

GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING APRIL 5, 1992

A. OPENING:

Meeting was opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the Twelve Traditions.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Corrections were made and approved.

M/S/P A Motion was made to suspend the normal rules of order, Seconded by a ASR, to allow the former RSC Secretary to take the minutes.

AREA REPORTS:

PHILADELPHIA:

Our Area is growing spiritually and more groups are holding Group Conscience meetings to try to find ways of carrying our message effectively and responsibly. We have had a real good turn out from our GSR's at the last few ASC meetings. They are asking good questions and showing they are filling their commitment responsibly. The only glitch in the last two ASC meetings was over the emphasis on Conventions with talk taking up a lot of our time. Although our Area supports the GPRSC, many trusted servants felt our ASC time could be better spent. As far as Subcommittees are concerned Helpline doing well with new support much more will be needed as the New Phoneline is implemented. We'd like to thank out PI committee for their commitment and hard work on the Hew Helpline. The Unity committee sponsored a ski trip that was a success. 4 new events are planned. Trip to the Aquarium in Camden in May, Deep Sea fishing in June, 2nd Annual Phila Area in July, and our 3rd Annual Tubing trip in August The committee still needs support. H&I reports all is well and all committees are being covered responsibly. Lit Review is still technically defunct, but we can share with you that through a lot of hard work and dedication we have a pamphlet,

RELATIONSHIPS: Then & Now, in rough draft and is available to any group or committee fore review and input We have a very large phone bill and therefore have no donation to the Region. We do have a Motion for New business.

In Loving Service, Tom

RIVERFRONT:

Our Area is doing fine. We are in need of Lit Review Chair, this position has been open for awhile, we hope for some nominations soon. We have a new PI Chair, Adam G. Our area just purchased a PO Box # and we will be registering with the WSC all groups within the Area. Also our Sub committees will also be able to use it. I have no donation to the Region at this time.

AREA REPORTS--CONT'D

RIVERFRONT:

The tentative date for our Conference is the Last week in July at the Best Western , Roosevelt Blvd.

In Loving Service,, Vanessa S.

BUCKS :

We are having a problem with filling some of our Sub committee Chair positions as I have reported. Last Regional, Lit Review has been open for months. The Agenda review went well in Bucks with just about every Group voting on the Motions. We had a Fundraiser for the Phila Convention that raised \$298.00 for the Convention. Fundraisers for our own convention are going well. There are dances the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month and there will be a Spiritual Breakfast in June 14, 1992 at the St. Joseph the Worker Church Gymnasium at 10AM The Unity committee is putting on a Murder Mystery Dinner and Bowling Nights. Flyers are going to be in the minutes.

We have a new Chairperson, Richard H. 580-7529 My phone # is 547-1640. Scott D. is my Alt ASR his phone # is 244-9775. Policy committee is holding a Learning Day in June. The Policy Chair is Bill H. Phone # is 946-7686 Leave message. There is a Motion to extend our Geographic boundaries to include a meeting in Montgomery County, that wants to join Bucks Co.

In Loving Service, Bill S.

CLEAN ACRES:

We have 17 Groups, 22 meetings . We lost Friday meeting at Vitage House and added a Tuesday, Parkesburgh meeting. Attendance has picked up on a whole at the last two ASC meetings We had 9 and 13 GSR's at Area Areas prudent reserve is still under funded Tues night alternative's Group will be celebrating their 8th anniversary (to be announced in May) We elected 5 new Trusted servants Bob B. Secretary, Dave E, RSO Rep, Besty T. Co-Treas., Tom P. H&I Chair, Melby T. PI Chair.

Two new commitments for H&I 1. Bowling Green, 2. PTSD Ward at the VA Hospital in Coatsville. One H&I commitments was dropped at Deveraux Foundation (Wed 5:30) Five groups voting on the Agenda report.

Our Subcommittees are barely supported.

