

## Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes

**Date: August 3, 2008**

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

- 12 Traditions read by: Tim R.

- 12 Concepts read by: Michelle A.

- 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/Hotline	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	Merle H. - present
RD Alt.	<i>Position Open</i>
RCM Bucks Co.	Mike O. - present
RCM Mont. Co.	Eric P. – not present, Alt. Michelle A. 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 : Merle H., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike O.

Motion to accept minutes was made with not corrections and no objections.

### Area Reports:

**Bucks County Area:** RCM –Mike O. – Our area had nominations all went well. We have 2 events coming up next Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 5<sup>th</sup> ward pool \$5 donation, our labor day picnic on 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. \$5 donation from noon to dusk. Also our area has nominated a chair for a convention date to come later. Our donation to region is \$575.

**Montgomery County Area:** RCM – Eric P., Alt. RCM: Michelle A. – Greetings to everyone from MontCo! I would like to start off by letting everyone know that our RCM, Eric P, will not be here for this meeting as he is currently recovering from a lengthy hospital stay. I will gladly continue to serve and represent Montgomery County until Eric is ready to return. MontCo is doing well. Our sub-committees, H&I, Policy & Unity are building and growing in the right direction. PI continues to meet but could use support from more experienced members. The area body is still in need of a Co-chair, Co-secretary & Co-treasurer. We have our donation for this region as well as the one from last region. The last check was for \$362.15 and the new check is for \$397.60, totaling \$759.75. MontCo area will next meet on August 24, one week earlier than usual. ILS, Michelle A

**Pure and Simple Area:** RCM – Jamie B. – Walt N will be stepping down as RCM. The current Alt RCM Jamie B is willing to take on the RCM position. Our newly formed Unity Committee continues to flourish and has planned two events. August 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a Karaoke Spaghetti Dinner at St. Pauls Church in Telford, 107 W. Lincoln Ave, Telford, PA from 6 – 11 pm. September 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a picnic at Peace Valley Park Pavilion #2, 12:30-6:30, 230 Creek Rd New Britain, PA. The sub-committee has also brought their first two meetings to isolated addicts and it was reported that the meetings went very well and both carried a strong message of recovery. Our PI committee is having a Poster Rally. We do not have a donation for the Region this month and we hope to have this cleared up by the next region. There has been a discrepancy with the recorded money and what is actually in our reserve. The Area Service Committee will be meeting to address the discrepancy. New Meetings – none. Group News – Our groups report that they are doing well. Some are seeing a drop in attendance during the summer months. Motions – There were two motions at Area this past month from the Unity Committee for literature and to set aside any profit made at the Spaghetti Dinner to be used for the September Picnic. Both motions passed. In Loving Service, Jamie B.

## **Regional Delegate Report:** RD –Merle H. –

Hello everyone, The past two months have flown by, and here we are into August. I attended the Autonomy Zonal Forum at the end of July, along with Tim R, our regional treasurer. This event was hosted by the Mountaineer Region in Fairmont, West Virginia. The event was attended by all six regions who participate in the Autonomy Zone (Central Atlantic Region, formerly known as Region of the Virginians, Chesapeake and Potomac Region, Free State Region, Greater Philadelphia Region, Mountaineer Region, and EPARNA). In our report, I thanked everyone for their support at the World Service Conference. I have turned in receipts to the treasurer for reimbursement at this month's RSC meeting. I am searching for a location for our Regional Assembly, and would like to hold that in conjunction with a Regional event in order to maximize attendance and to share this information with a greater number of addicts within our region. At this time there is little else to report. I have not been able to attend any area service meetings since June, but I do intend to resume Regional support at the area level in August. In loving service, Merle H., 215-275-3141.

## **Subcommittee Reports:**

**H&I:** Jessica F. – chair – Regional H&I and PI are planning a Learning Day to be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm. We plan on holding it at this location unless we move locations before then. Bucks County H&I has not been present at our sub committee for a few months. I am still not receiving H&I emails from the website but am working with the web-servant to fix the problem. In loving service, Jessica F.

**Meeting Lists:** No current chair. Todd S reported – The GPRSO does not have the summer printing of the multi-regional list at this time. They may be available for sale by Thursday. I am going on vacation and need funds to purchase and ship the meeting lists to P & S. Montco has submitted changes to PHILLY. Any changes I received at last region were submitted. If you have corrections please email them to me at [THSAAGENT@AOL.com](mailto:THSAAGENT@AOL.com). Write meeting corrections in the subject and include a phone contact. In loving service, Todd S.

