

GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 1990

I. OPENING

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

II. MINUTES

The minutes were read and approved with no corrections.

III. AGENDA

The Agenda was presented and approved by the ASR's as noted with the following change : RSR & RSR Alternate to give report after break.

IV. RECEPTION OF REPORTS

A. AREA REPORTS

1. PHILADELPHIA AREA

Sub-Committees are doing well. In January we had elections. ASC: CHAIR: Jodi S., CO-CHAIR: Ken P., SECRETARY: Kara, TREASURER: Joe M. ASR ALT.: Dan F. SUB-COMMITTEES: HELPLINE CHAIR - Phyllis S. & CO-CHAIR Steve, LITERATURE STATUS CHAIR - John S. & CO-CHAIR - Gene, P.I. CHAIR - Mickey F. & CO-CHAIR - Leo, H & I CHAIR - Bill K. & CO-CHAIR - Bill M. LIT. REVIEW CHAIR - Tom & CO-CHAIR - Anthony, UNITY CHAIR - Anthony M. & CO-CHAIR - Joe J., CLEAN SHEET REP. - Gregg C.

...REGIONAL DONATION \$93.26

2. RIVERFRONT AREA

We are doing very well. In the last month we went through a substantial growth spurt. Our Sub-Committees are doing very well also and we have gained a lot of support, with the exception of our Literature Review Committee which is having some difficulty attaining needed support. There has been much discussion in our area about the need for committed servants. Our Unity Committee is working with Philadelphia and Inner City on a UNITY DAY currently scheduled for 4/21 - no location yet... We have also begun work for our second conference. Our Program Committee Rep. expressed concern about lack of spiritual principles within the Convention Committee. H & I are doing very well with the panel system. We are looking forward to participating in Agenda Review Workshop.

3. BUCKS COUNTY AREA Alt. ASR present - no Report

4. CLEAN ACRES AREA

Attendance at meetings very good. Service structure at area level struggling... We now have 20 groups with 25 mtgs. meeting in our area 2 new groups G.U.T.S., FRIDAY NIGHT & SPIRITUAL CONNECTION, SUNDAY 2:00pm ... Meeting attendance growing steadily - lots of willingness to recover.. New ASR, Tom P. & new ALT. ASR, Art P... Area Service structure is suffering lack of willingness to serve. Sub-committees struggling. Lots of growing pains but the message is being carried. DONATION TO REGION: \$307.76.

5. SMALL WONDER AREA

RELIEVE IT OR NOT WE HAVE A \$200.00 DONATION TO THE REGION

Our ASC meets the third Sunday of every month at 4:30 - 27th and Washington St... Swana Sub-committees represented at the Region. Public Info - Unity - Clean Sheet - Helpline - ASR. H & I was a no show... Our area is doing well as a whole... Our PI committee is in a rebuilding stage Our Helpline is working well... Our Unity Committee is small but working well. New CHAIR - Deryk M... Serious concerns are being raised about H & chair (Swana) who did not attend or contact anyone for GPRSC. SWANA will be informed... No Policy Chair... No new business.

6. MONTGOMERY COUNTY AREA (NO REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT)**7. DELCO AREA**

Area doing well...New H & I CHAIR-Ann C..New LIT REVIEW CO-CHAIR-Cindy S. Activities still open...Helpline seems to be getting 3 beepers for 12th step calls...No donation to the Region.

8. INNER CITY AREA**9. BEE HIVE AREA**

Nothing has changed since the last RSC. All our meetings are going well. We have \$149.00 donation to the Region...Our Convention Committee for the Thanksgiving Convention will be going into full swing this month. Our Activities Committee is putting on St. Patricks Day Dance on March 17th at St. Stephens in Wilkes Barre...We had representation to H & I - P.I. - and Helpline Subcommittee. However, I was told there was no Helpline Meeting.

