

GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
MEETING JANUARY 14, 1990

I. OPENING

A. Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read and all present were introduced. Eight ASR's were introduced.

II. MINUTES

The minutes were read and approved with the following correction:
M/S TO GO BACK TO THE GROUPS

That the Convention Committee work with the Region when there is a Regional Function.

INTENT: TO AVOID HAVING REGIONAL FUNCTIONS THAT CONFLICT WITH THE REGIONAL WEEKEND.

III. AGENDA

The Agenda was presented and approved by all the ASR's present.

IV. RECEPTION OF REPORTS

A. AREA REPORTS

1. PHILADELPHIA AREA

All Sub-Committees doing good. The H&I Committee is having a learning day 1-20-90 1:00 PM at Longshore and Hegerman. P.I. is making a list of people who want to speak at commitments. All committees meet 6:00pm B.V.M. gym at Old Bustleton and Welsh Roads before Area Service.

Motions that the groups voted on: #1 that the ASR provide complete regional minutes to the ASC and that they also be available at the RSO. MOTION PASSED #2 the Executive Board meet to talk about the extra money in our account. The extra money came from a raise in Literature prices the groups voted on in 1987 to help the Literature Committee to get out of debt. It was never voted to bring them back down. The Executive Committee will meet every month at 6:45 before Area Service.

THE PHILADELPHIA AREA IS NOT GETTING SUPPORT FOR HELPLINE BILL FROM BUCKS AND RIVERFRONT AREAS. Donation to Region \$2,432.77.

2. RIVERFRONT AREA (NO REPORT)

3. BUCKS COUNTY AREA

We, as an area, are still having difficulties in being unified and our commitment to service. One group, the "Surrender to Win" group located on Wednesday in Doylestown, folded. One other group, "One Step At A Time" at St. Stephens in Feasterville, Tuesday night, is still looking for a new meeting place. These, and two other groups had no representation or and ASC meeting. On a more positive side the "Fearless And Thorough" group found a new meeting place, Wednesday night 8:00pm at St. Pauls Episcopal Church, intersection of Levittown Parkway and Millcreek Parkway. The Thursday night "Hope Without Dope" meeting in Warminster its 5th YEAR GROUP ANNIVERSARY on the FIRST THURSDAY IN FEBRUARY. The Thursday night group "More Will Be Revealed" changed its name to "More Will Be Revealed One Step At A Time". Bucks Co. Unity Sub-Committee dances which are held on the 3rd Friday of every month United Christian Church on New Falls Road, Fairless Hills, has changed its time to 10:00pm - 2:00am. The Mini-Convention that was supposed to go off in April 20th at Camp Neuman has been delayed once again. The facility we were going to use fell through. We are now looking for a new place with a new date. More will be revealed. Our policy committee will be meeting every Tuesday at 8:00pm in January for any helpful info in forming Area policies-please attend or call Bob M. 785-1152 or Bonnie 547-2040. Our Literature Review Committee has not been able to accomplish much due to lack of support and involvement. H&I committee is still having difficulty fulfilling some commitments but overall is doing well. I (Joe G.) was voted in as Bucks Co. ASR last We need a Helpline Chair. Our Helpline donation is \$126.73. There is no donation to the Region

4. CLEAN ACRES AREA (NO REP)5. SMALL WONDER AREA

The Area is doing well. There are some groups that do not have trusted servants but the 7th Tradition is getting to the Area. Hope to have a donation by the next Regional. SWANA Area's fact finding committee on forming a Region is still in existence. The committee has not been allowed to give a report to the ASC. There was a motion to take back to the groups to continue this Ad-Hoc committee and to continue their work.

