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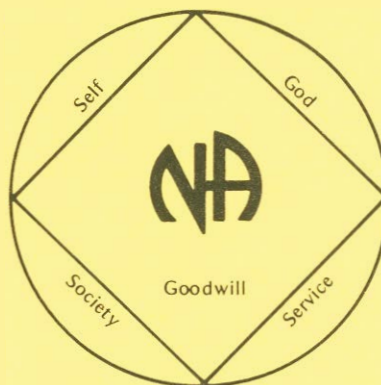
**WORLD**

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**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**



**WE ARE THE BOOK  
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TOGETHER WE WILL HAVE THE BOOK  
DEDICATED TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE EFFORT FOR  
NEW LITERATURE FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF  
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
THAT OTHERS MAY FIND THE FREEDOM OF RECOVERY  
WE HAVE FOUND.**

**Saturday, January 31 thru Sunday, February 8, 1981**

**Richardson Towers  
Memphis State University  
Memphis, TN**

With gratitude in our cleanliness, we dedicate our N.A. Book to the loving service of our Higher Power that through the development of conscious contact with God, no addict seeking recovery need die without having had a chance to find a better way of life. When at the end of the road we find that we can no longer function as a human being, either with or without drugs, we all face the same dilemma. What is there left to do? There seems to be these alternatives: either go on as best we can to the bitter ends — jails, institutions or death; or find a new way to live. For the first time in man's entire history, a simple way has been proving itself in the lives of many addicts. It is available to us all. This simple spiritual—not religious—program, known as Narcotics Anonymous.

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and the time has come...**

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**Consensus In Memphis**



## FORWARD

"The full fruit of a labor of love lives in the harvest, and that always comes in its right season..."

The material for this book was drawn from the personal experiences of ~~recovering~~ addicts within the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. The text is based on an outline derived from the pamphlet ~~(our "white book")~~, "Narcotics Anonymous." The first eight chapters are based on the topic headings in the "white book" and carry the same title. We have included a ninth chapter, 'Just for Today,' and a tenth chapter, 'More Will Be Revealed.' The remainder of the text is comprised of personal stories and appendices.

Following is a brief history of the book:

Narcotics Anonymous was formed in July 1953 with the first meeting held in Southern California. The Fellowship grew erratically, but quickly spread to various parts of the United States. From the beginning ~~while membership was still very small and~~ the need was seen for a "book on recovery" to help strengthen the Fellowship. The pamphlet, "Narcotics Anonymous," was published in 1962.

However, the Fellowship still had little structure and the 1960's were a period of struggle. Membership grew rapidly for a time, and then began to decline. The need for more specific direction was readily apparent. N.A. demonstrated its maturity in 1972 when a World Service Office was opened in Los Angeles. The W.S.O. has brought the needed unity and sense of purpose to the Fellowship.

The opening of W.S.O. brought stability to the growth of the Fellowship. Today, there are many thousand recovering addicts in hundreds of meetings all across the United States and in many foreign countries. Today, the World Service Office truly serves a worldwide Fellowship.

Narcotics Anonymous has long recognized the need for a complete text on addiction--a book about addicts, by addicts and for addicts, ~~which would serve us much like the A.A. "Big Book" has served that fellowship.~~

This effort was strengthened ~~shortly~~ after the formation of W.S.O. with the publication of The N.A.



Tree, a pamphlet on service work. This pamphlet <sup>WAS</sup> ~~is~~ the original "service manual" of the Fellowship. It has been followed by subsequent and more comprehensive volumes, and now the N.A. Service Manual.

The manual outlined a service structure which included a World Service Conference. The W.S.C., in turn, included a Literature Committee. With the encouragement of W.S.O., several members of the Board of Trustees and the Conference, work began.

As the cry for literature, particularly a comprehensive text, became more widespread, the W.S.C. Literature Committee developed. In October, 1979, the first World Literature Conference was held at Wichita, Kansas, followed by conferences at Lincoln, Nebraska and Memphis, Tennessee.

The W.S.C. Literature Committee, working in conference and as individuals, have collected hundreds of pages of material from members and groups throughout the Fellowship. This material has been laboriously catalogued, edited, ~~rewritten~~, assembled, dismembered and reassembled. Dozens of area and regional representatives working with the Committee have dedicated ~~weeks and~~ thousands of man-hours to produce the work here presented. But more importantly, those members have conscientiously sought to insure a "group-conscious" text.

In keeping with the spirit of anonymity, we, the Literature Committee, feel it appropriate to express our special gratitude and appreciation to the Fellowship as a whole, especially the many of you who contributed material for inclusion in the book. We feel that this book is a synthesis of the collective Group Conscience of the entire Fellowship and that every single idea submitted is included in the work, in some form or another.

