

**GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MARCH 5, 1989**

**I. OPENING**

A. Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read. All ASR'S were present.

**II. MINUTES**

A. The minutes were read and approved with the following correction: 1.M/S TO GO BACK TO THE GROUPS REGIONAL LITERATURE PRICES DO NOT INCREASE WITHOUT AREA AND GROUP APPROVAL.

**INTENT: WHY AN INCREASE IS NEEDED AND HOW THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT.**

**III. AGENDA**

A. The agenda was presented and approved by the ASR'S as noted: 1. Elections d. Convention

**IV. RECEPTION OF REPORTS**

**A. AREA REPORTS**

**1. PHILADELPHIA AREA**

All groups doing well and support is good. Donation to Region \$100.00. An Agenda Report Workshop is being held **SATURDAY, MARCH 18, at 1:00 P.M.**, at Le Masquerade located Tulip and Ontario Sts. For more information call **HANK 427-1081** Participation encouraged.

**2. RIVERFRONT AREA**

We are functioning well and continuing to grow. One of our groups moved into City Hall. We meet there every day at noon Room 329. Our groups are carrying a clear N.A. message. Sub-committees are still in need of much support. We have a nomination for Helpline Chairperson. A **UNITY DAY** is planned for April 1st at One Salvation Group, Haines and Menahan Sts., starting at noon. Our R.S.O. member resigned and we will be filling that position as soon as possible.

**3. BUCKS COUNTY AREA**

We now have twenty (20) groups and 21 meetings in the Bucks County Area. We have added a new group to our Area which is called the Surrender To Win Group. Their meeting is held at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday night at the Southampton Friends Meeting Place which is located on Street and Gravel Hill Rds. in Southampton. Our Unity Committee is planning a Ski Trip for the 4th weekend in March. More information on this trip will be made available soon. Unity Committee also has Co-chairperson and Treasurer positions open. Our Policy Sub-committee is meeting 2 times a month. Their new Chairperson is Bob M. Our Literature Sub-committee has put into effect a new policy which has our G.S.R.'s phone # in their literature orders to the Literature Committee chairperson before our A.S.C. meeting. This is helping to organize the exchange of literature and not cause so much confusion and disruption in our A.S.C. meeting.



Our P.I. Committee needs support. They do not have enough people to cover their commitments. Their new chairperson is Bill D. Positions open in our Area include Area Co-chairperson and Hotline Rep. Our next A.S.C. Meeting will be held on March 19th at the United Church of Christ on New Falls and Penn Penn Valley Rds. in Fairless Hills. Our Sub-committees will meet at 2:00 P.M. and our A.S.C. Meeting start about 3:30 P.M. Our A.S.C. and Sub-committees usually meet on the last Sunday of the month at Washington and Chancellor Sts. in Newtown.

#### 4. CLEAN ACRES AREA

Area recognized new Tuesday night "S.T.A.R. Group" meeting at St. Paul's Church on Business Route 30 just west of Route 202, Exton. The "W.A.I.T. Group" has changed locations and now meets the same day (Saturday) and the same time (7:30pm) at the Y.W.C.A. in Coatesville. Group Donations: December - \$738.32 January - \$637.85.

