

WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII

Philladelphia, PA

First group conscience opened at 6:20pm, Friday, January 15. Page C. opened with the serenity prayer.

Members Present:

Page C- Marietta GA  
Bo S. - Marietta GA  
Linda M - Auburn KS  
Anita V - Marietta GA  
Joe T - Southampton PA  
Kathy B - Bristol PA  
Bob B - Morrisville PA  
Terrie O - Langhorne PA

Bob M - Wilmington DE  
Denise T - Newark DE  
Chuck K - Newtown PA  
A.J. H - New Brunswick NJ  
Mike F. - Morrisville PA  
Teresa - PA  
Al - PA

The purpose of the conference was stated by Page being that we need to put stories together for the book. Page also stated that we are running on a tight budget and every effort should be made to economize. Materials such as writing tablets should be left in work areas.

Linda M reported that we have about 130 stories but release forms are needed on many of them. People that we have stories on but no release forms on have been contacted. A cross section is needed of the fellowship. Three suggestions were made. 1) get well written stories 2) make sure there is a release form with it and 3) plug it into the needed and proper category. It was suggested that this can be done by breaking into groups of 3.

Teresa reported that she has received some release forms and new stories in the mail recently. New stories seem to be in better condition than the older ones, perhaps because of the letter that was sent out recently with a request for stories.

Page asked that we come up with a plan of attack for the conference.

Teresa asked if we have a way to contact people that we do not have release forms on. Linda stated that we have 90% of the phone numbers that would be needed.

The question of editing was brought up by Page. Linda suggested that we just edit the stories that we are interested in by making 2 piles. One pile would be for good and the other for not so good. Teresa suggested that maybe we ought to have a practice session on editing at the group conscience for anyone who is new and not

by referring to AA as "another 12 step program." Page made the comment that recovery is what counts.

A.J. made the comment that our higher power will see to it that we get the stories we need. Lets get into the stories and put in catagories later.

Bo stated that he feels that surrender is a key item to look for. This has to do with the addicts turning point. What and how much a person used does not equal quality of surrender.

The question was raised by Page about leaving some slang terms and phrases unedited because it reflects the addicts true personality.

Anita stated that she feels that if you make too many exceptions on slang terms you will loose a format for editing that a group can use.

Bo interjected that the group should feel free to ask questions about things not understood until you get an answer. He also added that the problem with slang is that it does not always mean the same thing when translating into another language.

Page asked for a show of hands for those wanting to catagorize first. One hand was raised. He asked for a show of hands for people who want to start off by reading and evaluating. The rest of the group raised their hands.

Bo suggested that we get a proposed program for the conference.

Group consciences will be held as needed due to the shortness of time we are working with and the ammount of work needed to be completed.

It was decided that attending <sup>members</sup> ~~meetings~~ go outside for meetings rather than having them here where werk is being done.

Al is in charge of sleeping arrangements.

Pay for coffee!

Linda is the only one that will be in the files. Linda and Teresa are the only ones that will be running the copy machine.

The room next to the bathroom is off limits.

Linda asked if more than one copy was needed of stories to be read and evaluated.

It was decided that one person would read the story and the others would take notes.

The motioned was made by Teresa that meeting be closed, ~~and~~ seconded by a few, ~~and~~ closed with serenity prayer at 7.45pm.

IV.

STYLE SHEET FOR COMPOSITION REVIEW

<u>Use the work/phrases:</u>	<u>In reference to (instead of):</u>
CLEAN	Condition of abstinence from drugs (sober)
RECOVERY	Sobriety
ADDICT/ADDICTION	Identity as people powerless over chemicals (Drug addict, alcoholic, drug dependent, drug abuser, dope fiend)
USING	Operating, practicing
STOP	Quit, (i.e., I didn't quit, I stopped using drugs.)
THEM, THEIR	He/she/his/him/her (remove gender)
Useful	Normal
WORKING THE STEPS	Taking the Steps
LIVING A DAY AT A TIME/LIVE TODAY/JUST FOR TODAY	One day at a time
TAKE IT EASY	Easy does it
IT WON'T LAST	This too shall pass
PRIORITIES	First things first
SEEK a)QUALITY b)COMPETENCY c)GROWTH	"Strive for progress rather than perfection."
RELAPSE	Slip

INSTRUCTIONS FOR READING AND EVALUATING PERSONAL STORIES

1. Reading groups of 3
2. Read story aloud
3. Put comments on a separate sheet
4. Must meet major points in outline
5. Categorize content from list from all parts that apply
6. Your job is to read and evaluate per outline and list only
7. File according to Category and Editing comments

LIST USED TO LABEL STORY FOR STORY FILE

Overall story section

Categorize Stories as to:

1. male
2. female
3. old
4. young
5. alcohol
6. amphet. --- speed
7. pills (presc.)
8. narcotics
9. Shooting
10. hospitals ( physical = mental)
11. institutions ( jails, institutions, or juvenile hall
12. gay
13. color (nationality)
14. housewife
15. professional
16. Doctor, lawyer etc
17. occupations
18. location
19. relapse
20. closet user
21. street user
22. rich
23. middle class

APP 30

MRS

PROGRESS