This volume is intended as a textbook for every addict seeking recovery. As addicts, we know the pain of addiction, but we also know the joy of <sup>the</sup> recovery we have found in the Fellowship ~~and on the program~~ of Narcotics Anonymous. We believe the time has come to share our recovery, in written form, with all who desire what we have found.

Appropriately, this book is devoted to informing every addict: JUST FOR TODAY, YOU NEVER HAVE TO USE AGAIN!

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## INTRODUCTION

This book is the shared ~~common and personal~~ experience of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. We welcome you to read this text, <sup>hoping</sup> ~~trusting~~ that you will choose to share with us <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ new life we have found. We have by no means found a "cure" for addiction. We offer only a proven plan for daily recovery.

In N.A., we follow a program adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous. ~~In the last forty-five years,~~ More than one million people have recovered in A.A., most of them just as hopelessly addicted to alcohol as we were to drugs. We are grateful to the A.A. fellowship for showing us the way to a new life.

The Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous, as adapted from A.A., are the basis of our recovery program. We have only broadened the ~~perspective of addiction~~. We follow the same path with a single exception; our identification as addicts is all-inclusive in respect to any mood-changing, mind-altering substance. <sup>is too limited a term for us; our problem is not a</sup> "Alcoholism" ~~did not cover the total spectrum as~~ <sup>specific substance, it is a disease called "addiction."</sup> ~~comprehensively as does addiction.~~ We believe that we have been guided by a Greater Consciousness (as a Fellowship) and are grateful for the Direction that has enabled us to build upon an already-proven program of recovery.

We have come to Narcotics Anonymous by various means and believe that ~~as~~ our common denominator is that we failed to come to terms with our addictions ~~however varied~~. Because of the degree and variety of addictions found within our Fellowship, we have approached the solution contained within this book in general terms. We pray that we have been searching and thorough, so that every addict who reads this volume will find the hope we have found.

Based on our ~~collective~~ experience, we believe that every addict, including the "potential" addict, suffers from an incurable disease of body, mind and spirit. We were in the grip of a hopeless dilemma. The solution of which is spiritual in nature. Therefore, this book will deal ~~in great part~~ with spiritual matters.



We are not a religious organization. Our program is a set of spiritual principles through which we are recovering from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. Throughout the compiling of this work, ~~the prevailing theme has been the conscious prayer and meditation:~~ <sup>we have prayed:</sup>

"GOD, grant us knowledge that we may write according to Your Divine precepts; instill in us a sense of Your purpose, make us servants of Your will and grant us a bond of selflessness that this may truly be Your work, not ours, in order that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction."

Everything that occurs in the course of N.A. service must be motivated by the desire to more successfully carry the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers. It was for this reason that we began this work. We must always remember that as individual members, groups, and service committees, we are not, and should never be, in competition with each other. We work separately and together to help the newcomer and for our common good. We have learned, painfully, that internal strife cripples our Fellowship; it prevents us from providing the services necessary for growth.

It is our hope that this book will help the suffering addict find the solution we have found. Our purpose is to remain clean, just for today, and to carry the message of recovery.

Thank you,

~~WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE III~~

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE - LITERATURE COMMITTEE,  
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS



3rd World Literature  
Conference of N.A.  
Minutes

# THIRD ANNUAL WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

January 31, 1981  
Memphis, Tennessee

Chaired by Tom M., Sec., Stephen S. & Mindy M., Tres., Joseph P.  
Meeting was opened by a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The meeting began by the reading of the following N.A. literature: Who is an addict, What is Narcotics Anonymous, Why are we Here, How it works, 12 traditions, Just for today, and We do recover.

## Members present:

Stephen S.- Memphis, Tenn.  
Mindy M.- Sioux City, Iowa  
Duane P.- Memphis, Tenn.  
Kenny H.- Memphis, Tenn.  
Jack H.- Memphis, Tenn.  
Bill B.- Decatur, Ala.  
Nolan W.- Venice, Calif.  
Joseph P.- Memphis, Tenn.  
Tom M.- Atlanta, Ga.  
Ted S.- Philadelphia, Penn.  
Linda M.- Topeka, Ks.  
Bo S.- Atlanta, Ga.  
Shorty H.- Marietta, Ga.  
Duane L.- Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Molly P.- Sioux City, Iowa  
Jane B.- Memphis, Tenn.  
Page E.- Marietta, Ga.  
Lee M.- Memphis, Tenn.  
Jeannette P.- Hartselle, Ala.  
Cathy T.- Memphis, Tenn.  
Gene L.- Memphis, Tenn.  
Gina H.- Nashville, Tenn.  
Teresa W.- Bristol, Penn.  
George R.- Philadelphia, Penn.  
Alan C.- Marietta, Ga.  
Hank F.- Atlanta, Ga.  
Jim M.- Lisbon, Ohio