Prudent reserve for a three (3) month period approved at \$1,000.00. Area has frozen all existing policy until the April A.S.C. meeting. Our Area now sends a copy of our A.S.C. minutes to the R.S.C. P.O. Box. We now have formed an Activities Committee. The position of Alt-A.S.R. will be filled at our March Meeting. We voted to continue having special interest groups in the Region and we voted yes to have the Literature Committee get the Group/Area approval to raise literature prices. Our Area is a bit confused on how this region will be tallying up the Action Item Lists for the W.S.C. Agenda Report. We are willing to go along with whatever the region sees as the best way, but would like to see policy developed to better serve each group equally. **H & I:** Monthly literature \$150.00 Support weakening. Fourteen (14) Fourth editions have been donated by the Literature Committee to the H&I commitments. New Secretary is Jeff K. (269-2085) Voted to replace I.P.'s "Youth & Recovery" & "Just For Today" with "Welcome to N.A." and "Staying Clean on the Outside". All Commitments filled. **HELPLINE:** Monthly expenses \$60.00. Mock scenerio moved up to April. Needs support always. Have updated 12th step list. **T.W.G.S.S. AD-HOC:** Workshop planned for Saturday, March 11, at the Kennet Presbyterian Church, Kennet Square, from 12:00noon to 3:00pm. For more info call TERRY B. at **444-6308. PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Now meets twice monthly and is still trying to secure a steady meeting location. Will have a prudent reserve of \$200/monthly. Info packets have been sent out to High Schools. Targeting private and public schools grades 6 through 12 for next mailouts. Rubber stamps have been purchased to stamp literature with helpline number and Clean Acres P.O. Bcx address. Discussed idea of getting Basic Texts into the Chester County libraries. P.I. will be going on a presentation of N.A. at Octorara High School on March 15 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. They will be following approved guidelines and are receiving help from the regional P.I. Committee.



## 5. SMALL WONDER AREA

Groups doing well and area is growing. H.&I. has thirteen (13) commitments and all are doing well. All commitments are filled on a four month rotating basis. Panel system is in effect in all commitments and H & I will be starting a new commitment at Pre-Trial Annex Prison. That commitment is already filled. H & I has a waiting list with two commitments; the Rockford Center and Gander Hill Prison. We are waiting for presentations to be set up and made at these facilities. If there are any questions concerning Swana H & I please feel free to contact: **SEAN D. (302)798-3192, JOHN G. (302)654-3186) or Eddie T. (302)995-9633** (Chairman/Co-chairman/Secretary respectively). H & I meets every second Tuesday of the at 2055 Limestone Rd. Suite 113, Wilmington, Delaware at 6:00pm and every fourth Saturday of every month at Maryland Avenue - Boxwood Road, St. Mathews Auditorium, Wilmington, Del. at 12:00 noon. H & I Post Office Box # is 7086, Newark, Delaware. 19702. **PUBLIC INFORMATION:** The committee meets every Thursday 2055 Limestone Road. 5:30pm. We are making a report for the World Input on how our committee is functioning. We have sent information packets to schools filled with basic literature and meeting lists for our area. We have done a presentation at one school and they were pleased. They want us to come back every eight weeks and we will return on March 13, 1989. P.I. and H.& I. are working together and we had a mock presentation for a commitment at a correctional facility. We have no date set yet for this commitment. We soon will be going over the P.I. material in the Agenda Report. Will be contacting Sen. Joe Biden and sending letter and literature about an article in the newspaper. Ernie is getting information about a JUST SAY NO DAY on March 31 at Faith City. Thinking about setting up a booth for that day. **HELPLINE:** Chair of Helpline went to talk to Phone Power on 3-2-89 and had a conference with the President of the Company. Our problems with the present system were worked out. They also gave us information on a new system they offer which would cut our phone bill considerably. It works as follows: The caller would get a computer operator which would instruct them to (for example) **PRESS 1 for LIVE OPERATOR**  
**PRESS 2 for MEETING LIST**  
**PRESS 3 for PUBLIC INFORMATION**  
**PRESS 4 for LOVE OF ONE ADDICT**

This has not been discussed in Sub-committee as yet and it will be a "We'll see what happens" basis. Helpline is getting on its feet and is in desperate need of a secretary. Helpline meets every fourth Saturday of the month at St. Mathews Auditorium around 1:00pm.