B. MEETING LIST COMMITTEE

The new meeting list (Spring/Summer 1990) is scheduled to be printed in time for the Regional Convention in March. Copies will be supplied by Saturday, March 10, for inclusion in registration packages. (They will not go on sale to areas at that time.)...The cut-off date for changes will be Saturday, February 17th. They can be called in to the Committee Chairperson, Arlene F., at 473-3249. We will try to make special accomodations for those areas holding their ASC Meetings after that date, but we need to stick as closely as possible to this schedule so as not to delay the printing...If additions and changes require the meeting list to run an additional 4 pages, a separate page will be added for New Jersey meetings that are a part of this Region...The committee has continued to discuss the frequency of printing and it is possible that in the future we will update 3 rather than 4 times a year. A decision on this will be made at our next meeting...Also, the committee has been asked if it would be possible to list all area sub-committee meetings... Members of the committee will be going back to their areas for opinions and input on this suggested change. After we learn what the areas' feelings are on this, we will make a decision about including this information...Next Meetings: Saturday April 7, 10:00 am at the Regional Weekend, Holiday Inn, 1311 Walnut Street, Phila., Pa. ALL ARE WELCOME!

C.SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1.PUBLIC INFORMATION

M/S/P to go with Holiday Inn on Street Road, Bucks Co., to hold Mutli-Regional Learning Day Banquet Dance Workshop on P.S.A...M/S/P Contact Delco Area not to conflict with their Weekend activities 8-28-90... Need commitment from 3 Regions to carry this function. Phone Line has to be involved...Stokes will contact Fox 29 to inquire about air time.. M/S/P to have two rooms & hospitality Room at Hotel Mtgs. on Sat.-Sun.. Try to get flyers out 6 months in advance...**CONVENTION-PROGRAM COMM.** changed time for P.I. to Saturday 10:45a,...Regional Chair will be chairing meeting. 2 people to share 1 P.I. & 1 Phoneline...**T-SHIRTS-** Motion to drop T-Shirts and wait for other Regions to get involved so all Regions will be on shirt...P.I. ran into unexpected problems cost of tickets cost \$900 instead of \$400...Will need registration person for Multi-Day...Looking at budget for money needed to get many people involved in at least 1 WSC or 1 Quaterly conference...Any info for Presentation Board (Contact Ernie)...Making nominations for WSC committee Pool Members...**INNER CITY**-Chair resigned-new Chair to be elected next area. Currently being chaired by John W...4 committee members...starting to set up guidelines **MONTCO**-Kea B. elected chair are level. No acting members...**BUCKS**-Bill D. Chair-slow right now, we have 3 comm. members:are looking for more support. Area making motion to combine P.I. and Phoneline. Committees sending out flyers for people to be qualified to go to commitments so we can have a Phonelist of people who can speak at different times of day...We were donating a basic text to each of the free libraries in Bucks Co. each month and we delivered one to each library.**SMALL WONDER**-New Chair is Allen T...Mailing out mtg. lists to local rehabs...We are in rebuilding stage with two voting members...Have a presentation 2-27- or 28, 1990 at a school. We may need help. Looking into billboards. **BEE HIVE-** During the 1st week of February 1990, P.I. will have a regular PSA on the local cable company channel. Have working phoneline in Bee Hive area. Formulating information packets to be sent out to facilities & institutions in our area. **DELCO**-Had a presentation 12/13 yr olds last month. Went to first meeting of parent support group at an area high school. Went as observer but also to let know what N.A. is & that we are in their area. At this mtg. we met a man in charge of S.A.D. who is interested. **MONTCO**-Helpline committee has been functioning with a minimum of support. Mtg. announced. Volume of calls the same. We have contacted Phone Power and are pursuing it further with Montco Area approval...**NEW BUSINESS** Kia B. elected Reg. P.I. secretary...17 voting members...each area has one vote...M/S/P Stokes voting member... M/S/P Dave voting member...Bill, Don Derek to go to W.P.I. conference last weekend in April...Next P.I. meeting 2055 Limestone Road, Suite #113, Stanton, DE. 12:00 noontime, Sat. March 3, 1990.

