

Eastern Regional PA. Minutes  
Bucks County  
9/7/03

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer & Twelve traditions

Roll Call

Henry D.	RSC Chair
Hadi M.	RSC Co-Chair
Dick R.	Region Treasure
Craig L.	RSC Secretary
Nancy O.	Region Policy Chair
Mike S.	Region Meeting List Chair
Tim R.	Regional P.I. Chair
Linda W.	RCM, Bucks
Diane S.	Alt. RCM, Bucks
Dave B.	RCM Bee Hive
Rich	Alt RCM Bee Hive
Jim H.	Pure & Simple ASC Ad Hoc Chair
Michele M.	Pure & Simple member
Todd S.	Montgomery ASC Treasure
Jillian W	Pure & Simple Member
Amy G.	Montgomery Co. Member
Chris G.	Pure & Simple Member
Dennis S.	Bucks Co. Member
Ken S	Pure & Simple RCM
Jim B.	Mont co. Co. Member

Quorum was met

**Area Reports**

**Bucks County Area**

Bucks County area meets the last Sunday of each month at the Christ Evangelical Church on Lakeside and Low Lanes, Levittown, Pa. @ 3pm.

Area met on 8/31/03. Donation of \$ 150.00 was voted on to donate to region.

Votes for new region name as follows; 2- Freedom Region, 2- Eastern Region, 2- Through Principles we unite, 2- New Spirit Region, Linda W. RCM 215.788.3860

**Bee Hive Area**

Bee Hive area is doing well. Dave B was elected Bee Hive RCM. Rich M. was elected Bee Hive Alt RCM .Area Convention November 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> @ Ramada Hotel Wilkes Bare Pa. phone for res. 570.824.7100. Area service is held the third Sunday of each month at Scott Franklin & Academy st. in Wilkes Bare. New region name votes 4- Eastern Region Pa. Dave B. RCM 570.760.2874



### **Montgomery County Area**

Montgomery Co has set aside \$500.00 for the new Region. About half of our home groups attended area service. Our secretary is struggling with some personal problems and may need to step down leaving us with no secretary or co-secretary. Policy is active. Unity is active. No events are scheduled at this time. H&I committee is getting some help but we need much more help from the groups and individual addicts to carry a strong message and reach as many suffering addicts as possible. We have no PI or meeting list committees. MontCo. does not have its own phone line. We are going to open a new bank account for nonprofits organizations next week. I am trying to gather the information Mike S. needs for the meeting list and submit appropriate changes. Area Service meets the last Sunday of each month at noon in Suburban General Hospital in Norristown (2nd floor of the medical bldg). Committees meet at 11 AM.

No report was given on number of votes toward the new region. In Loving Service  
Todd S. RCM 610.506.8976

### **Pure & Simple Area**

The area meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 2 PM. @ St. Michaels Lutheran Church Sellersville, Pa. @ Main & Church st. Ken S. was voted in as new RCM area. Group attendance is good. The votes for new region were not recorded in the area report.  
Ken S. RCM

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Policy Committee Report- The committee did not meet today. Due to me running late. 3 areas were present. I humbly apologize to those areas. I have collected various Regional policies and requested some from the world. I am writing a policy for the new region which should be done before the permanent positions are filled and the region is fully functioning. The next committee meeting will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ambler, Pa. @ 12pm before the next region meeting.

In Loving Service Nancy O. 267.251.8219

### **P I Committee Report**

There was no PI meeting. I did however speak with all the standing Committee Chairs by phone and in person. All of them are aware that we need to create a contingency plan. All of the Area Committees are actively doing mailings to school courts, Doctors, and hospitals Bucks Co. and Pure & Simple will be participating in a pumpkin fest 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of October from noon to 9PM. Pumpkin fest is put on by Bucks County on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Inc. All areas are invited to participate. A good time will be had by all. Last, but not least I spoke with Casey P. about the Bee Hive helpline. They take meeting information calls and provide times and location for addicts in pain. Beehive provides 12 step lists so that service can call them and they in return call the addict back. It may be feasible for the areas to provide meeting list, directions, and 12 step list. At this time there financial impact of long distance calls involved 215,610, and 267 area codes. Presently it cost Bee Hive Area \$110 a month for their 800 number. I will continue to explore the impact of four individual lines however; one helpline would simplify the process. In Loving Service Tim R. (h) 215.295.3923 (c) 215.805.3430.