Tom M. chaired the meeting, beginning by restating the first tradition of N.A., the need for compassion and empathy in the N.A. Book. Joseph P. and Cathy T. were introduced as the co-chairpersons of the literature conference. Joseph P. read the introduction from the first literature conference in Kansas in October 1979. George R. read the history of the second literature conference held at Lincoln, Nebraska in September 1980. He commented how the second conference had decided to use the Little White Book as an outline for the N.A. Big Book. During that conference, the book was outlined in chapters, information was filed, and the Twelve Steps Of N.A. were put together.

## GOALS FOR THIS CONFERENCE

1. Complete final draft of the Narcotics Anonymous Big Book.
2. Submit literature to the World Service Conference in Sun Valley, Calif. two months prior to May first.

Members were called on to discuss why we are here and what we hope to accomplish. We hope to help the practicing drug addict. We do not need to feel comfortable with failure any more; we can succeed in life. We are not alone. There is strength in numbers. We can have pride in our recovery. We are free, clean & sober because of this design for living. We are here because God wants us to be here. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jobs were later distributed to members by the conference chairpeople.

THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

Second Day February 1, 1981

Memphis Tenn.

Co-chaired by Joseph P. and Cathy T. Co-Sec., Mindy M. and Stephen S.

Meeting called to order by Mollie P. Opened meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The meeting began by the reading of: Who is an addict, What is Narcotics Anonymous, Why are we here, How it works, 12 traditions, Just for today, and We do recover. Members present:

Shorty-Marietta, Ga.	Jane, B.-Memphis, Tenn.
Mollie P.-Sioux City, Ia.	Allen C.-Atlanta, Ga.
Tom M.-Marietta, Ga.	Mindy M.-Sioux City Ia.
Carol B.-Ft. Lauderdale, Flor.	Jack H.-Memphis, Tenn.
Hank F.-Atlanta Ga.	Linda M.-Topeka, Kansas
Bo S.-Marietta Ga.	Terica W.-BenSalem, Pa.
Nolan W.-Venice, Cal.	George R.-Ivyland, Pa.
Dwayne L.-Ft. Lauderdale Flor.	Jim M.-Leetonia, Oh.
Page C.-Marietta Ga.	Ted S.-Philadelphia, Pa.
Kenny H.-Memphis, Tenn.	Stephen S.-Memphis, Tenn.

Mollie P. turned meeting over to Bo. S.-Atlanta Ga. Asks members to call one person in home area to accept long distance calls, and to call home group every day to keep the home groups informed of how the conference is working and what is being accomplished. Ask home groups for contributions to help cover the cost of supplies such as envelopes, paper, money to buy coffee. Ask home groups to continue to send stories and to give any feed-back as to how the conference is going.

The main objective of this Literature Conference is to get our



N.A. Big Book done this year.

N.A. is basically the same in all the areas of the world, thus making it possible for the group here to go over the material, to arrange it, edit it, review and revise it, and still have representation from a vast majority of N.A. members. After the chapters are in draft form, a copy will be sent to every meeting in the world, with a Review Form attached, so all members of N.A. can give feed-back and input to the actual Big Book. These forms will have to be sent back to the World Literature office, located in Marietta, Ga. The material needs to remain consistent, from our experience in N.A.

Filed to make a decision as to work on one chapter at a time as a group conscience, or to split the chapters between groups.

Hank F.-Atlanta Ga. makes motion to work on the chapters one at a time as a group conscience.

Linda M.-Topeka Kansas would like to split into groups of 4 to 5 and work on separate chapters.

Page C.-Marietta Ga. states there are not enough people to split into groups to work on individual chapters, and there are too many people to work on one chapter together, suggests to split into 2 or 3 groups and work on a chapter in each group.

Dwayne L.-Ft. Lauderdale Flor. suggest possibility of repetition, if we split into groups, on separate chapters. Bo S.-Marietta Ga. suggests to split into groups and work on different parts of one chapter, and to have a group conscience after each group finishes their part of the chapter, thus making it possible to review each chapter in succession. Break into small groups for discussion.

Page C.-Marietta Ga. makes motion to vote on doing one chapter at a time, to be in groups working on different parts of the same chapter.

