

PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICE

JUNE 12, 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:

"JUST SAY NO" - Simon Playground, Woolston & Walnut Lane, Thursday, 7:00 pm.

"SURRENDER TOGETHER" - John Gloucester House, 22nd & Manton Sts. (betw. Federal & Wharton), Wednesday, 6:30 pm. Step meeting last Wednesday of the month.

YMCA, 52nd & Chestnut Sts., Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm.

42nd & Wallace Sts., Mt. Olivet Tabernacle Baptist Church, Tuesday, 10:30 am.

"GOD CARES" - 5728 Chester Ave., Saturday, 6:30 pm. Not yet on the Meeting List.

"LAST CHANCE" - 820 E. Allegheny Ave., Thursday, 8:00 pm. This is a new location.

"LIFEWISH" - St. Joachim's Church, Church & Griscom Sts., Sunday & Monday, 8:00 pm.

Need support at business meetings, held last Sunday of the month. Group conscience meetings, first Sunday of the month.

"MORE WILL BE REVEALED" - Mascher & Tioga Sts. (School Hall, entrance on Tioga St.), Saturday, 3:00 pm. Not yet on the Meeting List.

"MT. AIRY" - Gowen & Pickering Sts., Tuesday, 8:00 pm. Not yet on the 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 meetings, first Saturday of month at 9:30 pm (need 11 chairpersons a month). Group conscience meeting, 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:30 pm.

"THE ONLY REQUIREMENT" - Frankford Hospital (Classroom #3), Frankford & Wakeling, Sunday, 12 Noon. Group needs secretary. Business meetings, first Sunday of the month.

"PEACE OF MIND" - Friends Hospital, Adams Ave. & Roosevelt Blvd., Thursday, 5:30 pm. (This is a new starting time for the meeting.) Group celebrating their 2nd Anniversary, July 7th. All Are Welcome.

"RECOVERY INN" - 1502 Frankford Ave. (LKEC Bldg.), Frankford & Jefferson, Monday, 6:00 pm. Needs support. Also needs support at business meetings, first Monday of the month. Needs a treasurer who can fulfill the requirements. We have air conditioning. Not yet on the Meeting List.

"SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE" - 18th & Pollock St., Saturday, 8:00 pm. This meeting has been discontinued.

"TOGETHER WE CAN" - All Saints Church, Crescentville Rd. & Cheltenham (nr. Adams), Monday, 7:30 pm. (This is a new starting time.) Needs support at business meetings, first Monday of the month, and at group conscience meetings on the third Monday of the month.

"WE CHOSE LIFE" - 7526 Frankford Ave., Friday, 8:00 pm. This new meeting needs support. Step meeting last Friday of each month.

"JUST SAY NO" Group that is listed on the Meeting List on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 pm is not an N.A. Meeting.

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. For more info, call Frank C. at 637-7936 or Mike R. at 637-1285.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

P.I. (Public Information): Committee is doing fine, but still needs N.A. members to get involved. Looking for another meeting place, because the committee is now going to meet twice a month. No commitments scheduled for this month. Any N.A. member who is contacted for a P.I.-related commitment, please use the contingency plan by contacting either Ted S., 464-8051; Ed C., 637-1353; or Tom M., 322-0115. ... Next scheduled meeting, 2nd Sunday in July, BVM Church (Old Bustleton & Welsh Rds.), 6:00 pm.

Literature Review: Support was good at last meeting. Currently working on the pamphlet, "Questions & Answers About Narcotics Anonymous." ... For information on next meeting, call Tom T. at 533-5003.

Unity: Committee is functioning, but we need more support. Still requesting a rep from each group. If your group is not represented, we urge you to please do so. We would like to further our unity, but your ideas and input are necessary. Please don't leave it up to a few members, get involved! ... May 21st Mini Convention went well. We would like to thank all those who supported this event and helped make it a success. A \$69.00 profit was made from soda sales, which was turned back over to the Area. Special thanks to the Area for helping financially support this event. ... Committee is currently working on upcoming functions. If you or your group has any ideas or a possible location, please let us know. ... Again, we ask for your support. No requirements to get involved, just a desire to spread unity. We meet the 2nd & 4th Saturday every month at 2205 Bridge St. at 6:00 pm. PLEASE COME!