### 6. MONTCO AREA

Area, overall is doing O.K. Not a lot of Unity within the Area itself. We are forming a Unity Committee and are hopeful that we will be able to work it well so as to better serve the Area. STOKES is new Co-chair. The Helpine Co-chair is open. Unity chair is open. Agenda review to be held on March 18, 1989. Ideas of joining Philly and Bucks in review. Doing well financially. Mailing check for Agendas to the Region. Dance scheduled for March 24, 1989. \*Voted YES to no special interest groups. \*Voted YES that literature prices not increase without area and group approval. Helpline is in great need of support. Donation to come in the mail. New H. & I. Chair - ? next region. P.I. awaiting regional to get # to put out posters.

### 7. DELCO AREA

\*Voted NO that no special interest groups exist in Philadelphia Region. \*Voted YES that Literature prices not increase without area's approval. Area needs officers, Hotline Chair; Activities Chair; Public Information, Meeting List Chair. Area doing alright but could use support at business meeting and area functions.

Treasurers Report:	Ending balance	1,046.00
	Don. to Region	500.00
	Payment for Agenda Reports	110.00

Holding Agenda Day Tuesday February 28, and Tuesday March 7th. Twelve(12) G.S.R.'s have showed support. Sub-committees: H & I fine, P.I Needs chairperson and committee, HOTLINE needs chairperson, ACTIVITIES needs chair, MEETING LIST needs chair, LITERATURE REVIEW fine. LITERATURE donated \$1,000 to the area.

### 8. INNER CITY AREA

The Area is doing well. We have formed all the area Sub-committees P.I., Phoneline, Literature Review and Clean Sheet. We will be forming these Sub-committees in the near future. The Area has grown to twenty-nine(29) groups and is still growing. The Area has donated \$400.00 to the Phone Line in the past two months. We are also donating \$450.30 to the Region. We would like to have an Agenda Workshop but are having a problem finding a location. The Inner City Area is having their 4th Memorial Day Picnic May 29, at Lemon Hill In Fairmount Park. For more information contact

**GREGORY B. 223-8846**

All Areas are welcome to get involved. The New Inner City Area Meeting is held the 2nd Saturday of the Month at 3:00pm. Location is 1524 Girard Ave., St. Felix Center.

B. R.S.R. OR R.S.R. ALTERNATE REPORT

The Greater Philadelphia Region has been in existence seven years. In 1988/1989 we are still continuing to experience a great increase in our unity and level of commitment to service by members in our region. We now have 215 groups.

In the last year we have had three new Area's formed in our Region. Due to the growth of the Philadelphia Area, it split into three Areas, **PHILADELPHIA**, **RIVERFRONT** and **INNER CITY**. Another Area in our Region split into two Areas, **CLEAN ACRES** and **DELCO**. We now have a total of eight Areas in our Region.

In the past year we went into a Regional Service Conference Weekend format, where we previously had only R.S.C. meetings. This has raised the level of awareness of our Regional Services; these rotate amongst the eight areas.

This past year we opened our Regional Office. There has been a lot of controversy and misunderstanding surrounding the opening of the Office, the Incorporation, and how it relates to our service structure and our principles. We have discussed seeking assistance from experienced members regarding this matter.

We presently have four Helplines in our Region and are looking to form one Helpline to serve the eight Areas, which will be run out of our Regional Service Office.

We have seen an increase of involvement on the R.S.C. Sub-committees. Some committees seem to be struggling a bit, but, holding their own. Due to the R.S.C. Service Weekends there seems to be more continuity and accountability from the Sub-committees to the R.S.C.

We recently held our Regional Convention at the Adams Mark Hotel in Philadelphia. There were approximately 2000 addicts in attendance. The Convention came out \$35,000 in the black. Overall, the convention went well.

We will be making a donation of \$6,000 to the WSC in April.

Our Regional Policy Committee developed a thorough and comprehensive set of Regional Guidelines and Policy which are now in use by our Regional Services.

In closing, our Region is being more in tune with the principles of TRUTH, JUSTICE AND THE N.A. WAY!



