

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
UPPER ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
REGION-AREA #3  
SERENITY SEEKERS  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 7, 1986

The June 7th, Serenity Seekers, Committee Meeting was held at 111 E. 14th St. in Scottsbluff NE. Shortly after 1:00 p.m. the Chairperson, Keith, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by Mark to the 10 members present.

The minutes from the April 5th meeting were read by the temporary Secretary, Richard, with Jacque making a motion to accept the minutes as read, Mark seconding the motion and all in favor.

H.&I. COMMITTEE

Jacque, our area Chairperson representative in Steve's absence, gave the H.&I. Committee report. There is an N.A. meeting being held in the Rawlins Penitentiary ever Monday evening with members from the Cheyenne groups alternating the chairing responsibilities. As the meeting is just starting they need literature and support in the form of outside members willing to travel to Rawlins to chair their meetings.

Also a new meeting was being formed at the juvenile detention hall, and the "Gift of Life" group was trying to start up a regular meeting at the county jail as they had a member currently serving time who might be able to spark an inside interest.

P.I. COMMITTEE

Murphy, our area Chairperson, stated that he had been in contact with most of the Cheyenne radio stations in regards to broadcasting P.S.A.s. The stations had varying maximum time requirements but all fell within the 15, 30, or 60 second announcements prepared by the W.S.O. as stated in the P.I. information kit. All announcements would be made free of charge and although a pre-recorded tape could be submitted, the appropriate announcement could be handed in in type written form.

Murphy also asked for everones support in the up-coming W.S.U. convention and urged all to subscribe to the N.A. Way.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Mark, our area Chairperson, discussed the review process for non-approved literature with new literature being sent out by the World Literature Committee to the Regional Committees who then send it to the registered Area Literature Committees. As we are now registered any new material will come through Mark, who will then pass it along to the groups. After a nine month review and input period, of which the next deadline is Oct. 1, 1986, the revised literature is again distributed for a one-year approval period when it is again brought up for vote at a World Service Conference. The process is again repeated if necessary. Mark has order forms for current approval literature.

Mark also informed us that unless we wrote in to the World Literature Committee for permission to make a specific number of copies of any literature we ought not do it as it is a violation of copy-write laws and it helps control the number of un-approved copies floating around. He pointed out that un-approved literature shouldn't be handed out to non-members or the public or sold to hospitals or other institutions. Also mentioned was that we ought not use any un-approved literature at regular meetings.

G.S.R. REPORTS:

Murphy, from the Cheyenne "Funaddicts" Group, informed us that Gayle would be sending in her formal letter of resignation from all offices and committees as she was moving to California. We will all miss Gayle and

appreciate all that she has done and wish her the best of luck for the future.

He also stated that the regular attendance was down so much so that it is hard to fill the different trusted servant positions. They are still holding two meetings a week.

Jacque, from the Cheyenne "Gift of Life" Group, reported that their attendance was on the up-swing with increased, active involvement in service work and an increase in donations making the funding of the H.&I. meeting possible. There are no donations asked for at these meetings.

Mark, from the Scottsbluff "Clean and Serene" Group, reported that the group was currently looking into the possibilities of renting a building or room unconnected with the other fellowship to comply with the W.S.O. guidelines concerning the sixth tradition, of non-affiliation.

He also informed us of a new meeting in the works at the C.D.U.

A.S.R. REPORT:

Joe, our Area Service Rep., informed us of several things that he had brought back from the Regional Service Meeting. These were;

1. The need for input on setting guidelines for hosting a Regional meeting.
2. Input from the Areas and the Groups as to what they expect from the different committees of the Region or what is needed from the Regional Service Office.
3. The R.S.R. needs input on the approval literature in time for the next W.S.C., the deadline being Oct. 1, 1986.
4. Setting guidelines for holding a Regional Service Office.
5. Setting guidelines for Region meeting fundraisers and the proper use of these funds.
6. Going to follow the methods used in the Service Structure Manual more closely.
7. Better communications are needed from the Areas and the Groups.
8. Make sure that the trusted servant positions are filled by members with a sufficient amount of clean time, and who can handle the jobs.
9. An H.&I. donation can ought to be passed around separate from the regular donations, to be used solely for the purchase of literature to be handed out at the H.&I. meetings. These funds will be handled by the H.&I. Chairperson only.
10. The Regional P.I. Chairperson needs to have contact from the groups.
11. The Regional Literature Chairperson also needs to have more contact with the Areas and the Groups, and reminds us that any material sent in for possible publication needs to be accompanied by a copyright release form filled out and signed by the author.
12. The Region is in need of any funds that can be donated.
13. After a Group conscience allocates funds to a sub-committee, the funds cannot be used for anything else.

Joe continued by giving us a run-down of the R.S.R.s report that he recieved when he attended the recent meeting in Sheridan.

1. The World Service Convention would be held every year with a different host being chosen. The 1987 convention will be held in New Orleans, LA.
2. The white book will have some wording changed in the near future from "fix, pill, or drink", to "drug".

