

PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICE  
OCTOBER 9, 1988

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

M/S/P to accept September minutes.

GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW MEETINGS:

"WE DO RECOVER" - Whitehall Recreation, Tulip & Wakeling (1 block below Torresdale Ave.), Monday, 8:00 pm. Open Speaker Discussion. Needs support. Business meeting held 1st Monday of month after regular meeting.

30th & Allegheny, Mercy High School, Tuesday, 7:30 pm.

"DO OR DIE" - Frankford Hospital, Frankford & Wakeling, Rm. 3801, Wednesday, 6:30 pm. Needs support. First Wednesday of the month, meeting starts at 6:00 pm; business meeting after the regular meeting.

"52nd & MARKET ST." - 22 N. 52nd St., Thursday, 1:00 pm. Celebrating its 1st Anniversary, Thursday, October 27, 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). Needs support at business meeting, 1st Saturday of the month, 2:30 pm.

"GOD CARES" - 5728 Chester Ave., Saturday, 6:30-8:00 pm. Needs lots of support at business meeting.

"HALF WAY THERE" - 19th & Master Sts. (Tenth Memorial Baptist Church), Tuesday, 7:00 pm. This is a new location and new time.

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

"LIFEWISH" - St. Joachim's, Church & Griscom Sts., Sunday, 8:00 pm. Business meeting, last Sunday of month, desperately needs support.

"NEW HORIZONS" - Bustleton & Solly, Thursday, 8:00 pm. Needs support at meetings and business meeting.

"NO NONSENSE" - 2627 Kensington Ave., U-Help Center, 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. Business meeting, 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:30 pm. We ask that anyone attending any of these meetings either attend the meeting or leave. Absolutely no hanging around outside the meeting. We almost lost these meetings because of this.

"SUNLIGHT" - 5301 Overbrook Ave., Anderson Community Center, Wednesday and Saturday, 1:00 pm. Wednesday's time was left off the new meeting list.

"38th ST." - 38th & Chestnut Sts., Monday and Friday, 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm. The Friday night WAIT meeting now starts at 7:00 pm; the Step meeting still begins at 8:30 pm. \*

"TOGETHER WE CAN" - 6301 Crescentville, Monday, 7:30 pm. We need your support all the time--new and old.

"VISION OF HOPE" - 124 W. Diamond St., Thursday, 9:00 pm. 1st week--Pamphlet Discussion; 2nd week--Speaker Discussion; 3rd week--Step; 4th week--Speaker Discussion; 5th week--Basic Text.

"WEST OAK LANE" - Limekiln Pike & Walnut Lane, Monday, 8:00 pm. Meeting needs support. Will be holding anniversary meetings the 3rd Monday of each month until the anniversary. Need support; get involved.

"WISTER FRIENDS" - 65th & Wister St., Saturday, 7:00 pm. Group really needs a lot of support. We need an Alt. GSR and support in our business meeting.

\*Also, "38th St." Group will temporarily relocate for 2 weeks only from Nov. 13-26 to the following locations: Mon. 11/14, Fri. 11/18, Fri. 11/25 - Tabernacle Church, 3700 Chestnut St.; Mon. 11/21 - Drexel Newman Center, 30 S. 33rd St. (33rd & Chestnut). Meetings will start at the regular times, 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PI (Public Information): The Free Library of Philadelphia was contacted about buying a Basic Text. They will review this and let us know about purchasing them. ... Ten information packets have been sent to schools. ... Speaker presentation scheduled at Friendly Baptist Church, 1215 W. Ruscomb, October 29, 11:00 am to 12 noon. ... Regional PI meeting, November 5, 12 noon, Washington Motor Lodge, King of Prussia. ... PI meeting at Starlight Group, Pulaski & Manheim, last Sunday of this month.

