

PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 11, 1988

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

Correction to July 1988 Minutes:

There was a motion voted on in July to have future fundraisers be directed by the Administrative Committee. According to Philadelphia Area policy, this had been the responsibility of the Unity Sub-Committee, so the motion needed a 2/3 majority in order to pass since this would have been a change to existing policy. The vote at that time was: 22-For, 7-Against, 10-Abstentions -- not enough to pass. The minutes should be changed to reflect the fact that this motion failed.

M/S/P to accept August minutes.

GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW MEETINGS:

"H.I.V. OF N.A." - 1216 Walnut St., Friday, 7:30 pm.

"VISION OF HOPE" - 124 W. Diamond St., Thursday, 9:00 pm. 1st & 3rd Week--
Speaker/Discussion; 2nd Week--Step Meeting; 4th Week--Pamphlet Meeting.
Business meeting at 8:00 pm on the 1st Thursday. Needs support.

Tulip & Wakeling, Monday, 8:00 pm.

"DO OR DIE" - Frankford Hospital, Wednesday, 6:30 pm. This is a new time.
Also new time for the business meeting: 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.
Needs support at regular meeting and business meeting.

"52nd & MARKET ST." - 22 N. 52nd St., Thursday, 1:00 pm. (This group was formerly
called the 55th & Vine St. Group. Meeting list still has the old location
listed.) Celebrating its 1st Anniversary, Thursday, October 27, at 1:00 pm.
All are welcome.

"FREEDOM" - 2205 Bridge St., Friday, 12 midnight (Speaker/Discussion); Saturday,
1:00 pm (Beginners), and 12 Midnight (Basic Text); Sunday, 4:00 pm (Step).
In desperate need of support in group conscience. Business meeting is the
1st Saturday at 2:30 pm. We need experienced members to contribute to
business meetings.

"GOD CARES" - 5728 Chester Ave., Saturday, 6:30 pm. This group is not yet on the
meeting list. Needs support at business meeting.

"HOW IT WORKS" - 2415 Germantown Ave., Thursday, 7:00 pm. Celebrating its
4th Anniversary, November 17, 7:00 pm.

"JUST SAY NO" - Simon Playground, Walnut Lane & Limekiln Pike, Thursday, 7:00 pm.
Needs support at regular meetings and business meetings.

"LIFEWISH" - St. Joachim's, Church & Griscom Sts., Sunday, 8:00 pm. No longer
has a meeting on Monday night.

"NO MORE MISERY" - Misericordia Hospital, 54th & Cedar, Thursday, 7:30 pm.
Celebrating its 2nd Anniversary, October 20. Tentative time, 7:30 pm.

"ROOM FOR RECOVERY" - 26th & Cumberland St., Mon., Tues., Fri., 1:00 pm. Needs GSR.

"TOGETHER WE CAN" - 6301 Crescentville Road, Monday, 7:30 pm. Business meeting
is now the 3rd week and Group Conscience meeting on the 1st week of the month.
Step meetings now being held the 1st & 3rd weeks (other weeks are Speaker/
Discussion meetings).

"WE CHOSE LIFE" - 7526 Frankford Ave., Friday, 7:30 pm. Step meeting on the
last Friday of the month. This is a relatively new meeting; it needs support.

"WISTER FRIENDS" - 65th & Wister St., Advocate Lutheran Church, Saturday, 7:00 pm.
Needs support. Also needs support in business meetings; group needs
Alternate GSR.

"LET'S SURRENDER" - 1535 N. 59th St., St. Rose of Lima Church, Tuesday, 8:00-9:30 pm.
Sponsoring their first Marathon: Friday, September 30, 8:00 pm, through
Saturday, October 1, 8:00 pm. All are welcome.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Helpline: We are in need of support. We have 3 teams, 14 active members. It may sound like a lot, but for the mental job Helpline can be, it isn't enough. Once again, 6 months cleantime is required. If we get involved, please stay involved for at least 6 months. This is not a commitment that can just be ignored. Our next meeting is October 9, 6:00 pm, BVM Parish Hall, Old Bustleton & Welsh Rds. ... Riverfront Area has given us a donation of \$100.00. Bucks County donated \$100.00. Thanks to them. ... People that signed the Emergency List last month, please contact the Helpline Chairperson so that you can receive a copy of the 12th Step List. ... Please remember, when handling Helpline calls, do not give out the numbers of other N.A. members.

PI (Public Information): The PI Committee still could use support from members who want to get involved with the committee in any way or form. All are welcome. ... Ten to fifteen public and parochial high schools will be receiving letters for PI commitments for presentations this month if they choose to have them. Also, the committee is inquiring about donation of a Basic Text to the public library. If successful, this will be followed by donations to other libraries. ... Please return PI Speaker lists to ASC meeting. ... Remember, if contacted about a PI commitment, please use the contingency plan and contact either Tom M., 322-0115, or Ted S., 464-8051.

