

PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICE  
MAY 8, 1988

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

There was one correction to last month's minutes: The first motion that went back to the Groups (concerning a committee pertaining to the creation of a new area) should have been an announcement, not a motion.

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

GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW MEETINGS:

- "ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE" - 444 E. Girard Ave., 7 days a week, 7:00 pm.  
"GRAYS FERRY RECOVERY GROUP" - 29th & Dickinson Sts., Wednesday, 7:30 pm.  
"TAKE A CHANCE" - Parkwood Playground, Academy & Torrey Rds., has a new meeting, midnight Saturday. This meeting needs support.  
708 Girard Ave., Wednesday, 1:00 pm.  
St. John's Church, 13th & Market Sts., Friday, 12 Noon - 1:00 pm. Needs support.  
"DO OR DIE" - Frankford Hospital, Frankford & Wakeling, Wednesday, 7:00 pm. Needs support at its business meeting.  
"55th & VINE" - Thursday, 1:00 pm. Has a new location: 22 N. 52nd St.  
"GAYS & LESBIANS CLEAN TOGETHER" - 22nd & Chestnut Sts., Tuesday, 8:00 pm. This group would like to replace the "Gays & Lesbians" in its name, as it somehow got lost from the original, and respectfully add "All Are Welcome." Our intent is to support unity in NA and to carry the message to all addicts who still suffer.  
"GOD CARES" - 5728 Chester Ave., Saturday, 6:30 pm. This group is not yet on meeting list.  
"HALF WAY THERE" - 1721 Francis St., Tuesday, 8:00 pm. Needs support.  
"IF YOU WANT WHAT WE HAVE" - Celebrating its 1st Anniversary with a marathon meeting from Friday, March 27, 7:00 pm, to Saturday, March 28, 7:00 pm. St. Gabriel's Church, Front St. & Roosevelt Blvd.  
"K.I.S.S." - Women's Education Project, Frankford & Somerset, Tuesday & Wednesday, 2:00 pm. Needs an Alt. GSR. Business meeting first Wednesday of the month, following regular meeting.  
"LAST CHANCE" - Thursday, 8:00 pm. New location: North Catholic High School, Erie & Torresdale Aves. *821 E. Allegheny*  
"LIFEWISH" - St. Joachim's Church, Church & Griscom Sts., Sunday & Monday, 8:00 pm. Needs Alt. GSR and support at business meeting, held last Sunday of month.  
"LION'S DEN" - 8th & Luzerne Sts., Saturday, 8:00 pm. Celebrating its 2nd Anniversary, June 18, 1988.  
"MORE WILL BE REVEALED" - Mascher & Tioga Sts. (School Hall, entrance on Tioga St.), Saturday, 3:00 pm. This group is not yet on meeting list.  
"NO NONSENSE" - 2627 Kensington Ave., (U-Help Center, 2nd Fl.), 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), and at group conscience meeting, 2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30 pm.  
"THE ONLY REQUIREMENT" - Frankford Hospital (Classroom #3), Frankford & Wakeling, Sunday, 12 Noon. Needs secretary who meets requirements. Business meeting is first Sunday of month.  
"REALITY" - 2205 Bridge St., Monday, 12 Noon; Wednesday, 12 Noon; Friday, 12:30 pm. Needs Alt. GSR, Treasurer and Secretary.  
"RECOVERY INN" - 1502 Frankford Ave. (L.K.E.C. Bldg.), Frankford & Jefferson, Monday, 6:00 pm. This group is new and needs support. Our business meeting is the first Monday of the month and could use support.

GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd):

- "ROOM FOR RECOVERY" - 26th & Cumberland Sts., Job's Baptist Church, Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 1:00 pm. Needs a GSR. Business meeting is first Monday of every month.
- "SURRENDER TO WIN" - Torresdale & Robbins Aves., Saturday, 8:00 pm. Needs support.
- "TAKE A CHANCE" - Parkwood Playground, Academy & Torrey Rds., Sunday, 10:30 am; Thursday, 6:45 pm and 8:00 pm; Friday, 8:30 pm; Saturday, 12 Midnight. Accepting nominations for Alt. GSR and Treasurer, to be elected last Thursday of the month. All are welcome.
- "TOGETHER WE CAN" - 6301 Crescentville Rd., Monday. New time: 7:30 pm, 1st & 3rd weeks (with business and group conscience meetings following at 9:00 pm); all other weeks, meeting starts at 8:00 pm. Also, this group needs CSR.
- "WE CHOSE LIFE" - 7526 Frankford Ave., Friday, 7:30 pm. Relatively new meeting; needs support. Step meeting, last Friday of each month.
- 1st ANNUAL "FUNNIN' -N- SUNNIN'" - Saturday, July 30, 1988, 9:00 am 'til dusk, Tyler State Park, Newtown, Pa. Meetings, softball, fellowship. Bring your own food. Tables and grills on site. Sponsored by your Regional Activity Committee.

Any meeting changes, additions or deletions, please contact Public Information Rep. for Philadelphia Area Meeting List -- Danny M., 464-4555.

Any month you do not receive your ASC Minutes within 2 weeks of the ASC meeting, please contact the Philadelphia Area Secretary -- Arlene F., 747-3420.

H&I WORKSHOP -- Workshop for review and input on new H&I handbook, Saturday, May 21, 3:00-7:00 pm, 2627 Kensington Ave. All are welcome.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION:

Jeanette L., Area Chairperson, announced that two motions had been submitted to the Administrative Committee which they did not feel they had the authority to rule on and would like to open up to the entire body for discussion.

M/S/P To suspend Robert's Rules of Order and allow ½ hour for an open forum.