In Loving Service, Joseph D. ASR

SWANA:

Groups attendance is still good and stable. We are growing in Group support. Five new Groups have formed and are doing well Group donations and Unity functions support are low at this time, though positive growth is being seen and felt. We still have an AD-Hoc committee to look into unifying the State of Delaware as a Region.

AREA REPORTS--CONT'D

SWANA:

We have no donation to the Region at this time nor Motions.

New ASR-ALT: Richard Hazzard

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In Loving Service, Reggie J.

MONTCO:

I am the newly elected ASR. We have a donation of \$400.00 to the Region. I am still learning the job and am excited with this position.

We also made a small donation to the Regional Convention committee.

In Loving Service, Willie J.

DELCO:

Area subcommittee doing well. Attendance at Area is still falling short by the last half of the meeting. We held an Agenda Report workshop on March 28th 5 addicts were in attendance. We haven't established exactly how we continue the Fund flow after expenses & prudent reserve so as a result we have no donation.

In Loving Service Brian W.

PURE & SIMPLE:

The Pure & Simple area continues to grow with six groups and seven meetings. Attendance at meetings is growing. We will be celebrating our 2nd annual area function August 29, 1992 at Camp Laughing Water, Gilbertsville, Pa. details will follow. Our Area PI Committee held its first Regional Helpline workshop March 29, Attendance was light and the guest speaker from the Region did not show. Our Area H&I Guidelines are out to the groups for their approval. New Trustee Servants have taken over the following positions at Area level. ASC Chair, Co-Chair, ASC Treas., Lit Review Chair and Co-Chair, ASR & ASR-Alt. Since moving last June, I have given my new address to the RSC Secretary on 4 separate occasions. As of March Minutes from the last RSC are still being sent to my old address. For the benefit of anyone else at the RSC who is having this same difficulty I would ask the Secretary or RSC Rep to state publicly what an ASR or ASR Alt needs to do to get minutes sent to their current address. The Pure & Simple Area has a Motion to be considered on the Regional floor concerning Motion * in the he CAR, approval of the Fellowship Trust Document

ALT-ASR Randy H.
740 Povenski RD.
Quakertown, Pa. 18951

In Loving Service, BOB L.

ICA: Present, but no report given

BEEHIVE: Absent, no report given

SCHUYLKILL VALLEY: Absent, no report given

GREATER CAMDEN:

We are doing well, we now have 7 Groups , 14 meetings. We are real grateful to have been in service in Camden for this last year as of April 1, 1992. We are planning to have a 1st Birthday Celebration some time in the upcoming months. We had elections most of the positions are being upheld by the same Trusted servants. We have no donation to the Region.

GREATER CAMDEN

ASC:

Chair- Gail S.

Co-Chair, Dave G.

Secretary- Karen B

Treasurer - Norwood A.

ASR- Theron W.

RSD Rep - Debbie M.

Policy - Robert B.

Lit/Sales- Gina

PI- OPEN

H&I- Mike K.

ASR-ALT- Open

In Loving Service, Theron W.
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WEST/ SOUTHWEST:

Area is doing well . Subcommittees Chairs and Co-Chair positions have been filled. There are now 23 groups in the Area. ASC held an Agenda report workshop on March 28, 1992 , 17 Groups voted on Agenda motions We are please to announce that all groups located in West/Southwest have joined the Area Service committee

In Loving Service, Samir

RSR or RSR ALT REPORT: See attachment

RSD BOARD INC.: The Board voted to approve an operating budget for fixed expenses of \$23,400.00 with an additional \$16,000.00 to be held in the Lit Account for other expenses. There was discussion in regards to the financial situation of the Convention committee as the Board was informed that they are requesting an additional \$10,000.00 to be transferred to the Convention account. The Board discussed this in great length. The Board passed the Motion to have the monies transferred to their account, providing the ASR's vote to approve this action.

