conventions.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd):

Motion from Region (Policy Committee) (to go back to Groups):

M/S That the Policy Committee's purpose be to develop and maintain the Guidelines of the GPRSC. These Guidelines should include a description of the Committee, its purpose and scope of its services, and should define the functions and responsibilities of its participants, officers, and sub-committees.

From the Alt. ASR:

"As of April 10th, 1988, I will be resigning as the Alt. ASR for the Area. I was very honored to serve in this position, but I could not be responsible and put the time into the commitment which is necessary. I thank the Philadelphia Area for allowing me to serve as a trusted servant. Thank you. In loving service, Phyllis"

LITERATURE REPORT:

We are experiencing a literature shortage due to problems in ordering through the Region. Future plans are to order directly from the World. In the meantime, we are currently operating at a deficit (we continuously owe Groups literature which they have already paid for). To eliminate this situation, we will be forced to raise prices on the literature -- some pamphlets will go up to 20¢, Basic Texts will go up to \$10.00, medallions will be \$3.00, and group readings will be \$2.00. These price changes will not go into effect until new order forms are made up. (Please note that meeting lists will not appear on the new forms, as these are now ordered directly from the Region by the Groups). ... Continue to send your Literature Order Forms before Area Service Meetings to Mike Barry, 6508 Torresdale Ave., Phila., PA 19135, phone #332-7691.

M/S/P to close meeting at 9:40 pm.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a fundraising dance Saturday, April 2nd, 9:30 pm-2:00 am, at the BVM Gym, Old Bustleton & Welsh Rds., to benefit the Area. Dancing, sodas, DJ. Bring everybody!

J.A.C. (Joint Administrative Committee) Meeting - April 16, 2:00-6:00 pm, Loretto & Napfle Sts.

Spiritual Breakfast - Sunday, April 17th, 10:00 am, 4th & Arch Sts. P.I. Committee is selling tickets.

SWANA is hosting a Regional Unity Day at St. Stephen's Church, 13th & Broom, Wilmington, DE. Workshops, free spaghetti dinner for all those who attend, and dance following the dinner (\$5.00 at the door). Workshops from 12 Noon to 5:00 pm; dinner from 6:00-7:30 pm, dance from 8:00-12:00 pm. For further info, contact Felicia at 798-6468 or John D. at 652-3087. (I believe May 7th is the date for this event, but please double-check the fliers that are being distributed.)

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

Important: Agenda Report Vote Collection -- Saturday, April 16, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Loretto & Napfle Sts. This is the absolute deadline for votes to be in! (For those GSRs who may not be able to attend, please bring your votes to the next ASC Meeting and give them to our ASR, Tom N.)

(Area Legs continued on next page)