

In Loving



Service

Greater Philadelphia Regional Services Committee

P.O. Box 42628

Philadelphia, PA 19101-2628

GREATER PHILA REGIONAL SERVICES MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 1987

Meeting called to order at 12:30

Opened with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Traditions read, followed by Introductions.

All ASR's present except Montgomery County Area.

Elections: Secretary - Peggy T.

Minutes read from last Regional Meeting.

Corrections to Treasury Report (See Treasury Report)

Minutes Accepted

AREA REPORTS

Philadelphia Area

Area doing well, lots of new meetings. Still having repeated problem in South Phila. Meeting. Bringing question of Meeting List status to region after repeatedly breaking NA traditions.

H & I - Doing well. Not all commitments being reported, but no complaints from institutions have been heard.

Hotline - Doing well, but needs regional support.

PI - Consistently working on speaker lists for Schools and Institutions.

Literature Review - Needs support. Currently reviewing Basic Text, reviewed and approved 4 new I.P.s. "It Works" workshop being set up. Looking for place to hold it.

Policy - Accepted A.S.C. Handbook.

Bucks County Area

Groups are doing well, most are holding regular Group Conscience meetings. Business meeting support needed in some groups. All ASC positions filled. Donation of \$75.82 to the Region. Softball games cancelled.

Literature Review - Sincerely needs alot of support. Contact Terry if you want to get involved.

PI - Doing very well. Working on NA Information letters and the collecting of addresses of Judges.

Policy - Getting Area to run smoothly.

Tri-County Area

Most groups doing well, but some groups do need business and regular meeting support. All sub-committees doing well.

PI - Need Co-Chair.

Literature - Doing well.

Literature Review - Meets regularly but needs support.

Activities - Picnic August 30th, 11:00am till ?, at Garrison Lake. Splash Party was a success. Halloween Party info to follow.

Hotline - Need Chairperson.

Small Wonder Area

Groups doing well.

PI - Doing fine.

H & I - Needs support. All commitments full and new becoming available.

Help-Line - Needs support. New lists coming out.

Activities - White Water Rafting trip being planned.

Policy - Just formed in the month of July.

RSR REPORT

See attached Report from Newark Quarterly Meeting.

A main focus of the report of all sub-committees and especially the WSC Administration Committee, The Joint Administrative Committee and the WSO was finances in the WSC and also in the fellowship as a whole.

Next WSC Quarterly Workshop will be held in Denver, Colorado-September 18,19,20, 1987.

REGIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

H & I - Needs support and Co-Chair. Workshop set up for input to go in on the new H & I Handbook to propose at the WSC in April 1988. Workshop date is August 29th, 1987 at Pratt & Somerdale- 1:00pm. All Areas H & I Chairs should attend and contact Diane L. 426-7074 or Gary 483-4944 ASAP.

PI- Still working with Septa to lower price on poster that is to be hung on trains and buses. At the next PI meeting we will be deciding on what project will be workshopped until the end of September.

Literature Review- Reviewing "In Times of Illness" IP. Will be finished up at next Quarterly. Reps and Chairpersons do carry a vote and were asked to return.

Policy- No written report received.

Convention- Treasurers Report: \$8865.69

Had fund-raiser for Literature Review Conference and have \$700.00 in account.

Committee is looking into guidelines for World Convention.

Program Committee needs reps from Bucks and Montgomery County Areas. Next meeting September 17th at 22nd & Chesnut. 8:00 will be a meeting to review set policy and 8:30 will be committee meeting. If anyone wishes to hold a fund-raiser please contact Steve S. at 288-7999.

Clean Sheet - will not be out until input is received.

Activities - Chair not present and no report received.

Hotline - No Chair.

RSO Report

Needs to have elected board members to the board and the pool members to send their Name, Address plus ZIP and Phone# to RSO, 142 East Street, Phila. Pa. 19127.

Next meeting in September to review how we are going to focus our efforts on direction to the board of RSO. WSO will be there for guidance.

Literature - Chair not present.