Tom M.-Marietta Ga. seconds the motion. Members vote unanimously to Work on one chapter at a time, and to have group conscience on the chapter

as needed.

Jim M.-Leetonia, Oh. mentions need to remove redundancy from the book. i.e. If we are Clean, we are sober, If we are addicts, we are alcoholics. Therefore, let us keep our identities and our book simple, and understandable. To say we are addicts, and are clean is all we need to say. It is redundant and confusing to say we are clean and sober, addicts, and alcoholics.

Bo S. reminds us to seek stories. Call home and ask N.A. members to send their stories. There is a need for a release form to be signed by anyone, if their story is used. This will prevent hard-feelings and possible court involvement, because any misunderstandings. There is also a need to go through the files and find out how many stories we have at this time. These stories will need to be read, and filed. Tom M. and Dwayne L. will be responsible for getting information out of the files and into the files.

We need a supply list kept up for any materials needed, and a petty cash fund to be kept for these supplies. Tom M. will handle this.

Jim M. brings up topic of a style sheet. We will write a style sheet and give a copy to all members.

We need to set daily goals as to how much has to be done in one day; and no matter how long it takes us to finish this goal, it will be completed before work is finished for the day. Bo S. will work on an agenda to be followed.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

Addendum to second day Feb.1,1981-Evening meeting  
Memphis Tenn.

Meeting called to order by Bo S. Open meeting with the  
Serenity Prayer.

Bo S. states that the second, third, and fifth chapters of  
Big Book were done at the Second World Conference held in Lincoln  
Nebraska, and are in their third draft and ready to be reviewed  
by the group conscience. Members are asked to take a copy and to  
review it as we reviewed Chapter one. Members are also asked to  
turn their attention to the typing, clipping and pasting of chapters  
next.

George R. states he would like to have chapter four split  
into two chapters, those being A) How it works and B) The steps.  
George R. and Page C. have reviewed the steps up to step ten.

Gina H. makes motion to review chapter one as a group  
conscience beginning tomorrow morning. Linda M. seconds the motion.  
Unanimous vote to review chapter one tomorrow morning. Also members  
will start reviewing chapters two and three in morning.

As far as stories are Tom M. reports that there are six  
stories that have been reviewed and ready for group conscience.

Hank F. and Jim M. placed calls to several areas asking for  
support. San Francisco reports they have sent chapter seven via  
jet and it should arrive here any time. They have also sent \$250.00  
to help support this conference. Greg in Wolf Creek Oregon reports  
work is still being done on the Traditions, and their revised  
copy will be here as soon as possible. Bill B. in Alabama is sending  
his story and a contribution. Jim N. in Lincoln unable to attend  
this conference, but is sending other members to represent Lincoln.  
There will also be people here to represent Idaho. People in  
Jackson Miss., Southern Ala., Pennsylvania, and Idaho are registered  
and are expected to be at this conference at some time.

When calling home groups have them send stories and/or  
contributions to: W.L.C. 3

P.O. Box 41323

Memphis Tenn. 38104.

If there are any collect calls made to us at this confer-  
ence, deny the call, but find out where the call came from and  
call persons back immediately.

THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

Third Day February 2, 1981

Memphis, Tenn.

Co-chaired by Joe P. and Cathy T. Co-Sec. Mindy M. and Stephen S.

Bo S. opens the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Members present:

Kenny H.-Memphis	Linda M.-Topeka, Ks.
Dwayne L.-Ft. Lauderdale	Allen C.-Atlanta, Ga.
Jim M.-Leetonia, Oh.	Bo S.-Marietta, Ga.
Shorty-Marietta, Ga.	Tom M.-Marietta, Ga.
Mollie P.-Sioux City, Ia.	Mindy M.-Sioux City, Ia.
Terica W.-Bensalem, Pa.	Page C.-Marietta, Ga.
Cathy T.-Memphis, Tenn.	George R.-Ivyland, Pa.
Ted S.-Philadelphia, Pa.	Richard B.-Venice, Cal.
Nolan W.-Venice, Cal.	Hank F.-Atlanta, Ga.
Duane P.-Memphis, Tenn.	

Bo brings to the group that Tom M. should receive any list for needed supplies. Tom will supply all supplies. It was decided that folders containing the day's minutes would be a necessity. Most important result of this conference will be to produce a review copy of the Narcotics Anonymous Book and send it to the World Service Conference in Sun Valley, California. God shall help us to produce this miracle.

Cathy T. stated that Chapter 1 had no continuity and still contained a lot of redundant material. An intensive review workshop for Chapter 1 was suggested.

