

PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICE
APRIL 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:

- 444 E. Girard Ave., 7 days a week, 8:00 p.m. First meeting Monday, May 2.
29th & Dickinson Sts. (S. Philly), Grays Ferry Community Center, Wednesday,
7:30 pm. Speaker discussion meeting; needs support.
Pickering & Gowen (Mt. Airy), Tuesday, 7:30 pm.
- "ABINGTON" - Abington Hospital, Rt. 611, Friday, 8:30 pm. Needs new general chair
for Today Inc., Bridge.
- "CLEAN TOGETHER" - 22nd & Chestnut Sts., Tuesday, 8:00 pm. This group meets on
Tuesday, as it has for 4 years now--not Monday as listed on the meeting list.
- "FREEDOM" - 2205 Bridge St., Sunday, 4:00 pm; Friday, 12 Midnight; Saturday,
1:00 pm and Midnight. This group will be having a picnic sometime in June.
- "HALF WAY THERE" - 1721 Francis St., Tuesday, 8:00 pm. Needs support.
- "K.I.S.S." - Frankford Ave. & Somerset St., Tuesday & Wednesday, 2:00 pm. Needs
GSR and Alt. GSR.
- "LET'S SURRENDER" - 1539 N. 59th St., St. Rose of Lima Church (enter from lower
level), Tuesday, 8-9:30 pm. Needs support at business meeting, first Tuesday.
- "LIFEWISH" - St. Joachim's Church, Church & Griscom Sts., Sunday and Monday,
8:00 pm. Needs support at business meeting, held last Sunday of the month.
Also needs Alt. GSR.
- "MESSAGE OF HOPE" - Ford & Monument Rds., PPC, Sunday, 7:30 pm. Needs support at
business meeting, last Sunday of the month.
- "MORE WILL BE REVEALED" - Mascher & Tioga Sts., Saturday, 3:00 pm. Needs support.
- "NEW ALTERNATIVES" - 821 E. Allegheny Ave., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 12 Midnight.
Needs support. (Not on the meeting list yet.)
- "NEW ATTITUDES" - Solly Playground, Bustleton & Solly Aves., Monday, 8:00 pm.
Needs support at business meeting, 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 at business
meeting, first Saturday of the month, 9:30 pm (need 11 chairpeople -- 9 group,
2 H&I); also needs support desperately at group conscience meeting, 2nd Saturday
of the month, 9:30 pm.
- "O.D.A.T." - 8th & Girard, Guiffre Hospital (1st Fl., Tower Building); Tuesday,
8:00 pm. This group has had a mixed meeting with rehab clients; it will no
longer have rehab clients in attendance after 4/12/88. It will separate
the clients, creating a need for an H&I commitment, which O.D.A.T. Group
will gladly fill.
- "THE ONLY REQUIREMENT" - Frankford Hospital (Classroom #3), Frankford & Wakeling,
Sunday, 12 Noon. 1st & 2nd Sunday - Speaker discussion; 3rd Sunday - Step
of the month; 4th Sunday - Pamphlet; 5th Sunday - Chairperson's discretion.
Needs support. Detox patients usually present -- they help keep it green!
Also needs support at business meeting -- needs a secretary who can fulfill
the requirements.
- "PEACE OF MIND" - Friends Hospital, Adams Ave. & Roosevelt Blvd. Starting May 5th,
the meeting will start ½ hour earlier -- 5:30 pm, instead of 6:00 pm. Business
meeting needs support.

GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd):

