

THIRD ANNUAL WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

Second Day February 1, 1981

Memphis, Tennessee

Chaired by Mollie P., Sec., Mindy M., Tres., Joseph P.

Meeting called to order by Mollie P. Opened meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The meeting began by the reading of the following N.A. literature: Who is an addict, What is Narcotics Anonymous, Why are we Here, How it Works, 12 traditions, Just for Today, and We do recover.

Members present:

Shorty-Marietta, Ga.

Jane B.-Memphis, Tenn.

Mollie P.-Sioux City, Ia.

Allen C.-Atlanta, Ga.

Tom M.-Marietta, Ga.

Mindy M.-Sioux City, Ia

Carol B.-Ft. Lauderdale, Flor.

Jack H.-Memphis, Tenn.

Hank F.-Atlanta Ga.

Linda M.-Topeka, Kansas

Bo S.-Marietta, Ga.

Terica W.-BenSalem, Pa.

Nolan W.-Venice, Cal.

George R.-Ivyland, Pa.

Dwayne L.-Ft. Lauderdale, Flor.

Jim M.-Leetonia, Oh.

Page C.-Marietta, Ga.

Ted S.-Philadelphi-, Pa.

Kenny H.-Memphis, Tenn.

Stephen S.-Memphis, Tenn.

Mollie P. turned meeting over to Bo S.-Atlanta Ga., Asks members to call one person in home area to accept long distance calls, and to call home group every day to keep the home groups informed of how the conference is working and what is being accomplished. Ask home groups for contributions to help cover the cost of supplies such as envelopes, paper, money to buy coffee. Ask home groups to continue to send stories, and to give any feed-back as to how the conference is going.

The main objective of this Literature conference is to get our

N.A. Big Book done this year.

N.A. is basically the same in all the areas of the world, thus making it possible for the group here to go over the material, to arrange it, edit it, review and revise it, and still have representation from a vast majority of N.A. members. After the chapters are in draft form, a copy will be sent to every meeting in the world, with a Review Form attached, so all members of N.A. can give feedback and input to the actual Big Book. These forms will have to be sent back to the World Literature office, located in Marietta, Ga. The material needs to remain consistent, from our experience in N.A.

Need to make a decision as to work on one chapter at a time as a group conscience, or to split the chapters between groups.

Hank F. - Atlanta Ga. makes motion to work on the chapters one at a time as a group conscience.

Linda M. - Topeka Kansas would like to split into groups of 4 to 5 and work on separate chapters.

Page C. - Marietta Ga. states there are not enough people to split into groups to work on individual chapters, and there are too many people to work on one chapter together, suggests to split into 2 or 3 groups and work on a chapter in each group.

Dwayne L. - Ft. Lauderdale Flor. suggest possibility of repetition, if we split into groups, on separate chapters. Bo S. - Marietta Ga. suggests to split into groups and work on different parts of one chapter, and to have a group conscience after each group finishes their part of the chapter, thus making it possible to review each chapter in succession. Break into small groups for discussion.

Page C. - Marietta Ga. makes motion to vote on doing one chapter at a time, to be in groups working on different parts of the same chapter.

Tom M. - Marietta Ga. seconds the motion. Members vote unanimously to work on one chapter at a time, and to have group conscience on the chapter

as needed.

Jim M.-Leetonia, Oh. mentions need to remove redundancy from the book. i.e. If we are Clean, we are sober, If we are addicts, we are alcoholics. Therefore, let us keep our identities and our book simple, and understandable. To say we are addicts, and are clean is all we need to say. It is redundant and confusing to say we are clean and sober, addicts, and alcoholics.

Bo S. reminds us to seek stories. Call home and ask N.A. members to send their stories. There is a need for a release form to be signed by anyone, if their story is used. This will prevent hard-feelings and possible court involvement, because any misunderstandings. There is also a need to go through the files and find out how many stories we have at this time. These stories will need to be read, and filed. Tom M. and Dwayne L. will be responsible for getting information out of the files and into the files.

We need a supply list kept up for any materials needed, and a petty cash fund to be kept for these supplies. Tom M. will handle this.

Jim M. brings up topic of a style sheet. We will write a style sheet and give a copy to all members.

We need to set daily goals as to how much has to be done in one day, and no matter how long it takes us to finish this goal, it will be completed before work is finished for the day. Bo S. will work on an agenda to be followed.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.