

Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes

Date: December 2, 2007

- 2:08 pm - Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by chairperson, Michelle M.
- 12 Traditions read by: Kevin P.
- 12 Concepts read by: Paul D.
- Roll Call (secretary takes roll call):

RSC Chair	Michelle M. - present
RSC Co-Chair	Jim M. - present
Secretary	Debbie M. - present
Co-Secretary	<i>Position Open</i>
Treasurer	Tim R. – absent (Jim M. collecting checks & tallying monies today)
Co-Treasurer	<i>Position Open</i>
Literature Review	<i>Position Open</i>
H & I	Jamie B. - present
PI/Helpline	Tom F. - present
Activities	<i>Position Open</i>
Policy	<i>Position Open</i>
Meeting List	<i>Position Open</i>
Regional Delegate	Henry D. - present
RD Alt.	Merle H. – absent
RCM Beehive	Jeff R. - present
RCM Bucks Co.	Paul D. - present
RCM Mont. Co.	Todd S. - present
RCM Pure & Simple	Kevin P. - present

- Quorum met.
- Last regional meeting's minutes read by: Debbie M.
 - correction/add-on to October, 2007 minutes as follows:
 - Nomination for RSC Chair = Jim M.
 - Nomination for H&I Chair = Jessica F.
 - Nomination for PI Chair = Tom F.
 - Nomination for Policy Chair = Mike M.

Motion to accept minutes with corrections by Jeff R. 2nd by Henry D. Motion to accept passed.

Area Reports:

Beehive Area: RCM: Jeff R., RCM Alt: Joshua K. – Greetings everyone and thank you all for being of service to this wonderful program of Narcotics Anonymous! The Beehive area convention was held on November 16, 17 and 18th. A fun time was had by all in attendance. Because Area Service was held on Sunday the 18th we really didn't have much of a report about the convention. The Beehive Area is now following its policy of donating everything over prudent reserve at end of area to region so I will now be coming to region with 2 donation checks every time we meet. This month the 2 checks are \$149.90 and \$65.97 which totals \$215.87. The Beehive area is still in need of a Vice Chair, Vice Secretary, PI Chair and PI Vice Chair. The Beehive Area has been talking about how to get more people involved with service, but talking at Area is like singing to the choir. We need more people to get involved not just the same people switching positions over and over. The Beehive Area would like to know where we are with the phone line? What exactly has the PI committee done to "iron" out the problems we have brought to the region. It seems to have gotten better but we are still concerned about the newcomer trying to find a meeting and maybe having a hard time because of wrong information. In loving service, Jeff R RCM and Josh K Alt RCM.

Bucks County Area: RCM – Paul D. – Barry H. has stepped down as Bucks Counties RCM. Thanks again Barry for staying on past your term to train me. I have been automatically moved up from Alt to RCM. Area business and service and meetings are doing fine. We have a regional donation of \$1639.50 and \$170.50 which pays off the 250 meeting lists we've received and the 400 that we are ordering today. I have brought flyers pertaining to some upcoming events. Unity events are: Bowling night 12/7 in Morrisville \$15 to bowl, \$5 to eat; Breakfast with Santa 12/22 in Levittown, \$5 donation; New Years Eve Dance, 12/31 in Levittown, \$5 donation. We have nominated a new Alt. RCM and if elected she will be here with me at next regional meeting. Our area meeting list chair has been trying to get a new meeting put into the meeting list via the web with no luck. I gave the information to Jim our co-

chair to pass along. In loving service, Paul D.

Montgomery County Area: RCM – Todd S. – Montco is in the process of electing new trusted servants. From the current pool of nominations it looks as if we will have some new faces in the service structure. “Some” is not enough. We still need to find ways to get our members involved at area and regional levels. Montco is beginning once again to address the age old problem of unity in our area. We anticipate having a new unity committee after the first of the year. YEAH!!! Our donation to EPARNA is \$552.53. I will be stepping down as RCM December 30 and am grateful to have been able to serve. In loving service, Todd S.