Unity: We are getting continuous support from North and West Philadelphia. Our committee has asked countless times from all other areas such as the Northeast, Frankford, and Kensington to support our unity and, sad to say, we have received nothing from these areas. We will ask again as we have for at least the past two years for the GSRs and your home groups to elect a rep to come down so we as a whole can bring more unity to our Fellowship in this area. We meet every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 2205 Bridge St. at 6:00 pm. All are welcome. You can be a rep from your group or a concerned member. ... As far as functions go, we are having a NA Masquerade Party, Saturday, October 29th, from 9:00 pm to 2:00 am, at Our Lady of Holy Souls Church at 19th & Tioga Sts. All GSRs will have flyers to give to your groups. This is a free event and everybody is welcome. There will be a dance with a DJ and a costume contest. ... Also, the Convention Committee is having dances on the following dates: Saturdays - 11/12, 12/3, 12/17, 12/31; Fridays - 10/21, 11/4, 11/25, 12/9. All are welcome. There will be a cost of \$5 per person to help support the convention. ... We are working on a Thanksgiving Day something and a Christmas Day something where the Fellowship can come together as a family. ... Some events we would have liked to have had during the year we could not, due to that old Italian disease the fundsalaw. We are planning to hold the monies that we receive from sodas on the next couple events so we can have deposit money for other events. This will help to make our committee function better. We do serve the area and must let our area know of our intentions. Certain events need early down payments and this will help serve the area and its groups for next year.

H&I (Hospitals & Institutions): All commitments are being filled. There were two new commitments that were given over to the new area. We are still in need of people to host prison meetings. Requirements are: 1 yr no lock-up, 1 yr clean, 1 yr off of probation and parole. Please help if you can. ... A reminder to the groups that one of the requirements for having an H&I commitment is to have a representative attend the H&I meeting. If your rep doesn't show up at the H&I meeting for 3 months in a row, your commitment may be taken from you. ... Next meeting: Nov. 7, 7:00 pm, 20th & McKean, Dixon House.

Clean Sheet: Drafted a letter to go to rehabs for subscriptions to Clean Sheet. To be approved by Region. ... There will be a Clean Sheet workshop at Nov. 5 Regional Weekend. ... Adopted new policy guidelines from the Regional Policy Guide. [Copy of guidelines attached to these minutes.] ... Removed Co-Chair and Secretary for missing two consecutive meetings. ... Treasury: \$220.93. ... Deadline for new input is October 25, 1988. Call Kevin at 844-5886 if anyone has anniversaries, poems, or letters for Clean Sheet.

Helpline: Helpline doing okay. We got four new members at the 10/9 meeting. We can always use support. Next meeting: Nov. 13, 6:00 pm, BVM Parish Hall, Old Bustleton & Welsh Rd. Six months cleantime required to serve.

RSO Board: The Board met on 10/7, Pratt & Summerdale, 7:00 pm. An informal discussion of the past regional meeting was held, concerning the start-up fund and the motion for the Board's removal. It was resolved to proceed with current business of finding and securing an office space. Three members are searching for a location and will bring the prime spots to the next meeting. The location should be at least 400 sq. ft., 2 rooms, and rented for under \$375 a month. Also access to major high system. Next meeting will be 10/21, Pratt & Summerdale, 7:30 pm.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Literature Review: No representative present at ASC. (Since the Chairperson of this sub-committee has not been present at ASC for the past two months, nominations and election for a new chairperson will be held next month.)

ASR: No report received.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Area voted in September to establish a Policy Committee and an election for chairperson of this committee was to have been held at this month's ASC. There were no nominations; therefore, nominations will be open again in November.

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

32 - For                      5 - Against                      2 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSED

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

36 - For                      3 - Against                      1 - Abstention                      MOTION PASSED

Motions to amend 1988 Regional Convention Policy Guidelines:

(Please refer back to copy of these amendments for exact wording of each motion.)

Motion One:

21 - For                      5 - Against                      13 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSED

Motion Two:

21 - For                      4 - Against                      12 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSED

Motion Three:

19 - For                      12 - Against                      12 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSED

Motion Four:

18 - For                      7 - Against                      13 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSED

Motion Five:

22 - For                      3 - Against                      17 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSED

Motion Six:

24 - For                      4 - Against                      14 - Abstentions                      MOTION PASSED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$ 196.67	- Remaining from last month	\$ 439.77	
	(\$115.82 held in reserve,	- 103.00	- PI
	plus \$80.85 refunded from	336.77	
	reserve for Helpline bill)	- 24.84	- Helpline
<u>\$ 915.45</u>	- Group donations	311.93	
\$1112.12		- 150.00	- Unity
		161.93	
- 10.00	- Rent	- 150.00	- H&I
1102.12		\$ 11.93	- remaining
- 602.35	- Helpline bill		
499.77			
- 60.00	- Secretary		
439.77			

(There was an additional late donation of \$1.36, making the total remaining \$13.29.)