## **H&I Report**

Two areas were represented at today's subcommittee meeting. Bee Hive and Bucks Co. Due to circumstances surrounding the opening of the church, we had a very informal meeting. Both areas turned in written reports. If any other areas have H&I chair phone numbers I would appreciate having those in order to contact them to solicit their involvement with the committee. In loving Service Adam D. 570.820.0416

## **Meeting List Subcommittee**

No meeting was held today because no chairs showed up. Amendment inserts have been made for Bucks Co, Pure & Simple, and Bee Hive Areas. I have not received any from Montgomery Co. Also I am waiting for group representation forms so we can register the groups with the world. I have also been in contact with the Philadelphia Region meeting list chair about a regional meeting list and working together to straighten out the list. In Loving Service Mike S.267.321.7532

## **Old Business**

- A) Henry D. Region Chair reported that The Eastern PA Region was the name selected by the majority of the areas and so the New Region will be known as the Eastern Pa. Region of NA.
- B) Hadi M.-Formulated the letter to the "GPRSC" was read and it was accepted. There was some concerns about Hadi delivering the letter so other recovering addicts offered to provide their support when he presented it to the "GPRSC".
- C) Function (recovery and service related) insurance, tax ID number will be reported in the treasurers report.
- D) Craig L. regretfully stepped down as Regional Secretary because of increase in his professional commitments. Michelle M. was nominated for the position in which she accepted. She was unanimously voted in as the New Regional Secretary. She reported to the members that she could not be present for the next Regional Meeting.

## **New Business**

- A) RSC Quorum was addressed by Henry D. Todd RCM from Montco. made a motion that that 50% of the RCM was needed in order for quorum members voted unanimously.
- B) Financial Reimbursement were placed on the floor concerning members being reimbursed for their services.
- C) Next Eastern Region of Pa meeting will be held at Trinity Luthearn Church on Bethelhem Pike in Ambler, Pa. on Sunday October 2003.

**NOTE: Time for the next meeting is 1pm, Subcommittees will meet @ noon.**

## **Treasurers Report**

- A) Finances- Last month closing balance was \$164.00.
- B) Incorporation-I met with CPAs Linda Silvestri and Peter Martin on 9/4/03 to discuss incorporating, Tax Certificate and Liability Insurance for the New Region. Another addict referred me to Linda and she got Peter involved because of his 20 years experience of non-profit experience. After an hour and a half of meeting at no charge it was suggested that we take the following steps.



- We need to get a new name for the Region.
  - Apply to the State of Penna. Treasury Dept. and the IRS for a non-profit Exemption Certificate. This can be done over the internet at no cost and can be completed within a few days. We will have to name a trustee and address, changes can be made as terms expire. For this item there is no charge
  - We will have two years to incorporate but should be done as soon as possible. Because we are self supporting and don't take outside contributions we incorporate under Section Code 501 (c); Promotion of community welfare; charitable, educational, or recreational. We can develop our own Articles of Incorporation and have an attorney within the Fellowship review them before we file. The State charges \$100.00 and \$52.00 for an amendment. This process could be more economical when we purchase insurance.
  - Purchase commercial Liability insurance "ISO code.48558" rated as social gatherings, meetings and dances". Contact an independent insurance agency or broker who would be willing to write a general liability policy. The above ISO code refers to a method rating and is strictly for non-profit organizations. This process could take time because it's unique to our region. Prices are not available at this time.
- C) Banking- Following Recommendations for the Eastern Region of Pa bank account.
- 1) Sovereign Bank
  - 2) Commerce Bank
  - 3) Wachovia Bank
- Members present unanimously voted for Sovereign Bank.

In Loving Service Dick R. 609.771.6925.

PS. At this time I would like to Thank the members of the board and the participating members of the NA fellowship for allowing me to be in service to help carry the message of recovery to the still sick and suffering addict . Out of service at this time but heartfelt in the movement. Craig L. Mont co