

PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICE
AUGUST 14, 1988

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

Discussion re: last month's minutes:

The motion about the RSC accounts (see p. 4, July 10, 1988 Minutes) was inadvertently listed as having failed. Since there were more abstentions than yes or no votes, our vote at the Region on this motion should have been an abstention. (At the Area level, abstentions only count as no votes on motions requiring a 2/3 majority to pass--i.e., votes to: 1) change existing policy, 2) remove an officer from office, or 3) remove a group from participation in the Philadelphia ASC.)

GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW MEETINGS:

- "MEETING MAKERS MAKE IT" - 17th & York Sts., Saturday, 1:00 pm.
128 W. Diamond St., Thursday, 9:00 pm. Needs support and all officers (has not yet had a business meeting).
- "DISCOVERY OF RECOVERY" - Pechin & Martin Sts., Monday, 6:00 p.m. (This new meeting is taking the place of the "Some Are Sicker" meeting, 4555 Pechin St., Tuesday, 8:00 pm, which is now a closed H&I meeting.)
- "451 UNIVERSITY AVE." - 451 University Ave., Wednesday, 10:30 am. Not yet on meeting list.
- "GOD CARES" - 5728 Chester Ave., Saturday, 6:30-8:00 pm. Not yet on meeting list.
- "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 Alternate GSR. Business meeting first Wednesday of the month.
- "LET'S SURRENDER" - 1535 N. 59th St., St. Rose of Lima Church, Tuesday, 8:00-9:30 pm.
Sponsoring a 24-Hour Marathon, Friday, September 30, 8:00 pm, through Saturday, October 1, 8:00 pm. All Are Welcome!
- "LIFEWISH" - Church & Griscom Sts., St. Joachim's Church, Sunday, 8:00 pm.
Monday night meeting has been discontinued.
- "MORE WILL BE REVEALED" - Mascher & Tioga Sts., St. Hugh's Rectory Basement, Saturday, 3:00 pm. Needs support. Not yet on meeting list.
- "NO NONSENSE" - 2627 Kensington Ave., U-Help Center (2nd Fl.). Celebrating their 3rd Anniversary, Saturday, August 27, 8:00 pm, at Visitation School Hall, "B" & Lehigh Sts. (around corner from U-Help). All Are Welcome! Meetings, food, fun, and fellowship.
- "O.D.A.T." - 8th & Girard, Giuffre Hosp. (1st Fl. Tower Bldg.), Tuesday, 8:00 pm.
Celebrated its 4th Anniversary, Tuesday, August 23.
- "THE ONLY REQUIREMENT" - Frankford Hospital, Frankford & Wakeling, Sunday, 12 Noon.
Meeting is now being held in the new building, Room 3805. Business meeting is the 2nd Sunday of the month.
- "OXFORD CIRCLE" - Oxford Ave. & Roosevelt Blvd., St. Martin's Church, Friday, 7:30 pm.
Business meeting needs support!
- "PRIMARY PURPOSE" - 92 W. Spencer St., Saturday, 7:00 pm. New address!
- "REALITY" - 2205 Bridge St., Monday and Wednesday, 12 Noon; Friday, 12:30 pm.
Needs support at business meeting, first Friday of the month.
- "RECOVERY INN" - 1502 Frankford Ave. (L.K.E.C. Bldg.), Frankford & Jefferson, Monday, 6:00 pm. Desperately needs support at business meeting, the first Monday of the month. Need Alternate GSR and Secretary that can meet the requirements. Not yet on meeting list. We have air conditioning.

GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd):

- "SUNLIGHT" - 5301 Overbrook Ave., Anderson Community Center, Wednesday and Saturday, 1:00 pm. Celebrating their 3rd Anniversary, Saturday, September 24. Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Doors open at 12 Noon. 2 Speakers, Food, Fellowship. All Are Welcome!
- "38th STREET" - 38th & Chestnut, St. Agatha-St. James Rectory (basement), Monday, 7:00 pm, 8:30 pm; Friday, 8:30 pm. Anniversary meeting was a success.
- "TOGETHER WE CAN" - 6301 Crescentville Road (betw. Adams and Cheltenham), Monday, 7:30 pm. Celebrating their 2nd Anniversary, Sunday, August 29th, 7:30 pm. Fun & Refreshments. All Are Welcome!
- "WE CHOSE LIFE" - 7526 Frankford Ave., Friday, 8:00 pm. Relatively new meeting, needs support. Step meeting last Friday of each month.
- "WISTER FRIENDS" - 65th & Wister St., Advocate Lutheran Church, Saturday, 7:00 pm. Non-smoking meeting. Needs support. Group needs P.I. Rep, Unity Rep, H&I Rep, and Alternate GSR.

New Meetings in Bucks County:

Wednesday, 12 Noon, The Aldie Foundation, Main & Union Sts., Doylestown
 Thursday, 6:00 pm, St. John's United Methodist Church, Almshouse Rd., Ivyland
 Friday, 8:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 5th & Chestnut Sts., Perkasio
 Friday, 8:00 pm, First Baptist Church, Main St., Doylestown
 Saturday, 10:30 am, St. Roberts Bellarmine Church, Euclid Ave., Warrington
 Saturday, 12 Midnight, Pebble Hill Church, Edison-Furlong Rd., Doylestown

KEYS RECOVERY V CONVENTION - October 7-10, 1988, Marriott's Casa Marina, Key West, FL
 For info: Pat - 305-296-2810, Sonia - 302-296-7087, Janna - 305-292-1760

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I (Hospitals & Institutions): All commitments are doing well. Open commitment at Nazareth Detox, Friday, 7:30 pm. We still need people as back-up hosts to go to the prisons (requirements: 1 year clean, 1 year no lock-up, 1 year no probation or parole). Next H&I meeting, Monday, September 12, 7:00 pm, Dixon House, 20th & McKean Sts.

PI (Public Information): Currently sending information packets to area junior and senior high schools (one to administrator, one to disciplinarian). Updating the speaker list. Ask that each GSR bring back a list to the next ASC of members of their groups who are interested (requirement for PI speakers: 6 months clean).

Clean Sheet: Because of lack of participation, there was only an informal meeting on August 9. Treasury report: \$203.03. Received 3 new subscriptions. The Area Rep was filled in on the working of the Clean Sheet. Anyone celebrating an anniversary between now and November who would like it listed in the Clean Sheet can contact the Philadelphia Area Clean Sheet Rep, Kevin S. - 844-5886.

Unity: We are getting a few more groups at our meeting, but we still need a lot of support. We have asked for a long time that the groups in our Philadelphia Area elect one Rep to come down and represent their group. We don't know if this is just read at business meetings and then forgotten about. We are asking the GSRs at their business meetings to please remind the groups of how important our unity is and to send somebody to our meetings so we can uphold our unity and better fulfill our primary purpose.

August 27th is our Volleyball Day at 19th & Tioga. Each team from each group should consist of six or nine players. One way of getting a team together would be to announce it before meeting, then leave a tablet near the front of meeting encouraging people to sign. ... The Unity Committee meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 2205 Bridge St. at 6:00 pm. (August 27th we will meet at 19th & Tioga at Unity Volleyball Day at 6:00 pm.)

Helpline: Helpline is doing great! We are in desperate need of support. This commitment is not to be taken with "Easy Does It." If we are to get involved, please be involved. We cannot serve one month and not show up at sub-committee meetings or resign without notifying chairperson or co-chair. Irresponsibility causes serious disunity amongst our existing system. Please, we needed help when we came to N.A. We need help to remain in N.A.