C. R.S.O.BOARD INC.

January, February Summary: Meetings were held 1/3, 1/23 and 2/13 1989. Areas still needing Reps are **PHILADELPHIA, CLEAN ACRES, INNER CITY**. Regional Service Committee has one spot open. Telephone for office was turned on and the number is **483-5154**. White pages listing reads GPRSO and yellow pages listing is under Alcohol and Addiction. The office has been open every Saturday from 10-3 except 2/18/89 due to the convention. Open house was held 2/25/89. The next meeting is Monday 3/6/89 8:00pm at 6182 Ridge Avenue, Suite 201. Everyone is welcome. There will be two scheduled meetings March 27 and April 17 at the office. Area and Regional Representatives be present to be voted in.

D. SUB-COMMITTEES

1. PUBLIC INFORMATION

P.I. seems to be holding up well. At the present time a lot of our discussions have been centered around meeting lists. P.I. seems to be getting overwhelmed with the work that the meeting list requires. After discussing within the Committee we decided to bring back to the Region that a meeting list committee be formed. They would work on updating the meeting list and working with the printer. Also, the meeting list will be sold out of the office with the literature. The Committee is also working with a few of the Areas in helping them with some NON-N.A. events. The Committee also put in a budget for the 1989/1990 year.

2. HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTIONS

Regional Sub-committees met March 4th, 1989. Five Areas out of eight showed up. We went over H & I guidelines and everything went well. We tried to attempt a learning day sometime last month. We didn't have a key and not too many people showed up. We are holding a Regional H & I learning day the 25th of this month at 12:00 to 4:30 at Longshore and Hegerman St. Speaker discussion on "WHAT IS H & I WORK" & "HOW THE PANEL SYSTEM WORKS" Flyers were handed out to all Area H & I Chair or Co-Chairs. We need to press to the Areas H & I Committees to show up on this learning day to improve carrying the message to the still suffering addicts. After the Learning Day we will attempt Regional Workshops also. This will probably be after the next Regional Conference.

**REGIONAL H & I IS PUTTING OUT TO THE FELLOWSHIP THAT WE NEED A SECRETARY FOR OUR SUB-COMMITTEE.**



### 3. POLICY (No Written Report Given)

### 4. LITERATURE REVIEW

Literature Committees met in Bucks Co. on 2-5-89 to review "FOR THOSE IN TX" Did good work. Regional Chair was unable to be present. Another workshop for this I.P. will be scheduled for Sunday June 4th in Bucks Co. Workshop for I.P. "IN TIMES OF ILLNESS" will be in DELCO on Saturday March 25. There will be "3" workshops for each Tradition work as follows:

TRADITION 5:   A)DELCO     - APRIL 8  
                  B)BUCKS     - APRIL 22  
                  C)PHILA     - MAY 7  
TRADITION 6:   A)BUCKS     - JULY 8  
                  B)INNER CTY-JULY 29  
                  C)MONTCO   - AUG 12

All workshops will be from 12:00 noon til ? All flyers will be out to ASR's, A.S.A.P. We have four books for Tradition work ("1" Archives)

**NO OUTSTANDING   - \$0**  
**IN RESERVE        - \$165.21**

Asking for \$200.00 which will come out of our proposed budget of \$1200.00 for 1989-90 RS COMMITTEE.

### 5. ACTIVITIES (No Written Report)

### 6. CLEANSHEET

Funds	\$378.72
April/May Issue	<u>-130.00</u>
	248.72
Typewriter	<u>238.50</u>
	\$ 10.22

NEW FORMAT: which includes the new section "TOPIC FOR THE MONTH". Changed Hotlines to Helplines. Currently represented by BUCKS, CLEAN ACRES, DELCO, SWANA and PHILADELPHIA. \$20.00 donation from SWANA to Region in the name of the Clean Sheet. Budget for next year is \$900.00.