George is working on Chapter 4. Lincoln, Nebraska has done work on Steps 1 - 10 and sent them here. Witchita, Kansas is sending in their work on Steps 6 - 12. He wants Chapter 4 to be split into two parts: 1) How it works 2) Steps. Page suggested that the two parts become two chapters, following one another, because their content was so broad, yet so vitally important to be close together. Dwayne made a motion that this not be done until more work was received from out of town.

Bo asked how the work on the stories was going. Tom said we have one long story complete and ready for publishing. He suggested that copies of other stories be made and passed around for review. Mollie said we need more stories about women. She also brought to our attention that stories should focus less on the actual drug use and more on recovery.

It is brought to our attention that there is a great need for the style sheet for working on Chapter 1. Hank motions for an update on the style sheet. The motion is seconded by Dwayne.



Terica motioned that the phrases "on program" and "in fellowship" be stricken from the style sheet. The motion was seconded by Shorty and was passed. Mollie suggested that phrases for the style sheet contain action words (living, working, using, etc. ...) rather than words such as in, or on, or other words of like passivity. Tom suggested that "living the program" or "working the program" would sound more appropriate. Mollie agreed. It is agreed to that the following phrases be added to the style sheet: PROGRAM - to mean the Spiritual Principle and FELLOWSHIP - to refer to the N.A. body.

Tom said that the files will be kept up by Cathy, Dwayne, and himself. All other people should ask their help when needing information from the files.

Cathy would like people to leave all pens, pencils, and paper here so that they will not be lost. These items do cost and are easily lost, so please keep up with them if at all possible.

BREAK for LUNCH

Group conscience meeting at 4:50 p.m. Meeting began with a moment of silent meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer. Two people from Boyse, Idaho have arrived: Frank and Lori I. Members present at this time are as follows:

Tom M.-Marietta, Ga.  
Kenny H.-Memphis, Tn.  
Jim M.-Leetonia, Oh.  
Nolan W.-Venice, Cal.  
Linda M.-Topeka, Ks.  
Mindy M.-Sioux City, Ia.  
Dwayne L.-Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.  
Terica W.-Bensalem, Pa.  
Gina H.-Nashville, Tn.  
Lori I.-Boyse, Id.

Mollie P.-Sioux City, Ia.  
Duane P.-Memphis, Tn.  
Ted S.-Philadelphia, Pa.  
George R.-Philadelphia, Pa.  
Shorty-Atlanta, Ga.  
Hank F.-Atlanta, Ga.  
Allen C.-Atlanta, Ga.  
Bo S.-Marietta, Ga.  
Frank I.-Boyse, Id.

Dwayne reported on progress on Chapter 1. We have finished writing it and it is being re-typed for the final review. We now feel confident in contacting Chuck S., the chairman of the board of trustees for the WSC, and stating that the Book will be ready by the end of this conference and that the WSC should make necessary arrangements to receive it and have it published.

Jim states that we are all learning more and more about keeping a continuous flow in our work. He discusses the spiritual adventure of our work and its importance.

Nolan states that we are learning about the differences in each other's attitudes while working together. We are learning what we are all looking for and what exactly this conference is about.

George says that we have the paste-ups from Lincoln and have made copies. We are working on sections and have section C and section D done. Gina feels that this draft is in very rough paste-up form and needs a lot of work. It needs to be put into we-book-form. We should all ask God for guidance, strength, and direction, and have the courage to change the things that we can.

We have received two letters and two telegrams wishing us luck with our work. Photo-copies will be affixed to today's minutes.

BREAK for dinner and a meeting.

Group reconvened at 11:00 p.m. and was opened by a moment of silent meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer. Members present:

Bo S.-Marietta, Ga.	Kathy P.-Memphis, Tn.
Page C.-Marietta, Ga.	Cordie A.-Memphis, Tn.
Jim M.-Leetonia, Oh.	Randy S.-Memphis, Tn.
Gary S.-Memphis, Tn.	Richard D.-Memphis, Tn.
Kenny H.-Memphis, Tn.	Dwayne L.-Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Tom M.-Marietta, Ga.	Ted S.-Philadelphia, Pa.
Carol B.-Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Danny-memphis, Tn.
Linda M.-Topeka, Ks.	Deb D.-Memphis, Tn.
Duane P.-Memphis, Tn.	Jeff K.-Memphis, Tn.
Robert-Memphis, Tn.	Stephen S.-Memphis, Tn.
Jeff B.-Memphis, Tn.	George R.-Philadelphia, Pa.
Lee M.-Memphis, Tn.	Linda I.-Boyse, Id.
Terica W.-Bensalem, Pa.	Frank I.-Boyse, Id.
Bob-Memphis, Tn.	Mindy M.-Sioux City, Ia.
Gina H.-Nashville, Tn.	Cathy T.-Memphis, Tn.
Nolan W.-Venice, Cal.	Cindy H.-Memphis, Tn.
Molly P.-Sioux City, Ia.	Gene L.-Memphis, Tn.
Jane B.-Memphis, Tn.	

