

# RIVERFRONT AREA SERVICES

P.O. BOX 4891 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19124

1/21/90

Meeting opened at 7:15 PM with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer and the 12 Traditions.

Minutes were accepted as typed.

## ROLL CALL

Jeff	Surrender to Win	Jerry	One Step Closer
Randy	Midnight Miracles	Wayne	Ultimate Weapon
Lawrence	Getting it Together	Jim	Need Never Die
Mike	Spiritual Connection	Mike	Front Line
Tom	NoANDA	Mac	Living the Program
Billy	For Addicts Only	Ken	We Do Recover
Fred	The We Group	Jack	Hope is Possible
Mary Ann	Built to Last	Eric	New Alternatives
Ebo	Part of the Healing Process	Dave	By the Book - Step Study
Gail	Just for Today	Mary Pat	Newcomer's Group *
Agnes	71st & Woodland **	Steed	One Solution

## GROUP REPORTS

**Surrender to Win** meets every Saturday at 8:00 PM, Longshore & Hegerman. Our group conscience meeting is the 2nd Thursday, 8:00 at Longshore & Hegerman. We're celebrating our 2nd anniversary March 17th at 8:00 PM. Two speakers, fellowship, food and fun. Come & help us celebrate.

**One Step Closer**, 13073 Bustleton & Trevoise, Somerton United Methodist Church, 8:15 PM, Friday. Group is carrying the message of recovery & is doing well. Meeting is held in the upstairs auditorium unless otherwise announced. Tradition Workshop is on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Group Conscience meeting is held the 1st Sunday 1:00 PM.

**Midnight Miracles** continues to carry the message of recovery. We meet Friday & Saturday at St. Wilfred's Church, Westfield & Dudley in Camden at midnight. Group Conscience is the 2nd Friday at 10:30 PM; business meeting is the 2nd Saturday at 10:30 PM. Strong atmosphere of recovery! Please continue to support us.

**Ultimate Weapon** Group meets Tuesday, 8:30-10:00; speaker discussion: Thursday, 8:00-9:30; Step & Tradition meeting. Both need support. Group conscience meets the 2nd week of the month; business meeting is the 3rd week at Dudley & Westfield in Camden, NJ. **NEEDS SUPPORT FROM OTHER GROUPS!**

**Getting it Together** meets 1:00, Wednesday, 708 Girard Ave. First week; Tradition: 2nd wk; Basic Text: 3rd wk; speaker: 4th wk; Step meeting. Meeting is doing well; support is growing. N.A. message is being carried. Group conscience is the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Noon. All are welcome.

**Need Never Die** Group is growing both in number and spiritually. Our anniversary meeting was a success. We meet Monday at 8:00 and Friday at 7:00 at St. John's Church, Tyson & Sackett, 3 blocks east of Roosevelt Blvd. Our group conscience meeting has been changed to the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM. All are welcome! Come and get involved.

\* Group was requested to change their name in order to comply with Riverfront Area policy regarding special interest groups.

\*\* GSR was present to observe.



**Spiritual Connection Group** is doing well. Our group membership has grown. In June, 1990 we are holding a learning day. Topic has not been chosen yet. The message is being carried.

**Front Line Group's** meeting place now holds 6 different autonomous groups. The Front Line Group now meets 5 times a week at 8:00 PM. Meeting schedule is as follows:

Tuesday	Speaker Discussion	Friday	Basic Text or Birthday
Wednesday	Pamphlet Discussion	Saturday	1st week Step 1
			2nd week Step 2
			3rd week Step 3
			4th week Tradition 3
			5th week Sponsorship
		Sunday	Speaker Discussion

Our group conscience is growing. We could still use support from area. Our group conscience meeting has been changed to every Sunday at 6:00 PM except the 3rd Sunday.

**NoANDA Group** is alive and well. Steady increase of attendance has caused consideration of obtaining a larger meeting facility. We meet Monday through Friday (except holidays), Room 329, City Hall.

