

Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes

Date: June 1, 2008

- 2:05 pm - Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by vice-chairperson, Todd S.
- 12 Traditions read by: Merle H.
- 12 Concepts read by: Kevin P.
- Roll Call (secretary takes roll call):

RSC Chair	Jim M. – absent....Todd S. filling in.
RSC Co-Chair	Todd S. – present acting as chair
Secretary	Debbie M. - present
Co-Secretary	<i>Position Open</i>
Treasurer	Tim R. – present
Co-Treasurer	<i>Position Open</i>
Literature Review	<i>Position Open</i>
H & I	Jessica F. - present
PI/Helpline	Tom F. - present
Activities	<i>Position Open.....acting chair is Todd S.</i>
Policy	<i>Position Open</i>
Meeting List	<i>Position Open</i>
Regional Delegate	Henry D. – present
RD Alt.	Merle H. – present
RCM Beehive	Jeff R. - present
RCM Bucks Co.	Paul D. - present
RCM Mont. Co.	Eric P. – absent.....Michelle A RCM alt. present
RCM Pure & Simple	Walt N.. – present.

- Quorum met.
- Last regional meeting's minutes read by: Debbie M.

Motioned to read from New Business Only by : Henry 2nd by Michelle A.

Motion to accept by Paul D. 2nd by Kevin P. No objections.

Area Reports:

Beehive Area: RCM: Jeff R., RCM Alt: Joshua K. – Greetings from the Beehive area. We would like to inform the region that by a vote of 7-2-2 we voted to join the Mid-Atlantic region. We would like to ask PI/Phoneline and the meeting list persons in the spirit of unity to please continue to give out the Beehive Area meeting info until next region. We will forward a donation once our financial situation has cleared up. I am also asking for information on insurance. Do we as an area that was part of this region when the insurance was purchased still fall under the insurance until the next annul payment is due? Thank you for all the support this region has shown us. Jeff R. & Joshua K.

Bucks County Area: RCM – Paul D. RCM Alt: Mike – All is doing fairly well in Bucks County. All positions filled in our area. All committees are doing well. Except for cleansheet is not filled. Our area is moving on June 29th to St Paul's on Pinewood Drive off of Levittown Parkway & Millcreek Road. Event's for Bucks County up coming are 4th of July picnic and Labor Day Picnic Sept. 1st at Hickory Nut Grove, Tyler State Park, Newtown, donation \$5. Pool Party at 5th & Ward 8/11/08, \$5 donation. Also Changing Times is having a Speaker Jam on 6/14/08 10am – 10pm. Our area would like to apologize for having no donation to region due to circumstance of our literature bill which our chair wasn't present to answer. We will straighten it out and have a donation next region. In loving service, Bucks County.

Montgomery County Area: RCM – Eric P. (not present) – Alt. RCM: Michelle A. – Our RCM, Eric P., will not be here today. As Alt-RCM, I unfortunately was unable to attend our last area meeting. I did speak with our Unity Chair and we have no upcoming events. Our donation is \$362.15, however, Eric has the check so we won't be bringing it until region meets again in two months. In loving service, Michelle A.

Pure and Simple Area: RCM – Walt N., RM Alt: Jamie B. – General Info – Things are running smoothly in the Pure & Simple Area. It has been awhile since I have served my area in this capacity so it is a nice change of pace to be involved on a Regional level again. I'm sure most of you already know Jamie B. so you know it is an honor to serve with her. Group News – There are several

groups in our area that are struggling due to lack of support within the group. Those would be JFT which meets Sun. nights @ 8:00 pm St. Paul's in Red Hill. Manageable Mondays, meets @ 12:00 noon @ Morning Star Fellowship in Quakertown. 11th Hour meets Sat. @ 11:00pm Pebble Hill Church on Edison Furlong Rd. in Doylestown. 5th Tradition meets Fri. 7:30pm @ Doylestown United Methodist on Rte 313 in Doylestown. While these groups are experiencing sufficient meeting attendance, they are suffering due to lack of home group members or lack of experienced home group members. Area Activities – Since the formation of our new area Unity Committee we have begun planning some events. More info. will follow @ next regional meeting. The Experience Strength & Hope group in conjunction with the Back to Basics group are hosting a Speaker Jam on Sat. June 7th. It will be from noon 'til 6pm. @ St. Luke's next to Agway on Rte 313 in Dublin. Motions – There was a motion to add spaces on the literature order forms to allow groups to request a certain amount of area and regional meeting lists rather than just accepting the monthly allotments automatically provided by the literature committee. This motion failed.

Regional Delegate Report: RD – Henry D., RD alt – Merle H. – A report from WSC '08.

As far as our preliminary report we sent at the close of the conference, we were NOT seated this year. More on that at the end of this report. For now, we will start at the WSC Motions outcome.