6. MONTGOMERY COUNTY AREA

Our Area is growing & going fairly well. There is a new meeting at 10:00pm Sunday, Lutheran Church, Main & 7th Avenues, Trappe. We now have an active Unity Committee and they are setting up a marathon meeting, flyers or info to come. P.I Committee is inactive and is being helped by the helpline until committee is formed. Policy has new chair and is gathering info & forming committee. Needs direction and support. No Literature Review chair or committee still. Area service has new meeting place. Temple University Ambler Campus, Bright Hall Rm 202, Meetinghouse Road, Ambler. Last Sunday of the Month at 1:00pm. Sub-committees meet at 11:00am in adjoining rooms. We now have 22 H&I commitments and are in need of Spanish Speaking person to chair prison meeting. Interested should call KELLY at 277-6217. We have elected a board member to the RSO. Our meetings need support in the business and regular meetings themselves. Our donation was \$500.00 last month. Complaint that Helpline Regional Chair was not at last region and unavailable by phone. Please call Stokes 277-5614. Motion Submitted. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SCRATCH OFF CONSHOHOCKEN MEETINGS FROM MEETING LIST

7. DELCO AREA

Area is doing fine. New group voted in - SWARTHMORE GROUP meets 7:30 Friday nights at Harbison Recovery House, Yale Ave. & Chester Rd., Suite 6, in Swarthmore...Elected new officers CO-CHAIR-Michael K. RSO BOARD MEMBER-Dominic G...HELPLINE CHAIR-Bob D...ALT. ASR-Steve Mc. LITERATURE CHAIR-Martin G...Positions still open are H&I CHAIR & CO-CHAIR; LITERATURE REVIEW CHAIR & CO-CHAIR...Donation to Region is \$1,577.14...Helpline is looking into getting beepers for 12 step calls. Area is working on new policy...ASC meeting is only attended by half the groups.

8. INNER CITY AREA

Area is doing well. We just celebrated our first anniversary. All our sub-committees are functioning fairly well. We are donating \$1,300.00 to the Region. Area has donated \$400.00 to the Philadelphia Helpline. Our Unity Committee held a New Years Eve Dance that was a success. Our Unity Committee is holding a Learning Day 1-20-90 at 11th and Rockland from 10:00am to 5:00pm. We held our yearly elections at our last area service meeting. Our area service meets the 2nd Saturday of the month at 2432 N. Lehigh.

9. BEEHIVE AREA

Area ASC is doing well...We have \$156.00 Regional Donation...The phone line problems with Wyoming Vally has been worked out. All of our Sub-Committees are working fine. We still need reps for CLEAN SHEET and RSO. Our Convention for Thanksgiving is coming together. Our Activity Committee had their first function and it was a complete success... The last group that was meeting in an institution has finally moved to a church...All groups are now out of institutions...NEW MEETING IN SHICKSHIMY ON WEDNESDAY 7:30 SHICKSHIMY METHODIST CHURCH ON RTE. 11.

B. RSR OR RSR ALTERNATE REPORT

Attended a meeting of RSR's in Baltimore in 12-2-89. The meeting was held with the purpose of improving communication between Regions on the East Coast. A fairly extensive report was given by Bob Mc. who is working on the Trustees Ad-Hoc Committee on the Traditions. The committee is reporting extensively on their progress. They are presently using computer programs that are tailored for writing and determining style, tone, format, etc. that the work will follow...A lot of discussion ensued concerning literature development, the Guide to Service and 12 Principles, Unity, the direction our fellowship is heading in and local regions communicating concerning motions they are submitting in the Agenda report. For more information see me or call. The RSR's will be meeting again in Baltimore on February 3. A draft on the Guide to Service in N.A. is out and will be distributed today..The World Service Conference Agenda Reports will be out soon. We will have a workshop on February 24 from 11am til ?. Agenda reports will be sold for \$5.00 on that day. All G.S.R.s are requested and strongly encouraged to attend. Please inform them...The Mid-Atlantic Learning Conference will be held on February 16, 17, 18. We would like to request that ASR's We will submit a motion for two rooms at the conference for ASR's to attend.

