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I'm writing to you as the presiding chairman of the recent Pennsylvania Regional Service Committee meeting.

Attached is a copy of the official minutes of this 4th biannual meeting between the Northern and Southern ASC's of Pennsylvania. The collection of \$36.52 for donation to the World Service Office was forwarded separately. The minutes pretty much speak for themselves and we're all looking forward to our upcoming November RSC at Collegeville, PA which the Southern ASC will host.

Item 6) of these minutes expresses our RSC's concern for the feasibility of lawsuits against institutions using the N.A. name for personal gain.

We would appreciate W.S.O.'s comments to explain what policy is being established and what actions will be undertaken and what criteria will be applied before N.A. as a whole enters legal action with the offenders.

Additional questions and concerns are:

Does N.A. have the financial resources to follow through with such lawsuits?

Are the N.A. traditions and an explanation of the N.A. program being offered the institutions involved?

Is N.A. offering to bring an institutional meeting to these institutions and being refused this offer for sharing the fellowship of N.A.?

Are all reasonable means going to be expended before N.A. as a whole brings a lawsuit?

We would appreciate receiving your comments and any further insight regarding this matter.

Yours in the fellowship,

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FOURTH BI-ANNUAL MEETING
PA. REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
May 7, 1978

Meeting held at the Luzerne County Community College - Cafeteria
Attendance - 42

The meeting started at 2:15 P.M. with the Serenity Prayer and the 12 Trad.
OLD BUSINESS - Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Report of the delegate to the World Service Conference:
1st day - Committees were set up. Our delegate, Ray D., was on the literature committee, which will work on ideas for new literature; such as a big book for N.A., a 12&12 for N.A., and revise present literature. Anyone may submit ideas for new literature to Ray to become approved at the next W.S.C. Ray reported there will be two types of N.A. literature in the future:
a) N.A. Approved - approved by the World Service Conference.
b) N.A. Accepted - approved by the literature committee, to be considered for Approved Literature at the next W.S.C.
It was announced that anyone having any questions on N.A. policies may submit them directly to the N.A. Board of Trustees or Jimmy K.
2nd day - Committees discussed their specific topics. Issues of the World Service Convention and future World Service Conferences were discussed. It was announced that N.A. Pins and Rings are available now. N.A. Chips will be coming in June. The N.A. Tree is being revised. N.A. bumper stickers are now available. A report was made by Jimmy K. on the World Service Office as to how it is being run.
Ray reported that there were about 40 people in attendance at the W.S.C. including delegates from Canada, Texas, Georgia, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and California.
- 2) Samples of N.A. Bumper Stickers from California were shown and orders were taken. Glitter stickers - "Clean and Sober" are \$2.00
Plain stickers are \$1.00
- 3) Institutional Committee Report:
It was noted that certain meetings being held in Pa. are not acceptable N.A. Meetings. California is contemplating lawsuits for such Groups for using the N.A. name.
To be an accepted Narcotics Anonymous Group, it must meet the following:
a) Open to the general public (anyone with a drug problem)
b) No institutional influence - the house rules of the institution can't contradict N.A. Traditions.
c) Staff members cannot run the meeting.
d) It must follow the 12 Traditions.
- 4) It was reported that California is coming out with suggestions for carrying the message over the news media.
- 5) It was stated that the Regional Service Committee has the right to question California or the W.S.C. on any policy for N.A. It was also stated that California wants to hear our input.
- 6) A motion was made and seconded to question California about the feasibility of lawsuits for institutions using the N.A. name for personal gain. Passed.

Motion was made and seconded to form a local literature committee for Pennsylvania. It was passed and volunteers were selected as follows:

- Chairman - Ray D. from Danville area
- Rich B. for Scranton & Wilkes Barre area
- Bob M. for Bloomsburg area
- Gerry G. for Harrisburg area
- Neil M. for Lansdale and Philadelphia area

Each member of the Literature Committee will gather local ideas for new literature and forward them to the Chairman, Ray D.

