

12/18/88

Riverfront Area Services Report

Meeting opened at 7:30 with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer and the 12 Traditions.

Minutes were read and passed after adjusting the address of the RSO to read 6182 Ridge Avenue.

Roll Call

Surrender to Win - Jeff  
NoANDA - Henry  
Living the Program - Mac  
Getting it Together - Lawrence  
Our Common Welfare - Anthony  
One Step Closer - Mark

We Do Recover - Ken  
Serious Recovery - Barry  
For Addicts Only - Greg  
\* Get to It - Frank  
\* Survival - Art

\* New Groups

Group Reports

Surrender to Win Group meets every Saturday at John McCullough Hall from 8-9:30 PM. Our Group Conscience meeting is the second Saturday of the month and our business meeting is the third Saturday of the month. The general chairperson position has been filled. A clear N.A. message is being carried, and support is growing.

NoANDA Group's attendance is stable, they are financially stable, and has two new home group members. We still need more home group members, in addition to needing officers (treasurer, GSR alternate and secretary).

Living the Program, which meets on Thursdays at 7:30 at 1319 Locust Street, has its group conscience meeting the first Wednesday of the month, and its business meeting the last Thursday of the month. Group is getting newcomers, and carrying the message of recovery.

Getting it Together, 708 Girard Avenue, needs support. Meets Wednesday at 1:00. Step meeting is the last Wednesday of the month. The business meeting is the second Wednesday of the month following the regular meeting. N.A. message is being carried. Group needs support at regular meeting and business meeting.

Our Common Welfare Group meets at Mt. Sinai Hospital, 5th & Reed Sts., Saturday at 2:00. The group is doing well. We are maintaining an atmosphere of recovery. All positions are filled. Group conscience support is good. Group conscience meeting is the third Saturday after the meeting and the business meeting is the second Saturday after the meeting.

One Step Closer Group, 13070 Trevoise Road, is doing well in carrying a clear, N.A. message. Need home group members. Open meeting, 8:15 PM Friday night. Format is as follows: first week; Step One, second week; Tradition One, third week; sponsorship speaker, fourth week; speaker discussion, fifth week; speaker discussion. Business meeting is the third week after the meeting. Group conscience is the first Sunday of the month. Group is doing well overall.

## Group Reports (cont'd.)

We Do Recover group meets Sunday at 1:30 PM at Longshore & Hegerman Sts. Good group conscience support. Could use support carrying a clear, N.A. message. Our group conscience meets the second Sunday after Area Services; business meeting is the third Sunday after the Area meeting. We are now a closed meeting.

Serious Recovery Group meets at Loretto & Napfle Sts. at 7:30 on Wednesday nights. A clear, N.A. message is being carried. We are in need of a general chairperson to be voted in January. Attendance is excellent. Many newcomers. Group conscience is the third Wednesday of the month; business meeting is the last Wednesday of the month. Both need support. First week; speaker meeting - second week; basic text meeting, alternating thereafter.

For Addicts Only meets at Longshore & Hegerman Sts., Tuesday nights at 8:00. Attendance is good, and we're maintaining an atmosphere of recovery. Group conscience is the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Get to It Group meets at 62nd & Gray's, Wednesday, 7:00- 8:00 PM, Our Lady of Loreto Church (Southwest Phila.) We were a men's meeting - we are now open to ALL addicts. Our format is: first week, step meeting; second week, step meeting; third week, topic discussion; fourth week, speaker discussion; fifth week, sponsorship. We are a small group, but we are growing since we have opened the meeting to all addicts.

Survival Group of NA meets at 6600 Woodland Avenue, Monday at 7:00-8:20 PM. This is a speaker discussion. There's also a meeting from 8:30-9:30 PM. The format for that meeting is: first week, Step 1; second week, Tradition 1; third week, topic; fourth week, speaker. We also meet Thursday nights from 7:00-8:00. This is a literature discussion meeting. We are a very large group with a lot of support.

## Sub-Committee Reports

Unity Committee met Tonight at 6:00 PM. Attendees were: Living the Program, For Addicts Only, We Do Recover, and Our Common Welfare. The suggested format for the Unity Day, to be scheduled some time in February at Longshore & Hegerman, is as follows:

Group Conscience discussion - 10:00-12:00 - 2 speakers, break, sharing

Lunch

First Tradition - speaker discussion

Sponsorship - speaker discussion, sharing

H&I is doing O.K. We still need support. Please send group reps to the next meeting, 2639 Ann Street, Phila., PA 19135. This is a residence. We will be electing a co-chair and a secretary. The meeting will be January 12, Thursday. New policy is as follows:

- anyone with 90 days cleantime can get involved
- you must attend 2 meetings to vote
- anyone who misses 2 meetings will be asked to step down from committee
- 6 months clean to speak (speakers are called panel members)
- 6 months clean to chair (Chairpersons are called panel leaders)
- 1 year cleantime to be a panel coordinator.