Helpline: Helpline has some new blood involved. We will now meet at 6:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm at the BVM Parish Hall, 2nd Sunday of each month. Next month we will begin to establish policy for Helpline. ... Region is asking if the Philadelphia Area is willing to become part of a Regional Hotline (see Area Legs). ... We request all GSRs to be responsible and report folding meetings and any changes in meeting locations and times. Newcomers are going to non-existent meetings. Please call Hotline Chairperson, Marcee, at 635-5659; Co-Chair Pat M.; or Phila. Meeting List Rep, Danny M., at 464-4555. This is one way to stay on top of this problem.

RSO Board: Last meeting was 5/13/88, 8:00 pm, at Kim C.'s house. The proposed workshop in June was discussed and it was resolved to carry through with this with a lawyer and accountant in attendance. Also resolved that pool members Kim C. and Bill L. be approved by the regional ASRs the next day, and to have the next Board meeting at Bill L.'s house on 6/11/88, 7:00 pm. (Due to the unavailability of the lawyer and accountant on the 11th, the workshop and Board meeting were postponed.) ... RSO Workshop will be 7/16/88, 10:30 am, Pratt & Summerdale, before Regional Meeting. Next Board meeting at Bill L.'s, 12751 Hollins Rd., Phila., PA 19154. For info, call the Phila. Rep, Walt M., at 342-7868.

Clean Sheet: The Philadelphia Area Clean Sheet Rep has resigned. Elections for this position will be held in July (see Area Legs).

ASR: Philadelphia Area needs new Alternate ASR. (See attached Regional report and Area Legs.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Scheduled to elect Co-Chair for Literature Review Sub-Committee. There were no nominations; this position is still open (see Area Legs).

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TREASURER'S REPORT: \$1597.47 - Collected
 69.00 - From Unity Committee (profit from Mini Convention)
 12.11 - Remaining after paying Helpline Bill
 \$1678.58

 - 800.00 - Reserve for Helpline Bill
 878.58
 - 10.00 - Rent
 868.58
 - 50.00 - Secretary's supplies
 818.58
 - 10.00 - Unity (rent)
 808.58
 - 23.40 - Helpline (supplies)
 785.18
 - 35.00 - Lit. Review
 750.18
 - 50.00 - P.I.
 700.18
 - 120.00 - H&I
 580.18
 - 40.00 - Clean Sheet
 \$ 540.18

M/S/P To donate \$250.00 to the Region and hold the balance (\$290.18) in Prudent Reserve for the Area.

NEW BUSINESS:

M/S (To go back to the Groups) That future fundraisers be directed by the Administrative Committee* for needs of the Area, also for the purpose of financing free Fellowship events (example, the May Day Mini-Convention), and that the Committee find responsible members to conduct fundraisers.

(*The Administrative Committee consists of ASC chairperson, co-chair, secretary, treasurer, and ASR.)

Announcement was made of the new Riverfront Area (see attached letter).

Two conflicting motions were made concerning the new area:

M/S That at the next Regional meeting the Philadelphia ASR welcome the new area.
(To be voted on at the ASC)

M/S That the Region not recognize the new area for a period of one year.
(To go back to the Groups)

M/S/P To suspend the regular rules of business in order to discuss these two motions for 15 minutes.
(30 - in favor; 6 - against; 3 - abstentions)

Following discussion, there was an objection to where the second motion should be voted on (that is, wanted the motion to be voted on at ASC).

14 - in favor 9 - against Objection Failed (needed 2/3 majority)

Objection to considering either motion.