Needed: 1. Helpline Volunteers - clean time: 6 months. We meet 2nd Sunday of each month, 6:00 pm, B.V.M. Parrish Hall, Welsh Rd. & Old Bustleton Ave.
2. Emergency Numbers - clean time: 6 months. Willing to accept calls anytime, especially after midnight, from addicts seeking help. (Sometimes you receive a few calls, sometimes none.)
3. Twelve Step Numbers - clean time: 6 months. Willing to be called at times (sometimes you may not be called) to help someone get to a meeting or just talk. These numbers are used by area. Caller will be in your area; no long distance calling involved. ... Please, these are simple requests for help. We need our Fellowship.

Literature Review: There was no representative from this sub-committee at ASC. They will be holding a workshop in September. Look for flyers with more details.

RSO BOARD: The Board conducted a workshop before the last Region Meeting on 7/16/88. Due to time restrictions and number of questions, another workshop will be held 9/11/88, Pratt & Summerdale, 12 Noon. The Board met on 7/16 after the Region Meeting. It was resolved to have another workshop; also resolved that it would take a majority of the elected officers to cancel a planned Board meeting. Decided to have a plan of action for the Board presented, Wednesday, August 31st, 6:30 pm, at Kim C.'s house. Agenda: to welcome new Board members from the areas and to review the questions for the workshop. A motion for \$5,000.00 presented at the Region Meeting for consideration by the groups (see Area Legs).

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion from H&I Committee (to be voted on at ASC):

That any group that has gone to the Riverfront Area that has an H&I commitment be allowed to keep their commitment.

Objection to where the motion should be voted on.

39 - For 2 - Against 0 - Abstentions OBJECTION PASSED

(The motion will go back to the groups -- see Area Legs.)

Motion from RSO Inc. (to go back to groups):

That the RSO receive \$5,000.00 for the start-up of the Regional Service Office.

There was apparently some confusion at the Region Meeting as to whether this motion was intended to go back to the groups. Following a brief discussion of this, GSRs attending the ASC voted on whether to send the motion back to groups.

26 - For 7 - Against 6 - Abstentions

(The motion will go back to the groups -- see Area Legs. There is also another motion related to this matter that is to be voted on by the groups.)

Motion from Administrative Committee (to be voted on at ASC):

That we add the signature of the Area Chairperson as an authorized signature for the Area checking account.

Intent: To avoid any future problems caused by the unavailability of either of the two persons authorized to sign Area checks (Area Treasurer, Area Literature Chairperson). (Checks will still require two signatures, but there would now be three officers authorized to sign.)

31 - For 0 - Against 0 - Abstentions MOTION PASSED

(See Area Legs for other motions to go back to the groups.)

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	\$1,160.42	- Available in Treasury
	- 10.00	- Rent
	<u>1,150.42</u>	
	- 504.60	- Helpline bill
	<u>645.82</u>	
	- 50.00	- Secretary's supplies
	<u>595.82</u>	
	- 160.00	- H&I
	<u>435.82</u>	
	- 11.00	- Helpline
	<u>424.82</u>	
	- 46.00	- PI
	<u>378.82</u>	
	- 85.00	- Unity
	<u>\$ 293.82</u>	

M/S/P To donate \$200.00 to the Region and hold the balance (\$93.82) in reserve.

LITERATURE REPORT: Get literature orders in early. Mike Barry, 6508 Torresdale Ave., Phila., PA 19135, phone# 332-7691.

M/S/P To close meeting.

