

**Clean Acres Area Service of N.A.
Area Service Meeting
18-April-2004**

Opening:

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
Reading of the service paragraph and the Twelve Traditions

Minutes: The Old and New Business were read from March's meeting with no corrections.

Introductions ("X" denotes those in attendance):

	Groups	Representative		CAASC	Representative
	Anonymous Group		X	Chairperson	Rob U.
X	Cone Grow With Us	Vince	X	Co-Char	Hilary G.
X	Easy Does It	Denise M.		Secretary	<vacant>
X	Find & Feel the Freedom	Bill	X	Treasurer	Kim P.
X	Focus Group	Ray	X	RCM	Jeff G.
	Footwork			RCM- Alt	<vacant>
X	Free At Last	David A.			
X	Give It Away	Marylea	X	H & I Chair	Vince M.
X	Good Orderly Direction	Tim W		H & I. Co-Chair	<vacant>
	How & Why It Works		X	Literature	Vinnie D.
	I Can't We Can		X	Literature Co-Chair	John K.
	It Works How & Why		X	P. I. Chair	Lorenzo A.
	Keep It Simple		X	P. I. Co-Chair	Rusty T.
X	Just For Today	Tom, Heather		Activities Chair	<vacant>
X	New Life	George G.		Activities Co-Chair	<vacant>
	Recovery Is A Process			Newsletter	<vacant>
	Recovery On The Hill				
	Spiritual Awakenings		X	H&I Member	Chas
X	S. T. A. R.	Bill P.	X	Member	Vincent
	Starting Fresh		X	Member	Brad
X	Surrender To Win	Wanda S.	X	Member	Maria
X	12 Steps To Freedom	Mike H.			
X	W. A. I. T.	Stacy L.			
	Women In Recovery				

Group Reports:

Come Grow With Us: Coatesville Trinity Church, Saturday 7 – 9 pm. Meeting is well attended. Message is being carried. Jules R. will be celebrating 4-years May 20, 2004. Come out and spend a Saturday evening with us! -- Vince M.

Easy Does It: St. Agnes, West Chester, Thursday, 7 – 8:15 pm. Attendance is steady but low. Support needed, especially to have involved home group members. Open to all addicts! --Denise

Find & Feel the Freedom: Salvation Army, West Chester, Wed & Sat 7:00 – 8:30 pm. All is well. Attendance is good Wednesday / low on Saturday. Carrying message. – Julia W.

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Focus Group: Open Arms, Coatesville, 7:30–9 PM All is well. May 8 Speaker Jam. -- Ray
Free At Last: Malvern Center, Monday & Thursday 7 – 8 pm. Attendance is good. All are welcome. – David A,

Give It Away: Malvern Center, Sunday, 6:30pm. Meetings are attended well and membership is growing. All service positions are filled. Please come celebrate our recovery with us on Sunday evenings. – Marylea O.

Good Orderly Direction: St. James Church, Downingtown, Tuesday 8:00 – 9:30 pm. All is well & all are welcome. We meet every Tuesday & discuss the twelve steps. – Tim W.

How & Why It Works: Atkinson Shelter, Coatesville, Monday-Friday, Noon. All is well & attendance is good. We carry the message of recovery. This month John P. celebrates 7-years, congratulations. – Steve B.

Just For Today: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Exton, Wednesday 5:30 – 6:45 pm. Group is well. – Tom P.

New Life: Coatesville, Thursday 7:30 – 9 pm. All has been going real good for us, new members are in attendance are good our meeting are excellent. This month, April, Charles celebrates 1-year. George G. celebrates 18-months. Next month May, we celebrate Mother's Day month with our women & sharing and chairing. Please come and support us. – George G.

S.T.A.R. Group: St. Paul's, Exton Tuesday 7:00 pm. All is well. – Bill P.

Surrender To Win: Salvation Army, Coatesville, Monday 7:30 – 9 pm. Group is doing great. Attendance is well. All are welcome. Come on out. – Wanda S.

12 Steps To Freedom: St. Simon & Jude, West Chester, Friday 7:30 – 8:45 pm. Group is doing well. Come join us on 4/30 for our 4th year anniversary. Food, fun, & fellowship. – Mike H.

W.A.I.T.: 2nd Baptist Church, Coatesville Wed & Sat 7:30 – 9 pm. The group is carrying the message to the addict whom is suffering., -- Stacy L.

Subcommittee Reports:

Hospital & Institutions:

Attendance Vince M. Chair, Fred D., Charles L., Jeremy F., Hilary G. Reported facilities: Bowling Green, Malvern Inst., Coatesville VA Buildings 39A, 39B, & 8B. Business from region: Updated H&I commitment listing. H&I resource list will be sent to home groups in area. Restructuring of H&I Committee Structure – example one coordinator for area. – Vince M.