M/S/P To disburse money as listed above.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to go back to the groups:

M/S That the Philadelphia ASC elect an Assistant Secretary at the general elections in January, and that this become a regularly elected office of the Philadelphia ASC.

Intent: To provide assistance to the Secretary, and to provide a training position for the office of Secretary.

Two motions which this Area has already voted on will be brought up again at the next Regional Meeting. After a brief discussion of this situation, this Area voted unanimously to maintain its position on the two issues and have our ASR vote as before and not send the motions back to the groups a second time. The motions were:

- (1) That the RSO Board step down as soon as possible. (This Area voted against that motion in September.)
- (2) Regional Helpline. (This Area voted in July to participate in a Regional Helpline.)

LITERATURE STATUS:

\$4600 in literature sold. We are once again purchasing literature from the Region and Basic Texts are coming in regularly. ... There are two new pamphlets: IP#23, "Living Clean on the Outside," and IP#24, "What's the Basket For." Next month there will be new literature order forms. ... GSRs, please send your literature orders for next month to: Mike Barry, 6508 Torresdale Ave., Phila., PA 19135, phone# 332-7691. (Do not send payment with the order.)

M/S/P To close meeting at 9:15.

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

Nominations and elections at November ASC for Policy Committee Chairperson and Literature Review Committee Chairperson. Suggested requirements for both positions: 1 year clean, knowledge of Area policy, attend all ASC meetings, knowledge of 12&12, previous involvement at Area level, desire to serve.

ASC General Elections will be held in January 1989. All Area offices, including sub-committee chairpersons, will be up for nomination and election. Qualifications are: 1 year clean (ASC Chairperson and Treasurer require 2 years clean), knowledge of Philadelphia ASC policy, attendance at all ASC meetings, working knowledge of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, suggested pre-involvement with ASC as ASC officer or as a GSR, desire to serve. (Treasurer all requires employment.)

The following motion is TO GO BACK TO THE GROUPS FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE:

M/S That the Philadelphia ASC elect an Assistant Secretary at the general elections in January, and that this become a regularly elected office of the Philadelphia ASC.

Intent: To provide assistance to the Secretary, and to provide a training position for the office of Secretary.

(This motion will change existing Philadelphia ASC policy, and so will require a 2/3 majority to pass.)

## CLEANSHEET POLICY

1. Material Priority:
  1. Announcements
  2. Original Material
  3. Other
2. "THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH" goes on the front page and is a quote from the basic text.
3. All material will be read and approved and edited at cleansheet meetings.
4. Cleansheet will follow the N.A. suggested editing guidelines.

alcohol/drugs	to	drugs
Clean/sober	to	clean
Alcoholic/addict	to	addict
sober	to	clean
Sobriety	to	clean time or recovery
5. Clean dates will follow; 30, 60, 90 days 6 & 9 months 1 year and mult. of years
6. Motions can come from any officer but the chairman and does not need to be seconded
7. Motions from the floor must be seconded by a Cleansheet Officer.
8. Cleansheet Committee
  - Chair - 1 year clean elected by the region
  - Co-Chair - 1 year clean elected by the CS committee
  - Sect - 6 mons.
  - Treasure - 2 years
  - Area Reps - up to area
    - Phila - Delco - Bucks - Montgomery - Riverfront - S.W.A.N.A. - Cleanacres

OTHER POSITIONS

  - Art - Reporter - Typist
9. Removal from office

A CLEANSHEET OFFICER MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

  1. Resigning
  2. Relapse by using any mind or mood altering substance that will result in immediate removal.
  3. When acquired a majority vote by area reps. on any of the following;
    - a) Missing two consecutive Cleansheet meetings without notice
    - b) Continued, documented tradition violations as noted by CS committee
    - c) Misuse of CS funds
    - d) Failure to perform duties of the commitment.