Unity: Our committee is getting more support from North and West Philadelphia, but this seems to be the only places where reps have been elected. Please elect a representative from your home group to come out twice a month and support our unity. We meet every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 2205 Bridge St. at 6:00 pm. Remember, selfless service is one of our keys to freedom. ... Our Volleyball Day went very well. We had a lot of support and there was a lot of clean fun. The money that was made from selling soda that day (\$174.00) was donated back to the Area. ... There will be a Masquerade Party at 19th & Tioga, October 29th. Please listen at meetings and look in next month's minutes for exact time. ... If you have any ideas that can bring addicts together, whether from a group or a concerned N.A. member, please come down and help. From one day to a hundred years clean, we want you.

Clean Sheet: Working on the next issue. The deadline for input is October 25. If anyone has any letters, poems, or anniversary dates to be submitted, call the Area Rep, Kevin, at 844-5886.

RSO Board: Joe F. was elected as Chair and Bill L. as Co-Chair at the 7/16 meeting. The Board met again on 8/31 at Kim C.'s house. The agenda was to come to a consensus on questions submitted at the last workshop. This was accomplished. A workshop was held on 9/11 at Pratt & Summerdale. Attendance was light; meeting started at noon and ran until 3:15 pm. The workshop was informative with all questions and concerns answered and aired by Fellowship members present. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the 18th of September, the day after the Regional Meeting, at Joe F.'s house.

Literature Review: No report. No representative present at ASC.

H&I (Hospitals & Institutions): No report. Their regular meeting was held the day after the ASC. They still need people to get involved in prison commitments.

ASR: No report. Region did not meet until after this ASC.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 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.
 34 - For 5 - Against 5 - Abstentions MOTION PASSED
- 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.
 31 - For donation 9 - Against 5 - Abstentions MOTION PASSED
- *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.
 34 - For 4 - Against 8 - Abstentions MOTION PASSED
- *M/S Tha 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.
 21 - For 15 - Against 9 - Abstentions MOTION PASSED
- M/S That all motions that are brought to the Area floor to go back to the groups, go back to the groups. [This motion needs 2/3 majority to pass.]
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.
 26 - For 11 - Against 6 - Abstentions MOTION FAILED
- M/S That the Area elect a Policy Committee 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.
 26 - For 13 - Against 6 - Abstentions MOTION PASSED
- M/S That the RSO Board step down as soon as possible.
Intent: So that others can have a chance to serve.
 17 - For 18 - Against 9 - Abstentions MOTION FAILED
- 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.
 22 - For 7 - Against 12 - Abstentions MOTION PASSED
- M/S To approve the policy from the 1988 Philadelphia Regional Convention Committee.
 18 - For 14 - Against 10 - Abstentions MOTION PASSED
- (*The motion for \$5,000 for the Regional Service Office is the one that will be voted on at the next Regional meeting. If that motion is voted down there, then our ASR will have this Area's group conscience to make the motion to give the RSO \$3,500.)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GSRs--Starting next month, all change turned in as donations to the Area must be put in rolls. The Treasurer will no longer accept loose change.

\$1,362.00	- Donations to Area	675.82	
+ 93.82	- Reserve from August	- 15.00	- Clean Sheet
<u>\$1,455.82</u>		660.82	
- 10.00	- Rent	- 130.00	- H&I
<u>1,445.82</u>		530.82	
- 700.00	- Helpline bill	- 35.00	- PI
<u>745.82</u>		495.82	
- 70.00	- Secretary	- 60.00	- Unity
<u>675.82</u>		\$ 435.82	

M/S/P To doante \$300.00 to the Region; spend \$20.00 on Area supplies; and hold \$115.82 in reserve.

LITERATURE REPORT: No Basic Texts available at this month's meeting. (This was reportedly because of literature demands of the recent World Convention.) Supply is expected to come in within a week. GSRs can call the Literature Co-Chair, Jim, at 743-8576, to find out if their orders have come in yet.

Literature orders for next month should go to: Mike Barry, 6508 Torresdale Ave., Phila., PA 19135, phone# 332-7691. (Do not send payment with the order.)

NEW BUSINESS:

There were six (6) motions made to amend the Convention Committee Policy. This material was distributed to all GSRs at the meeting. If you were not present, contact the Area Chairperson, Jeanette L., at 634-0506, in order to get a copy.

(There was an objection to considering these motions. This objection was defeated by a vote of: 6-For, 19-Against, 8-Abstentions.)

M/S To endorse the nomination of Ray H. as Regional Co-Chair.
19-For 7-Against 8-Abstentions

MOTION PASSED

See Area Legs for other motions to go back to the Groups.

M/S/P To close meeting.

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Nominations and election at October ASC for Policy Committee Chairperson. Suggested requirements: 1 year clean, knowledge of Area policy, attend all ASC meetings, knowledge of 12&12, previous involvement at Area level.

M/S That Clean Sheet receive an additional \$15.00 per month to distribute newsletters to groups.

Intent: That every group gets newsletters and Clean Sheet committee has sufficient supply to distribute to Area.

M/S That the Lord's Prayer be put back into all meetings at [Greater Philadelphia Regional] Convention.

Intent: To better serve and keep it on a spiritual note.

6 motions to amend Convention Committee Policy. (These motions were distributed at the ASC meeting.)