The two motions were:

1. That any group discriminating against any addict seeking recovery needs to change its name and format of group or be taken off the Narcotics Anonymous meeting list, such as gays', men's, women's, and beginners' meetings. Intent: Our disease does not discriminate and neither does Narcotics Anonymous.
2. To remove the "Recovery Begins with Surrender" and "Serious Recovery" Groups from the meeting list for violations of the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 12th traditions, and for creating an atmosphere of disunity in the Area. Intent: To remove all disunifying distractions from the Area and return the Groups to the purpose of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.

Following discussion, an objection was made to considering the first motion. (Such an objection needs a 2/3 majority to pass.) With 56 GSRs present, the vote was 49 in favor of the objection.

An objection was made to considering the second motion, and 50 GSRs voted in favor of the objection.

Since both objections passed, the two motions will not be considered by the Fellowship.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Helpline: Helpline is struggling due to lack of commitment of some committee members. We must remind our members: Please do not attempt to pick up calls unless you are on the Helpline Sub-Committee. (GSRs, please announce this at all group meetings.) ... GSRs also please bring back Helpline 12th Step Lists. ... A letter of appreciation was received from the Penna. State Secretary of Public Welfare. ... Next meeting - June 12, 6:30 pm, BVM Parish Hall. Helpline always welcomes support.

P.I. (Public Information): Commitment at VA Hospital filled and all went well Thursday, May 5th. ... We continue to look for local newspapers to give us space as a community service. ... We are following up on our offer of P.I. speakers to local high schools, because of lack of response to our letters.

H&I (Hospitals & Institutions): H&I is doing well. Attendance at last meeting was good, but there are still a lot of groups not showing up. ... There are two (2) H&I commitments available at Nazareth Hospital, Monday and Friday, 7:00 pm. ... We still need people to get involved with the prisons. If interested, call Joe at 742-6836 (this is a new phone number as of 5/22) or Steve at 745-5625. ... H&I Regional Workshop: Saturday, May 21, 3:00 pm, 2627 Kensington Ave. ... Next meeting - Monday, June 6, 7:00 pm, Dixon House, 20th & McKean Sts. in South Phila.

Literature Review: We have tabled our work on "Anonymity: The Spiritual Foundation" and "The Use of Medication in Recovery" in order to work on "Questions & Answers About Narcotics Anonymous" which is due back to the World Literature Committee by October 31st. We could still use support from the Fellowship. Your strength, hope and experience are welcome. We meet every Saturday, 10:30 am, 2205 Bridge St.

Unity: All Groups are encouraged to send a rep to Unity meetings. We meet the 2nd & 4th Saturdays every month at 6:00 pm, 2205 Bridge St. We are looking for groups to hold functions of any kind to help promote unity through our Fellowship. If your group has any ideas, please come and share them with us. If you know of a place we can have a function, please let us know. Anyone interested in getting involved with this committee, please attend or call Neil at 552-9926.

RSO Board: Board met at Loretto & Napfle Sts. after the Agenda Report, April 16, 12:30 pm. It was resolved to try to hold a workshop on service office in June. Also resolved to file 1986 and 1987 tax forms with 1988s because of non-activity, and that the fiscal year be January 1st to December 31st. Bill O. resigned because of over-commitments. The secretary position to be filled by Kim C. is to be voted on by the ASRs at the next regional meeting. There was discussion concerning ways of accountability for office, and resolved to ask for \$3500 start-up budget for office. Treasurer to attend RSO board meeting in Pittsburgh. Next meeting - May 13, at Kim C.'s house, 8:00 pm.

The Clean Sheet Rep was not present; and since there had not been a regional meeting since the last ASC, there was no report from the ASR.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

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

12 - For                      26 - Against                      8 - Abstentions                      MOTION FAILS

M/S That at N.A. Conventions there are no reserved tables.

31 - For                      14 - Against                      5 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSES

M/S That all Convention speakers pay their own way.

34 - For                      8 - Against                      5 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSES

M/S That any Group who has motions to be put on the ASC minutes remain anonymous.

35 - For                      6 - Against                      4 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSES

(\*This vote was taken for the record, even though this motion had been sent back to the Groups in error.)

5/8/88

Election of Literature Review chairperson - Tom T. (The co-chair position for this committee will be up for nominations and election in June.)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$1578.91	- Collected
417.60	- Reserve from last month*
<u>\$1996.51</u>	
- 10.00	- Rent
<u>\$1986.51</u>	
- 40.00	- Secretary's supplies
<u>\$1946.51</u>	
- 150.00	- H&I
<u>\$1796.51</u>	
- 45.00	- P.I.
<u>\$1751.51</u>	
- 35.00	- Literature Review (rent & copying)
<u>\$1716.51</u>	
- 59.00	- Unity (rent & mini-convention)
<u>\$1657.51</u>	
- 600.00	- Literature (\$300 to pay off deficit; \$300 to purchase literature)
<u>\$1057.51</u>	

(\*In addition to this amount, \$500 is still being held in reserve until Helpline bill is received.)

M/S/P To hold \$557 in reserve for the Helpline bill, hold \$200 in prudent reserve for the Area, and donate \$300 to the Region.

LITERATURE STATUS: (This report may not be totally accurate, since it was compiled from notes taken during Mike B.'s oral report to Area. No written report was submitted.) \$3951.00 in literature sales. \$4226.71 (in account?); approximately \$4500.00 owed out. \$3600.00 to be purchased in literature.

M/S/P to close meeting.

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

Nominations and election for Literature Review Co-Chair will be held at the next ASC Meeting (Sunday, June 12, 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.