

WSC Literature Committee Meeting
March 24th to 26th

Friday

9:04 A.M. Meeting opened in the usual manner.

Attendance

Vince Daley	present
Bryce Sullivan	present
Al Reisser	present
Jim Edgren	present
Paul Butterbaugh	present
Doug Wheaton	present
Mark Peters	present
Andy Andersen	present
Karen Chrapek	present
Carol Kindt	present
Randy Farnell	present
Mac McFadden	present
Jim Buerer	present
Ben Ciaravino	absent

WSO staff

Mary VanEvery	coordinator
Julie Kirkpatrick	staff
George Hollahan	assist. admin.
Steve Lantos	H&I coord.

1. Order of the agenda changed by committee consensus.
2. Discussion of Dallas minutes.
3. M/S/C Bryce/Andy to remove list of arrival time of members at the Saturday meeting.
4. Vince called for approval of minutes if no other changes-unanimous.
5. Discussion of BOT letter to Vince concerning their intention to request development of the Traditions from the WSC. Andy and Mark express concern about the lack of trustee participation at this meeting. Vince explains misunderstanding of coordinator to include trustees and BOD members at this meeting. However, George was present to help clarify the Trustee's decision. He described two of their concerns, time schedule, and the overall experience needed to develop the Traditions. Much discussion on Trustee involvement with the literature committee, writing process and resources to be used, time element of a writing schedule, their presentation of development plan to the WSC, trust, us vs them, and best manner of developing the material.
6. Vince will send follow up letter to the BOT voicing the literature committee's concerns with their request.

7. Vince returns to the agenda, review of step drafts, preliminary discussion of the steps ad hoc process being used, general comments on all of the drafts.

8. Bryce addresses time schedule involved in this process, longer than expected, the need to clarify the steps ad hoc process to the fellowship.

9. Much discussion on all the drafts.

General comments - negative tone, too much slang and colloquialism, prefer passive to active tenses, too much emphasis on drugs and the disease, content good, ideas are there, leans a little too much toward the newcomer, more use of the Chicago draft into the L.A. draft, time element of the writing process - utilizing an additional writer, specific examples of working the steps vs experience of steps, personal relationship and integration of steps into one's life etc.

12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. Lunch break

1:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. Review of Step One draft.

10. Draft read aloud and then a page by page review done with specific notations made in 3 copies, Vince, Bryce and Mary's, for steps ad hoc committee's use.

5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Proposal of Just For Today development plan

11. Plan submitted by WSO staff at Vince's request.

Much discussion concerning the aspects of WSO staff involved in writing process, ethics and professionalism versus spiritual principles, greater use of regional committees and the literature committee members themselves, discussion on forming an ad hoc committee to outline an alternate plan to the WSO proposal.

7:00 P.M. Recess for the evening

Saturday

9:07 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Review of Step Two draft

12. Draft read aloud and then a page by page review done with specific notations made in 3 copies, Vince, Bryce and Mary's, for steps ad hoc committee's use.

12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. Lunch break

1:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Review of Step Three draft.

13. Draft read aloud and then a page by page review done with specific notations made in 3 copies, Vince, Bryce and Mary's, for steps ad hoc committee's use.

6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Dinner break

7:30 P.M. Gender specific report

14. Report given by Bryce. Discussion of report.
Changes made - second page - delete 1st full paragraph, Changes in third full paragraph, - Delete 2nd sentence starting with "*New literature development...*", Delete 4th sentence starting with "*Such discussions may be ...*", Change 5th sentence starting with "*Whatever we as a fellowship decide...*", to "*Whatever we as a fellowship decide, the solution may not be simply to change some language but perhaps to develop a tolerant, well-balanced attitude as well.*", Delete 7th sentence starting with "*Our differences are one of the...*", Delete 8th sentence starting with "*We must remain vigilant...*".
15. Assigned regional motions from CAR 1989
Report given by Bryce. Discussion of motions and wording of the recommendations.
Changes made to motions - Page one of report, second motion - Change "*The WSC Literature Committee recommends that this motion be defeated*" to "*The WSC Literature Committee recommends that no action be taken on this motion.*" Page two of report, first motion (vote 7/4/1) - Change "*The WSC Literature Committee recommends that this motion be defeated.*" to "*The WSC Literature Committee recommends that this proposal be submitted to the WSC Literature evaluation committee for their study and recommendations.*", second motion (vote 10/1/1) to remain as worded. Page three, Change (vote 11/0/1) "*The WSC Literature Committee recommends that this motion be defeated.*" to "*The WSC Literature Committee recommends that no action be taken.*"
16. Budget review
Vince presented two budgets, baseline and optimal. Discussion on both proposals, underwriting of budget by the WSO, addition of food expenditures, work schedules as outlined by both budgets.
17. Discussion from committee members concerning the lack of their involvement in the steps ad hoc process, continuity of members participating in the work, rotation of literature committee members through the steps ad hoc committee, objectivity of reviewing drafts, management of the literature committee for the past year.
18. Tentative approval of baseline budget, with notation of work on only one of the review form pamphlets which will be decided upon at the WSC.

10:15 P.M. Recess for the evening

Sunday

8:07 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

19. Just For Today, discussion on format, survey results, input received, assignment of ad hoc committee to prepare a development plan. Members - Bryce, Andy, Mark, Jim B, and Mac.

20. Edited handbook, discussion on review of edits, recommendations to the literature committee and perhaps the WSC, assignment of ad hoc committee to evaluate the edits. Members - Doug, Randy, and Al.
21. Renewed discussion on the steps ad hoc committee. Consensus of literature committee members that chairperson include literature members in the makeup of the steps ad hoc committee.
22. Nominations, Vince states he is undecided at this time about considering a nomination as chair again, Bryce states that he will accept nomination as chair, but not that of vice chair, so that position needs consideration of nominees, also there will be six registered members positions open. Vince advises members to come prepared to discuss nominations and elections at their first meeting at the WSC.

11:00 A.M. Meeting adjourned.