Treasury Report

\$8696.51	May Balance.
-5577.00	Paid Out

\$3119.51	June Balance
-300.24	Paid Out
+676.00	Donations

\$3395.27	July Balance
-----------	--------------

-All Asr's please notify Areas that this position is open.

-Please note that from April 1986 to April 1987 our WSC Donations totaled \$2500.00.

OLD BUSINESS

Elections: Treasury - Walt holds nomination.
Literature Review - Bill O. Chairperson
Lenny K. Co-Chair
Activities - Position Open
Hotline - Position Open
Co-Chair Region - Harry holds nomination

M/S/P Convention Committee to have Adhoc committee to put in bid for 1989 World Convention.

M/S/P \$700.00 used to for starting budget for the Literature Review Committee this year.

M/S/T \$600.00 to be used for 3 Unity days in 3 different Areas.

NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P Regional Meeting to rotate from Area to Area meeting back at Pratt & Somerdale every other Regional Meeting.

M/S/P Unanimous vote to take S.P. Phila. meeting of Regional Meeting list for traditions violations.

M/ To form Adhoc Committee to investigate fund raisers and thier purpose.

M/ Take back to Areas the need for an Adhoc Committee to investigate fund raisers and thier purpose.

Literature Review Committee received vote of confidence to arrange "It Works How and Why" Workshop.

Gary H. Given vote of confidence to be H & I Co-Chairperson.

M/ Appoint Adhoc Committee to set up Pratt & Somerdale for September 12 Unity Day.

M/S/P \$40.00 to H & I Chair for August 29th meeting.

M/S/F To change banks to avoid service charge on accounts.

M/S/P \$14.00 to go to Dan for copies of minutes be paid in meeting lists.

OPEN FORUM

- Tri-County Area picnic being held August 30th, 11:00am - till? at Garrison Lake.

-Clean Sheet Input - Steve R. 409 Wyoming Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19809.
Phone# 302-798-1262

Regional Chair Positions Open: Treasurer, Activities, Co-Chair, Additional Needs, Hotline.

-Convention Committee Meeting Sept. 17 at 22nd Chestnut 8:00 Policy Meeting and 8:30 regular meeting time.

-All ASR's please take 7th Tradition Letter attached and hand out copies to all GSR's.

-All ASR's please bring back to the progress of the 7th Tradition from the Area.

Tri-County, Bucks and Montco please discuss possible meeting places to hold Regional meetings in your Areas.

-All ASR's please take back to your Area the need for an Adhoc Committee to investigate fund raisers and their purpose.

-All ASR's please hand out Additional Needs Questionnaires (attached) to GSR's for return to the Region.

-All ASR's please ask your Area if they have any topics for a Unity Day and bring it back to the Region.

-Don't forget September 12th is the next Regional Meeting at 12:00 followed

by Dinner and Dance- Suggested donation for Dance \$5.00.

-Bucks and Montco ASR's the convention committee needs representatives from your Areas on the Program Committee.

-All Asr's please remind you H & I Chairpersons the next workshop is August 29th at Pratt & Somerdale, 1:00pm and they should contact Diane L. 426-7074 or Gary 483-4944 ASAP.

Meeting closed at approxiamatly 4:45.

To: Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee
From: Al R., alt. R.S.C.

RE: Newark Quarterly Meeting - Progress of W.S.C.

July 17, 18, 19, - 1987

I. Select Committee (Guide to Service in N.A.)

- Will receive input on "Gold Draft" until Dec. 1, 1987
- Received lots of input from Open Forum meeting Saturday Night.
- Need general concepts, less specific input.
- New concepts in Gold Draft (R.S.C.) are from NA Tree (1976).

II. Bob H. - W.S.C. Treasury and J.A.C. Report.

- THE NEED FOR FUNDS !!!
- Committees need to prioritize their projects due to lack of funds.
- Ideas for Generation of Funds:
 - ① Short Term -
 - series of articles (Newslines) on 7th Tradition, fund flow etc.
 - "Hey, what's the Basket For?" (approve I.P.) to go out with the Newslines.
 - Make fellowship aware of the cut in services if funds are not generated.
 - ② Long Term - Research alternate Funding Sources
 - Funds from World Convention.
- REPORT on Finances from W.S.C. Admin.

