

Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes

April 3, 2005

- 2:15pm Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer.
- 12 Traditions read by: Jeanine S.
- 12 Concepts read by: Damian B.
- Last month's minutes read and accepted.
- Roll Call:

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| RSC Chair | Hadi M. |
| RSC Co-Chair | <i>Position Open</i> |
| Secretary | Michele M. |
| Co-Secretary | Lin M. |
| Treasurer | Dick R. |
| Co-Treasurer | <i>Position Open</i> |
| Literature Review | <i>Position Open</i> |
| H & I | Tom F. |
| PI/Helpline | Tim R. |
| Activities | <i>Position Open</i> |
| Policy | <i>Position Open</i> |
| Meeting List | Mike S. |
| Regional Delegate | <i>Position Open</i> |
| RD Alt. | <i>Position Open</i> |
| RCM Beehive | <i>Not Present</i> |
| RCM Bucks Co. | Brian D. |
| RCM Mont. Co. | Todd S. (as Proxy) |
| RCM Pure & Simple | Michelle B. |

- Quorum met.

Area Reports

Beehive: *Not present.*

Bucks County: Bucks County is doing well. All area positions are filled, except Alternate RCM. Upcoming events... Learning Day + Spaghetti Dinner on April 16th... Memorial Day Picnic on May 30th at Tyler State Park in Newtown, PA from noon to dusk. We have a total of \$440 in regional donations.

In loving service, Brian D.

Montgomery County: Montco is going through some significant changes in our service structure. Our Unity Committee is being born. Our PI Committee is leaving infancy and beginning to grow, getting ready to host regional Helpline April 30th. H&I is somewhat a house of cards, but we are currently carrying the message and covering all 19 of our meetings. We have adopted a new area policy with some minor changes and wish to thank other areas for their input. Our Chair, Dean L. stepped down for health reasons. We thank him for his years of service. Karen stepped down as Co-Chair. Walt E. – RCM, Amy G. – Alt. RCM, and Joe C. – H&I Chair have been removed for attendance issues. Our new positions are as follows: Chair – vacant, Co-Chair – Peter P., Secretary – Greg C. Our donation is \$460.22.

In loving service, Todd S.

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Area Reports (cont.)

Pure and Simple: P&S Area is doing well. Our area just had new positions, which are in effect as of next area. All positions are filled except Alt. Treasurer. We have a new Alt. RCM, Jillian W. Our area is concerned with the lack of funds. Our treasurer stressed concern about our low funds.

In loving service, Michelle B.

Subcommittee Reports

H&I: *No report submitted.*

PI: *Please see attached.*

Meeting List: The meeting list subcommittee met today to review the final copy of the meeting list. Changes were submitted by the committee. I ask that any changes anyone else notice to please be submitted to the regional body before the end of business today, so I can have the final copies printed and folded and distributed to each area before their respective area services. My recommendation is that we give them away for free. Seeing as how the copies and the folding come to 8 cents. Totaling for 2000 copies = \$162.40. Also an issue has arisen where Philly wants to carry our meeting lists and I would like input from the region on how we would like to go about doing that. We also have an alternative to the pamphlet form and that is a booklet. However the booklet for the amount we will be printing is not cost effective. I have received quotes from 44 cents to 53 cents a copy.

In loving service, Mike S.

Old Business

- **Regional Meeting List** Mike S. presented the final draft of the EPARNA meeting list to the body. The draft was approved by the RCM's (see motion in next item), and will be going out to print in the next week. RCM's were given another couple of days to submit any corrections. The committee will have them delivered to each of the area services this month. After this month, the meeting lists will be available at regional services to be picked up. An updated printing will be done bi-monthly.

- **Motion by Brian D.** *To accept the 11x17 folded version of the meeting list. Intent is to further our primary purpose.* Motion passes U.

- **Letter to GPRSC** Dick R. will be including a letter with the Shared Services check for \$1500. The letter will explain that the check is our contribution for shared service over the past 18 months. It also thanks them for their support.