2.HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS (ASRs approved Co-Chair giving Report)

All areas except Small Wonder supported the Sub-committee. Riverfront and Clean Acres both had learning days that went well. Concern for support from surrounding areas...Bucks Co. April Learning Day on the **IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE IN SUB COMMITTEE LEVEL**. Inner City looking for a facility for an April Learning Day...2 new meetings in Montco-County Prison-Tuesday nights & Family House Womens Correctional bringing total Regional Commitments to 119...Ann C., new chair for Delco and Tom H.- chair for Bee Hive. **THERE IS GREAT CONCERN THROUGHOUT THE REGION ABOUT LACK OF WOMEN GETTING INVOLVED IN H & I. LISTS WILL BE PASSED AROUND ALL AREAS TO GET WOMENS SUPPORT.**

H & I WORKSHOP: MARCH 24, 1990, 2:15 - 4:15pm

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL CONVENTION

Topic: "What is H & I? And why am I attracted to it?" Panel speakers are Kelly/Montco; William/Inner City; Steve/Bucks Co.;Eric/Clean Acres and Alternate Sean/Small Wonder...followed by discussion.

3.POLICY (No Written Report)

4.LITERATURE REVIEW Report read by Secretary

A comprehensive draft of Tradition Six completed at two workshops in late January 1990, was sent. Further involvement in previous workshops may have meant finishing the 5th Tradition but lack of commitment prevented this...Welcomed new Montco Lit Chair and we continue to support areas who are without a chair or committee. Attended various ASC's in region during 1989 in attempt to spark further interest in the areas. Asking ASR's to keep reminding your area of the need for this committee if we do not want professionals involved in our literature process...**THERE ARE SEVERAL MOTIONS FROM REGIONS IN AGENDA REPORT DEALING WITH OUR LITERATURE PROCESS. TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THESE MOTIONS BE AT THE ADAMS MARK ON FEBRUARY 24. I WILL BE THERE ALONG WITH OTHER LIT MEMBERS. PLEASE DO NOT REFUSE THIS REQUEST...**The issue regarding a correspondence letter we are working on is coming along well. Several Regions interested & willing to gather and pass out their information. Some felt it may be good to base it on the East Coast. Waiting for a few more to join in order to begin drawing up guidelines to carry out this work.

5.ACTIVITIES

FUND.	BALANCE	\$42.12
	FORMS	15.00
		<u>\$27.12</u>

Anyone planning an N.A. Activity please call **DEBBIE F.(215)455-9112** and make sure the **DATE IS AVAILABLE...**When your plans are locked in please fill out a form and mail to me...Inner City would like support from all Areas for the Annual Memorial Day Picnic. Call Frank W. (215) 455-9112...I am hear to service the Greater Philadelphia Region from the Group to the Region including Sub-committee. Please cooperate so we will not have events overlap in the future...Regional Activity meeting was attended by Swanna and people waiting for P.I. I explained report and handed out forms.

6.CLEAN SHEET

The theme for the next Clean Sheet is "THE NEWCOMER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON"...All is going well...Requesting check for \$180 to pay printer.

7.HELPLINE (No Representative Present)

8.CONVENTION

The program is almost complete-most major speakers have been chosen and contacted by the committee. Program committee working with earnest on finalizing the program...All other workshops speakers and chairpersons have been distributed evenly throughout the 9 areas...Treasurers report 1-31-90 - \$11,225.59...Still a lot of resistance by most committee members to be a part of the Regional Weekends. At mtg of 2-3-90 in attendance were the Chair, Secretary, Fund Raising Chair and the Program Committee. Registrations as 1-31-90 32 Registrations, 19 Banquet, 2 Brunches, 135 Total Packages.

9.J.A.C.

Treasurers report was read by Chair giving each sub-committees budget allotment and balance as of this date. Other sub-committees participating were P.I., HELPLINE, UNITY, CLEAN SHEET. R.S.R. gave the location for the Agenda Report February 24th as the Adams Mark Hotel.11:00am.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE

Issues were discussed for presentation at the Regional Meeting.

