Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes
Date: February 1, 2009

- **2:10 pm - Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by chairperson, Todd S.**
- **12 Traditions read by: Marc C.**
- **12 Concepts read by: Jim M.**
- **Roll Call (secretary takes roll call):**

RSC Chair	Todd S. - present
RSC Co-Chair	Tom F. - present
Secretary	Michelle A. - present (voted in during this meeting)
Co-Secretary	***Position Open***
Treasurer	Tim R. – present
Co-Treasurer	***Position Open***
H & I	Jessica F. - present
PI/Helpline	***Position Open***
Activities	Jim M. - present
Policy	***Position Open***
Communications	Michael J. - present
Regional Delegate	Merle H. - present
RD Alt.	***Position Open***
RCM Bucks Co.	Marc C. - present
RCM Mont. Co.	Eric P. - present
RCM Pure & Simple	Jamie B. – Alt Walt N present

- **Quorum is met - 3/3**
- **Last regional meeting's minutes read by:** Todd S.

Motioned to read from New Business Only by Jim M., 2nd by Tom F. Motion accepted.
Corrections to Minutes: Rina declined her nomination for PI Chair. Motion to accept minutes with correction passed by all.

Area Reports:

Bucks County Area: RCM –Marc C., Alt. RCM Rich K. – $550 donation.

No report sent yet.

Montgomery County Area: RCM – Eric P., Alt. RCM: Rina. – $417.05 donation.

The MontCo ASC meeting was held on January 25, 2009. The result of the December 28, 2008 elections are as follows:

Chair Stan D.
Co-Chair Vacant
Secretary Peter P.
Co-Secretary Leslie
Treasurer Lori
Co-Treasurer Stephanie
H&I Chair Nicole
H&I Co-Chair Vacant
PI Chair Susanna
PI Co-Chair Vacant
Literature Chair Mike H.
Literature Co-Chair Vacant
Unity Chair Leslie
Unity Co-Chair Vacant
Meeting List Chair Julianne
Meeting List Co-Chair Vacant
Policy Chair Vacant
Policy Co-Chair Vacant
RCM Eric P.
RCM Alt Rina

In Loving Service, Eric P.

Rina asked a question about holding positions at Region and the possibility of holding multiple positions.Policy will be looked at and this will be revisited during Open-Forum.

Pure and Simple Area: RCM – Walt N., Alt. RCM Jamie B. – No donation.

The Pure & Simple Area Committee was unable to do business last month because we did not meet quorum.

Upcoming Events:

P&S Area Inventory
Sunday February 15th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Pleasantville United Methodist Church of Christ – Lentz Hall
3424 Limekiln Pike, Chalfont, PA 18914

Pure & Simple Unity Day scheduled for March 28th at St Michael's in Sellersville. There will be flyers to follow.

In Loving Service,

Walt and Jamie

Regional Delegate Report: RD –Merle H.

Hello to everyone,

Over the past two months, I have attended area service meetings in the Bucks, Montco, and Pure and Simple Areas. I had the pleasure of attending the Twin Rivers Area Service meeting in mid-December, along with Todd S. and Michael J, to answer the area's questions about EPARNA. The MidAtlantic Region's RD and RDA were also present at that meeting. Twin Rivers Area has voted to join Eastern PA Region, and I would like to give them a warm welcome. I will be going to their area service meetings, as well as all of the other area service meetings, on a rotational basis, to offer regional support and to see how we as a region can help them meet their needs.

On January 31, 2009 Tim R. and I attended the Autonomy Zonal Forum. At that meeting we shared about what is going on in each of our Regions our regional experience regarding the current Issue Discussion Topics, Building Communication, and Our Freedom, Our Responsibility. The next Autonomy Zonal Forum will be held July 25, 2009 here in our own Eastern PA Region. We also discussed the topic of insufficient time for review regarding literature review.

I will be attending MARLCNA on February 14, 2009 to bring back information presented at the service meeting.

An opportunity to present the workshops (which were presented at the Regional Assembly) has been offered to all of the areas, if so desired. To date, Montco is requesting that I offer this workshop during one of their unity events in April. Bucks has decided not to have me do the presentation to the area at this time, and I am still waiting to hear from Pure and Simple regarding their response.

In loving service,
Merle H.
RD EPARNA

Tim R mentioned there will be a motion made for gas refund as part of the RD Budget to be presented during New Business.

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: Jessica F. – Chair – We have had all three area's attend for the last two meetings. Our region currently has 27 H&I meetings. MontCo Area H&I badly needs support, so instead of planning our next Regional Learning Day we are going to plan a Learning Day with MontCo.
Also, H&I, along with PI, will be requesting out $70 dollars ($35/month) in budget money to put towards the purchase of EPARNA business cards with the hotline number so that they can be handed out at the Hospitals and Institutions that we serve.
We are in need of a Co-Chair for H&I.
In Loving Service,
Jessica F.

Communications: Chair - Michael J. – No report sent yet. (Phoneline Report included.)

Motion: Add Twin Rivers to the online meeting list – made by Jim M, 2nd by Tom F – Passed 7-0-1

Jim M asked why Chestnut Hill College wasn't going through Philadelphia Region. Tom F said it was already handled and would be further mentioned in his report.