Public Information:

The new regional meeting list will be printed and available next month. It will not be the regional meeting list but the multi-regional meeting list. The other region is called "Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Service Office of NA (EPRSONA). The area meeting list will be updated, as needed any changes please contact Rusty T or Lorenzo A. – Lorenzo A.

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Literature: – Vince D.

Previous Balance	\$	90.30
<u>January Sales / Deposit</u>	+	<u>650.00</u>
Balance		740.30
April Purchases	-	428.74
<u>April H&I Purchase</u>	-	<u>50.00</u>
Current Balance	\$	261.56

Nominations & Elections: No nominees and no elections

Old Business:

The Activities Chairperson was removed from service having missed two consecutive area meetings per Policy Section #2.1. This position is now vacant.

New Business:

Stacy L. volunteered to coordinate the Area Learning Day planned for May due to the void left from the dismissal of the area Activities Chairperson. GSR's agreed without objection.

Treasurer's Report: - Kim P.

Beginning Balance	\$	500.00
<u>Group Donations</u>	+	<u>338.97</u>
Sub Total	\$	838.97
Secretary Dec Expenses	-	13.32
H&I Literature	-	100.00
<u>Area Rent</u>	-	<u>100.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$	625.65
Earmark Unity Expense	-	126.65
<u>Prudent Reserve</u>	-	<u>500.00</u>
Working / Functional Bal	\$	0.00
Activities Earmark March	\$	89.23
Activities Earmark April	\$	125.65

Open Forum:

Closing: The meeting closed with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Submitted in loving service, Rob U. CAASC Chair

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Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report: There is a lot to report on. First of all the CAR reports; I handed in five groups tally's and would like to thank you for participating and help carry our area's conscience to the world. Region was confusing as usual. There were no motions sent to the groups although I am going by my notes because I have yet to receive minutes from region. This does bring up one issue open and sent back to groups, we are in need of a regional secretary as well as many other open positions, if you are interested please contact me. Currently we are paying a special worker to take minutes. On the subject of money we voted on our budget expenditures for the RSC and had to prioritize due to lack of funds. We voted to pay rent, pay for alt-RD hotel at the WSC and gave him all the rest of the money, approx \$167 for spending while he was there, and told him he could bring back receipts for up to an additional \$193 to be reimbursed at the next RSM. Also we voted (I abstained) to give the office manager a one dollar an hour raise to fulfill our offer to her from our original agreement. None of the sub-committees chairs nor the RSO were paid any of their requests although the RSO seemed unconcerned because other than their debt to WSO they were sufficient. OK, current topics included and I must say thank you to our PI Chair and Co-chair for attending regional subcommittee meetings and helping the meeting list chair get his and our database up to date. Also I believe our H&I chair has been in contact with the H&I subcommittee. Another topic included the misappropriation of funds by the Hotel Liaison who either purposefully or inadvertently gave a check to the company supplying the walkie-talkies to the convention. This was confusing and seemed to be based on a lot of personal issues. I believe the final result was that the regional chair (Anthony) was going to speak to the company personally and ask if we could give them a copy of the check instead of an actual check, as this was our usual way of doing it according to the office manager. For the record the check was/is in the amount of \$3750 and is used to cover loss or damage to the equipment. It also resulted in the expulsion of the Hotel Liaison from the Convention Committee. While we on the topic of the Convention Committee were also several other heated discussions involving the admin. board removing one of the entertainment acts selected by the convention Committee without consulting them or us the RSC. Also there was a discussion that I raised several questions about as well as raising concern from the Convention Chair that several of the acts were to be paid in cash at the convention even though after checking their contracts none of them were to be paid in this manner. This is a definite accountability nightmare and sounds like a recipe for disaster to me although several other RCMs as well as the office manager assured this is how we do business. I just want to point out that thousands of dollars have disappeared before from convention I believe the basic text defines insanity as "...repeating the same actions and expecting different results." We were left with no real resolve and I was told we would "look bad" if we didn't handle things this way. I guess the point is muted since this year's convention is now history. One other thing that involves the convention and finances is the total lack of clarity concerning financial reporting. We received a convention treasurer report that is confusing at best. I asked why the checks were so out of sequence and was given no clear answer. So I stated that in twenty years of being in business I had never seen a statement resembling anything that looked like this, no one commented. I will enclose a copy for the groups review. Again, I must say that between the indifference about supplying people with cash and the confusing treasurer report I really have to wonder what is going on. Repeatedly I was told things like "we have to do this or we will look like we don't know what we are doing." In my estimation if someone does know what they are doing I'm not sure it's in the best interest of fulfilling our primary purpose, I want to close my report by saying that there are some dedicated people in service ... but not enough. We still have no ABC Board and many positions are open or multiple positions are being filled by one person. There are many committees of one or two and this just doesn't work. I hope this report has served to inform you and if any one has any questions or there is something you would like to discuss please contact me. Points of interest: Subcommittees meet 1st Saturday of every month, Webmaster has plenty of room for info, Talk with your groups about supporting, Our region is need of trusted servants. In loving service, Jeff G.