C. R.S.O. BOARD INC/MEETING LIST

The first 2400 copies of the Winter 1990 Meeting Lists were delivered to the Regional Office on Tuesday, January 9. In accordance with the motion passed at the November 1989 Regional Meeting, codes for Men's, Women's and Beginners meetings have been deleted...15,000 copies of list have ordered. (Over 1000 copies of the Fall 1989 Meeting list were left over for which we will have to take a loss.)...In addition to our routine activity of gathering information on meeting changes, the committee has also been discussing possible format changes for the meeting list. This Region is still growing and we anticipate having to make adjustments to our present format to accommodate the addition of new meetings without making the booklet too large. (Currently 36 pages) Any and all suggestions are welcome...Discussing frequency of printing schedule. We have been sticking to our original plan of updating the list every three months. The recent amount and frequency of changes received have necessitated maintaining schedule. But, we are considering the possibility of printing less often (every 4 months). The next scheduled updating of the meeting list will be in late March (in time for our Regional Convention)...Attendance at our committee meetings averages about 4 or 5 committee members. We do not have representation from the Riverfront Area and the Beehive Area (although we have received updated information on meeting changes from these two areas.)...The Committees next two meetings are scheduled for Monday, January 15, 7:00pm at the Regional Office and Saturday, February 3 10:00am at the Regional Weekend, Brandywine Sheraton, N. Wilmington, DE...ALL ARE WELCOME

D. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PUBLIC INFORMATION

Regional P.I. will hold a workshop at 10:45am to 12:15 Saturday March 24 at the Convention. There was a discussion on combining Helpline with this workshop. Since we have no representative from our region, P.I. did agree to combine the two.

2. HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

INNER CITY- is looking into Learning Day...getting some support... trying to make up new policy for their committee.

MONTCO- 23 mtgs., soon to be 24 by the end of January...Irons out Graterford Prison...they have coordinators for commitments.

BUCKS- Commitments are doing fine; need more involvement..New commitment - Warminster Detox & women,s prison needs women to get involved.

RIVERFRONT- 11 commitments, 5 under panel system...Holding a Learning Day Jan. 20 1:00pm to 6:00pm.

S.W.A.N.A.-All commitments are filled...H & I committee doing well.

DELCO- Fine, getting them filled, 14 commitments, area did not adopt panel system.

CLEAN ACRES- Problems, people not getting involved, renegade mtg. in the V.A. Hospital...H & I Committee are planning to send a letter to the V.A. Hospital stating that the meeting in the V.A Hospital is NOT an H & I Meeting from N.A. & N.A. is not responsible for whatever happens...Besides that everything else is just Okay.

BEEHIVE- H & I Committee is two months old...4 mtgs to date...all are short term .. Committee positions are filled...Hopes to have 2 more long term facilities & 1 more short term facility in the future... Looking to have an Orientation to H & I 1 day function.

Would like to know about Handbooks being supplied at RSO & also being sold at our Regional Convention. Also, could we supply up-to-date Basic Texts to the Philadelphia Prisons & any other prisons in this Region.

CLEAN ACRES IS HOLDING A LUNCHEON ON JANUARY 27, 1990.

3. LITERATURE REVIEW

Regional Committee needs secretary and has lost an ASC chair from Inner City.A workshop was held in Sept.89 to review Tradition 5 & 6 for "HOW IT WORKS" book and several ASC Chairs were requested since to work on the further review of that weekends work. Evidently, the ASCs' chosen, with a verbal commitment from their members, were not wholly supported in these tasks. Therefore, the work is far from complete and the deadline is Jan. 31, 1990...With the assumption that our region had the commitment and support, I had gone to the Missouri quarterly in Nov. stating on the floor to the WLC Chairperson that our region and regions like us were ready and willing to take on any task given. This statement alone was cosigning the motion we made towards the opposition to using the "staff team approach"...Our regional convention held close to 3000 recovering addicts last year and yet a regional lit weekend attracts only 20 people. Is this OK and are the groups well informed that there will be NO input for the "IT WORKS" book from OUR REGION? However, if our conventions receive so much support and we can crowd our dances, will these functions go on is we cannot even support the written message for our Fellowship. I believe we need to look closer at our priorities if we are going to consider UNITING THRU PRINCIPLES DURING THE MONTHS THAT THE RSC IS NOT MEETING, THE REGIONAL LIT COMM. WILL BE MEETING IN CENTER CITY AT NOON ON THE THIRD SATURDAY. WE ARE LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF 22ND & CHESTNUT STS. LOCATION.