RSD BOARD INC: Cont'd

The Board at this time wants to bring attention to the fact that this \$10,000.00 in addition to the original \$5,000.00 plus \$7,000.00 request that this Convention started with brings their expenses to \$22,000.00 in the red at this time. There was also discussion from the RSD Treasurer that the feeling among the Region is that the RSD has more Cash on Hand then in reality of this financial situation. The RSD Treasurer will be present on the last day of the Convention in order to assist the Convention Treasurer and Office Manager in addition to the Sub committees that generated funds for accountability . There was also discussion on the contracts that need to be signed for the Phoneline system. The Board passed a Motion that the Metro PI Committee give a presentation to the Board to outline financial personal management for the system prior to the contract being signed. We also are re creating a Adhoc committee to develop the Office managers Guidelines. The Co-Chair of the RSD will Chair this committee and will announce the first meeting at the next Board meeting. It was also noted that the Office Managers name be deleted from minutes and that he merely be referred to as the Office manager. He will however still sign his name to all reports. We also passed a Motion to send the RSD Chair and Co-Chair and Office manager to the RSD Workshops in Florida in August rather then the WSC in Dallas this April as the workshop in August is a weekend workshop and at the WSC it will be for only a few hours. The Phila & Riverfront Areas have not been represented at the Board meetings for the last two meetings and therefore will need a vote of confidence from the Area. We have also attached financial reports as well as the Office managers hours for the month of March.

In Loving Service, Steve R.

MEETING LIST:

The Meeting list committee met on 4/4/92 at 9AM. Attendance was more better then last month. Areas present were, ICA, Schuylkill Valley, Bucks, Montco and Phila Areas. Reps please take note if your Areas are not being represented!!!It is essential that we attempt to maintain a accurate account of the Active meetings in our Areas. The committee asks for help from all Areas. We were charged .13 rather then 12.5 cents due to the many proofings that I submitted. I was also informed that the price went up due to the blue ink and white paper. I am not comfortable with this. When I inquired about the ink and paper I was informed that our price wouldn't be effected. I am only referring to the price that the printer charges us. 20,000 Meeting lists have been sold. We are expecting to have 10,000 delivered in the week. Our committee discussed the possibility of sticking with the blue ink, that using a pastel color for the next printing in June.

MEETING LIST:

We ask that Areas consider having new meetings in existence for at least two months before putting them on the meeting list. This is to protect a Newcomer from going to a meeting who's door may have closed. This is only a suggestion. The deadline for any additions or changes is 5/1/92 Anyone with a closed meeting after this may call Agnes B. at 586-3049. Our next meeting list will be out in July.

In Loving Service, Agnes B.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

PI/PHONELINE:

Meeting was opened by the PI Chair and Area reports were given. There was no Representation from the PHila Area phoneline sub committee. They are running the current Phoneline system and their input is need with regard to the New system. There was some general discussion about the new Phoneline. We understand that the phoneline contract was reviewed by our lawyers and submitted back to Tri-Con for some changes. We also understand the outside wiring at the RSD has been done. We decided not to accept the \$8,000.00 piece of equipment as a donation, rather we will pay a fee for or lease this piece of equipment, attached you will find a Geographical breakdown of the City of Phila and Bucks county which is broken down into 4 districts. also you will find other pertinent information attached. One Rep, who meets requirements as outlined an attachment from each participating Area could be trained in the programing of the new system. \$750.00 - \$1500.00 may be needed as start up fee for the Multi Regional Learning Weekend. This money will be returned. General discussion was held regarding the need for a independent Phoneline committee to be accountable to either the RSC or Regional PI committee.

Motion: That the Regional Phoneline Sub committee be reinstated as a body, independent of the RSC PI Sub committee as per existing Regional policy.

INTENT: To better serve the Region.

Proposals for poster information campaign to get the new phoneline number out will be taken at the next Regional PI Meeting. There was discussion on the Budget and what guidelines exists of any for the PI committee

In Loving Service, John W.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: (CONT.)

