

PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICE

JULY 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:

"ONE SOLUTION" - Waterview Recreation Center, Haines & McMahon Sts., Wednesday, 7:00 pm.  
"SPIRITUAL CONNECTION" - St. Joseph Baptist Church, 40th & Sansom Sts., Friday, 8:00 pm.  
"21st STREET" - 21st & Washington Ave. (at methadone clinic), Thursday, 9:00-10:00 am.

Closed Speaker/Discussion meeting.

65th Ave. & Wistar St., Advocate Lutheran Church (E. Germantown), Saturday, 7:00 pm.  
Pechin & Martin Sts., Bethanien Lutheran Church (in basement), Monday, 6:00 pm.

Started Monday, July 4. Needs support. Come out and get involved!

"GOD CARES" - 5728 Chester Ave., Saturday, 6:30-8:00 pm. Not yet on Meeting List.

"GRAYS FERRY RECOVERY" - New location: Myrtlewood & Dickinson Sts. (between 29th & 30th Sts., and Dickinson & Tasker), entrance on Myrtlewood St., Wednesday, 7:30 pm. This group has added a new meeting: Friday, 8:00 pm, 28th & Dickinson Sts. (Wm. Barrett Nabuurs Center, 3rd level, entrance on Dickinson).

Needs support!

"H.O.W." - 1538 Girard Ave., Friday, 8:15 pm. Electing GSR at its business meeting the last Friday of July.

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

"K.I.S.S." - Frankford Ave. & Somerset St., Tuesday and Wednesday, 2:00 pm. Needs GSR and Alt. GSR.

"LIFEWISH" - St. Joachim's Church, Church & Griscom Sts., Sunday and Monday, 8:00 pm. Needs support at its business meeting, the last Sunday of the month. Elections for all officers (except GSR and Alt. GSR) will be July 31, 1988.

"NO NONSENSE" - 2627 Kensington Ave. (U-Help Center, 2nd Fl.). Celebrating its 3rd Anniversary, Saturday, August 27, 1988, at Visitation School Hall, "B" & Lehigh St., 8:00-11:00 pm. Food, Fun, & Fellowship. All are welcome!

"THE ONLY REQUIREMENT" - Frankford Hospital (Classroom #3), Frankford & Wakeling, Sunday, 12 Noon. Group business meeting is now the 2nd Sunday of the month.

"OXFORD CIRCLE" - St. Martin's Church, Oxford Ave. & Roosevelt Blvd., Friday, 7:30 pm. Business meeting needs support, first Friday of month at 7:00 pm.

"PEACE OF MIND" - Friends Hospital, Adams Ave. & Roosevelt Blvd., Thursday, 5:30 pm. Needs support. Also needs support at business meeting.

"RECOVERY INN" - 1502 Frankford Ave. (LKEC Bldg.), Frankford & Jefferson, Monday, 6:00 pm. Needs support. Business meeting, first Monday of the month, needs lots of support. Needs Alt. GSR and Treasurer who can meet the requirements. Not yet on Meeting List. We do have air conditioning.

"SERIOUS RECOVERY" - Loretto & Napfle Sts., Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church. Celebrating 1st Anniversary, Saturday, August 6, 1988. Free spaghetti dinner at 5:00 pm and meeting following. All are welcome!

"TIME FOR CHANGE" - YMCA, 52nd & Chestnut Sts., Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm. Not yet on Meeting List. Step meeting, first Wednesday; Tradition meeting, last Wednesday. All meetings are Non-Smoking.

"TOGETHER WE CAN" - 6309 Crescentville Rd., All Saints Church, Monday, 7:30 pm. (new starting time). Needs support at business meeting, first Monday of month, and group conscience meeting, third Monday of month. Needs support badly--meeting may fold.

"38th STREET" - 38th & Chestnut Sts. 8th Anniversary, Friday, August 12, 8:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm). All are welcome!

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Helpline: Helpline going okay. We are working with Riverfront Area on printouts to come up with adequate donation from their area. Policy in process. We are in desperate need of helpline volunteer numbers. These are used if needed; this doesn't mean you're a committee member. Numbers needed from West Philly, North Philly, West Oak Lane, and Germantown.

Dear Fellowship,

This letter is with concern for needed participation in our Helpline. We believe as a Fellowship that we can only keep what we have by giving it away. This is a spiritual principle we live in our recovery.

As members of Narcotics Anonymous, we each have a responsibility to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. It is one of the way we fulfill our ninth, eleventh, and twelfth steps. The Helpline is a direct result of "the therapeutic value of one addict helping another."

To get involved you need six months clean time and a willingness to serve. What is involved is attending one Helpline meeting a month and manning the telephone with other addicts as a team.

If we come together as a Fellowship and serve, we can strengthen Narcotics Anonymous. By doing this, we can better carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

For more info, contact: Helpline Chairperson, Marcee D., 635-5659.

In Loving Service,

Helpline Committee  
(Philadelphia Area Service of N.A.)

P.I. (Public Information): The committee is doing fine. We will meet Sunday, August 7, at St. Joachim's (Church & Griscom Sts.) at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. There are no commitments scheduled this month. Liaison with Helpline is active with mailing list. New liaison will attend H&I committee July 11th. Twenty-five meeting lists are to be dropped off at the downtown probation office. The committee passed a motion not to accept the present boundary lines for the new area's P.I. Committee. If any N.A. member is approached by the public for a Public Information message, please use the contingency plan by calling either Tom S. at 464-8051 or Tom at 322-0115.