### 7. HOTLINE (No Written Report)

### 8. CONVENTION

The Convention Committee would like to thank the Fellowship for their over all support in making the 7th G.P.R.C.N.A. a success. Through undying commitment and perseverance, the Convention Committee was able to bring about a celebration of recovery throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region. As policy states, the convention committee started off with the initial \$5000 that was given to us by the Region. The total income from Fundraising, Merchandise, Registration and Banquets was \$107,065.00 with expenses of \$71,565.00 that left us a balance of \$35,565.00, at which point \$30,565.00 will be given to the Region and the remaining balance of \$5,000.00 will be put into account for the start up fund for the 8th G.P.R.C.N.A. In closing, to add to this report, we presently have \$5,167.00 in left over merchandise that can be sold at future convention fundraisers. The merchandise is currently being stored at the RSO Office.

**9. JAC COMMITTEE**

Meeting held 3-4-89 beginning at 3:20pm, opened by Bill O. This report will be a summary of the meeting that Saturday.

TOPIC: Proposed Budget for 1989-1990

RSR:	\$7,700.00
PI:	3,420.00
Meeting Lists:	1,000.00
H & I:	1,200.00
Clean Sheet:	900.00
Literature Review:	1,200.00
7th Tradition Ad Hoc Committee:	300.00
Convention Ad Hoc Committee:	3,000.00
JAC Committee:	-0-
Executive Committee:	-0-
* RSO:	* 6,646.08

Meeting was closed at 5:02pm. These are rough figures. Other meetings are to follow to discuss the proposed budgets. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 28, 8:00pm at RSO Board headquarters.



**10. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** (No Written Report)

**11. CONFERENCE AD-HOC COMMITTEE** (No Written Report)

**12. 7th TRADITION AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

Elected Co-Chair Ernie E. of Swana. Discussed fund flow at group level. Why do groups with large attendance have small collections? Possible lack of understanding as to where the monies go; or is it an attitude of "I contributed to the dance". Effect of fund raisers and influence on our 7th Tradition.

Spiritual principles involved in the 7th Tradition  
HONESTY, OPENMINDEDNESS, TRUST, SURRENDER-OLD WAYS.

Our next meeting will be held next J.A.C., May 6.  
Your input and support are needed.

**13. LITERATURE REPORT**

**Present Balance \$5,941.32.** Second \$20,000 order just came in last week. Present balance with World Service Office is \$11,500.00. Weekend sales are slow.

**Policy:** All Areas must put at least 1/3 down and pay the remainder within 90 days or before they get another order. Maximum carry over \$800.00. There will be no 5% charge for shipping and only areas that buy \$1,000.00 and over with cash will receive 10% discount.

**14. TREASURERS REPORT**

Closing Balance	1-8-89	661.74
Meeting List Deposits	12-28-89	909.35
	1-20-89	854.00
		<u>2425.09</u>

Media Copy Ctr-500 xerox cps.	1-23-89	-15.37
R.S.C. March 4&5 deposit-		
Howard Johnson	2-6-89	<u>-200.00</u>
		-215.37

		<u>2209.72</u>
Current Bank Balance -Requested	2-14-89	2191.30
Unaccounted		-18.42

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Clean Acres Donation	2-14-89	800.00
R.S.O. - New Years Eve - Deposit Returned		500.00
Meeting List Sales		<u>779.00</u>
		4270.30

2nd GPRS Weekend-Flyers & Tickets	2-13-89	-63.13
5,000 Meeting Lists-Caster Prntg.	2-25-89	<u>-400.00</u>
		-463.13

3807.17

Opening Balance	3-5-89	3807.17
Meeting List Sales		418.80
Individual Contribution		100.00
Oct. 1/4 W.S.C.-R.S.R./Alt returned		190.00
Swana Literature Committee-Cleansheet		20.00
Delco Agenda Reports		110.00
		<u>4645.97</u>

Area Donations		
Philadelphia		100.00
Riverfront		52.89
Bucks Co.		295.84
Clean Acres	Refer 2-14-89 Entry	
Small Wonder		0.00
Montgomery		0.00
Delco		500.00
Inner City		450.30
G.P.R.L. - Returned - Start Up Monies		500.00
		<u>6545.00</u>