We have a lot of new people at the conference now. Bo S. leads the meeting and states the basics of why we are here. He tells about the Book and its Chapters. He explains our literary process: writing, compiling, reviewing, revising, and typing of the necessary information. He explains how we will all "get the ball rolling" on tonight's work. He asks others to add what they can so that the new people will better understand what we will all be doing tonight.

Cathy explains some of the basic things which are helping us to maintain some kind of order here.

Jim M. tells about the style sheet and its purpose.

George suggests we put together workshops for tonight's work. His suggestion was agreed upon and carried out.

Dwayne will be editing for Chapter 2 and will help in this workshop.

Linda suggests we type pages as they are edited. Another suggestion is that the new people get with the more experienced editors to better understand what is being done and to be of the most value to our work.

Bo feels there is a need for four workshops: typing, reading (and reviewing), writing, and cutting & pasting. People are asked to be of service where they are most talented. The various workshop members are decided and informed. We are all ready to get to work, finally.

Newcomers were encouraged to write and donate their stories.

Work goes on throughout the night, steadily, and we are still working on a round-the-clock schedule. Progress at the conference will not stand still, ever. Unity is becoming stronger daily and so are our spiritual relationships. God is granting us strength.



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January 23, 1981

WSC Literature Committee  
890 Atlanta Road  
Marietta, GA 30060

Att: Bo Sewell  
Chairman

Dear Friends,

We received your newsletter highlighting your Big Book. It sounds like an interesting project which will result in a much needed book.

Do you intend to publish it yourselves or are you looking for a publisher? If you are, we'd like to be considered. At the very least, we'd be interested in acting as your distributor. I hope the remainder of your work goes smoothly.

Please respond to my query.

Yours very truly,



Karen S. Elliott  
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January 20, 1981

Mr. Bo Sewell  
WSC Literature Committee  
890 Atlanta Road  
Marietta, Georgia 30060

Dear Bo,

Your letter of December 15 came to my desk since one of my staff duties is to serve as a sort of "liaison" between A.A. and similar Fellowships. Thanks for keeping us informed re the progress you are making on your book. We send warm wishes for a successful conference in Memphis.

Sincerely yours,

  
Lois Fisher  
General Service Staff

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THIRD ANNUAL WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

Fourth Day February 3, 1981 3:00 p.m.

Memphis, Tennessee

Co-chaired by Joseph P. and Cathy T., Co-Sec.-Mindy M. and Stephen S., Tres.-Joseph P.

Meeting opened by the Serenity Prayer, preceded by a moment of silence. Bo S. began the meeting by stating that the work was going well but must be kept up in order to achieve our final goal. He stressed the importance of keeping the minutes of the round of applause given for the minutes.

Dwayne states that Chapter 1 is back to another round of work. He feels re-pasting Chapter 1 is unnecessary.

Bo felt we needed to put a hard drive into working chapters 3 & 4 today. He stressed importance of working on 3 - as soon as possible in order that we may have a solid draft to work with. It is suggested that we use the third floor of this building for silence and peaceful individual care. We then went around the room with suggestions and comments:

Lori I. feels we can do it and will make it.

Frank I. feels he is more a part of the conference today.

Jeff K. feels glad to be here.

Robert feels very excited and fortunate to be here.

Randy is glad to be a part of the conference and can hardly believe this is really happening.

Terica would like to thank the Memphis House people for their help and support.

Gina H. is anxious to see this work and all come together.

Cordy likes where she is at and feels we must all keep the positive spirit going in order for this to work.

Dwayne would like to see Chapter 2 and hustle in getting its mistakes corrected.

Jeff B. sees a need for us to keep the writing simple and to the point.

Mike P. merely feels confusion at this point.

Page suggests the phrase "clean time" for the style sheet in reference to our period of time without drugs. He would like us to keep our phrases simple.

Richard is working with Chapter 4 and feels all is going well.

Bo says that Chapter 2 has arrived from San Francisco and is ready. We all owe our thanks to Doug of the S.F. group.

Gary says he is grateful to be a part of this and he has learned a lot.

Duane states that he has been here 3 days and is still confused, but is grateful to be here.

Morris S. says he is willing to offer any help that he can.