Sub-Committee Report (cont'd.)

Program Committee met December 11. We got topics together and made a format for the workshops at the convention. This wasn't approved by the convention committee as a whole. We're going to be presenting it at the first meeting in January. We will be meeting the first Sunday after New Year's at 11:00 at PPC, Ford & Monument Rds.

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RSO Report. We spent \$20,000 on literature in order to receive a 20% discount. This discount hinges on paying the balance of \$11,000 within a 90-day period. The office does not foresee a problem with this. The office does not foresee a phone system for a least 3 months. We need commitment for manning the phones from the Helpline committee.

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Public Information recently had a commitment at Mt. Sinai Hospital. It was cancelled until a more convenient time and day in the near future.. Our next meeting will be January 5, Thursday, at 7:30 PM, 2639 Ann Street. For more information or directions call Gina at 634-7099 (home) or 569-3330 (work).

Old Business

- M/S/P - To accept the policy for the area service meeting format to be voted on as is.
- M/S/P - That the Riverfront Area on the meeting list include (Phila.)  
Intent: So newcomers will realize that the Riverfront area is a geographic part of Philadelphia.
- M/S/P - That area minutes contain time and place of all sub-committee meetings in their reports. ✓
- M/S/P - That in order to maintain a true group conscience, only group representatives to H&I sub-committees be voting members.  
Intent: Direct accountability to the groups. ✓
- M/S/P - That For Addicts Only would like a detailed report on how H&I sub-committee is serving the Riverfront Area groups. ✓
- M/S/P - That the Greater Philadelphia Regional Convention not have special interest groups at our convention. This is to be regional policy.  
Intent: To fall in line with our first, third and fifth traditions.
- M/S/P - The Riverfront Area have a conference in the middle of the summer. The intent would be twofold:  
1) We would be able to share and get experiences from around the east coast for our membership in the Riverfront Area and for our sub-committees.  
2) It will be the area's one-year anniversary; we would celebrate this.
- M/S/P - That all H&I commitments that groups have in the Riverfront Area be turned over to the H&I committee.  
Intent: To fall in line with the H&I handbook and the rest of N.A.

Old Business (cont'd.)

M/S/P - Gains incurred through literature sales should be used to offset the cost of operating the office.  
Intent: The office be fully self-supporting through the sale of literature at the office.

M/S/P - To have the convention committee change their policy of allowing members to take the place of the seven members on the Program Committee.  
Intent: To keep the convention's Program Committee based on area conscience and not individual interests.

Toni was voted in as Alternate ASR.

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New Business

Treasurer's Report is as follows:

Left over from supplies	\$ 1.00	<u>Bills</u>	
For Addicts Only	39.13	Rent	\$25.00
Living the Program	30.55	Secretarial	30.00
NoANDA	17.00	Supplies	5.00
Surrender to Win	20.00	Letterhead	50.00
Our Common Welfare	15.00	Helpline	50.00
We Do Recover	25.00	Region	17.68
Survival	30.00	TOTAL:	\$177.78
Attitude of Gratitude	-	Balance:	0
Getting it Together	-		
New Alternatives	-		
Serious Recovery	-		
One Solution	-		
Get To It	-		
	<u>\$177.68</u>		

M/S/P - That all H&I policy go back to grups for review and input

We need a new Literature Chairperson, due to the fact that this person has failed to show up at three consecutive area meetings. We will vote in a new person next month.

**\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\***

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, December 31, Broad & Duncannon Sts. Talent Show!  
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

We will be voting in a new Literature Review Chairperson next month. Please announce this to your groups!

The New Year's Eve Party that was to be at the Brandywine Motel has been cancelled due to the Motel going bankrupt. The regional meeting that was scheduled for January 8&9 at the Brandywine will now be held January 8 at the Adams Mark Hotel, Franklin Room, Lower Level.

**\*\* ALL AREA SUB-COMMITTEES STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT! PLEASE URGE YOUR HOME GROUP MEMBERS TO GET INVOLVED! THIS IS YOUR AREA AND YOUR FELLOWSHIP! \*\***