ISSUE: Forming an Ad-Hoc Committee in regards to the Guidelines for GPRSC Conference Committee & the committee as it exists. A MEETING BE CALLED BEFORE NEXT REGIONAL WEEKEND (PREFERABLY AT THE CONVENTION) TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE & HAVE A REPORT FOR THE NEXT REGIONAL WEEKEND.

ISSUE: Setting up Regional Convention Policy.

ISSUE: Advising the WSC by statement we will not financially support the World Literature Committee.

ISSUE: Further discussion of correcting the computer problems at the RSO.

11. CONFERENCE AD-HOC (NO WRITTEN REPORT)

12. 7TH TRADITION (CHAIR HAS RESIGNED)

13. AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WSO, WSC, WLC, ETC.
(NO WRITTEN REPORT)

14. RSO (NO REPORT)

B. RSR and RSR ALTERNATE

The Conference Agenda Report workshop will be held February 24 at the Adams Mark Hotel at 11:00am sharp. Conference Agenda Reports will be available for \$5.00. Please let your GSR's know and strongly encourage them to attend... I attended an RSR workshop in Baltimore yesterday Feb. 3. We discussed motions that are in the conference Agenda Report particularly those relating to the Guide to Service, the Literature Guidelines and a motion concerning the ability of committees to write and approve their own guidelines. There was a report from a member of the WSO Board of Directors on a meeting that was held recently in Albuquerque N.M. concerning the last two chapters of the Guide to Service. These are the chapters concerning the National and International Service Structures. Apparently these chapters propose that our world services be managed by a one board system which is similar to A.A. as opposed to the three board system that we presently have. This seemed to meet with a lot of very mixed feelings by those present in Albuquerque and a lot of members question whether we even need to revamp our service structure or just address the problems we are presently experiencing with our current structure... We discussed the regional motions that are presented in the end of the Agenda Report... It seems that the regions that have been present at these workshops including New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Buckeye, Virginia, West Virginia, Chesapeake-Potomac, Mid-Atlantic and ourselves, seem to be very unified in our common problems and concerns and will probably present a unified front at the World Service Conference.

V. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. NOMINATIONS

1. HELPLINE CHAIR-George (Nominee qualified himself)
M/S/P TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS
2. 7TH TRADITION
M/S/P (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
To move order of the day & deal with this issue now.
M/S/P (7-0-1) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY
To dissolve the 7th Tradition Committee
3. CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIR No Nominees
4. TREASURER No Nominees

B. ELECTIONS

HELPLINE CHAIR - George elected

RSO - Executive Committee

SECRETARY-John D. elected

CO-CHAIR-Bobby B. ASR's voted not to seat this Nominee

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this time

VII. NEW BUSINESS**M/S/F (3-2-3) MOTION FAILS**

To add a New Jersey Segment to the Phila Regional Meeting List
INTENT: Due to increasing involvement of New Jersey groups in the Riverfront Area.

(An objection to considering the motion failed)

M/ Motion referred to the Regional Service Office

That the RSC purchase a copy machine from A. J. Thompson for \$200 and put in office for RSC use.

INTENT: To be able to make cost effective copies

M/ Withdrawn

That the 1990 Conference Agenda Report be duplicated and sent out in the minutes.

INTENT: The WSO has not sent them to us and the ASR's need to have time to familiarize themselves with this material. We have no idea when we will receive them. Even if WSO is not responsible - we should be.

M/ REFERRED TO AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WSC.....

That the WSC or its committees cease work on a Guide to Service, 12 concepts, service charter, by disbanding the Ad-Hoc Committee on NA Service.

INTENT: Same as above and that the Fellowship has never asked for, or been able to vote on this work that has cost approximately \$100,000 this year alone.

M/S/P (7-0-1) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

To change the name of the Activities Committee to **REGIONAL UNITY COMMITTEE.**

INTENT: Sounds more spiritual. To go along with Areas names.

M/ TABLED

That when planning an event; please contact Region Unity Chairperson and or neighboring areas and check available dates.

INTENT: To avoid conflicting events.

