

PHILADELPHIA AREA SERVICE

DECEMBER 11, 1988

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

Correction to November's Minutes:

The Miracle Continues Group meets Tuesday (not Thursday) at 7:30 pm, 30th & Allegheny Ave.

M/S/P To accept November Minutes.

GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 42nd & Wallace Sts., Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Tuesday, 10:30 am. Relatively new meeting, needs support. All are welcome.
- "DO OR DIE" - Frankford Hospital, Frankford & Wakeling, Rm. 3801, Wednesday, 6:30 pm. Needs support at business meetings, first Wednesday of the month.
- "52nd & MARKET ST." - 22 N. 52nd St., Thursday, 1:00 pm. Our anniversary went well. We thank the Fellowship for its support.
- "GAYS & LESBIANS CLEAN TOGETHER" - 22nd & Chestnut Sts., Tuesday, 7:30 pm. This group will not be moving; it will stay at 22nd & Chestnut. However, there is a new meeting time, 7:30 pm. The first Tuesday of the month is a Topic meeting that will end at 8:30 pm, followed by business meeting. The last Tuesday of the month is a Step meeting. All other Tuesdays are Speaker Discussion meetings. All are welcome.
- "GOD CARES" - 5728 Chester Ave., Saturday, 6:30-8:00 pm. Celebrating its 1st Anniversary, Saturday, February 25, 1989.
- "HANGING TOUGH" - 22nd & Huntingdon, Monday & Wednesday, 7:00 pm. This group has committed to the Inner City Area of NA. Celebrating its 4th Anniversary, Wednesday, January 18, 1989, at 7:00 pm.
- "JUST SAY NO" - Simon Recreation Center, Woolston & Tulpehocken, Thursday, 7:00 pm. Needs support in meetings and business meetings. 1st week - Step; 2nd week - Beginners; 3rd week - Speaker Discussion; 4th week - Tradition. All are welcome.
- "LION'S DEN" - 8th & Luzerne, Saturday, 8:00 pm. Held a marathon Friday, Dec. 16, 7:00 pm to Saturday, Dec. 17, 7:00 pm.
- "O.D.A.T." - Starting Jan. 3, 1989, will be meeting at 1524 Girard Avenue, St. Felix Center. Same day and time (Tuesday, 8:00 pm), same format. Tell a friend. (This is the group which now meets at 8th & Girard at Giuffre Medical Center.)
- "SPIRITUAL CONNECTION" - This group, which was meeting on Friday at 8:00 pm at 40th & Sansom Sts., has folded.
- "STARLIGHT" - Manheim & Pulaski, Sunday, 8:00 pm. This group has committed to the Inner City Area of NA.
- "TAKE A CHANCE" - Academy & Torrey Rds., at the playground in the Rec Center. 3rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - starting Saturday at midnight, 12:00 midnight to 10:00 pm. Santa, Food, Meetings, Fellowship, Fun, and Presents for the kids! (12 midnight - 10:00 am, Marathon Meeting; 10:30 am - 12:00 Noon, Pamphlet mtg.; 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm, Santa & refreshments; 1:00-2:30 pm, Meeting; 2:30-3:30 pm, Santa & refreshments; 3:30-5:00 pm, Meeting; 5:00-6:00 pm, Refreshments; 6:00-7:30 pm, Meeting; 7:30-8:30 pm, Refreshments; 8:30-10:00 pm, Meeting)
- "TOGETHER WE CAN" - 6301 Crescentville, Monday, 7:30 pm. Needs a representative for P.I. and an Alt. GSR. Voting will take place at the business meeting, the first Monday after regular meeting. Group Conscience is the fourth Monday. We need your support.