3. It was reported that there are approximately 6,157 meetings per week scattered through-out the world today. Coming from the Region, last year 35 meetings per week were listed and this year the number has almost doubled to 65 per week.
4. There is a need, at the world level, for members with an understanding of the program of N.A. and an understanding of foreign languages to translate W.S.O. approved literature into these other tongues so that the translations can be understood for what they say.
5. There is a newsletter available from the Region, published four times a year, for a cost of \$4.00. They would like comments sent in as to whether or not it is liked or disliked and any suggestions for improvements.
6. It was brought to our attention that we are in need of a Regional H.&I. Rep. Monty, from Gillete, has a desire to serve but a transportation problem with obtaining permission from his P.O. He has about 18 months clean time. Steve, from Cheyenne, has considerable clean time and a desire to serve, although he would prefer to serve in an alternate capacity and does a lot of work related travel which would limit his ability to attend important meetings.
7. The new R.S.R. Alternate, from Boseman, Mont., needs support in the form of letters from other members, showing that we care and that there is an interest in the service structure.
8. The Regional Literature Committee needs input and opinions on unapproved literature so that all may be represented.
9. There are now 5 different Regions with the forming of the Rock Springs, WY. Region.
10. The Lincoln Area Service Board has sent a copy of suggested Area Service format or by-laws for the Trusted Servants that they would recommend. The by-laws were to be given to the G.S.R.s to be taken back to their groups for input on.
11. We were also informed of a letter received from the R.S.R., Jim, requesting funds and urging us to creat fund raising committees at the Group level and/or the Area level, for holding fishing parties, dances, etc.

Jim also requests that formalities and procedures be less strictly followed in the interest of saving time.

The Regional Service Office has available nice Upper Rocky Mountain satin-like jackets for \$40.00 and we ought to purchase these and any other N.A. paraphenalia from the Region before turning to outside suppliers, as these funds are sometimes the only monies available to the Region for operation costs.

To continue, the R.S.R.s are having a hard time attending the different conferences and conventions due to a lack of funds and it was again urged that we support our Region in any way that we can.

A new Guide to the Service Structure has been approved and distributed, and finally Jim reminds us of the need for cooperation rather than affiliation as per the resent news letter from the W.S.O.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nominations were opened for a permanent Secretary with Jacque nominating Richard and Cristy seconding the motion. No other nominations were made and Richard was voted in unanimously.
2. Other committee reports were next heard beginning with Cristy's entertainment committee. The Oliver Reservoir area had been checked out and it will require a State Parks permit to enter, Entrance to the area chosen will be made through the second gate. It was also brought up that we could hold the next Area Committee meeting sometime during the week-end.

After some discussion Joe made a motion to hold the camp-out on July 19 & 20. Mark seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After further discussion Chris made a motion to hold the next Area Committee meeting during the camp-out. Jacque seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Finally a motion was made by Murphy to have the meeting on Sunday afternoon. The motion was seconded by Mark and all were in favor.

Next came the Conference Cooperation Committee report given by Chris. It appears that N.A. might be in violation of traditions if we were to accept the invitation and it seems to have been a violation of the fellowships traditions, that of A.A., to have offered the invitation. We could still provide literature and answer questions at a booth since the conference is open to the public but if this action were to create hard feelings among either fellowship it could jeopardize the attitude of cooperation.

Cristy made a motion to table the subject until a later date as the Conference isn't until Sept. 19 & 20. Mark seconded the motion, 7 were for the motion, and one was against. Passed by majority.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on the Area purchasing a stockpile of literature, as the funds became available, so that the Groups could buy what they needed directly from the Area, thereby lessening the W.S.O. work load. It was finally decided to leave the literature purchasing up to the individual groups, as they had a call for it, directly from the W.S.O., mainly in the interest of cutting down the delivery time to the groups.

A bit later on Chris made a motion to allot \$10.00 for the Area Literature Committee to purchase starter kits, consisting of the W.S.O. "Starter Kit", a couple of each approved pamphlet, and a white book. Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

2. Some concerns were brought up about the way that we were conducting business and the placing of votes. After some discussion Chris made a motion to more closely follow the Service Structure Guidelines at future meetings where as New Business would be brought up for discussion and then taken back to the Groups by the G.S.R.s where a group conscience would follow a discussion. At the following Area meeting, under old business, a vote would be taken from the G.S.R.s present using their respective group consciences as a guide. Jacque seconded the motion and all were in favor.
3. The question on what the members thought about electing a new Regional H. & I. Rep. was the next topic. The temporary Rep, from Gillette has an interest in serving and has about 18 months clean time but has some problems getting permission from his P.O. to travel to the different, important meetings. Steve, from Cheyenne, also has

considerable clean time and a desire to serve in an alternate capacity but he has problems with travel as he does extensive travel in connection with his job. Input from the Groups is needed to resolve this issue.

4. Regional fund-raising was brought up for discussion. Fund-raising ought to come from the fellowship, for the fellowship, by the fellowship. First, at least on our level, the Area ought to raise funds to provide for the Area needs and then any extra ought to be sent to the Region.

Chris made a motion for the hosting group or committee, of an Area meeting or event, to provide a fund-raiser for the Area. Joe seconded the motion and both G.S.R.s present agreed.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Old balance- \$47.68 Donations received from groups- \$50.00

Today's donations, including group donations-\$37.55 TOTAL \$135.23

Chris made a motion to allot \$10.00 to the Literature Committee for the purchase of starter kits. Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jacque made a motion to hold \$50.00 in reserve. Chris seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jacque made a motion to pay the rent of \$5.50. Chris seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Chris made a motion to hold \$20.00 in reserve for the Entertainment Committee. Jacque seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Chris to pay the remainder of \$40.82 to Joe for past expenses associated with the Regional Service Meeting.

Jacque seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Balance carried over- \$59.41

Chris made a motion to adjourn with Jane seconding the motion and all were in favor.