Pure and Simple Area: RCM – Kevin P, Alt RCM – Michael J. – P&S Area Service Committee – Participation at the area service level is amazing; all service positions are full. A meeting list subcommittee was formed to handle all meeting list responsibilities including printing meeting lists and making sure meeting list updates in our area are reflected on the regional meeting list. There was a motion that passed to purchase the World Service Board approved pamphlets for each group in the area. H&I – The Men’s prison rehab commitment is currently open. The meeting runs from 8PM – 9PM every Tuesday. The commitment requires 2-years of clean time, is 1 year long, and you’d be responsible for every other Tuesday. Group Information – Honesty in Recovery group that meets Sunday nights in Richboro is trying to keep their Tradition Workshop alive. The meeting is held at 6:45 PM before the meeting on the 1st Sunday of each month. The Conscious Contact group is now meeting from 8 PM to 9:15 PM. There will be a homegroup member outside the door during the 10 minute meditation time to greet newcomers and direct non-members to an open meeting, as this is a closed meeting. There’s a new meeting that has formed. The will be officially voted on for entry into the P&S at our next ASC. These are the details of the meeting: Back to Basics, Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, St. Luke’s United Church (different church than Tues. night meeting), 141 S. Main Street, Dublin, PA 18917. Events – Halloween Dance & Unity Ad-hoc Committee – The Halloween Dance was a success. There were many in attendance and money was donated back to the P&S Area Service Committee. The unity ad-hoc committee is now dissolved as they’ve completed their duties. If any areas have standing unity committees, please let me know as we’re gathering information regarding creating a standing unity committee in our area. We had participation from the H&I sub-committee at the dance. They set up an information table to inform members about H&I service. Poster Rally – The PI sub-committee organized and had a poster rally in the area. The posted flyers in most of the towns within our area. It was a huge success. RSC Donation = \$969.85.

Regional Delegate Report: Greetings from around the world! We have been doing our thing, telling the world of NA we are here! Along with local attendance, we have been visiting various regions/areas in and out of the US approaching delegates to introduce ourselves. We also know that many members from this region have been doing the same thing and we really appreciate the support on this! After hosting the Regional Assembly and continuing our preparations for the request to be seated, we also had the pleasure of attending the Bee Hive Birthday Convention of 2007. We attended each Area Service meeting and were asked to explain the bulletins that recently have been released by NAWS and to help ease some of the confusion created, since its function is different from Informational Pamphlets (IPs) put out in the past. This is a new practice from World Services we were not prepared for, so we apologize for the confusion. The Regional Assembly/Unity Day was well attended by members from every one of our four areas. The day started out with an open discussion on issues of WSC ’08 seating. Some members stated we need to become more unified if we are to stand at the conference as a strong region. This was our purpose for the assembly which appeared to be successful in this goal. The second session was topics we presented so each area representative could chair that meeting. The topics included: 7th Tradition and Fundraising, Methadone and Other Drug Replacement, Our Relationship to AA and Special Interests meetings. Each ASC rep led a group discussion format open for members to share their experience in a round table format. The day went very well and at the end, we served dinner and had an out of town speaker, a member from the Region of the Virginians, which is a part of the Zonal Forum where we participate. There were about 50 plus members who attended this function. All EPARNA areas were represented as well as members from Greater Philly and Region of Virginias! We wish to thank everyone who was there to help us make this a fun and interesting event. We hope to continue this concept next year. For a WSC ’08 update, the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) is out and available for purchase of \$11.00 or downloaded for free from the NAWS website. There are about fifty pages of specifics on the motions and another 210 pages involving the literature portions of the motions to the following. Motions #1-6 from World Board (WB) are in reference of revisions to the Sixth Edition Basic Text. Motions #7/8 refer to a new IP about parents of addicts. Regional Motions #9/10 are about bringing back the Roman Numerals on medallions. Northern New Jersey is asking for financial support from NAWS in Motion #11. And if you are wondering how to deal with the confusion from the recent pamphlets from WB, Motion #12 is attempting to fix that. There is more information involving future work on new/revision of literature for you to read about in the “Targeted Literature” sections of the CAR. Our seating presentation will be in the Conference Approval Track (CAT) that will be out in the next several months. We will be submitting a full report on this presentation at RSC, February ’08. For input on this presentation before we complete it, please email Merle or Henry **BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2008**. We welcome any input from interested members. We will present our 2008 budget in new business and have handed in the balance from last years monies to the RSC Treasurer along with the breakdown of how it was spent. Still in Loving Service, Henry D. & Merle H. December 2, 2007