4. CLEAN SHEET

The committee is doing well, Currently have support from Small Wonder Delco, & Clean Acres...Have been in contact with Philadelphia and Inner City reps...Our committee would like to make the next Clean Sheet a bigger issue by having an insert page put into the Clean Sheet This will require extra money over our budget...The next issues theme is THROUGH PRINCIPLES WE UNITE. Dealine is this Tuesday night... Because the theme is the same as our convention, we will allow the convention committee to print their own extra copies of this issue... We still meet the first and third Tuesday of the month at 504 Spruce Street, Darby, Pa. at 7:00pm...for more info please call either ALLEN (302)633-1075 or DEBBIE (215) 532-711.

AFTER IT BEING NOTED THAT THE ACTIVITIES CHAIR AND HELPLINE CHAIR HAD BOTH BEEN ABSENT AT TWO LAST TWO REGIONALS THE CHAIR READ THE POLICY ON REMOVAL TO THE ASR's.

M/S/P (6-0-2) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

To remove the Phoneline Chair

Intent: To recognize lack of performance and non-attendance

5. CONVENTION (ASR's voted to accept report from Co-Chair)

All sub-committees are functioning well and as a whole the committee is struggling. There are two positions open that will be voted on and filled at the next meeting Jan, 1, 1990...They are HOSPITALITY CO-CHAIR (req. 1 yr clean time and willingness to serve) & CO-TREASURER (req. 4 years clean time, a job and bookkeeping skills)...All positions require a working knowledge of the 12 steps and 12 traditions of N.A As of our last meeting of 12-27-89 registration reports HOTEL SOLD OUT SATURDAY NIGHT - rooms available for Friday but not at a lower rate. SOLD - 41 Total Packages, 14 Registrations, 3 Registrations and Banquet & 1 Registration and Brunch. We would encourage anyone planning to attend the convention to register early as the banquet will be seated according to registration date...The committee has voted on and passed to donate 12 free registration packages to each rehab that requests them..The Treasurer Reports as of 12-27-90 - \$8,794.55...Our next meeting will be held 1-17-90 at Mt. Sinai Hospital (2nd Floor) 5th and Reed..ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

6. CONFERENCE AD-HOC (No written report)

7. TREASURER

Closing Balance	11-12-89	24,807.45
AREA DONATIONS		
PHILA		2,432.77
RIVERFRONT		0.00
BUCKS CO.		0.00
CLEAN ACRES		0.00
SMALL WONDER		0.00
MONTCO		900.00
DELCO		1,577.14
INNER CITY		1,300.00
BEEHIVE		156.67
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EXPENDITURES

P.I. PHONE BILL (for 10-89)	25.50
R.S.R. - WSO (for Agenda Report)	810.00
EXECUTIVE COMM. (Regional Secretary)	39.08
R.S.R. (for copies)	59.36
CLEAN SHEET (for photocopies)	<u>75.00</u>
	1008.94

CLOSING BALANCE	1-14-90	\$30,165.09
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V. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. NOMINATIONS

1. RSO REPRESENTATIVE (two positions on RSO Board open)

Stan C./nominee qualified himself
 Grateful Dave/nominee qualified himself
 M/S/P to close nominations for RSO Rep.

2. POLICY

Grateful Dave
 M/S/P to close nominations for Policy

3. HELPLINE NO NOMINATIONS

4. TREASURER

STAN C./nominee qualified himself

5. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WSO, WSL, BOT, & WSC
NO NOMINATIONSB. ELECTIONS

1. RSO

(1st opening) Stan C. Elected
 (2nd opening) Grateful Dave Elected

2. POLICY

Grateful Dave Elected

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. That all Narcotics Anonymous literature be written and developed through fellowship via the Regional Literature Committees, overseen and facilitated by the World Literature Committee (WLC) and that the Staff Team approach recommended by the WLC not be approved.

