

GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL SERVICES MEETING OF NOV. 15, 1986

Meeting called to order at 12:35.
Opened with Moment of Silence and Serenity Prayer.
Traditions read. Followed by introductions.

All ASRs except Bucks Co. present.

Minutes read.

Changes to minutes:

- Page 4 -utility changed to unity
- Page 5 -New Years Eve party committee received \$500
- Page 5 -Treasury and Literature committees submit reports after break.

M/S/P Accept minutes with changes.

AREA REPORTS

PHILADELPHIA AREA

New Meetings

- Mt. Misericordia Hsp - Thurs. at 7:30 p.m., 54th st
- Mother of Perpetual Help - Thurs. at 8: p.m.,
State & Princeton Aves.
- Keep Coming Back - Fri at 8:00 p.m.,
18th & Diamond (in church)
- Men at Work II is no longer a mens meeting it is now an open meeting.

Subcommittees (Phila. Area)

- PI -New chair voted in
-committee members contacting schools
- H&I -New chair voted in
-prisons doing well
-attendance at monthly meetings poor

Hotline

- continuing to do well
- always looking for new people to fill shifts so others don't burn out.
- need phone numbers from North Phila, West Oak Ln, Germantown, Olney, Glenolden.

Unity-working on 3rd Marathon Mtg., Friday Dec. 26th at St. Joachims Church, Church and Griscom

Literature Review

- "It Works: How and Why" workshop, November 23rd 10:00 a.m. 2205 Bridge St.

Policy

- Established a policy to distribute \$75 worth of literature to H&I committee every month.

Bucks Co. Area (informal report)

- PI committee formed, doing well
- H&I needs people to fill commitments
- Lit Review Committee having a workshop on "It Works: How and Why"

Small Wonder AreaNew Meetings

- Traditions Too - Fri at 9:30 a.m.
1104 N. Adams, Trinity Church
- Get It Off Your Chests - Sat. 6:00 p.m.
27th & Washington
- Voting policy has been established at Area
- Purchased small phone books

Subcommittees (Small Wonder Area)

PI -Setting up Forum in spring

H&I -needs support

-may start meeting in Smyrna Correctional facility

Hotline

- bills are increasing
- forming policy on calls

Activities

- Sat. Dec 20 dance at UAW hall Brookside Shopping Center, Newark, Delaware

Montco Area

- Area has started three new meetings
- Service positions up for election:
 - Chair
 - Co-chair
 - Tres
 - Secretary
- Area needs financial support from region
- trying to get together a fundraiser in the near future

Tri-Co Area

- all subcommittees functioning well
- area voted to buy regional meeting list
- area ask region idea about finding a centrally located regional headquarters

RSR Report

On Friday October 17 at the WSC workshop in North Carolina they held an open forum meeting to discuss openly members feelings on "It Works: How and Why" part one.

It was decided at this meeting to change the status on It Works to Review and Input until January 1, 1987. What this means is that any member, group, area or regional literature committee can submit their input on It Works until the first of the year (which will be here before we know it!). The input may include additions, deletions, or any changes in concepts or form of the text that members may deem to be necessary.

Most of the input given at this workshop was in favor of making changes to the book before it becomes approved NA literature. The main focus of the input included a few major areas that members would like to see changed. These include:

- 1) that the approval form of It Works was drastically different than the Review and Input form and indeed should not be an approval form but a review and input form.
- 2) that the first step was too specific to drugs and did not

discuss the disease concept as a physical, mental and spiritual disease affecting every area of our lives.

3) there were too many definitive statements that made generalizations about all addicts ("we had arms and legs that shook", "we said we weren't going back") which we may or may not have done.

As we review the book, we might want to keep this input in mind as well as formulate our own. There were also some positive input expressed about It Works.

Please submit your input to your area or regional lit committee. Input can also be sent directly to:

World Literature Committee
c/o Ginni Swanson
WSO Inc. ?
Bx 9999
Van Nuys, CA 91409

We would like to propose a plan to have a day set aside to review the World Service Conference Agenda Report. The reason for the day would be to inform all groups and areas about the issues and motions that will be on the agenda for WSC '87. We want to bring this to the groups and areas so that a true group conscience can be established for the Philadelphia Region; that being the groups vote on these issues in their group business meeting, bring this vote to the area for an area wide conscience and then the areas voting at a meeting of the RSC.

We have not done this in past years and would like to propose this for this year.

This meeting would be attended by all GSRs and ASRs in the Philadelphia Region as well as anyone else who wished to attend.

The tentative date and time for it will be February 21, 1987 at Pratt and Summerdale. The workshop will be from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. followed by a dance at 9:00 p.m.

We would also like to have an agenda report for each group. These will be approximately \$5. Would the Region be willing to supply funds for this? If not how could this be funded?

Report from WSC Sub-committee Literature Workshop

-There was discussion of the possibility of a major revision of the Basic Text focusing on:

- a) Anonymity in Personal stories
- b) Language (clean and sober, addictions, drug addict)
- c) Greatly expand on Chapters 4 and 6 to reflect evolution of NA Philosophy and increased knowledge of traditions since Basic Text.

-8th ECC is asking for financial support

Subcommittee Reports

PI

PI Committee met on October 25, 1986 at Summerdale and Pratt. On that day we had a regional PI meeting and a PI tradition Workshop right after the meeting.