We are happy to report that over half of our region voted on the motions. More than most regions groups vote and better than our last CAR voting tally! The votes were as follows:

MOTION	MOTION - SYNOPSIS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
1	SIXTH ED. NEW STORIES	52	1	1
2	BT REVISION / ADDEND B	51	2	2
3	UPDATE MEMBERSHIP STATS	51	2	2
4	INCL. SOURCES IN JFT BOOK	49	4	2
5	SIXTH ED. REVISED INDEX	50	3	1
6	REMOVE PERIODS (N.A.)	42	10	2
7	REPLACE Y&R W/ "BY YOUNG"	47	6	1
8	APPROVE "FOR PARENTS..."	45	5	4
9	BRONZE ROMAN NUMER COINS	24	26	4
10	ALL ROMAN NUMER.COINS	16	34	4
11	NJ - FINANCIAL SUPPORT	8	42	4
12	SERVICE IP's IN C.A.R.	31	19	4

As of April 29, 2008 10:26 pm, EST, our Sixth Edition Basic Text was accepted! Among other things, Our Just For Today will have slight revisions. This all will take time for our WSO to relinquish inventories and have bulk quantities of these two pieces. Sometime before 2009, we should be seeing them available.

As these things are being worked on, the NAWS website is being revised and almost in the final stages of completion. The Sponsorship book has not been popular but still being sold as inventory. The next two pieces of literature being worked on are "living Clean" book and a possible IP about "Elder/Older" NA membership. All other revisions are being slowed down in lieu of the BT revision.

There were lots of workshop of which we participated in including a "team leadership training seminar". Public Relations attendances at various events were discussed and gave us some ideas we can pass on. Some popular places were mentioned such as, drug courts, employee assistance programs and even the United Way organization.

On Friday night, the World Board presented a motion for a moratorium until 2012 to discuss and draft more concise "criteria" for the seating of ANY new regions. Needless to say, this includes our chance to be seated postponed until then. It was accepted and passed right after several new regions were accepted. Shortly thereafter, North Carolina and Southern Brazil were

motioned and accepted. A couple of motions later, Greater Philadelphia RD presented a motion and seconded by Chesapeake & Potomac RD, to seat Eastern PA. A standing vote was taken and we received 1/3 of the Conference support. Unfortunately, not enough to pass.

We appreciate our parent region for all their support during this time as we humbly accepted the WSC decision. We were able to stand tall with the Autonomy Zone support among others.

As history is being made in our Fellowship, we look to our region to continue to carry the message we have done so well with in the last five years. Back home, before and after the Conference, we attended the ASC's as usual. By this report, you may have known of the Bee Hive areas decision; we were there. We are saying good luck and may the message stay strong as they move their involvement into another region.

In July, we will be attending the Autonomy Zonal forum in the Mountaineer Regions, possibly Morgantown, WV if people are interested in making the journey. It will be held on July 26, 2008. We are also looking to plan a Regional Assembly during the next couple of months, more will be revealed.

In addition, to close out this long-winded report, we are looking forward to participating with Greater Philly in some of their functions. We still remain an active region, separate from them, but would like to be a part of fostering unity since they have shown so much support to us, especially over the last couple of months.

If anyone is looking for more in depth info about WSC '08, you can check out the whole draft of minutes on www.naws.org and click on *WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE* and scroll to the minutes for the whole breakdown. You can see a lot of what we wanted to report on but would never get through in one day.

We really thank the region for letting us serve and giving us the privilege to represent Eastern PA Region of NA.

Still in Loving Service,

Henry D.

& Merle H.

June 1, 2008

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: Jessica F. – chair – Montco & Pure&Simple areas have attended the last two subcommittees regularly but Bucks & Beehive areas have not. Things are running smoothly. We are planning a Learning Day with PI for possibly some time in November but no date has been set yet. I spoke to Mike, the webmaster, about ensuring that I get the H&I emails forwarded to me because I am not currently receiving them. In loving service, Jessica F.

Meeting Lists: No current chair. Todd S reported as acting committee chair. Please forward all changes to Todd S. in writing today or email to thsaagent@aol.com. All RCM's please check the eparna website to verify accuracy of info on the website. Any changes that are forwarded MUST INCLUDE A PHONE #. In loving service, Todd S.

PI: Tom F. – chair – We had a great turn out today which included Phoneline, Web servant, Montco, Bucks and Pure & Simple. We have started an adhoc committee to look into new phone line service which may work better for our region. PI is working with H&I on a Learning Day sometime between September and December. All area PI committees are working on school mailing and or poster drives. There are many new changes to the website which are coming soon. Including new event page setup and separate pages for each areas committees. The PI subcommittee will leave Beehive info on the website until Beehive asks us to remove them. In loving service, Tom F.

Activities: No current chair. Todd S reported as acting committee chair. All areas were represented. We discussed crating a calendar of events for distribution to GSR's and creating open lines of communication for all area unity committees. Our next meeting will be August 3, 2008. Upcoming events will be announced by RCM's until we get up and running. We are going to talk to talk to the Webmaster about posting a calendar. In loving service, Todd S. p.s. we would like to thank the RCM's and their communicating that made this meeting possible.