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: Jamie B. – chair – The Area’s H&I committees are doing well and are being supported. However on a regional level we are in need of a co-chair and secretary. Please announce the positions at your area’s. The clean time requirement for co-chair is 2 years and secretary is 1 year. We are looking forward to the PI/Hi Learning Day which will be held January 6th at 2:00 pm. It has been a pleasure working with Public Information. This will be my last region as H&I chair. It has been an honor serving for the Eastern PA Region. In loving service, Jamie B.

Meeting Lists: Jim M. – Regional Co-Chair - gave a verbal report.

PI: Tom F – chair – In attendance were Montco, Pure & Simple, Jim M., Michael J. We discussed Learning Day with H&I to finalize format, pick speaker and times. PI nominated Michael J. and voted him in as our new Webmaster. He has all passwords and our blessing to update all info. This website has been neglected for many months and Michael has assured us this will be rectified in a timely manner. We will be asking for money for the Learning Day in a motion and we would like to discuss phoneline problems/solutions with the regional committee. In the meantime please forward all problems to PI chair concerning phoneline and website. If we don’t hear the problems, we can’t fix them. Solutions can’t be found when people complain without specific info or to people who can’t fix the issue. In loving service, Tom F.

Old Business:

None

B R E A K

Treasurer Report: verbal report by Jim M. the Co Chair in the absence of Tim R. the treasurer. Information to be submitted by him to Tim R.....look for an updated treasurer’s report via email with the minutes.

New Business from Areas:

Beehive: none.

Bucks County: none.

Montco: none.

Pure & Simple: none.

New Business from RD:

Motion for 2008 Budget approval - RD 2008 Budget: “approx. amounts”

- 1) MARLCNA '08 **\$ 140.00** (\$70, hotel-2 rooms/1 night)
Intent: CAR motions discussion; rooms for any EPARSC elected trusted servants.
 - 2) Autonomy Zonal Forums **\$ 150.00** (hotel-1 room/1 night)
Fredericksburg, Virginia, January 26, 2008 [\$70]
Mountaineer Region, July 27, 2008 [\$80]
Intent: Multi-regional function attendance; rooms for any EPARSC elected trusted servants.
 - 3) World Service Conference 2008 **\$1600.00**
(hotel-1 room/8 nights) (airfare-2 roundtrips)
Intent: Representation at WSC for seating of EPARNA;
attendance of NAWS activities for Fellowship development.
 - 4) Conference Agenda Workshops **\$ 100.00** (rent X2)
Intent: Open discussion of CAR information.
 - 5) Fall Regional Assembly **\$ 50.00** (rent X1)
Intent: Dissemination of information from WSC '08 decisions.
- TOTAL EPARSC RD BUDGET for 2008: \$2040.00**

Disposition of Motion, RCM Vote only: Yes 4, No 0, Abstentions 0 – **motion passes.**

Questions that came up on the service floor regarding the 2008 RD Budget as follows:

Question – as we vote on this motion are we approving the expenditures of these funds? Answer – yes, no further motions for these expenditures will be necessary unless monies exceed these approved amounts.

Question – what is the EPARSC. Answer – elected trusted servants of the EPARNA body only.