H&I:

Meeting opened by Chair. Motion to suspend order of Business to elect a Secretary for the next two years. There was no vote or nominees at that time. Present were Reps from Montco, Riverfront, ICA, Beehive, WSW, Schuylkill Valley, Pure & Simple, Phila., Clean Acres, and Greater Camden. Absent were Bucks, Delco, SWANA. All Areas gave reports. Beehive, WSW areas turned in receipts.

Two Adhoc committee meetings took place on 3/4 and 3/25 1992 Adhoc report - 1 Area, 1 Facility committee report. Looking into creating a formula to deal with new commitments and facilities. Steve Harris accepted \$25.00 from the Region for Adhoc committee mtg. place. Have receipt for the \$25.00. Expenses for the fiscal year 6/1/92-5/30/93 for 15 Areas, Lit, \$3,000.00, Learning Days, Workshops-4500.00, Sec supplies, 100.00 3 Quarterly and 1 WSC, 3000.00 previous balance at RSD \$2,215.45 Regional Convention workshop slot for 4/18/92 1-2:30 PM Room: Salon A Convention Workshop convention meeting will be held on 4/10/92 at 7PM, 3308 H Street Phone# 533-0694

Agenda: picking topics and speakers.

Also discussion on Adhoc committee at this meeting.

Tabled elections for Co-Chair. Elections for Secretary will take place at next meeting.

In Loving Service, Steve H.

UNITY/CLEANSHEET :

Areas present were Bucks County, ICA, West/Southwest, Greater Camden, ICA Cleansheet, Bucks County Cleansheet, Cleansheet Editor.

The ICA presented a proposal to host a Regional Unity day in July and requested that the Region donate \$1250.00 to help promote it. They submitted a detailed report siting costs. Cleansheet-Motion to remove Header that states content will be changed on input to reflect an NA Message. M/S/P reason for doing this is because it's not part of the written policy and causes a lag in the decision making process. Editor asks to be reimbursed for expenses on a month by month basis and wants the money up front. Cleansheet submitted a budget for the next year of \$1530.00

Convention workshop- Roy was chosen to share and Lynda was chosen to Chair the workshop.

West/Southwest and Bucks County Areas have committed to bringing a proposal back to the Region for a Learning day at the next meeting.

This Subcommittee sent out a letter to all the Areas asking for support at the Regional meeting and input for the Cleansheet.

The Activities calendar was made up and 35 copies printed and distributed.

UNITY/CLEANSHEET : (CONT.)

Unity/Cleansheet budget:

1500.00 Unity Day
 2000.00 Learning Days (4) @ 500.00 a piece
 2000.00 New Year's Eve party
 1530.00 Cleansheet and desk top publishing program
 120.00 Activities calendar

7,150.00 Total

In Loving Service, Chas N.

POLICY:

The Regional Policy Committee met and discussed the proposed Master #5. Then I was told by Vito L. he would be unable to attend the Regional meeting. I am the Bucks County Policy Chair and was asked to stand in for the Regional meeting. We discussed Bucks County having a Unity/Learning Day. We will give more details to the Region as we get them. We are ready to vote on Master #5 today. We ask the ASR's to turn in their votes on Master #5 so we can tally up the vote. Then we will see if we have a standing Regional Policy voted in to use at the Regional meetings.

Loving Service, Bill, BC Policy Chair

CONVENTION:

The 10th GPRCNA is being held on April 17,18, 19,1992(Two weeks) Subcommittees are working hard in doing all they can. Registrations are coming in at a good pace. Program committee is done . Some of the Merchandise companies are asking for COD's and we have been struggling financially. At this time we are ready for the Convention and looking forward to seeing you there.

NOMINATIONS: For the 11th GPRCNA Chair and Committee Chairs
 Back to Areas for nominations.