GROUP REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd):

- "VISION OF HOPE" - 124 W. Diamond St., Thursday, 9:00 pm. The meeting is in desperate need of support. All are welcome!
- "WE CHOSE LIFE" - 7526 Frankford Ave., Friday, 8:00 pm. Step meeting last Friday of each month.
- "WE DO RECOVER" - Whitehall Recreation Center, Wakeling & Torresdale Ave., Monday, 8:00 pm. Relatively new meeting. Needs support at business meeting, first Monday of the month.
- "WEST OAK LANE" - Limekiln Pike & Middleton, St. Athanasius School, Monday, 8:00 pm. Celebrating its 1st Anniversary, January 2, 1989. 7:00-8:00 pm, W.A.I.T. Mtg.; 8:00-10:00 pm, Anniversary. Food, Fellowship, Recovery. Come & support this group.
- "WISTER FRIENDS" - 65th & Wister, Advocate Lutheran Church, Saturday, 7:00 pm. This meeting is in dire need of support; it is barely getting support. Bring a friend and come support this group. All are welcome!

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Helpline: No news to report.

P.I. (Public Information): Cub Scout commitment will be held January 14, 1989, 1:00 pm, St. Hughes School (in basement). Tom, Evelyn, and Michelle will fulfill commitment. Contact person: Bruce 423-5085. ... All positions will be open for election at next Area P.I. meeting. ... P.I. meeting scheduled to be held at Pulaski & Manheim on December 25 has been canceled because of the Christmas holiday. ... If contacted about a P.I. commitment, please use the contingency plan and contact: Tom - 322-0115; Evelyn - 927-3729 or 242-3241 (work); Ted - 464-8051.

Unity: Our committee has received a couple more reps, but we're going to need a lot more support in 1989. The Inner City Area was about 90% of our support and now with those groups supporting their area we really have to pull from within to keep our unity strong. Please elect a Unity Rep from your group to come down to support us and come up with ideas that will promote unity throughout our Fellowship. We meet every 2nd & 4th Saturday at 2205 Bridge St. at 6:00 pm. ... Take A Chance Group's 3rd Annual Christmas Day Celebration is going on as planned. This is a free event and all are welcome. A marathon meeting will start right after their Saturday midnight meeting and continue until 10:00 am. Then meetings, fellowship, food, and Santa will be happening all day. ... New Year's Eve there will be a marathon meeting at 821 E. Allegheny Ave. starting at 10:00 pm until 10:00 am New Year's Day. This is a Unity event and all are welcome. There will be speaker, topic, Step, Tradition, and grab bag meetings. Don't spend the holidays alone. We need you because we cannot stay clean alone. Please Come!

H&I (Hospitals & Institutions): It was suggested by the Regional H&I Committee that Philadelphia Area H&I change its format. As of now, the Philadelphia Area H&I is the only Area that does not follow the guidelines drawn up by the World H&I Committee. There will be more information in the following months on this issue. ... H&I still needs people to get involved with the prisons. You must have 1 year clean, 1 year no lock-up, and 1 year off of probation or parole. ... Nomination for new Chairperson is Steve R., who is currently the Co-Chair, and Steve H. for Co-Chair.

Clean Sheet: Our last meeting was held December 6. The committee is no longer asking for donations from the Areas; the Region is now funding the newsletter. We are receiving plenty of input from the Fellowship. We are working on something else which will be announced later. The committee is doing well overall.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS (Cont'd):

Literature Review: We have written a letter to the W.L.C. for a priority list of works in progress and are waiting for a reply. All addicts interested in being involved with Literature Review in committee or in workshop can call the Chairperson, Alan S., at 440-0629. Please leave a message on the machine and make sure to leave your number.

Policy: A Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for 12/11 at the BVM, but no one attended. Therefore, there is no report. Monica J. has resigned as Chairperson as of December 12.

ASR: The location of the new Regional Office was incorrect in last month's minutes. The correct address is: 6129 Ridge Avenue, Suite 201. The next Regional Meeting will be held Saturday, January 14, 1989, 12:00 Noon, Adam's Mark Hotel (City Line and Monument Rd.).

OLD BUSINESS:

M/S That the gains incurred from the sales of literature be used to offset the cost of the Regional Office.