Question – Zonal Forum vs MARLCNA and difference between 2 rooms vs 1 room? Answer – the need to have two rooms to accommodate male and female trusted servants and their need for privacy. It was stated that the room costs are low because our trusted servants will generally split the rooms with other NA members and can reduce the cost by sharing the room costs with someone else, expensing out the cost to region at only ½ the actual room cost.

Question – Zonal Forum is one day event why do you need to stay overnight? Answer – these events are over five hours away and we will want our trusted servants to stay to hang out with NA World Board members and other members in attendance. This provides great opportunities for networking with other service members from the world and from other regions as well.

RCM'S.....PLEASE NOTE: if areas want RD's to do a meeting for the purpose of relaying and informing members of the CAR (Conference Agenda Report), please let Henry & Merle know in advance so we can plan for it.

New Business from Subcommittees:

H&I: none.

PI: Motion.....

Motion: for \$210.00 for phonline orientation materials which include 120 meeting lists, cheap folders, copies of Do's & Don'ts 12 step list, phone instructions and helpline # for January 6th Learning Day. \$30.00 Meeting Lists, \$150.00 copies and folders and IP's. \$30.00 Pens, food & drinks.

Intent: to educate phone line volunteers

Disposition of Motion, RCM Vote Only: Yes 4, No 0, Abstentions 0 – **motion passes.**

.....& discussion regarding regional phone line options. We cannot purchase our phone #, it belongs to the company who services us. We have a few options.....purchase a new number and use a new service, or meet with and educate each operators on each shift at the company who services us now. However this will incur expenses (\$230-300). Do we feel that it's worth the money to teach the current company or move onto another company. PI current recommendation is to stay with current company and educate their employees. Supervisors/turnover?? What's being presented is a few different options.....we need to consider the impacts. Our number is already out there and being published. This educating of the operators could become an annual expense. The company we currently have is an inexpensive option compared to acquiring a new number and a new phone company. We would need to pay the employees wages while they are off the phone answering part of their jobs and in our orientation about PI & NA. Plans to provide documentation to these operators. Will the supervisors be trained also during these trainings so that information can be passed on? We can't really give them do's and don'ts and we can't tell them what they can or cannot do, we just want to educate them as to who we, NA, are, what we do, what we would like them to do....educate them. Have we talked to world about this issue????.....no, we have not yet. We might want to be cautious about us training their employees.....we are not training them to do their job.....we would be educating them as to who we are. This phone line company is apprx. 30% cheaper than other companies in the market and they have previous experience with us. Do we want to set a precedence. If we have an opportunity to educate the supervisors for free why don't we do that first and then if that is not successful we can go to educating the phone operators at cost. USE THE WORD EDUCATING INSTEAD OF TRAINING. They, the supervisors, do have our information and are educated about NA but the information is not being communicated effectively to the phone operators. We are not getting feedback from the areas about what the problems are. Recap.....we are still in discussion of all this, PI will bring options in motion form to future regional meetings and will seek answers at the phonline training on Jan. 6th. Our volunteers to take these calls from the phonline operators should be trained properly to send suffering addicts who are suicidal to a suicide hotline....ect.

Meeting List: none.

Positions Turnover at Region, December 2007:

RSC Chair	Nominations or volunteers: Jim M. nominated in October, presented qualifying statement in October. All Vote: 9... unanimous. Jim M. becomes new chairperson.
RSC Co-Chair	Nominations or volunteers: Jim M. nominated Todd S. he will check with his sponsor and consider for the future. Position remains open.
Secretary	Nominations or volunteers: Michelle H. nominates Debbie M., she give a qualifying statement Vote: 8... unanimous. Debbie M. continues as Secretary.
Co-Secretary	Nominations or volunteers.....none. Position remains open.
Treasurer	Tim R. current.....no turnover at this time, 2 year term.
Co-Treasurer	Nominations or volunteers.....none. Position remains open.
Literature	Nominations or volunteers.....none. Position remains open.
H & I	Nominations or volunteers: Jessica F. nominated in October, presented qualifying statement in October. All Vote: 9.....unanimous. Jessica F. becomes new H&I chairperson.
PI/Helpline	Nominations or volunteers: Tom F. nominated in October, presented qualifying statement in October. All Vote: 8.....unanimous. Tom F. becomes new PI/Helpline chairperson.
Activities	Nominations or volunteers.....Todd S. nominates Jamie B. She will consider the nomination and think about it. no-one elected. Position remains open.
Policy	Nomination or volunteers: Mike M. nominated in October, presented qualifying statement in October. Not present today.....no-one elected. Position remains open.
Meeting List	Nominations or volunteers.....none. Position remains open.

Positions Open for Nominations: Please bring nominations &/or volunteers to our next regional meeting for election into any open positions.

Open Forum:

Todd S....wants to ask Bucks for flyers to their events. Can they be emailed to Montcoareana@yahoo.com.
Rena....she is secretary for Montco area and she'd be happy to send out flyers from Bucks throughout their area.
Events can be emailed to the EPARNA.org website for inclusion by the webmaster.

Meeting Lists Chair.....co-chair was handleing this in the absence of a chairperson but now that there will be no co-chair **we need a meeting list chair.** Paul D. will contact Barry H.....he was interested in helping out. WE NEED SOMEONE WILLING TO HANDLE & PICK UP THE MEETING LISTS FOR NEXT REGIONAL MEETING. Tom F. volunteers to pick them up. He will need money. Pure & Simple will need 750 and Bucks will need 400, PI needs 120 but he already has the money. ANY CHANGES FOR MEETING LISTS WILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO GO TO JIM UNTIL WE CAN ACQUIRE A MEETING LIST CHAIR PERSON.

Per Henry.....New IP....Information to NA meetings....has been pulled from the shelves. Please retrieve any that you might see and remove them from the meetings.

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer @ 4:08 pm.

Upcoming Regional Meeting Dates:

Regional Services	Subcommittees
February 3 rd at 2pm	January 6 th and February 3 rd at 1pm
April 6 th at 2pm	March 2 nd and April 6 th at 1pm
June 1 st at 2pm	May 4 th and June 1 st at 1pm
August 3 rd at 2pm	July 6 th and August 3 rd at 1pm

**Dates and times are subject to change.*

Upcoming Regional Events:

EPARNA H&I & PI Learning Day – **Sunday, January 6, 2008 @ 2:00 pm.** Location: St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 81 Main Street in Pennsburg, PA 18073.

Spiritual Way of Life Homegroup Anniversary – 18 years of Recovery in Bucks County– **Wednesday, December 12, 2007 @ 7:30 pm.** Location: 325 Main Street, Hulmeville, PA.

Bucks County Unity Event – Bowling Night – **Friday, December 7, 2007 @ 10:00 pm** until 1:00 am. Location: Morrisville Lanes, Morrisville, PA. \$15 to bowl, \$5 to eat, \$0 to chill.

Bucks County Unity Event – Breakfast with Santa – **Saturday, December 22, 2007 @ 9:00 am** until 12:00 pm. Location: St. Paul's Church, Levittown Parkway & Millcreek Rd. \$5 suggested donations pictures with Santa for the kids.

Bucks County Unity Event – New Year's Eve Dance – **Monday, December 31, 2007 @ 10:00 pm** until 1:00 am. Location: St. Paul's Church, Levittown Parkway & Millcreek Rd. \$5 suggested donation, food welcome.

Autonomy Zonal Forum – **Saturday, January 26, 2008 @ 11:00 am** until 6:00 pm. Location: VFW Post 3103, 2107 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Round Table Discussions, any NA member welcome, lunch will be provided. See Henry or Merle for more detail. Flyer attached to regional minutes distribution.