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

To create a select committee to develop convention policy. This committee to be chaired by the RSC chairperson.

INTENT: At this present time there are no guidelines for the convention committee to work under. This has created a lot of misunderstanding among the committee over the years due to the lack of direction from the region by not having guidelines. The setting up of new committees yearly does not allow the consistency we need in writing policy.

M/ SENT TO JAC FOR DISCUSSION

\$5,000 be budgeted for regional NEW YEARS EVE PARTY or PARTIES 12-31-90.

INTENT: To have a New Year Celebration

M/S TO GO BACK TO THE GROUPS

ANY NA GROUP IN THIS REGION THAT BY NAME DISCOURAGES OR IMPEDES THE PARTICIPATION OF ANY ADDICT SEEKING RECOVERY, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR 1ST, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH & 12TH TRADITIONS, SHOULD BE URGED BY THE REGION TO COMPLY OR CEASE USING THE NA NAME AND BE REMOVED FROM THE MEETING LIST BY THE REGION.

INTENT: ANYONE MAY JOIN US REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE, SEXUAL IDENTITY, CREED RELIGION OR LACK OF RELIGION.

M/S TO GO BACK TO THE GROUPS

THAT THE GPR RSR & ALTERNATE VOTE NO ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS AT WSC 90 THAT WILL ALLOW WORK ON A GUIDE TO SERVICE, 12 CONCEPTS OR SERVICE CHARTER TO CONTINUE.

INTENT: THAT OUR GROUPS HAVE A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES AND GATHER CONSCIENCE BEFORE APRIL RSC.

M/S TO GO BACK TO THE GROUPS

ALL NA ACTIVITIES & SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS BE REPORTED TO REGIONAL UNITY CHAIRPERSON, INCLUDING GROUP, AREA AND REGION.

INTENT: TO ALLOW CHAIRPERSON TO KEEP A CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO AVOID THE CONFUSION OF TOO MANY EVENTS ON SAME DATE.

M/S TO GO BACK TO THE GROUPS

THAT ALL NA LITERATURE BE WRITTEN BY THE PROCESSES OUTLINED IN THE 1989 TEMPORARY WORKING GUIDE IN THE WORLD LITERATURE SECTION AND THAT THESE NOT BE ALTERED OR AMENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS FROM THE 1990 CONFERENCE.

INTENT: SINCE 1985 WE HAVE SPENT APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 ON OUR LITERATURE AND ITS PROCESSES. MEANWHILE, WE ARE EXPERIENCING INCREASING DISUNITY IN OUR FELLOWSHIP, DUE TO THE CONTINUAL REWRITING OF OUR LITERATURE GUIDELINES AND FAILURE OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THESE FELLOWSHIP APPROVED PROCEDURES.

M/S TO GO BACK TO THE GROUPS

THAT THE WSB RETURN THE TRADITIONS PROJECT TO THE WLC; FOR FELLOWSHIP WID PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESSES OUTLINED IN THE TEMPORARY WORKING GUIDE, 1989 EDITION, WORLD LITERATURE GUIDELINES SECTION. THAT ALL INPUT THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FROM ALL SOURCES IN THE PAST BE INCLUDED AND AVAILABLE FOR USE BY LITERATURE COMMITTEES.

INTENT: THAT ANY WORK ON RECOVERY LITERATURE OR OUR SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES NEEDS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE BROADEST BASE OF FELLOWSHIP PARTICIPATION, AVAILING OUR WLC OF ALL OF OUR EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE IN THESE IMPORTANT WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF OUR CONSCIENCE AS A WHOLE.

VIII. OPEN FORUM

- * Concern expressed over lack of communication in the Region.
- * Let's unify the fundraising dances!
- * Should Prejudice be discussed at the Convention?
- * Discussed having a Guide To Service Workshop at Regional Service Conference Weekend.
- * Demanding to be a part of the literature process when our literature review committee is struggling for support???
- * Region should initiate UNITY functions.

M/S/P (?-?-?) To close meeting at 3:45