**Living the Program** did not submit a written report.

**For Addicts Only** meets Tuesday at 8:00, Longshore & Hegerman. Group Conscience meets the 1st Monday at 7:00. Tradition Workshop is the last Monday at 7:00; needs support. A clear message of N.A. recovery is being carried as always. All are welcome.

**We Do Recover Group** is doing well. We meet every Sunday at 1:30 at Longshore & Hegerman. Group Conscience is the 2nd Thursday at 7:30 PM; business meeting is the 3rd Sunday after the meeting. Clear message of recovery is carried. All are welcome.

The **We Group** meets Thursday, 7:30 PM, Ridge & Schoolhouse Lane. Group conscience is the 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 PM. We have a Tradition workshop every 4th Wednesday at 7:30 PM. Our meeting has grown over the past month. God is working. We could still use more home group members. We also need to elect liaisons to this area's sub-committees.

**New Alternatives**, 2773 Kensington Ave. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at midnight. Support is needed, but the group is growing with God's help. We need a general chair, alternate GSR and home group members. There are many newcomers and a clear NA message is being carried. Group conscience is the last Monday of the month at 11:00 PM; business meeting is the 1st Monday at 11:00 PM.

The **One Solution Group** meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM, Haines & McMahon Sts. in Germantown. All are welcome.

**Part of the Healing Process**, 55th & Poplar Sts., 8:00 PM, Thursday. Group conscience is the 4th Saturday; business meeting is the 1st Thursday. Our format is:

1st week	Step meeting
2nd week	Sponsorship
3rd week	Tradition
4th week	Speaker Discussion
5th week	I.P. Meeting

We are a non-smoking meeting. A loving God is taking care of us! All are welcome. Attendance and membership are doing great!

**The Newcomer's Group**, 2773 Kensington Ave., Monday, 8:00 PM. Our format is as follows:

1st week	Open Speaker Discussion	
2nd week	Open Speaker Discussion	
3rd week	Open Speaker Discussion	
4th week	Open I.P. Discussion	
5th week	Open I.P. Discussion	Business meeting is the 2nd Monday at 6:00 PM.

**Built to Last**, 2773 Kensington Ave., Saturday, Noon. Open Discussion Meeting.

**Hope is Possible**, 2773 Kensington Ave., Friday, Saturday, Sunday; midnight.

**Just for Today**, 2773 Kensington Ave., Sunday, 4:00 PM. Our format is:

1st week	Speaker Discussion
2nd week	I.P. Discussion
3rd week	Basic Text
4th week	Tradition
5th week	Topic

Group is in need of home group members and group conscience support to help carry the message. Group conscience is the 1st week at 1:30 PM; business meeting is the 4th week at 2:30 PM. All are welcome.

**By the Book - Step Study**, 2773 Kensington Ave., Thursday, 7:00 PM. This group is being started to carry the message of recovery through the steps of N.A. to an area that is sorely in need of these principles. We need people who have been given a message, to make a commitment to share where there is no message about the steps; to go to the "war zone" and do for others what has been freely done for them.

**New meeting**, 71st & Woodland Ave., The First Baptist Church of Paschall, Sunday, 8:00 PM.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**H&I Committee** did not submit a written report.

- Lorenzo,  
H&I Committee Co-Chairperson

**Literature Review**. Our Learning Day fell through. We were unable to enter the building. I didn't know that I needed a key to get in. We waited until 2:30 PM. A few addicts from Clean Acres, SWANA and Bucks County showed up and our literature review committee, which consists of 4 members from this area, a total of 9 addicts. Even if the doors were open, the day still would have fallen through. We went to Henry D's house and held a regional meeting. We worked on a letter to send to all regional literature review committees. We have \$65 worth of food for any subcommittee who desires this food.