- "PRIMARY PURPOSE" - Maternity BVM, Old Bustleton Ave. near Welsh Rd., Saturday, 7:00 pm. Saturday, May 21st -- FREE Mini-Convention: BVM Church Hall, 12 Noon to 2:00 am. Meetings, Dance, Experience, Strength & Hope. Also, group needs an Alt. GSR.
- "REALITY" - 2205 Bridge St., Monday, 12 Noon; Wednesday, 12 Noon; Friday, 12:30 pm. Needs support at business meeting; needs Alt. GSR.
- "RECOVERY BEGINS WITH SURRENDER" - Bridesburg Recreation Center, Richmond & Ash, Wednesday, 8:00 pm. This meeting is now a Step and Tradition meeting.
- "RECOVERY INN" - 1502 Frankford Ave. (L.K.E.C. Bldg.), Frankford & Jefferson, Monday, 6:00 pm. Desperately needs support from the Fellowship; business meeting (first Monday of the month) also needs support.
- "ROOM FOR RECOVERY" - 26th & Cumberland, Job's Baptist Church, Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 1:00 pm. Monday and Friday meetings are not yet on meeting list.
- "SURRENDER TO WIN" - Torresdale & Robbins Ave., John McCullough Hall, Saturday, 8:00 pm. Needs support. Group conscience meeting, first Saturday of the month; business meeting, 2nd Saturday of the month.
- "TOGETHER WE CAN" - 6301 N. Crescentville Rd., Monday, 8:00 pm. Starting the first Monday in May (May 2), first and 3rd Mondays the meeting will start at 7:30 pm, on account of business and group conscience meetings. 2nd & 4th Mondays the meeting will start at 8:00 pm. Needs support at business and group conscience meetings. Come and get involved!
- "WE CHOSE LIFE" - 7526 Frankford Ave., Friday, 7:30 pm. Relatively new meeting, needs support. Step meeting, last Friday of each month.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I (Hospitals & Institutions): H&I doing OK. Most H&I reps are still not showing up at our meeting. ... Still need people to get involved with prison meetings. If interested, call Joe 624-0168 or Steve 745-5625. ... Open commitment at DRC for women. Day and time still not known. ... A reminder to all groups with H&I commitments: Chairperson and speaker must have 6 months clean time to fill an H&I commitment. ... Next H&I meeting, first Monday of May (May 2), Dixon House, 20th & McKean, 7:00 pm.

Literature Review: Meets every Saturday at 10:30 am at 2205 Bridge St. The committee has been meeting consistently and has regular support. We are currently working on developing a new piece of literature dealing with the subject of anonymity. We have not been able to contact the chairperson for the past 3 months, nor has he attended any of the meetings.

Unity: This sub-committee is still very much in need of support. All groups are encouraged to send a rep, so that each group is involved and aware of the importance of unity. We are requesting that any group interested in holding a Unity function, please bring ideas. Summer is coming. What better time to get together as a Fellowship for good clean fun. Pool parties, picnics, marathons, bar-b-ques, etc. ... "Therapeutic Value" Mini-Convention to be held Saturday, May 21st, 12 Noon to 2:00 am at BVM, is currently in the making. Marathon meetings, main meetings, speakers, fellowship, cleantime countdown, and dance. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Speakers and chairpeople needed. The entire day is totally free. Please come and share your experience, strength and hope on personal recovery. Remember: "The therapeutic value of one addict helping another is without parallel." ... The 3rd Annual Unity Day Picnic will be held Memorial Day, May 30, 1988, on Lemon Hill (near 33rd & Poplar in Fairmount Park). ... Please send a rep from each group and support our Unity!

Helpline: Committee doing a great job. The phone bill is still being investigated; we are having problems with the answering service on information needed. The committee is checking out new alternate systems with the desire to try a new option and get rid of the old one. ... Going to go to Unity Committee for Helpline Workshop to be held hopefully in May. ... Chairperson attended Regional Helpline Meeting, April 9, 2:00 pm. ... GSRs, please hand in 12 Step Lists.

Ad Hoc Committee: Chairperson and secretary have resigned. This committee has folded due to lack of support.

P.I. (Public Information): P.I. is doing fine, but we still could use support from area groups as far as people wanting to get involved in P.I. commitments. ... P.I. is having a meeting, Sunday, April 24th, 6:00 pm, at St. Joachim's (Church & Griscom Sts.), to go over policy guidelines for commitments. ... The commitments for Temple University and Temple Annex in Montgomery County went well; so did the commitment at Penn State Ogontz Campus. ... New commitment is scheduled for May 5th, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, 38th & Woodland, 5:30-7:00 pm.

