

## Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes

**Date: October 5, 2008**

- 2:05 pm - Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by Jim M.

- 12 Traditions read.

- 12 Concepts read.

- Roll Call (secretary takes roll call):

RSC Chair	Jim M. – present
RSC Co-Chair	Todd S. – present
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	Tom F. - present
Activities/Unity	<i>Position Open.....acting chair is Todd S.</i>
Policy	<i>Position Open</i>
Communications	<i>Position Open</i> , until Michael J. was voted in!
Regional Delegate	Merle H. - present
RD Alt.	<i>Position Open</i>
RCM Bucks Co.	Marc C. - present
RCM Mont. Co.	Eric P. - present
RCM Pure & Simple	Jamie B - present

- Quorum met.

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

Motioned to read from New Business Only by : Tim R., Eric 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Motion to accept minutes was made by Todd S., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric P. with not corrections and no objections.

### Area Reports:

**Bucks County Area:** RCM –Marc C., Alt. RCM Rich K. (not present) – Marc C. introduced himself as the new Bucks RCM. Mentioned that Rich K. is Bucks Alt RCM. Convention Committee was formed. Paul is the chair. Convention for Bucks will happen within 18 months to two years. Bucks County donated \$1,100.00 to region today.

**Montgomery County Area:** RCM – Eric P., Alt. RCM: Michelle A. – I would like to thank everyone for their prayers in my time of illness. It's great to be back in service. Upcoming events in Montco Area are a bowling party October 17<sup>th</sup> and a Halloween costume party November 1<sup>st</sup>. I have more information on these events. Montco Area's donation to EPARNA is \$739.73. In loving service, Eric P.

**Pure and Simple Area:** RCM – Jamie B. – General Information: Our Public Information committee held their Poster Rally and report that it went well. Our newly formed Unity Committee has held a Spaghetti/Karaoke/Speaker night and a picnic. The committee has also begun meeting fifteen minutes earlier at 12:45 so that they are able to finish business. The Outreach committee also continues to be available to bring meetings to isolated addicts. New Meetings: No new meetings. Sharing Solutions, which meets Mondays at 7:30, has changed locations: 3424 Limekiln Pike between County Line and Stump Roads. Group News: Our groups report they are doing well. There are a few groups who have missed consecutive area meetings. The executive body will check out those specific meetings. New Issues: Last Region and this Region our Area has not had funds to donate to Region. The Executive Body met after our last area to discuss financial issues. Simply said our area is not generating money. At the end of this area we had 64 dollars in our account. The executive body is looking into changing the amount of certain prudent reserves and also brainstorming ways to increase our intake of donations. The Pure and Simple Area is open to any suggestions the Region may have. In loving service, Jamie B. It was discussed and noted that the Pure & Simple area will owe EPARNA for the meeting lists they already received and Jamie will need to call Todd prior to receiving any additional meeting lists.

**Regional Delegate Report:** RD –Merle H. – Greetings to everyone - Over the past two months I have been able to attend both Bucks and Montco area service meetings. I had planned to attend one of the meetings for Pure and Simple, but was unable

to attend. I plan on being there for the October meeting. I was recently approached by a member of the Twin Rivers Area seeking information about our region. They are a new area who split from Little Apple, and they are gathering information so they can determine which Region they would like to join. I invited them to visit us during one of our regional meetings to see how we conduct business. I also answered the questions they had about our region over a telephone interview. Regarding our Regional Assembly; I have been looking into the availability of holding this event at the church in Ambler. The projected date for this event is November 22, 2008. I have flyers to send to the RCMs to distribute to their areas as soon as the location is secured. After discussing the idea of holding a Regional Unity Day with the body at the last meeting, and approaching the Unity Subcommittee members to see if they would be able to assist with this idea, only one area responded, and it was a negative. At this time, due to lack of support, it will be necessary to hold only a regional assembly. I can only do what the consensus of the region dictates. I will be out of town on December 7 (our next regional meeting), and will be unable to attend the next regional service meeting. I will send a report to our secretary. It is unfortunate that I need to miss it at that time, but it is a circumstance which is unavoidable. I will include a projected budget for 2009 with my report in December. In loving service, Merle H.