In Loving Service, The 10th GPRCNA

JAC:

Meeting was held. The RSC Co-Chair requested all Budgets from Subcommittees. Discussion on any other committees in need of financial direction were given, since the RSC Treasurer noted that the RSC account was simply not able to adequately withstand these requests for monies. The Co-Chair made the suggestion that before the next Regional and at the RSD Board which would meet after the Convention, its Administrative committee would meet and return to this next Regional meeting with a sound and realistic viewpoint of the Regional financial account. RSD- Brought a motion to the floor, in that \$10,000.00 will be given to the Convention committee to help support it financially. Since there were bills to be paid and needed money in doing so.

ADMINISTRATIVE: No meeting was held

CONFERENCE:

The Co-Chair was reminded he is now in charge of handling any of the Regional Service Meetings. The Next Regional Service weekend will be held at the Best Western, Roosevelt Blvd, Phila. on June 6, 7, 1992

LITERATURE REVIEW: No report given.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS:

RSC Secretary: Beth K. was re-nominated to this position. She qualified and was re elected to the position.

Convention Chair-Co-Chair, and Convention Sub committees ...
All nominations are to be sent back from Areas for those wishing to commit to these positions.

PHONELINE Chair, Co-Chair, Phoneline Secretary, Treasurer open for Nominations.

OLD BUSINESS:

M/S/P Motion that any Motion that the intent is to accomplish the same result of a prior motion not be sent back to Groups for at least 6 months following the initial vote prior to the motion.

M/S/F Motion to disband the GPRCNA after this year's convention.

✶ Motion from Philadelphia Area- That the RSC Committee composed of the Regional Chair-Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and any other Trusted servant now be referred to as the Administrative Sub committee in Regional Policy and all Regional Correspondence and Agendas.

INTENT: The word "Executive" implies power, government, and control, and has no place in a service structure comprised of Trusted servants in a role directly responsible to those they serve. MOTION BACK TO GROUPS.

✶ Motion from West/Southwest- That the term "Executive " be abolished from our Service structure of Narcotics Anonymous language and the term Administrative committee replace it.

(Provides help or service to)

INTENT: Based on our 2nd Tradition which clearly states that we do not have presidents, masters, or directors. The word Executive clearly implies direction and control.

MOTION SENT BACK TO GROUPS.

NEW BUSINESS:

M/S/P/ From the Convention Committee; To request from the Regional \$10,000,000.

INTENT: To have the money in reserve and relieve the financial struggle we are having.

M/S/P From Phila. Area, That the Policy committee tabulate Master revised # 5 line by line from Areas vote.

INTENT: Because it's easier to do it that way.

M/S/P Motion from PI/Phoneline, That the Regional Phoneline Subcommittee be reinstated as a body of the Regional PI Subcommittee as per existing Policy.

INTENT: To better serve the Region.

TREASURER'S REPORT: See attachment

OPEN FORUM:

M/S/P To impose a spending freeze on the RSC until June. Further that the JAC meet with the ASR's in May to form a working budget.

INTENT: That the RSC have a better idea of what kind of funds they will have to work with in the 92-93 fiscal year.

M/S/P That the vote on the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust , Addendum 3, Notion 8 in the CAR, require a 3/4 Vote of approval from Conference participants to pass.

INTENT: The way the document currently reads, a 3/4 vote is required to revoke the trust. It is reasonable and logical that the vote to approve the trust have the same overwhelming majority.

Discussions was given on the financial burden the Regional is having. That we ask all the ASR's to send back to their Areas the importance of the 7th Tradition and how it effects everyone. That the Home Groups is where it all begins to insure financial responsibility not only to the Area, but to the Region. We ask your support in sending your Area donation to the Region so it may carry out their primary purpose, to better serve the addict who still suffers.