I've come to believe that this area's members have no interest in the writing of our literature. It says in our literature that the group is the most powerful vehicle for carrying the NA message, but it doesn't say it is the only vehicle. We, as an area of groups and members, passed a motion that we didn't want professionals to write our literature (the staff team approach). A few questions I have that can only be answered by you, our membership, are:

- 1.) Who is going to write our literature?
- 2.) Why do we have a literature review committee?
- 3.) **WILL WE STAND FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IN OR WILL WE FALL FOR ANYTHING?**
- 4.) Are we willing to put literature on our tables that is written by people who are non-addicts?
- 5.) Are we just sitting in our home groups thinking that someone else is going to do it?
- 6.) Have you read Recovery & Relapse lately? It contradicts what I believe to be the truth!
- 7.) Do you believe that our literature should be written "about addicts, by addicts and for addicts"? (Quotation from our Basic Text - Preface, page xii, paragraph 1.)



When I came to NA, I remember attending a literature review workshop. We were writing our first Basic Text. It was great. There were about 40 addicts. We were working on Step Four. There were four groups of ten addicts. NA was small then. We had maybe 10 groups in Philadelphia, and most of the addicts there were about 90% of all those who were members. What happened to our need to better educate our membership through our written message? We were hungry then; maybe we're not anymore.

- Michael Sharkey,  
Literature Review Chairperson

**Unity Committee** - Tentative date for the Unity Day with Philadelphia & Inner City areas is April 21, 1990. We are presently looking for a location. All persons interested in helping show up at our unity meeting at 5:30 PM the 3rd Sunday of the month at Longshore & Hegerman Sts. All group unity reps or interested persons in helping out at the picnic May 30 should attend our unity meeting.

- Lawrence Watson,  
Unity Committee Chairperson

**Program Committee for GPRCNA** gave a verbal report, but did not submit a written report; however, the next committee meeting will be held January 31 at 5th & Reed Sts. The committee is considering donating 12 free convention packages to several rehabs; this is a violation of Tradition 6 as noted by Dave M.

- Mac Brown,  
Program Committee Representative

**Public Information** is hanging in there. We have a few new members. We gave P.I. sign-up sheets to the GSRs to carry back to their groups. We are still in need of support. We got P.I. advises.

- Geraldine Jones,  
Public Information Chairperson

**OLD BUSINESS**

We held elections for the positions of **RSO Rep., Cleansheet Rep., Phonenumber Rep., Policy Chairperson & Meeting list Rep.** The results are as follows:

RSO Representative	Michael Sharkey
Cleansheet Representative	Ebo Baldwin
Phonenumber Representative	Billy Venitsky
Adhoc Policy Chairperson	Mark Christopher *
Meeting List Representative	Nancy Brown

\* There was much discussion as to whether we should vote Mark in due to the fact that he was not present at the time the vote was called. However, since the nomination came from a group at group conscience, we decided to elect him. It was later pointed out by a GSR that there was standing policy that in order to be elected, you needed to be present for qualification purposes. Following the break, Mark arrived, and a new vote was taken at that time. (You can see why we need an ad hoc policy committee!!)

M/S/P: To add a New Jersey segment to the Philadelphia Regional meeting list.

Intent: Due to increasing involvement of New Jersey groups in the Riverfront area whose meetings do not appear on the New Jersey Regional list.

M/S/P: That the Riverfront area return to purchasing literature from the region.

Intent: As stated in the ASR report, "the RSO seems to be functioning as an accountable and efficient sub-committee." It is not practical to continue to purchase literature from the World.

M/S/T :To have an area meeting list for Riverfront area meetings.

Intent: So that the area meeting list be available to the groups in our area, for unity purpose and support for meetings in our area.

The preceding vote resulted in a tie. It was returned to the maker for clarification and will be brought back next month with more information.

- BREAK -

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b><u>Account Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$111.35</u></b>	<b><u>Lit. Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,251.40</u></b>
Collected	<u>\$480.01</u>	In	1,158.00
Rent	25.00	Out	500.00
Secretary	35.00	<b><u>New Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,909.40</u></b>
H&I	125.00		
Public Info.	17.00	<b><u>Unity Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$709.12</u></b>
Helpline	150.00		
New Groups	60.00		
Region	63.01	Account	\$ 111.35
Service Charge	<u>5.00</u>	Literature	1,909.40
	<u>\$480.01</u>	Unity	<u>709.12</u>
		<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$2,729.87</u></b>