Unity: We are doing O.K. even though we are only getting support from North and West Philly. We have no Unity support from Northeast, Frankford, Tacony, Bridesburg, Kensington, South Philly, etc. We still don't understand with all the groups in this area why we get no support for a committee as important as our unity. Is anyone interested in what we can do to keep us together? Or do we have to wait for a controversial issue for people to want to get involved?

We meet every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 6:00 pm at 2205 Bridge St. We encourage all groups and GSRs to elect a rep to support our unity. We're sure there are members in each group that would like to get a service commitment. Remember, if we're not working together, then we're growing apart.

We are having a Volleyball Day, Saturday, August 27th, from 12 Noon 'til Midnight, at 19th & Tioga at Our Lady of The Holy Souls Church. We would like to set this up where groups will play other groups. There will be meetings from 12 Noon 'til Midnight, with open speakers every hour; a dance from 9:00 pm - 2:00 am; and a cleantime countdown. There will be hot dogs and sodas ALL DAY. The entire event is free, except sodas, which will be sold to repay the Area for any donations made to this event. The volleyball games will go to a sudden death game with

one winner. ALL are invited to come. Get a team together within your group. The more the better! Volleyball Day falls on the 4th Saturday in August, so Unity Committee will have their meeting there. All are invited to attend.

"Women & Men About Change," 11th & Rockland Sts., is having a Mini-Marathon on August 14, 1988, from 5:00-11:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

We are also working on a Splash Party Day in September. Please send your rep down to the Unity Committee so we can come up with more ways to bring addicts together.

H&I Hospitals & Institutions: There was no H&I meeting on July 4th; it was rescheduled for Monday, July 11th, 7:00 pm at the Dixon House. We still need people to get involved with the prison meetings. There were two complaints last month (one from a rehab, the other from a detox) about people going in for H&I meetings and putting down other fellowships. Carrying a strong N.A. message is not putting down another fellowship or telling newcomers in rehabs and detoxes how to identify themselves. Remember, we are there to give a message of hope, not confusion or resentments towards other fellowships.

Open Commitments: Nazareth Hospital, Friday, 7:30 pm; West Park Detox, Saturday, 7:00 pm; Horsham Detox, Friday, 8:00 pm.

Literature Review: On June 17, a workshop was held to review the pamphlet "Questions and Answers about Narcotics Anonymous." Unfortunately, only two members attended. We did not meet for the remainder of the month because of holidays and members being on vacation. However, we will resume meeting every Saturday, 10:00 am, at 2205 Bridge St. We will also be conducting more workshops during the next several months. For more information, call Tommy Tennesen, 533-5003.

ASR: No Report. The Region does not meet again until July 16.

RSO Board: No Report. The RSO Board has not met since the last ASC. RSO Workshop is still scheduled for Saturday, July 16, 10:30 am, Pratt & Summerdale (before the Regional Meeting).

#### OLD BUSINESS:

M/S Is our Area willing to become part of a Regional Hotline?

Intent: To better serve the still suffering addict.

21 - For                      4 - Against                      8 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSED

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.

22 - For                      7 - Against                      10 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSED

M/S That ASRs not serve on RSO Board.

Intent: So there will be no conflict of interest.

24 - For                      4 - Against                      8 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSED

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

22 - For                      7 - Against                      9 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS (Continued):

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

30 - For                    1 - Against                    8 - Abstentions                    MOTION PASSED

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.

16 - For                    6 - Against                    18 - Abstentions                    MOTION FAILED  
(at ASC, abstentions count as "NO" votes)

Elections:

Literature Review Co-Chair:	Naeem S.
Alternate ASR:	Harold J.
Clean Sheet Rep:	Kevin S.
Steward:	John S.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	\$207.55	- Reserve from last month*	(*adjusted from the amount reported last month because of a bounced check)
	<u>\$825.64</u>	- Collected	
	\$1033.19		
	- 682.05	- Helpline bill	
	<u>351.14</u>		
	- 10.00	- Rent	
	<u>341.14</u>		
	- 25.00	- Secretary's supplies	
	<u>316.14</u>		
	- 28.88	- Helpline Committee	
	<u>287.26</u>		
	- 100.00	- H&I	
	<u>187.26</u>		
	- 74.00	- P.I.	
	<u>113.26</u>		
	- 85.00	- Unity	
	<u>28.26</u>		

LITERATURE STATUS: Literature shipment did not arrive from California in time for the ASC. Orders and payments were accepted, and Mike Barry will contact the GSRs when their literature is in. Mike Barry, 6508 Torresdale Ave., Phila., PA 19135, phone# 332-7691.

NEW BUSINESS:

M/S (to go back to Groups) That all motions go back to groups to be voted on at group level.

Intent: So that we get a true conscience of the groups in this Area, and not just GSRs.

Objection to considering the motion.                    25 - In favor of objection.  
The motion will not be considered.

M/S/P To close meeting at 9:10 pm.

(NO AREA LEGS FOR THIS MONTH.)