37 - For                    1 - Against                    2 - Abstentions                    MOTION PASSED

M/S To have the Convention Committee change the policy of allowing members to take the place of the seven members on the Program Committee.

20 - For                    14 - Against                    9 - Abstentions                    MOTION PASSED

M/S That each area rep on the Program Committee have a vote on the Convention Committee.

17 - For                    17 - Against                    8 - Abstentions                    MOTION FAILED\*

(\*Tie was broken by the Area Chairperson.)

Elections:

Elections were to have been held for Helpline Co-Chair and RSO Board Rep. There were no nominations for either position. Both offices will be up for election at the January ASC when general elections are to be held.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following letter was read:

Dear Members of the Greater Philadelphia Area Service Committee,

We of the new Inner City Area Service Committee of N.A. humbly submit this letter of secession to the Greater Philadelphia Area Service Committee to inform you that we are now a new area with 23 groups committed. We, the members of the Inner City Area, are grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the Greater Philadelphia Area Service Committee, and to have gained experience, strength and hope through service to the Greater Philadelphia Area Service Committee to branch out on our own, in accordance with the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and NA unity. On December 10, 1988, we elected officers for our new area and at our next meeting in January we will be forming sub-committees. We realize that growth in the Inner City Area Service Committee will be painfully slow, and the transition from the Philadelphia Area Service Committee will be painfully slow as well. But with the guidance of the Greater Philadelphia Area Service Committee, our parent group, we can go through the blood, sweat and tears together and then we can and will bring about more NA unity to help carry out our primary purpose, to help the addict who still suffers.

Trusted Servants of  
The Inner City Area of N.A.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd):

Enclosed with these minutes are a November 1988 letter, also concerning the formation of the new Inner City Area, and a copy of the map indicating the boundaries of this new area. These boundaries are not strictly fixed and may change as other groups join the Inner City Area. Any group is welcome to join. The next meeting of the Inner City Area will be held Saturday, January 14, 1989, 3:00 pm, 1524 Girard Ave. (St. Felix Center).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$1091.72	- Group donations
- 10.00	- Rent
<u>1081.72</u>	
- 525.00	- Helpline bill
<u>556.72</u>	
- 50.00	- Secretary
<u>506.72</u>	
- 20.00	- Supplies
<u>486.72</u>	
- 35.00	- Unity
<u>451.72</u>	
- 150.00	- H&I
<u>301.72</u>	
- 46.00	- P.I.
<u>\$ 255.72</u>	

M/S/P To donate \$100.00 to the Region and hold \$155.72 in reserve.

A second motion was made after it was reported that the amount of money remaining had been miscalculated:

M/S/P To hold all money (\$155.72) in reserve.

\*After the meeting had been adjourned, another recount showed that the amount remaining was, in fact, \$255.72. Since the second motion had been made based on a believed error in the amount, it was the judgment of the Administrative Committee that the first motion should stand. (\$100.00 will go to the Region.)

LITERATURE STATUS:

\$3800 in literature sales. Shipments of Basic Texts from California are being held up until the 5th Edition becomes available. ... Send literature orders to: Mike Barry, 6508 Torresdale Ave., Phila., PA 19135, phone# 332-7691. (Do not send payment with the order.)

M/S/P To adjourn at 9:10 pm.

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ASC General Elections will be held at the next meeting in January 1989. All Area offices, including all sub-committee chairpersons and co-chairs, will be up for nomination and election. Suggested 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 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, suggested pre-involvement with ASC as ASC officer or as a GSR, desire to serve. (Treasurer also requires employment.)

Nominations will be open at the January Regional Meeting for Activities Chairperson (6 mos clean, knowledge of 12&12) and Convention Chairperson (3 yr clean, knowledge of 12&12, pre-involvement with Convention Committee).

Election will be held at the January Regional Meeting for Region Secretary (6 mos clean, knowledge of 12&12, clerical skills helpful).