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

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

- M/S That any group that has gone to the Riverfront Area that has an H&I commitment be allowed to keep their commitment.
Intent: To continue NA unity, to better serve the primary purpose, and to lessen controversy within the Fellowship.
- M/S Does this Area want to give groups copies of the Clean Sheet and donate \$15.00 per month to the committee, or continue selling them at 10¢ per copy.
Intent: To insure that all groups receive copies of the Clean Sheet.
- M/S That the RSO receive \$5,000.00 for the start-up of the Regional Service Office.
Intent: That \$2,500.00 be for deposit and rent of a centrally located office, and utilities, insurance, furnishings, supplies, and emergency fund. \$2,500.00 for literature supplies from World Service Office for sale.
(See enclosed sheet for more details.)
- M/S That the RSC give the RSO \$3,500.00 to open an office.
Intent: To allow the office enough funds to open, so we can store and sell literature and have a Regional Hotline.
- M/S That all motions that are brought to the Area floor to go back to the groups, go back to the groups.
Intent: That motions that are intended to go back to the groups cannot be objected to, stopping them from going back to the groups; to get a true group conscience, instead of GSRs' conscience, so that our leaders stay trusted servants and do not govern.
- M/S That the Area elect a Policy Committe to oversee policy, to help us stay within our Traditions.
Intent: There is now no Policy Committee to update policy as time goes on so that we stay within our Traditions.
- M/S That the RSO Board step down as soon as possible.
Intent: So that others can have a chance to serve.

AREA LEGS (Continued)

- M/S Starting the first weekend in November, the R.S.C. format will be changed to a Regional Service Weekend, which will rotate throughout all member areas every other month.
- (2-Day Format: Saturday - Regional and Area sub-committees meet together after the J.A.C. meets. In the evening there would be a dinner and dance. Sunday - We would hold our regional meeting. On both days, if the hotel we use allows, we could hold meetings or workshops for the Fellowship. Regional Co-Chair would be in charge of conference planning. The first meeting would be held in Bucks County.)
- M/S To approve the policy from the 1988 Philadelphia Regional Convention Committee. (See enclosed policy.)

3/12/88

POLICY FROM 1988 PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE
(To be approved by the Region)

1. Suggested Qualifications:

Executive Committee

Chairperson	- 5 years	Secretary	- 2 years
Co-Chairperson	- 4 years	Treasurer	- 5 years

Sub-Committee Chairs

Hotel Liaison	- 2 years, Good Communication Skills
Program	- 3 years
Registration	- 3 years, Bookkeeping Skills
Fundraising	- 2 years, Job
Merchandising	- 2 years, Job, Some Business Knowledge
Hospitality	- 2 years
Convention Info	- 2 years
Arts & Graphics	- 1 year
Security	- 2 years

All chairpeople should base their lives and recovery on Narcotics Anonymous and have a good working knowledge of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Also, some experience on Convention Committee helpful.

Intent: Continuity of personal and service recovery.

2. Program Committee consist of Chairperson and a representative from each area. Persons do not have to be sent by the Area. If Area is not represented, fill in voted by Convention Committee. If vacancy occurs, that Area has priority to fill it. Five members have votes; all others may attend for input. Chairperson votes in case of ties.

Intent: To have input from all Areas.

3. Nar-Anon must make all their own arrangements.

Intent: Nar-Anon is a separate fellowship and must stand for themselves.

4. All speakers and chairpeople at conventions base their recovery on powerlessness over addiction, identify themselves as addicts.

Intent: To assure NA members get a clear NA message.

5. No special interest meetings.

Intent: For unity at conventions and to go along with convention handbook.

6. No names on programs and tapes at convention.

Intent: To keep with anonymity.

7. Anyone can make a motion at convention meeting, but it must be seconded by a chairperson. Only chairs and executive committee have votes.

Intent: To develop consistency among committee and encourage participation throughout the Fellowship.

8. Security Committee should be formed.
Intent: To assist our members to stay within our spiritual principles.
9. Confirmations be sent out by Registration Committee.
Intent: To avoid confusion.
10. Monies from fundraising and registration to be given to treasurer at meeting following event or collection.
Intent: To be more accountable of funds.
11. When next committee is formed, nominate co-chairs for all sub-committees.
Intent: To have members with experience for the next year. Qualification to correspond with chairpeople.
12. To go to dance you don't have to register for convention.

In Loving Service,
Convention Committee