**ASR Report** - The new meeting list is out. It is white. The next one will be out in March. A new policy chair was elected; he is from our area. All RSO board members will have keys to the office. If a sub-committee would like to meet at the office they need to contact the RSO secretary, John D - 302/322-5558, for scheduling. The public information committee is looking into the feasibility of assuming Helpline responsibility. The region needs a treasurer and phoneline chair. A treasurer will be voted in February 4. It is policy that no regional subcommittee hold functions the same time as RSC functions. RSO hours have been changed to Tuesday, 6:30-9:00 PM. There is an agenda review workshop scheduled February 24, 11:00 AM at the Adams Mark Hotel. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GROUP PARTICIPATES!** At the Mid-Atlantic Conference, which is held the weekend previous to our agenda review workshop, the agenda report will also be gone over in detail. The meeting list committee was asked to add a New Jersey section; they said they would comply. A Guide to NA Service is out for approval. We will be supplying a copy to your GSRs. **PLEASE REVIEW!!**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion: That the Unity Committee hold a workshop every other month starting April, 1990.

Intent: So each of our area groups can grow together and learn from each other's experience.

Motion: That the Riverfront Area host a Unity Learning Day with Little Apple Area.

Intent: To promote unity between our areas and regions.

Motion: That the area service treasurer include the amount of money owed to the area in her report (excluding names).

Intent: To let groups know that we need more accountability to the area.

Motion: To delete from our area policy that each group have liaisons to each subcommittee.

Intent: This policy is not effective.

Motion: Do the area groups want a literature review committee?

Intent: Due to the lack of participation in this area.

Motion: To remove the season from the meeting list.

Intent: To avoid unnecessary printing of the list.

M/S/P: That area secretary, chairperson and co-chairperson have keys to the area meeting place.

Intent: So that subcommittees, if desired and ok by lessor, can have easy access into the building to hold workshops.

M/S/P: To allot \$200 from literature money to copy and distribute "A Guide to Service in Narcotics Anonymous - Part One" and the "Twelve Concepts for N.A. Service" to all GSRs.

Intent: To keep our groups informed of anything that may change N.A. as a whole.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The new Adhoc Policy Chairperson announced that he requests that the ASC Secretary, Chairperson, Jerry Goodwin and any other interested addicts from the Riverfront area attend the first meeting of this committee which will be held February 18, 5:30 PM, at Longshore & Hegerman Sts. before area services.

**ALL GSRs ARE REQUESTED AND STRONGLY URGED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AGENDA WORKSHOP TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 24, 1990 AT THE ADAMS MARK HOTEL AT 11:00 AM. IF GSRs CANNOT BE PRESENT, SEND ANYONE FROM YOUR GROUP. YOU NEED TO SEND SOMEONE FROM YOUR GROUP TO BECOME INFORMED ABOUT THIS REPORT OR YOU WILL NOT UNDERSTAND IT.**

**IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ONE HELD AT THE MID-ATLANTIC LEARNING CONVENFERENCE VI IN CARLISLE, PA. A REGISTRATION FORM IS ENCLOSED.**

All GSRs please fill out and return to Nancy Brown at next area services the registration form for the Regional Meeting list. This is to ensure that all information contained in the meeting list is accurate. **DO NOT COMPLAIN THAT YOUR GROUP IS INCORRECTLY LISTED IF YOU DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM!!**

Due to the Co-chairperson's not attending two consecutive area meetings, nominations for a new area Co-Chairperson are requested from groups and will be elected next month. They must be present to be elected.

Please revise the regional meeting lists, by hand, to reflect the following changes:

New Alternatives  
821 E. Allegheny Ave.  
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
12:00 Midnight  
(This group now meets at 2773 Kensington Ave., same days and time)

Conshohocken Group  
St. Matthew's Hall  
2nd & Fayette Sts  
Monday, 8:00 PM S.D.O.

Conshohocken Group  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
5th & Henry Sts.  
Thursday, 8:00 PM S.D.

(These two meetings have joined another fellowship and do not carry the N.A. message of recovery from the disease of addiction.)