III. Additional Needs Ad-Hoc

- 3 Regions have Additional Needs committees
- Formulating Guidelines
- Need to distribute questionnaire throughout fellowship.
- Greater Phila R.S.C. Additional Needs

IV. Ad-Hoc I - It Works: How

- 12 regions have presented proposals for World Level input workshops. (Baltimore) closest to Phila.
- Funding - uncertain how much available.
- Creating an outline on the steps, this will assist the processing of input.
- Blue and White Books available from area or Reg. lit committees. If not please order ASAP.
- Need to come to workshops with **PREPARED WRITTEN INPUT!!**
No writing at the workshops.
- Workshop in Philadelphia, Regional Level, to compile local input to take to Baltimore Workshop.
- Two kinds of input:
 - ① General Concepts to be added, deleted or changed.
 - ② Specific Comments on Blue and/or White
Please include page no., paragraph, sentence and exact proposed changes.
- W.S.O. providing \$16,000 in Staff Support.

V. Literature Committee

- continue to order Approval Literature - Please review!!
- Progress on Traditions, Q+A about NA, In Times of Illness and outline for Unity.
- Tentative World Literature Conference for early October, November. to work on Traditions.
- Working on WLC Guidelines August 29, 30 Baltimore.

VI. Policy -

- Working on W.S.C. Guidelines for operation of World Service Conference.
- Working on a draft for Formation of New Regions.

VII. H+I.

- Preparing a rewrite on Handbook.
- Draft on "Transition from Correctional Facilities."
- Revised "Reaching Out" Format. Reduced to Quarterly due to lack of input and Funds.

VIII. P.I.

- Dissolved old function; started new approach
- Providing support for Reg + Area committees.

IX. WSC Convention Inc.

- Will tape Convention
- Site Selection Problems - working on Guidelines
- New Orleans into 3rd Hotel (Double Tree) Main Events moved (Rivergate Convention Center.) 2 blocks from Sheraton.
- 904 preregistered.
- WCNA 88 moved to So. California.

X. W.S.O. Board + Bob Stone.

- R'ship between W.S.O + W.S.C.

7TH TRADITION TIME

1. Read: (the 7th tradition)
2. Treasures Report
3. Read: The 7th tradition has its foundation in the spiritual principle of self sacrifice, something most of us were not good at in our active addiction but try to cultivate in our recovery.

Gratitude is not something we say, it is something we do. When we practice the principle of self sacrifice in any way we show appreciation for the ability to regularly participate in the miracle of recovery and try to carry the message to those who donot.

The funds that make it to our basket go to provide: our groups rent, literature and refreshments, meeting lists, telephone help lines, literature for our H&I committees, public information and other services on our area, regional and world levels. We keep what we have only by giving it away. Newcomers are not asked to contribute. All others are privileged to do so.

In our recent struggle to carry the message it has become apparent as to an existing problem that we seem to have in Narcotics Anonymous. Although it would be nice if we, as a fellowship, would never have to discuss the issue of finances, reality dictates that we need to if we are to continue to carry the message and to continue to provide the services that we do.

We struggle locally to continue to keep our help lines in operation and H&I meetings supplied with literature and to continue to provide meetings lists and public information on a wider scale. The World Service Conference is presently in the hole some \$40,000 to \$50,000. We continue to provide a great portion of our services through the money we generate from conventions and "fund-raisers" instead of through the spiritual principle of self sacrifice that is the foundation of our seventh tradition.

One area in another région increased the amount of funds to help provide their services by 800% by reading a statement similar to the one that is attached in all their groups meetings at 7th tradition time.

Please consider using this in your group.

In Loving Service,
Some Concerned Members.

P.S. We Care!

That no addict, anywhere need ever die from our disease without knowing there is a better way. The N.A. Way!!