Activities: Jim M. – Chair

Attendance: P&S Chair, Bucks Co rep, Communications Chair

Bucks Report:

Valentines Dance February 7, 2009 First Baptist Church Emily Road, Levittown 9:00pm – 1:00am $8 donation	Bowling Night February 21, 2009 Morrisville Lanes $16 to bowl & eat $5 to eat Free to fellowship	Leprechaun Dance Tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2009

Subcommittee meets the first Saturday of the month at 4pm at Pam's house. Pam: 215-459-0956

Pure & Simple report:
P&S is planning to make Outreach portion of subcommittee into a separate committee.

There will be a Unity Day on March 28, 2009 at St Michael's in Sellersville @ 2:30pm.

A golf outing is being planned for the Spring.

Currently P&S is organizing a monthly road trip for outside of the area.

Also, P&S is looking for a solution for storage of event inventory such as paper goods, thrash bags, etc.

In Loving Service,
Jim M.

Adhoc for New Regional Location: Tom F. – chair – Todd S, Chair, had decided to dissolve the Ad-hoc for now as we have a new area, Twin Rivers, joining us!!!

PI: Tom F

PI met today with Bucks, P+S and Montco – we discussed PI mailing, ordering more EPARNA cards, and doing a PR guide study.
Tom Frey and Henry Dietz held a PI presentation at Chestnut Hill College for a psych class. It went well, we had a 45 minute presentation followed by Q+A that lasted about 1 hour.
We have received Contingency plan from Bucks and they are placing literature racks in three buildings in the area.
Montco hosted a mailing party sending material to local high schools and placed text book in local libraries.
P+S states all is well.

ILS,
Tom Frey

Next meeting: March 1, 2009

We will be asking for our monthly budget to purchase new EPARNA cards, which we will share with H+I, at a total cost of $155.00 quarterly.

Treasurers Report: Tim R – Treasurer

Report attached with e-mail.

Tim R, treasurer, informed the body that we have been under prudent reserve, significantly under, for 6 months. Marc C asked if there is a benchmark amount we should be looking to hit monthly. Eric P said his understanding was that an area should end with a $0 balance and that all monies over $0 should be forwarded to Region. Chair, Todd S asked that this be moved to Open-Forum.

*****B R E A K*****

Old Business:

Open positions are as follows: Secretary, Co-Secretary, Co-Treasurer, PI Chair, Literature Chair, & Policy Chair.

Motion: Michelle A was nominated for Secretary by Tim R, 2nd by Tom F – Passed 8-0-0

New Business from Areas:

Bucks County: none.
Montco: none.
Pure & Simple: none.

New Business from RD:

RD, Merle H., reviewed her projected budget. After some group discussion Merle presented her projected budget as two motions.

Motion 1:

Autonomy Zonal Forums		
January 31, 2009 gas only	$ 25.00	
MARLCNA		
Male and Female Rooms	$ 90.00	
One night only		
Autonomy Zonal Forum	$200.00	
July 25, 2009		
Hosted by EPARNA		
2009 Regional Assembly	$ 75.00	
Total:	**$390.00**	**PASSED 2-1-0**

Motion 2:

Florida Symposium		
March 12-15, 2009		
Room 2 nights		
Airfare	$450.00	
Total:	**$450.00**	**PASSED 3-0-0**

New Business from Subcommittees:

H&I: none.

PI:

Motion: To repay Built to Last Group for literature used at PI presentation in the amount of $9.25 to be fully self-supporting – made by Tom F. Passed 3-0-0

Communications: none.

Activities: none.

Open Forum:

Rina's question about holding multiple positions was revisited. Tom F had looked into the policy and found that two positions cannot be held by one person when they are both positions with a vote.

Eric P asked what the process is to Insurance Information to a new group. Todd S explained that a request would need to be sent to the secretary. The secretary is the liaison between the group and the Insurance Company and can have a copy of the Insurance Certificate faxed or mailed to the facility.

Rina suggested we look into a way to get our Region more noticed by directing people to our website. She said maybe we could send out flyers. Todd mentioned that we could get our meeting minutes sent to all GSR's so everyone has an opportunity to see what our region is doing. Merle added that World Services shows interest in seeing Region's minutes. Todd S said this should be a task handled by the Communications subcommittee.

Tom F informed the group that there have been some issues at the Glenside Center. There are about 5 NA meetings there a week. It is held in an AA Clubhouse and the issues have come in with the neighbors. AA seems to be trying to handle it but Tom said if anyone hears anything to bring the information back to the Region.
Todd brought back up the issue of cash flow that was discussed before. When all monthly bills(Insurance, phone line, rent, etc.) are added up and dived by the number of home groups, each group would ideally need to donate $25 per month. Tim R said at the bare minimum it costs about $5,000 per year to pay regional bills. Walt said Pure & Simple seems to have resolved their financial issues and hope to be starting to send donations again. This should help. Todd suggested we take the numbers here back to our areas to keep everyone informed and aware of our financial situation.

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

Upcoming Regional Meeting Dates:

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

**Dates and times are subject to change.*