27 - in favor 3 - against 2 - abstentions Objection Passed

LITERATURE STATUS: Approximately \$4,000 in literature sold. GSRs, please send in your literature orders before the next ASC to: Mike Barry, 6508 Torresdale Ave., Phila., PA 19135, phone #332-7691.

M/S/P To close meeting at 9:45 pm.

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

At the next ASC, nominations and elections will be held for the following positions: Literature Review Co-Chair, Clean Sheet Rep, Alternate ASR, and Steward. Qualifications for the first three positions are: 1 year clean, knowledge of the 12&12, and the desire to serve.

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

M/S Is our Area willing to become part of a Regional Hotline?
Intent: To better serve the still suffering addict.

M/S That future fundraisers be directed by the Administrative Committee for needs of the Area, also for the purpose of financing free Fellowship events (example, the May Day Mini-Convention), and that the Committee find responsible members to conduct fundraisers.

M/S That ASRs [Area Service Reps] not serve on RSO [Regional Service Office] Board.
Intent: So there will be no conflict of interest.

M/S That all [Regional] Sub-Committee chairs be a 2-year position, except Convention Committee.

M/S That the Meeting List format* be changed to accommodate the rapidly growing Region.

M/S To withdraw the motion from the January 19th Regional Meeting presented by the RSO Board to put all RSC accounts under the parent account of the RSO, Inc. excluding the convention committee.
Intent: By having the RSC accounts under the parent account of the office is a direct affiliation with the state of Pennsylvania. Also it is a direct violation of our sixth tradition.

(*The format now proposed for the Meeting List would be a 16-page booklet the same size as the White Book. There would be room for approximately 350 meetings. Also listed would be the Steps and Traditions, where and when the Areas meet, and the Hotline numbers for the Areas as well as New Jersey.)

In the Greater Philadelphia Region, Narcotics Anonymous groups are springing up at a rate that is astonishing and a credit to our Fellowship and its principles.

This is what it is all about, one addict helping another. Our primary purpose is to carry the message; obviously the message has been carried in the Philadelphia area. NA membership has quadrupled in the past two years, and continues to grow on a daily basis. Many groups who before held twenty members have now grown to 100 or more.

We would like to formally announce the formation of the Riverfront Area of Philadelphia.

In our service guide it states: "When an area or region grows to a point where it cannot efficiently serve its members' needs, that area or region should divide." Efficiency is the key word here. From a survey we have taken in our Fellowship, the most optimum efficiency has been achieved in areas containing 20 to 40 groups per area.

We feel that 20 or so groups can more efficiently interact and achieve a true group conscience.

The geographical boundaries are as follows: From north to south, from our city limits south on Roosevelt Blvd., to Cheltenham Ave., east on Cheltenham Ave. to Frankford Ave., south on Frankford Ave. to Erie Area., west on Erie Ave. to Broad St., south on Broad St. to the river. Our eastern boundary is the Delaware River.

As of Monday, June 6th, we have had 6 groups conscientized to join our area. More groups are coming, and we cordially invite other interested groups to become a part of. The groups are as follows:

Surrender To Win Group of NA
For Addicts Only
Living the Program
New Alternatives Group of NA
Attitude of Gratitude Group of NA
No.a.n.d.a. Group of NA

As other groups group conscience this, the mother area will be kept informed.

As long as the ties that bind us together are stronger than those that would tear us apart, all will be well. We must live and work together. We set aside our differences and work for the common good.

Narcotics Anonymous is a God given program. With faith in a power greater than ourselves, hard work, and unity, we will survive, grow beyond our wildest dreams, and continue to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

Unity is a must in Narcotics Anonymous. To maintain this unity and cooperation, we are asking for your continuing cooperation in the ensuing months, until this area can achieve true autonomy.

On Saturday, June 18th, at 2 PM at John McCullough Hall, Torresdale and Robbins Ave., our next area service meeting will be held.

Once again we would like to express our gratitude to the mother area.