Literature Review Committee	-200.00
H & I - \$60.00 - Learning Day	
\$300.00 - W.S.O. Conference	-360.00
Cleansheet	-150.00
	<u>-710.00</u>

CLOSING BALANCE	<u>5835.00</u>
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-----END OF REPORTS-----

## V. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

### A. NOMINATIONS

1. Public Information
  - M/S/P for all A.S.R.'s to take back to their Areas that elections will be held next May if there should be any additional nominations.
2. Hospitals and Institutions
  - Richie C. / nominee qualified himself
3. Policy
  - Bobby B. / nominee qualified himself
  - Motion made to close nominations for Policy.
  - M/S/P Unanimous
4. Literature Review no nominations
5. Activities
  - a. Bobby B. / nominee qualified himself
  - b. Neil I. / nominee qualified himself
  - c. Debby F. / nominee qualified herself
  - Motion made to close nominations for Activities.
  - M/S/P Unanimous



6.Clean Sheet Rep

Alan T. / nominee qualified himself

7.Hotline

a.Mike S. / nominee qualified himself

b.Jimmy A. / nominee qualified himself

Motion made that nominees that are now qualifying themselves will not do so again at elections.

M/S/P (5-2-1)

8.Convention

a.Rodney I. / nominee qualified himself

b.Alice H. / nominee qualified herself

9.Literature

Frank C. / nominee qualified himself

10.Treasurer

Frank W. / nominee qualified himself

11.R.S.O. Board Members

a.Bill O. / nominee qualified himself

b.Bobby B. / nominee qualified himself

**B.ELECTIONS**

1.Policy

Bobby B. Elected

2.Activities

Debby F. Elected

3.Convention

Alice H. Elected

4.R.S.O. Board

Bobby B. Elected

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

A. No Special Interest Groups Shall Exist in Region  
Passed (5-3-0)

B. Literature Prices will not increase unless approved  
by the Areas. Passed (6-0-1)

7 VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

**VII.NEW BUSINESS**

**M/ RULED TO BE OUT OF ORDER**

That Greater Phila. Regional Convention not have special  
interest groups at our convention.

M/S/P (5-0-0) MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY  
(5 ASR's present)

To accept the Regional Report to the World Service  
Conference to comply with our regional policy.

M/S/P (6-0-1) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY  
(7 ASR's present)

If RSR Alternate cannot make the WSC meeting in April  
the Regional Chair be allowed to replace RSR Alt.

M/S/P (6-1-0) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

For \$2,400 for RSR & Alt. RSR for the WSC Annual Meeting

M/S/P (7-0-0) MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

To nominate Al R. to the World Literature Committee

M/ RULED TO BE OUT OF ORDER

That all trusted servants on a Regional level serve N.A.  
only


M/S/P (5-0-2) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

For \$1,000 for traveling expenses as the liason to the  
World H & I Committee

M/S/P (7-0-0) MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

For \$200.00 for functioning workshops during March,  
April and May by Literature Review Sub-committee

M/S/P (6-0-1) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

 RSO Board to receive no funds until such time that  
members of RAC feel that the board is being accountable

M/S/P (6-0-1) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

To have bank statements mailed to Treasurer's house and  
(1) copy mailed to R.S.O.

M/S/P (7-0-0) MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

That the R.S.O., G.P.R.S., G.P.R.L., G.P.R.C.- N.A.,  
accounts be reviewed by an independent accounting firm,  
this accounting firm to be chosen by our Regional  
Co-Chair after accepting three(3) bids.

M/S/P (7-0-0) MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

To reinstate our motion concerning more time for the  
W.S.C. Agenda Reports.

M/S/P (4-0-3) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

To suspend any action regarding the "special  
interest motion" and refer this issue to the Policy  
Committee for clarification.