**PI:** Tom F. – chair – All areas were in attendance. As was secretary, web servant and phone line. Pure & Simple will be having a poster drive on August 30, 2008 at 11:30 am in Doylestown, Lansdale, Buckingham, and Newtown. Food & Fun & Fellowship. Bucks County will participate in Pumpkin Fest on October 25<sup>th</sup> and are going to donate basic texts. They are also doing a mailing to municipalities and the wheels to recovery sign up sheet went out to homegroups. Montco did a practice poster drive last month and are planning another poster drive on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with the help of Pure & Simple at Willow Grove United Methodist Church, 611 & Church St, Willow Grove, PA, 11-3:30 pm. They also need a new PI Chair. Tim has gotten lots of info for new phone line # and service this month. He will be looking into 800 # and work our report for region on how a transition if any would work. The new website is up and running with many new features coming. New email files and the ability for each area to have pages (sub domain) to post policy and minutes. Many new things coming. We also gave Michael J. committee conscience to sign papers with the world to change meeting lists info on world sites. Their would also be a password protected directory for areas meeting list chairs to update meetings on our regional site. You can now access eparna.org from your cell phone at <http://www.eparna.org/mobile> to check for meetings and events. Also we got a good deal on web server and got a free year. So Michael has returned a check for \$35.64 which was given to the treasury. In loving service, Tom F.

**Activities:** No current chair. Todd S reported – Beth B. and Todd S. were in attendance. We discussed upcoming events in Montco and Pure & Simple. Montco – Sept. 6 – Saturday Marathon in Jenkintown. P&S – Aug. 16 – Spaghetti Dinner and Sept. 20 – Picnic. Details are at eparna.org. P&S is doing outreach meeting for loners (isolated members). Bucks is doing lots of things – more will be revealed. Posting events on the new website has been successful and thank you Mike! We will meet again in 2 months. In loving Service, Todd & Beth.

**Adhoc for New Regional Location:** Tom F. – chair – no written report. Did some research to see where we could possibly hold a regional meeting and be truly in the middle of all our areas. Ambler and Warrington were noted as the central locations. Tom will contact a few church's in these areas to see if we can possibly secure a facility. Ambler might be preferred since it is close to the turnpike and route 309 and seems to be more accessible to all areas.

## **Old Business:**

The area planning tool was discussed again as a possible inventory for our region to look at. This could be incorporated into an agenda item for a Regional Assembly. Another suggestion was that it could be done during a regular regional meeting taking 10 minutes to review. Merle will come in October and present her ideas to us regional members so we can make a decision about whether or not we want to do a "Regional Planning Inventory" using an adapted Area Planning Tool.

**B R E A K**

**Treasurer Report:** Tim R. Dipping into prudent reserve again this month. We may need to increase our prudent to make sure we don't run into a financial problem when we pay our insurance premiums. See attachment to minutes.

### **New Business from Areas:**

**Bucks County:** none

**Montco:** none

**Pure & Simple:** none

**New Business from RD:** Merle made a motion.

**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.**

### **New Business from Subcommittees:**

**H&I:** none.

**PI:** none.

**Meeting List:** Todd made a motion.

**Motion:** To remit to Todd \$202.50 for 750 meeting lists to be shipped to Pure & Simple. Expense for shipping to be reimbursed at next RSC.

**Intent:** Financial responsibility.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim R.

**Vote:** RCM ONLY – 3 yes, 0 no – motion passed.

**Activities:** none

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

**ALL NOMINATIONS DUE AT OCTOBER REGIONAL MEETING. ELECTIONS FOR ALL POSITIONS WILL BE HELD AT DECEMBER REGIONAL MEETING.**

### **Open Forum:**

Tom – considering breaking off “communications” from PI. PI's focus is diverted because they are so involved in phoneline and website. Communications would handle physical things where PI is more reaching out to the public and interacting with the public. A separation may need to happen to be able to more prudently fulfill duties. A motion would need to be well thought out and written so that this process can be started. **RCM's please ask your areas if there is anyone interested in getting involved.** Michael J. will be visiting the areas to promote the active involvement on/in the website. Communications: Internet, phone, meeting list. PI: public information. Possibly we can incorporate a service part to the Regional Assembly that Merle is working on.

Merle – FYI 6<sup>th</sup> edition basic text will be available some time in October through free state region. Freestatena.org.

Merle – NAWs sent her updated info to world as our new RD and they sent back a request to her for additional information which has some old information about a past member which needs to be updated. Much discussion and information given to Merle. The forms specifically need an additional contact person as a back-up if they are unable to reach our RD. Todd nominated Tim and Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination. Vote = 6 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention. motion passed.

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

**Upcoming Regional Meeting Dates:**

<b>Regional Services</b>	<b>Subcommittees</b>
October 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2 pm	September 7 <sup>th</sup> and October 5 <sup>th</sup> at 1 pm
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.*