Passed 8-0-0 UNANIMOUS

INTENT: TO ENSURE THE SPIRIT OF RECOVERY IN OUR LITERATURE IT MUST BE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR 7th AND 9th TRADITIONS AND THE WORKLOAD MUST BE SHARED THROUGHOUT THE FELLOWSHIP. IT IS THE EXPERIENCE OF OUR REGIONAL LITERATURE COMMITTEE THAT QUALITY LITERATURE IS AND CAN BE PRODUCED AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL. THIS IS HOW ONE ADDICT BEST HELPS ANOTHER IN PRINT.

BY ALLOWING THE FELLOWSHIP AS A WHOLE TO SHARE ITS EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE WITHIN OUR LITERATURE PROCESS, WE BELIEVE THAT MORE AND BETTER LITERATURE CAN BE PRODUCED AT A MINIMUM OF FELLOWSHIP EXPENSE.

- B. That the Convention Committee work with the Region when there is a scheduled Regional Function.

M/S/P (8-0-0) MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

INTENT: SO THERE IS NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST

VII. NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P (5-2-1) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

That the Convention Dance proceeds for Feb. 24 cover any expenses incurred by the Conference Agenda Report Workshop

INTENT: The Agenda Workshop usually has a dance to cover expenses of the day but this would conflict with convention dance.

M/S/P (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

That the Region pay for 2 rooms at Mid Atlantic Regional Conference for ASR's to be able to attend the Agenda Report Workshop there.

INTENT: To help the ASR's to be more well informed as to issues that are presented in the agenda report.

M/S/P (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

For additional \$75.00 for Clean Sheet towards extra insert.

INTENT: To make Clean Sheet larger for next issue. (To be returned if not used)

RSO Representative put forth reminder that the office is accepting bids from interested parties to assist in clearing up some problems with the current computer programs. Another issue - KEYS TO THE OFFICE - A discussion ensued as to whether there were enough keys to access the RSO office available in the Region. The ASR's decided that the present number is sufficient by it was suggested that Subcommittees contact the Secretary JOHN DUFFY (302) 322-5558 to coordinate the scheduling of meetings on the calendar. It was advised that the number of people attending a meeting in the office be limited to 15. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT ALL AREAS HAVE ACCESS TO THE OFFICE - BUT - MEETINGS MUST BE COORDINATED!!!!

The Literature prices and their possible re-structure are being looked into and it is understood that any changes must be approved by the fellowship.

M/ MOTION WITHDRAWN

For region to donate up-dated basic texts for the Philadelphia Prison system

INTENT: To contribute up to date Basic Texts.

AS A POINT OF INTEREST THE H & I REP WAS ADVISED THAT THE MONEY FROM TEE-SHIRT SALES EARMARKED FOR H & I WAS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE AND THE MOTION THEREFORE UNNECESSARY.

M/S TO GO BACK TO THE GROUPS
TO REMOVE THE "SEASONS" FROM THE MEETING LIST.
INTENT: TO AVOID UNNECESSARY PRINTINGS OF THE MEETING LIST.

VIII OPEN FORUM

GRATEFUL DAVE (215) 423-5175 REQUESTS THAT POLICY CHAIRS FROM AREAS
CONTACT HIM.....PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED!

Discussed possibility of purchasing Fellowship Reports (\$55.00)
and were advised that the Fellowship Report is on order.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT GROUP CONSCIENCE BE ADVISED THAT THERE IS A NEED
TO BE HEARD AND PEOPLE ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE A PART OF THE AD-HOC
COMMITTEE EXPLORING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WSC. Discussed the Region
writing a letter to the WSC.

Question was raised and discussed as to the reason that more convention
dances aren't held in surrounding areas.

UNITY IN THE AREAS IS A VITAL ISSUE.

M/S/P (?-?-?) MOTION CARRIES BY MAJORITY VOTE TO CLOSE THE MEETING
AT 3:00.