## **Subcommittee Reports:**

**H&I:** Jessica F. – chair – Bucks County has not been present for several months. Montco H&I has not been present for 3 months now. We are preparing for our learning day on November 2 from 2-5 pm here at the church. I would like to request that our \$70 budget for October & November be disbursed to us ahead of time so we can purchase food for the learning day and copies of our agenda made – as always. The price for these should exceed our \$70 budget anyway and we will submit receipts and request any additional \$ later. I am now receiving emails from the EPARNA website as of yesterday!

**Meeting Lists:** No current chair. Todd S reported – Meeting lists at the GPRSO are now 30 cents each. Last region I was paid \$202.50 for 750 meeting lists. After shipping they cost \$245.00 leaving a \$43.50 balance. This month I spent \$225 for 750 lists and need a reimbursement of \$268.50 for both expenses. The regional meeting list data base and world data bases are currently linked. We still need to notify EPRNA separately of all changes so their website and the multiregional directory are accurate. A single point of contact for these updates would be helpful. In loving service, Todd S.

**PI:** Tom F. – chair – Today we met with phoneline, web, Montco area, P&S, and Bucks County. We will be making a new motion about phoneline changes and web changes. Montco had a very successful poster drive. We also will be making a nomination for PI Chair (Rena). Next month on November 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be having a joint H&I and PI Learning Day from 2 until 5. Flyers will be sent to all areas. We are going to have web information on how to use the site, how to change meeting information, and phoneline orientation. We are also asking for our monthly budget to pay for the Learning Day - \$150.00 - for flyers, refreshments and educational packets.

**Activities:** No current chair. Todd S reported – We did not meet this month. Montco was unable to attend and gave no report. They are up and running and have two functions in the near future. Please check the website. Pure & Simple was not present but they did forward a report which I attached. We need support or more simply, at least one representative from each area to help this committee facilitate effective communication. In loving service, Todd S. *Report from Pure & Simple Area: Our sub-committee is doing well. We have had 2 events since our last regional meeting. Our spaghetti dinner, followed with a night of karaoke went well. It was held on August 16, 2008 at St Paul's Lutheran Church. We had a speaker and she carried a strong NA message. We then held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Unity on the Hill picnic on September 20, 2008. Attendance was good but we did not receive the amount of support we have had in the past. We had 2 speakers, one on being in service & the other on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tradition. Both did well. However, many attendees had left prior to the speakers at 5 pm. As a sub-committee, we have decided that we will not be holding our next event until after the New Year. We will be focusing on our outreach portion of the sub-committee. We are also considering creating a standing position to help attract more recovering addicts to our events. Responsibilities may include creating a flyer and posting the flyer to various regional NA websites, including EPARNA. Also, we would like to create a list of meetings outside the Pure & Simple Area for the sub-committee and other recovering addicts to attend. This would help spread the word and promote Unity throughout our region. In loving service, Beth B.*

**Adhoc for New Regional Location:** Tom F. – chair – Tom did look into one additional possible location. More will be revealed in December. We need to do some more research and possibly may be reconsidering the move at all if an area from Lehigh Valley may be interested in joining our region. Refer to RD report.