Old Business:

Area Planning Tool. Do we want to do this and when? Philadelphia is having regional event to review this area planning tool to see if it can be adapted to be used by a region. It's a workshop we might want to attend to see what we can learn and whether its something we can benefit from doing here at our region. Can our RCMs possibly attend this workshop? Can Henry find out where & when and email the information to all our RCM's. Merle's idea at last region was to take our own inventory. Is anyone interested in setting up an Area Planning Tool in August, if not we will move this to new business in August. We'll table this for now.

Beehive area leaving the area per their report and their report as of last month. Two items.....insurance and meeting list.

Treasurer brought a concern...at this point we need to go into prudent reserve to pay our bills this month. Do we need a motion to dip into prudent reserve. The answer is no. Priorities are covered. Prudent Reserve is there to use without requiring a motion.

B R E A K

New Business from Areas:

Bucks County: no new business.

Montco: no new business.

Pure & Simple: no new business.

New Business from RD:

Motion: To request to budget \$200.00 to pay for two regional rooms in Morgantown, WV for the July 26, 2008 Zonal Forum. This money will be paid at August, 2008 regional meeting.

Motion 2nd by Paul D.

Intent: To facilitate regional participation at the Autonomy Zonal Forum.

Vote: RCM VOTE ONLY – 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention. Motion passes

Motion: To request to budget \$100.00 to pay for gas expenses to the July 26, 2008 Zonal Forum in Morgantown, WV. This money will be paid at August, 2008 regional meeting. (note based on 1 car @ 25 miles per gallon, no precedence ever set for this prior)

Motion 2nd by Paul D.

Intent: To facilitate regional participation at the Autonomy Zonal Forum.

Vote: RCM VOTE ONLY – 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

New Business from Subcommittees:

H&I: no new business.

PI: 3 motions as follows:

Motion: To reimburse Web Servant (Master) \$20.38 for domain name renewal for 2 years. (domain effective thru 6/6/2010).

Intent: Financial responsibility.

Vote: RCM VOTE ONLY – 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention. Motion passes.

Motion: For \$178.20 for 3 years of web hosting service for EPARNA website.

Intent: The new hosting site would greatly increase our size to 350 gb to better serve the region. This will include separate pages for each area.

Vote: RCM VOTE ONLY – 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention. Motion passes.

Motion: For region to set up an Ad Hoc Committee to look into finding a more central location for region to meet including a new P.O. Box if needed.

Intent: So that members in different areas would all travel the same distance.

Vote: ALL MEMBER VOTE – 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

Todd asked for any volunteers to chair this committee. Tom F. volunteers and Todd S. appointed all RCM's as well as the current RD & RD Alt.

Meeting List: \$202.50 meeting list for Pure & Simple. Pure & Simple will need 750 lists again at next region.

Activities: no new business.

Treasurer Report: Tim R. See attachment to minutes.

Nominations/Qualifications/Elections:

Any nominations for RD. Michelle nominates Merle H., Paul D 2nd. Motion to wave reading of the qualifications. No other nominees. Merle accepts nominations. Any opposed? No...motion passes. Merle now becomes our ne RD.

Any nominations for RD Alt. Paul D. nominates Tim R. He is unable to accept the nomination at this time. He is interested and knows of someone who is interested in stepping up as our regional treasurer. If the treasurer's position becomes filled, he would then be willing to accept the nomination. This position remains open.

Nomination for regional unity/activities chair - Kevin P. nominated Henry D. but he declined the nomination.

Current EPARNA Positions Open for Nominations at next regional meeting: **Co-Secretary, Co-Treasurer, Literature Review Chair, Activities Committee Chair, Newsletter Chair, Policy Chair, Meeting List Chair, RD Alt.**

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

Open Forum:

Talk about regional insurance. While we are talking to the insurance about Beehive leaving the region, are they still legally covered by our insurance since they are no longer eparna members. Also we need to give them a new number and will that decrease our premium. Can we also see if our premium will be less at the renewal date of 9/1/08. Paul D.

Tim R. will be going in for total hip replacement surgery, June 9th. He will in Jefferson Hospital on the 10th, 11th & 12th....please keep him in your prayers.

Todd S. the New Jersey regional motion regarding their need for financial help that was in the CAR. Can we think about, when we become more able to, sending them some funds. The idea came up about us supporting their events possibly instead. RCM's can bring it up at our area meetings to see what kind of a response we might get about this issue.

Henry D. makes an "outgoing statement". Keep in mind that sending our RD to as many events including our world conference allows us the opportunity to be better known. He suggests sending as many reps as we can to any events. He will not be here next month. Everyone thanked and applauded Henry for all his efforts.

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer @ 3:30 pm.

Upcoming Regional Meeting Dates:

Regional Services	Subcommittees
August 3 rd at 2pm	July 6 th and August 3 rd at 1pm
October 5 th at 2pm	September 7 th and October 5 th at 1pm
December 7 th at 2pm	November 2 nd and December 7 th at 1pm

**Dates and times are subject to change.*