RSO Board: Met on 3/24/88, 12:30 pm, Adam's Mark Hotel. Chairperson for Pittsburgh RSO attended the meeting. Discussion included legalities, affiliations, expenses, budgets, and services that the office will be responsible for. The chairperson of the Greater Philadelphia Region and the Alt. RSR were in attendance. The meeting was informative and brought forth more unity and understanding among the participants. ... Next meeting was held April 16, 1988, Loretto and Napfle Sts., 12 Noon, following the Agenda Report meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

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.*

34 - For 11 - Against 4 - Abstentions MOTION PASSES

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.")*

19 - For 22 - Against 7 - Abstentions MOTION FAILS

M/S To approve the revised letter drafted by the H&I Committee.

34 - For 5 - Against 5 - Abstentions MOTION PASSES

M/S That the Convention Committee sign a three-year contract with the Adam's Mark Hotel for the 1989, 1990, and 1991 Conventions.

38 - For 3 - Against 4 - Abstentions MOTION PASSES

M/S That the [Regional] 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.

39 - For 1 - Against 8 - Abstentions MOTION PASSES

(*These two motions needed a 2/3 majority to pass. There were 50 GSRs present.)

Elections for:

Unity Co-Chair - Frank W.
Alternate ASR - Ed C.

It was announced that our Steward had to resign her position due to a conflict with her job schedule. Brian H. volunteered to serve as Steward.

LITERATURE STATUS: Literature Chairperson Mike B. answered a series of questions from the GSRs. He explained that the price increases are due to the fact that we are currently losing money on the sale of literature. (Our deficit is now approximately \$1200.) This has happened because of price increases that were not passed down until we had already ordered and received the literature. Price increases will be in effect next month: I.P.s will be 20¢ each; Basic Texts, \$10. Mike acknowledged that there is a problem with groups at times not getting the exact literature ordered. He asked that we bear with him during this literature shortage, and in the meantime try to send in orders ahead of time. Mike Barry, 6508 Torresdale Ave., Phila., PA 19135, phone #332-7691.

M/S/P To extend the meeting to complete business.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$1706.01	- Collected
340.00	- April 2nd Fundraising Dance
24.59	- Reserve from last month
155.00	- Difference from amount put aside for Helpline bill and amount actually owed
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\$2225.60	
- 500.00	- Helpline bill (being held in reserve)
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1725.60	
- 20.00	- Secretary's supplies
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1705.60	
- 10.00	- Literature Review (rent)
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1695.60	
- 25.00	- Helpline (\$10 long distance calls, \$15 Helpline Service Guide Books)
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1670.60	
- 109.00	- Unity (\$9 rent, \$100 Mini-Convention)
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1561.60	
- 150.00	- H&I
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1411.60	
- 30.00	- P.I.
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1381.60	
+ 36.00	- Late donation
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\$1417.60	- Balance remaining

M/S/P To donate \$500 to the Region, give \$500 to the Literature Chair (to pay off a portion of our deficit), and hold \$417.60 in reserve.

NEW BUSINESS:

M/S/P That the position of Literature Review chairperson be open for nominations and a new chair be elected.
(The vote was unanimous; elections will be held at the May ASC.)

Motion from "For Addicts Only" Group (to go back to Groups)

M/S To form a committee pertaining to the creation of a new area. All are welcome to participate.

Intent: Due to the overwhelming size of the already existing area and the creation of a number of sub-committees, a true group conscience cannot be achieved.

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

16 - For objection 19 - Against objection 2 - Abstentions

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

Three other motions were made to go back to Groups. (See Area Legs below.)

M/S/P to close meeting at 10:05 pm.

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

Nominations and election for Literature Review Chairperson will be held at the next ASC Meeting (Sunday, May 8, 1988, 7:30 pm, BVM Gym, Old Bustleton & Welsh Rd.). Suggested qualifications are one year clean, knowledge of the 12&12, and a desire to serve.

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

M/S To form a committee pertaining to the creation of a new area. All are welcome to participate.
Intent: Due to the overwhelming size of the already existing area and the creation of a number of sub-committees, a true group conscience cannot be achieved.
(from "For Addicts Only" Group)

M/S That at N.A. Conventions there are no reserved tables.
Intent: To uphold the 12th Tradition.
(from "Take A Chance" Group)

M/S That all Convention speakers pay their own way.
Intent: To uphold the 7th Tradition, and also use the money saved to help H&I and the newcomer.
(from "Take A Chance" Group)

M/S That any Group who has motions to be put on the ASC minutes remain anonymous.
(from "Message of Hope" Group)