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Treasurer Report

- This month's transactions:

| Check# | Description | Amount |
|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| | Opening Balance | 5271.60 |
| | Beehive Donation | 118.69 |
| | Beehive Donation | 82.95 |
| | Beehive Donation | 899.68 |
| | Bucks County Donation | 220.00 |
| | Bucks County Donation | 220.00 |
| | Montco Donation | 460.22 |
| | Balance After Donations | 7273.14 |
| 140 | St. Mark's - Rent | -50.00 |
| 141 | Signius Communications – Phoneline | -466.60 |
| 142 | Tim Rudolph - PI Supplies | -90.18 |
| 143 | Tim Rudolph – Phoneline Orientations | -450.00 |
| 144 | Mike Sultan – Meeting List Printing | -162.40 |
| 145 | Mike Sultan – Meeting List Printing | -50.00 |
| 146 | WSO – Donation | -500.00 |
| | Closing Balance | \$5503.96 |

New Business

- **Budget** Bucks County Area wants to know what region is intending to do with the income sitting in the account. Dick R. explained that some committees have budgets and that there are also future expenses regarding sending a regional rep to world service functions. He also stated that with the region being still so new, it is good idea to have a reserve for unanticipated expenses. Insurance issues may arise again as well. Michele M. proposed that the executive body and the subcommittee chairs, that haven't already, submit their budgets to the treasurer in order for him to prepare an official budget.

- **Motion by Montco Area** *We propose to have region be financially responsible for all regionally sponsored functions, except area specific costs. Intent is to have region be financially responsible.* Motion passes U.

- **Pure & Simple Issue** The P&S RCM, Michelle B. brought up that the area is struggling with members sharing inappropriately about medications. They have also found some members exchanging medication at the meetings. She would like to know if anyone had any suggestions as to what the homegroups could do to deal with this. Discussion by the body suggested that homegroup members stay vigilant in sharing on topic and sharing on the steps and traditions.

- **Motion by the PI Chair** *For three hundred dollars (\$300) above my bi-monthly budget of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) to help the areas defer the cost of the regional phone line orientations. Intent is financial accountability.* Motion passes U.

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New Business (cont.)

- **Motion by PI Chair** *For reimbursement in the amount of ninety dollars and eighteen cents (\$90.18) for copies and supplies. Please make check payable to Tim Rudolph. Intent is financial responsibility. Motion passes U.*
- **Motion by Meeting List Chair** *For \$162.40 for the printing of 2000 meeting lists – 500 per area. Intent is to further our primary purpose. Motion passes U.*
- **Motion by Todd S.** *To distribute meeting lists free of cost to participating areas. Intent is to further our primary purpose. Motion passes U.*
- **Distribution of Meeting Lists** Each area is to get 500 copies of the meeting list, free of charge to be delivered before each area has their area service (one-time only). Additional printings can be picked up at each regional meeting.
- **Motion by Brian D.** *To print and send 500 copies of the meeting list to GPRSO at no cost. Send along a letter that any additional lists will be available at a cost of \$0.10 each. Intent is to further our primary purpose. Financial impact is not to exceed \$50. Motion passes U.*

Open Forum

- **Motion by Todd S.** *To send \$500 to World Service. Intent is to further our primary purpose for addicts around the world. Motion passes U.*
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- **4:00pm Meeting closes with the Serenity Prayer.**

| Regional Services | Subcommittees |
|---------------------------------|---|
| February 6 th at 2pm | February 6 th and March 6 th at 1pm |
| April 3 rd at 2pm | April 3 rd and May 1 st at 1pm |
| June 5 th at 2pm | June 5 th and July 3 rd at 1pm |
| August 7 th at 2pm | August 7 th and September 4 th at 1pm |
| October 2 nd at 2pm | October 2 nd and November 6 th at 1pm |
| December 4 th at 2pm | December 4 th and January 1 st at 1pm |

**Dates and times are subject to change.*

Position Open at Region:

**Co-Chair • Co-Treasurer • Lit. Review Chair • Activities Chair
Policy Chair • Regional Delegate • RD Alternate**

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Announcements:

- **April 16th – Buck County Area Learning Day (including the Phoneline Orientation by Regional PI) + Spaghetti Dinner: First Baptist Church, 6131 Emilie Rd. Bristol.**
- **April 23rd – Pure & Simple Area Phoneline Orientation: St. Michael's Church, Main and Church Streets Sellersville at 1pm.**
- **April 30th – Montco Area Phone Line Orientation: Valley Forge Presbyterian Church, 181 Towne Center Rd. King of Prussia at 1pm.**
- **May 14th – Beehive Area Phone Line Orientation: St. Stephen's Church, 35 S. Franklin St. Wilkes Barre at 2pm.**
- **May 30th – Bucks County Area Memorial Day Picnic: Tyler State Park in Newtown from Noon – Dusk.**