Motion to close at 4:10PM

Next Regional Service weekend is June 6, 7, 1992

R.S.O. Board Meeting
Regional Treasurer's Report
April 4, 1992

Balance as of 2/1/92	\$3,629.21
Revenue from February Regional:	
Payment on Account December 91	150.00
Payment on Account January 91	150.00
Payment on Account February 92	150.00
Payment on Account March 92	150.00
Area Donations February Meeting	<u>253.06</u>
Sub-Total	\$4,482.27
Expenditures:	
Check #306 J.A.C./Lit Comm	141.03
#307 P.I./Ernie E - Phone calls	90.00
#308 R.S.R. - GPRSO - Shipping CAR	115.50
#309 J.A.C./ DHCC 8th GPRCNA	94.00
#310 H&I - GPRSO Lit/West-So.West	172.64
#311 H&I - Beehive - Darren M.	150.00
#312 H&I - W/So/W - Walter H.	300.00
#313 H&I - Steve H. - Misc expenses	25.00
#314 Reg. Sect - GPRSO - Printing	110.70
#315 Unity - GPRSO - Cleansheet	272.00
#316 VOID	
#317 P.I. - Secretary - Copies	54.88
#318 RSR - Howard Johnsons - CAR Mtg.	560.50
#319 Conference - Howard Johnsons	484.75
#320 H&I <i>PT</i> - Beehive Learning Day	<u>50.00</u>
Current Balance	\$1,861.27

Respectfully submitted;

F. Michael Black
Regional Treasurer

To: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE '92

From: GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGION

We've been growing steadily since last Conference especially within the city of Philadelphia, as another new area has joined our region. Due to this growth in the Metropolitan Area, we struggled with providing services and creating boundaries for those areas responsible in maintaining these services. Regional policy has addressed this issue, yet we still have no solution. There are two areas that are not presently active; Scranton - Metro Area, which folded and Montco Area who is working on filling positions such as ASR and Alternate. Otherwise, we are having good support from most areas in our region.

As some of you have heard, the 13th EAST COAST CONVENTION in June '92 will be hosted by one of our areas. However, our region is concerned with the accountability and direction of the EAST COAST CONVENTION in and of itself, due to the problems over the years. Another RSC has sent a letter to those interested, scheduling a meeting for Saturday, at this convention in Philadelphia for all EASTERN REGIONS willing to attend.

Our Public Information Committee continues to be quite active throughout the region. The two main projects this year were development of the Metropolitan Committee and the Helpline, which should be operative at our RSO shortly.

Meeting regularly at our RSC weekends are our Hospital and Institutions Committee. They struggled this year with filling the Chair and Co-Chair positions as a result of circumstances beyond our control.

The Policy Committee has been meeting at the RSC weekend and other various times throughout the year. One of their projects included the revision of our RSC Policy, which is out to the areas at this time.

The Literature Review Committee got off to a slow start this conference year. They now have a chair person and a small committee, but are having a hard time with participation from most areas within the region. In review are the IP. "In Times of Illness" and "Just For Today" meditation book to be passed on to RSR/ALT for WSC '92.

Our Annual Convention will be held at the Wyndam Franklin Plaza Hotel on April 17, 18, and 19 in Philadelphia. This year's committee has been working under new convention guidelines developed late last year. They had some problems with merchandising and fundraising, but appear to be working through these problems with everything on schedule. A member from last year's committee had taken approximately \$15,000.00 and we are legally now in the process of being reimbursed.

All in all, our Regional Service Office is functioning fairly well and meeting on a monthly basis. We still employ a special worker, part-time. In the last year, the office moved down the street to a new location. RSO continues to be accountable to our region.

Throughout the years struggles, we have managed to come to this conference with good feelings. We still believe that more will be revealed, as several new regions may come out of the Greater Philadelphia Region by the end of the '92 Conference year.

In closing, we are looking forward to the "New and Improved" World Service Conference format at Dallas. See ya down on the range.

Love and Fellowship,

John S., RSR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John S.', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Henry D., RSR ALT.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Henry D.', written in a cursive style.