- 8) A copy of an N.A. newsletter from Atlanta, Georgia was passed around and it was decided that our area would contact them and possibly exchange newsletters each month. Rich B., the Pa. N.A. News Editor, volunteered to send a letter with a copy of our newsletter and make these arrangements.
Also an N.A. Chip was passed around from Atlanta.
- 9) It was reported that the Voice, the newsletter from California for all of N.A. is trying to get support. They will try to sustain it as long as possible.
- 10) It was announced that the World Service Office needs financial support desperately. A suggestion was made to have each Group's G.S.R. go to their Group and try to have them make a commitment to send at least \$1.00 per month to the W.S.O.
- 11) Report from the Northern Area Service Committee:

Since the Northern Pa. area is so spread out geographically, and so big, (16 groups) they recently discussed splitting up into three separate areas - Scranton; Harrisburg; and Danville-Williamsport-Sunbury. But due to the financial problems involved and member's skepticism, the idea was tabled until a future date. Instead, each area will try to follow the Scranton-Wilkes Barre area's new concept - a local Steering Committee - which meets each month to discuss any business having to do with all the Groups in the area.

- Project Outreach -
- a) carried the message to professionals (doctors, lawyer Judges, clergymen, etc.)
 - b) Public Service Announcements over the news media - newspapers, radio, television (including a special one hour broadcast on addiction aired on March 12th in Scranton-Wilkes Barre)

Meetings are being taken to hospitals, schools, prisons, etc. These involve N.A. members speaking about their addiction and the Program.

The publication of the N.A. NEWS, a local newsletter now in it's 6th month

The developement of new meeting lists from an idea given us from Calif.

The formation of a local literature committee.

A Naranon metting recently started in Harrisburg, first in the area.

The formation of a "Willing to Share List" - a list of Group members who are willing to travel to other areas to share their stories.

In March, Gregg P., Chairman of the Board of Trustees for N.A. in Calif., visited the area. He gave us many new ideas and a lot of hope.

12) Newsletter Report:

Complaints were voiced about outside issues being included in the N.A. NEWS. A motion was made and seconded to eliminate all references to any activity not N.A. related, such as - A.A., Rehabs, Institutional sponsored activities, etc. The motion was passed.

Motion was made and seconded to send a delegate to next year's World Service Conference to be held once again in California. It was passed, after some discussion as to the need of sending a delegate. The decision was that California needs our input and we will benefit greatly from it, instead of just having an output or report on the Conference.

A motion was made and seconded to start raising funds now for the delegate. The motion was tabled and a discussion was held as to the guidelines for choosing a delegate. The qualifications and requirements were discussed and it was decided to table these guidelines until the next R.S.C. meeting.

A motion was made for each group to donate \$1.00 each month to a delegate fund. It was vetoed.

A motion was made and seconded to have each A.S.C. set aside a certain amount of money each month for a delegate fund. The amount will be whatever they can afford and will be raised anyway they can, within the 12 Traditions. The motion was passed.

14) Discussion:

Our involvement in N.A. How we got involved in N.A. and what we're doing Today. The general consensus was that we got here from other organizations' referrals. Today, total involvement is the best way to stay sober. The more involvement, the better (to a point.)

Spreading the message to institutions:

A great need was indicated, but we must follow the Traditions. Decisions must be made for institutional meetings such as: dress codes, restriction of women in men's prisons, etc.

The problem we face most is that we must be accepted on our own terms, not conform to institutional needs.

- 16) A collection was taken to be sent to the World Service Office. \$36.52
It was suggested to send a copy of the minutes of the R.S.C. meetings to California along with the W.S.O. donation.

THE NEXT PA. REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER IN COLLEGEVILLE, PA. THAT WILL BE NOV, 5th, 1978, STARTING AT 2:00 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OTHER NEW BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER AT 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted;

Richy B.

a concerned N.A. member