

# Minutes from 4-12-03

Meeting opened at 1:17 pm with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, and the reading of the 12 Traditions.

Areas represented were:

Montco- Henry D., Hadi A., Mike U., and Ameen  
Bucks- Dick R., Mike S., Nancy O. Andrew G., Dennis S., Dan D., Cory, and Tim R.  
Pure & Simple- Jim H., Kevin S., Michele  
South Philadelphia- James M.  
Clean Acres- Tom, John, Heather.

Henry D. reminds everyone that this is not an NA function and that he is not the Chairperson.

Passed envelope for Church Donation

## **AGENDA (from previous meeting)**

Henry gave an abbreviated report from John H.

### **1. Insurance**

John spoke to knowledgeable members about our options concerning coverage. This will depend on many variables the first two being whether we apply as a region or as individual groups.

#### **a) Region**

1. How many groups will be covered?
2. Size and need of the facility (this will differ from site to site).

#### **b) Group**

1. Get your own insurance
2. If the group is registered at the WSO, they will already have certain coverages available to them.

### **2. Literature Purchasing**

We will not be establishing a regional service office, however there are a few options available:

1. Areas can continue to purchase from the RSO.
2. Areas can purchase directly from the WSO
3. The region could buy from the RSO in Philly, Baltimore, and NY (there is only a 1.5% difference in price: Philly being the highest)

James M. --- A motion was brought to the regional floor about closing the RSO.

Dick R. --- Would the areas still have a \$2000.00 credit with the RSO?

Mike S. --- Could we get credit from the WSO?

Henry D. --- The region could enter an annual contract with the WSO

Ameen --- What is it that we are lacking from the existing region?

Henry D. --- Which was the main topic of our last meeting and we will address it later, right now we would like to continue with our agenda.

James M. --- South Philly is very interested joining and wants information. I'll need as much information as possible because I know there will be a lot of questions.

### **Literature Review**

Mike S. --- We are asking World for the newest literature releases, all current projects, such as chapter 2 of the Sponsorship book, info on the Basic Text evaluation, etc....

Henry D. --- Would we need to establish the regional lit review subcommittee immediately for info along these lines?

Mike S. --- Yes! These projects that are in the works are going to be part of the literature that any newcomer in the future will use as their recovery tool. We need to be a part of that!

Henry D. --- Would you be willing to serve in that capacity?

Mike S. --- I am willing to serve the new region in any way possible!

Nancy O. --- I called World. They will be both emailing and postal mailing all ongoing projects.

James M. --- Is this the sponsorship stuff that came out for review last year?

Mike S. --- yes. The pamphlet is "done", and chapter 2 of the book is out for review.

Henry D. --- Thanks Mike.

### **Hospitals and Institutions**

Nancy O. --- Regional H & I provides a forum for area H & I chairs to interact and provide support for each other and exchange information.

Henry D. --- Would we need to establish the regional H & I subcommittee immediately?

Nancy O. --- I believe that to be a necessity!

Andrew G. --- When an area asks for help in fulfilling a commitment they are struggling with do they lose that commitment?

Nancy O. --- No!!

Mike U. --- We don't have "turf wars" over commitments. When in need, whoever can fill it fills it.

Hadi A. --- The purpose of a region is to bring people, with the necessary skills, together to resolve problems—subcommittee or otherwise.

### **Public Information/Phoneline**

Tim R. --- As Nancy said, regional P I provides a forum for area P I chairs to interact and provide support for each other and exchange information. As far as phoneline, I didn't look at the agenda thoroughly and I thought someone else was researching that.

However, two areas already have a phoneline up and running and the existing regional phoneline will not stop serving the still sick and suffering addict. It will continue to provide coverage to our areas. We will have to continue to support it, 12 step volunteers and such, until ours is up and running.

### **Open Forum/ General Questions**

Dennis S. --- Do we have the people willing and ready to fulfill all the regional positions yet: chair (RSC and subcommittee), treasurer, secretary, etc...?

Henry D. --- Not yet.

James M. --- When will we?

Henry D. --- We are putting the cart before the horse. It isn't necessary to fill these positions until we actually begin the region.

Tim R. --- Montco and Beehive have mandates from their ASCs to form a new region. Bucks County has a motion on the area floor to join with Montco and Beehive to form the new region. Pure & Simple and Clean Acres have only just formed subcommittees.

Henry D. --- Once three areas are committed the new region begins!!! Any other areas willing to join can do so thereafter.

Nancy O. --- If Montco and Beehive are ready and Bucks Co. votes at the end of May... why not have the first meeting for the formation of the new region on June 1<sup>st</sup>?

Nancy O. --- I make a motion that we have the first meeting for the formation of the new region on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Andrew G. --- I second the motion.

Henry D. --- Motion passed! The church will be available on June 1<sup>st</sup> but we will have to use the rooms downstairs. They will be having their fair outside and parking will be limited.

### **Discussion**

Ameen --- I gather from what we talked about today, that what we are lacking is a voice.

James M. --- The current region gets to caught up in the business aspects, so that when its time to address the area problems there is a minimum of time available. We don't give oral RCM reports any more and we don't get the minutes until right before the next meeting, so many times struggling areas aren't heard.

Andrew G. --- My homegroup does what it can to serve the newcomer. We even reserve a part of our group conscience format for dealing specifically with this issue. At area, we do everything we can to better serve the groups, thereby better serving the newcomer. This focus seems to be lacking in our current region.

Motion to close, seconded, and passed!!

Closed with the Serenity Prayer at 2:35 pm.