Joseph suggests that we not use slang words, which mean drug addict, in the book at all.

Deb D. feels good about being here. She says that we can and are doing it.

Linda wants the word "toke" added to the phrase "first fix, pill, or drink". The group voted yes and it shall be added to the style sheet. The phrase now reads "first fix, pill, drink, or toke".

Kathy P. is grateful to be here and feels she is doing well in her work.

Kenny H. is working on Chapter 3 and says it is progressing well. There is an applause for Gene L. for his contributions to the work on Chapter 3.

Nolan agrees with Page on his suggestion to use the phrase "clean time". He also feels that A.A. should be mentioned on page 1 of Chapter 3. Bo suggests our gratitude to A.A. should be mentioned in the introduction of our book. It was decided to bring it to the group later on in the evening.

Nolan also feels there is some work to be done on Chapter 7.

Joseph P. read a letter to the group from Wichita and there is an applause for it. He says there will be a conference held in Los Angeles in May of this year. Joseph read a list of people who had contributed their story and if anyone else would like to please go ahead and write and donate their story. It is asked that we contact the following people in reference to their story: Tommy B. of the Atlanta area, Chuck G. and Chuck S. of the L.A. area, Greg P. of Oregon, Jim N of Nebraska, and Bob B. of California and Jimmy K. of the WSO-both founding fathers of N.A.

Registration forms for the World Service Conference, to be held May 1st - 3rd at Los Angeles Valley College, will be available on the literature table.

The letter, which Joseph read, reads as follows:

2/1/81

TO THE THIRD LIT. CONF.;

GREETINGS FROM WICHITA, KANSAS! THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU ON YOUR WORK IN MEMPHIS.

ENCLOSED FIND MY CHECK FOR TWO (2) OF YOUR AVAILABLE WORK FOR THE REVIEW BY WICHITA AREA N.A. SEND TO THE BELOW A.S.C. ADDRESS.

P.O.BOX 1303  
WICHITA, Ks. 67201

MARK Z.

Again we thank Wichita for their support.

At this time we would also like to thank Joe P.'s parents and Gene L.'s father for their help and support today. We are all deeply grateful for the love they shared today.

We'd like to wish Carol B. a safe trip home to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and thank her for the help she offered to us in this conference. She truly was wanted, needed, appreciated, and loved by all of us.

Meeting of group conscience closed at 3:50 p.m. by the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

Group Conscience at 12:00 midnight

Open with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Bo asks we pray for Jim m. who is not feeling well. Briefly go over the flow chart. Chapters one and two are looking good. Chapter three should have a review draft ready in a few hours. Chapter four:

The second part of chapter four is coming along nicely (section c through i) research is being done on sections h, and i.

Topics 1) substitutions/addictive personalities

2) abstinence

section g in its second draft, sections e, and f are being put in their second draft, sections e, and f are also in their second draft. All the material for the steps needs to be blended together. Page 10 states that the second part of chapter four will be done before the morning is over.

Chapter five is in the file and needs to be read. Chapter six is in Wolf Creek and is going to be sent to us over the phone in the morning. Chapter seven is typed and ready for review, this chapter was sent from San Francisco. Chapter eight is typed and ready for review. Chapter nine needs to be typed, and is in that process now. Chapter ten has been cut and pasted and is ready to be typed and prepared for review. Chapters one and two have received workshop approval.

Bo states that the more enthusiastic the members get, the faster the work seems to get done. Also, that while working on chapter drafts exact wording is not vital until the final intensive review.

Joseph P. states that if the spirit is with us, by Sunday 200 pages of well-typed, good work will come out of this conference. After this conference we only have twenty days to mail copies of this conference out to all the different areas and get their approval. We will need App. 6000.00 dollars to make these copies, and we need to start receiving these funds by this Friday. Members are



asked to call thier areas as soon as possible in the morning, and ask for contributions. Be assertive. This Book is for everyone!

Break-down on the 6000.00 dollars:

- 1) Need 250,000 sheets of paper
- 2) White cardboard spiral covers with the N.A. logo on the cover
- 3) Envelopes
- 4) Postage
- 5) Correlating

This money is not a half-measure, we will either get it or we won't and will have to wait a year for our Book! Linda states she sees no problem in getting the money, be assertive when we call our area. Our goal is to send a review copy to every area of N.A. Nolan asks about possibility of "hustling" articles such as paper, spirals, etc. Tom state the need to stick absolutely to the traditions of N.A. We are to close to our goal to jepardise the chance of a complete and approved Big Book. The best thing to do is to start an all out effort to raise the money, and keep ourselves unified. Together, WE CAN DO IT! We need to keep a possitive mental attitude, and stick together. Bo asks for feed-back for a banquet buffet Saturday night. This would cost between 4.25 and 5.25 dollars per person. To be discussed at next group conscience.