-Public information is in the midst of exploring PSAs. In our meeting we set up a task force to contact TV stations and find

out what size tape the station uses and to see if they will work with us on putting the PSAs on for a week then take them off, so we can monitor our hotline calls. At the present time we are not putting the PSAs on TV we are only exploring with the stations. We are trying to develop a working relationship, if possible with the stations.

We also set up a task force to attend NJ, Cheasepeke Potomack and Mid-Atlantic regions to find out how they stand financially and manpower their hotlines and if they will be able to handle this. We decided that if these PSAs will affect any other area we will not put them on. After exploring things we probably are about six months to a year before we can even put them on TV. Once the PI Committee is ready to put the PSAs on TV we will present this to the region before anything gets done to put them on TV.

PSAs are not to be alarmed by. But Phila is a large city that reaches three other regions with our TV stations and we need to work in unity with these other regions. There has been several other regions that have shown PSAs and their was no extra amount of calls to their hotlines. We will continue to explore the stations and other regions about PSAs being put on in Phila in the future.

-Also that day we elected 11 voting members to the regional public information committee.

-We are still continuing to look into getting NA phone numbers into the phone books in our region.

H&I -looking to set up meeting place and committee

-Phila & Bucks Co areas doing well

-need to know what other areas are doing

Literature Review

-Input on "It Works: How and Why needs to be submitted by January 1, 1987, for more information call Scott D. 215-639-2408

Policy

-forming committee to possibly form policy on

-group conscience

-motions on regional floor

-what regional policy is

-for more information call Joe G. 215-885-9581

-Next meeting is Dec. 30th at 3514 Kensington, 1st floor

Convention

-Flyers are out! Step Up To Recovery

-Convention is March 27, 28, 29, 1987.

-Registration:\$12

-Banquet:\$25

-Sunday Brunch:\$10

-Total Package in Advance: \$45, At the Door: \$50

-At Dunfey City Line Hotel

-City Line Ave & Monument Rd

-Hotel Rates: Single \$60/Double \$70

-committee suggests fundraising start earlier

-committee is asking region for financial support

-Fundraising dances schedule at 22nd & Chestnut

Dec 13, 20 -Jan 3, 17, 31 -Feb 7, 28 -March 7, 14
 -convention committee is using regional post office box
 -next convention committee meeting is Dec. 4

New Years Eve

News Years Eve Fellowship Gathering will be held at the Martinique Motor Inn, 24th & Penrose Ave. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. Please announce this at meetings and anyone wishing information can contact Joe F. at 215-676-5065. Limited tickets available.

B R E A K

Literature

Literature on hand	\$2,100.95
Money owed to region	
-MontCo	\$163.90
-Tri-Co	\$216.00
-SW	\$430.39
TOTAL	\$810.39
Bal checking account	\$142.67

Treasurer Report

November Open. Balance	\$4,982.19
Donations:Phila Area	29.00
	<u>\$5,011.19</u>

Paid Out: Nov. Rent	40.00
Minutes Sec.	20.00
P.O. BX	26.50
Convent Comit	\$1,250.00
MontCo Area	200.00
owed (RSR)	5.37
H&I Handbooks	165.00
Agenda Workshop	450.00
Agenda Flyers	10.00
Literature Cost	700.00
RSR WSC '87	1,000.00 (set aside)

 Closing balance: \$1,144.32

Old Business

- Federal ID number obtained
- Lit Committee is seeking status of account from former literature chairperson
- Primary purpose of region this year is to set up regional office

Old Business

M/S/P

-set up a regional office

M/S/P

-set up office committee

M/S/P

-regional services officers to hold positions for a two year period(ASRs to ask areas when this will take affect?)

New Business

M/S/A/P

-Donate \$1,250 to convention committee and convention committee will not be responsible for residual balance to Centre Hotel

M/S/P

-Region donate \$200 to Montco area

M/S/P

-Change regional meeting date to 2nd Sat of every odd month, effective January 10, 1987

M/S/P

-Region donate \$165 to regional H&I committee to purchase 15 H&I handbooks

M/S/P

-Region donate \$450 towards Agenda Report Workshop, also dinner and dance to be held after workshop. Any extra monies to be given back to region.

M/S/P

-Region donate \$10 for cost of flyers for Agenda Report Workshop

M/S/P

-Raise cost of following literature

-IPs .13 to .15

-Key chain .25 to .30

-White book .40 to .45

M/S/P

-Sell regional meeting list for .10 each

M/S/P

-Region donate \$700 to regional literature committee to offset cost of printing meeting list

M/S/P

-Region set aside \$1,000 for RSR and/or RSR/A to attend WSC in April

M/S/P

-Region purchase Basic Texts from Small Wonder Area

M/S/P

-Hold final Agenda Report meeting on April 18

M/S/P

-Regional banking accounts to have 3 signatures; 2 out of 3 needed for transaction

M/S/A/P

-Convention Committee to hold fundraisers after convention (amended to) regional services form activities committee and regional office committee. Qualifications of all nominations will be decided at next regional meeting.

- ASRs remember to let areas know nominations are open for:
 - Regional Office Committee Chairperson
 - Activities Committee Chairperson
 - Regional Secretary
- Also ask areas when 2 year regional service commitments take affect.
- Discuss possibility of forming a regional Hotline Committee
- Encourage early registration for convention
- Support regional sub committees

M/S/P

- Close meeting at 5:30 p.m. with moment of silence and serenity prayer
- Next regional meeting on Saturday, Jan 10, 1987 at 12 noon at Pratt & Summerdale