## **Old Business:**

**Motion:** To increase our prudent reserve to \$2400.00

**Intent:** To be financial responsible and to cover the insurance premium expense.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle A. Will need to go back to areas for a vote (since it will change policy). **VOTE DUE BACK FROM AREAS AT OCTOBER REGINAL MEETING.**

**RCM VOTE ONLY – 3 yes, 0 no – motion passes.**

## **B R E A K**

**Treasurer Report:** Tim R. - See attached report. **No world donation because we are not over our prudent reserves.**

## **New Business from Areas:**

**Bucks County:** none

**Montco:** none

**Pure & Simple:** none

**New Business from RD:** none.

## **New Business from Subcommittees:**

**H&I:** none.

**PI:** - two motions as follows:

**Motion:** To change phonline service providers from Signius Communications, located in Pittstown, PA, to Ansercomm, located in Maple Shade, NJ. The reason we recommend the change is because of the travel involved with physically visiting the phonline and cost. Ansercomm is much closer to our area; they have experience working with 12 step groups; and they offer a similar package as Signius for \$75 a month cheaper.

**Intent:** To adhere to the spirit of the 11<sup>th</sup> concept which states “NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose and must be managed responsibly”.

**VOTE – 7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention – motion passes.**

**Motion:** To change the name of the Meeting List Committee to Communications Committee. The purpose of the Communications Committee would be to manage the data and maintain the functioning of the Meeting List, Phone Line and Website. The Communications Committee would work in co-operation with the PI Committee who would continue to be the contact with the public. The Communications Committee would co-ordinate changes to the meeting list with the GPRNA. The chair of the Communications Committee would also be the World Services Meeting List Contact person.

**Intent:** To consolidate the management of the functioning and data of the Meeting List, Phone Line and Website. This will provide the Region and Area’s a single point of contact for meeting information updates and help to free the PI Committee to better serve the fellowship by focusing more effort on fulfilling their purpose.

**Financial Responsibility:** The committee would only require a small monthly allowance. There is currently no cost for maintaining the Meeting List as we currently purchase our meeting lists from the Greater Philadelphia Region. The Phone Line service is already a part of the priority list.

**VOTE – 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention – motion passes.**

**Meeting List:** none.

**Activities:** none.

### **Nominations/Qualifications/Elections:**

Nominations were brought to the regional floor as follows:

Nomination for Regional Chair – Todd S. Todd accepted the nomination and qualified himself.

Nomination for Regional Co-Chair – Tom F. Tom accepted the nomination and qualified himself.

Nomination for Regional Delegate Alternate – Jim M. Jim declined the nomination.

Nomination for PI Chair – Rena. Rena accepted the nomination and qualified herself.

Nomination for Policy Chair – Jessica F. Jessica accepted the nomination and qualified, however, she's not sure about leaving H&I if she is still needed there.

Nomination for Communications Chair – Michael J. Michael accepted the nomination and qualified himself. Michael was actually voted into this position since it is a current open position.

Our Treasurer commitment will not change until December of 2009.

### **ELECTIONS FOR ALL POSITIONS WILL BE HELD AT DECEMBER REGIONAL MEETING.**

### **Open Forum:**

The possibility of assigning an Adhoc Committee to update policy was discussed. Michael J. has showed some interest in this but he has new duties assigned to him as of today. Since Jessica has also showed some interest maybe it would be a good idea to create an adhoc committee to revise/update policy. Note – some changes have already been completed by Michael J. within our regional policy that refer to, or are changed by, the new motion to change the meeting list chair to communications committee. No other changes have been updated. In fact any changes to policy that have occurred over the past two years or even more are not incorporated in the current copy of policy. Jessica is not available since she has the PI/H&I Learning Day in November. Can we vote Michael J. in today so he can be an acting Communications Chair? Yes we can and so we did. Vote Michael J. in as Communications Chair - 8 yes 0 no 0 abstentions. Michael will handle the updating of EPARNA policy.

It was brought to the regional floors attend that there may be a meeting in bucks county that is a men's meeting and that is quote unquote calling themselves an NA meeting and using NA literature. It is unclear if they are a member of the Bucks County Area. The Bucks county RCM did say that there is an NA men's meeting in Bucks County already established, however, that may not be the one in question. Can the RCM from Bucks look into this????? Yes.

**Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer @ 4:15 pm.**

### **Upcoming Regional Meeting Dates:**

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

*\*Dates and times are subject to change.*