Call the W.S.C. and have them help start raising the needed funds.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

## Members present today are:

Jim M.-Leetonia, Oh.  
George R.-Ivyland, Pa.  
Cathy T.-Memphis, Tn.  
Mollie P.-Sioux City, Ia.  
Stephen S.-Memphis, Tn.  
Frank I.-Boise, Id.  
Jeff B.-Memphis, Tn.  
Deb D.-Memphis, Tn.  
Morris S.-Memphis, Tn.  
Robert-Memphis, Tn.  
Cordie A.-Memphis, Tn.  
Carol B.-Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.  
Page C.-Marietta, Ga.  
Bo S.-Marietta, Ga.  
Linda M.-Topeka, Ks.  
Nolan W.-Venice, Cal.  
Kathy P.-Memphis, Tn.  
Ted S.-Philadelphia, Pa.  
Bob S.-Memphis, Tn.

Roger T.-Memphis, Tenn.

Terica W.-Bensalem, Pa.  
Tom M.-Marietta, Ga.  
Beverly B.-Memphis, Tn.  
Mindy M.-Sioux City, Ia.  
Lori I.-Boise, Id.  
Jeff K.-Memphis, Tn.  
Gary S.-Memphis, Tn.  
Lee M.-Memphis, Tn.  
Randy S.-Memphis, Tn.  
Gina H.-Nashville, Tn.  
Dwayne L.-Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.  
Duane P.-Memphis, Tn.  
Richard D.-Memphis, Tn.  
Joseph P.-Memphis, Tn.  
Kenny H.-Memphis, Tn.  
Mike P.-Memphis, Tn.  
Gene L.-Memphis, Tn.  
Jack H.-Memphis, Tn.

THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

Fifth day 2/4/81

Memphis, Tn.

Co-chaired by Joseph P. and Cathy T. Co-sec, Mindy M and Stephen S. Treasurer-Joseph P.

Quote from the fourth chapter of the N.A. Big Book, "We are trying to achieve adequacy, not perfection.---Adequacy can be achieved, perfection can not."

Bo S. opens group conscience with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Report on how the chapters are coming along:

Chapter one and chapter two are good. They have been through their final review.

Chapter three-Needs to be expanded on. Some expansion material can be gotten from the little white pamphlet, and from the other chapters. Chapter three is pretty basic and does not need to be a long chapter.

Chapter four-The first part of chapter four, steps one through four have been proof-read and reviewed once, typed and are ready for their second review. The second part of chapter four is typed up in second draft, and should be ready soon for its second review.

Chapter five-Has been cut and pasted and is in the process of being typed, and will soon be ready for its first review.

Chapter six-This chapter is in Wolf Creek, Oregon and is going to be phoned in to us sometime this evening. Possibly we will have a dictaphone to use at this time.

Chapter seven.-Is typed and ready for its first review.

Chapter eight.-Is typed and ready for its first review.

Chapter nine.-Is being typed, and will be ready for its first review.

Chapter ten.-Needs to be typed.

Bo S. suggests that the main focus for the rest of this day be to get chapters four and five finished with their final review.



Need the material for chapter three from Lincoln and the material from this conference to be compared and revised. Keep it simple and to the point.

Gary S. says he knows of a school who will print the book copies cheaply. He will let us know what the school says at the next group conscience.

Have app. 1000.00 dollars in the literature account at this time. We have a chance to borrow 1000.00 dollars, but we feel we will be able to get the money through contributions, and would rather not borrow any money. Members are asked to call private individuals they know and ask for contributions.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

Back to work.

4:15 am

Open group conscience with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Report on the chapters:

Chapters one and two are done.

Chapter three-There has been a new outline made for this chapter

- 1) attempts to control addiction
- 2) attempts of other people to help the addict
- 3) Show how we lost cause, lost hope.
- 4) Concept of recovery-demands a personality change.

The Lincoln work was added to chapter three. We cannot forget why we are here. The material from the White book needs to be included in chapter three.

Chapter four-The second draft of the first four steps have been completed and are ready for typing. The second half of chapter four has steps 9 and 11 done, but chapters 10 and 12 have not been received from Watchita. Sections c through g are in their third generation and are ready for intensive review later in the morning. Sections h and i need to be edited and typed. Sections c through i will be finished and set aside for review tomorrow. If we do split chapter four, do not change the other chapter headings until the end of the conference and refer to chapter four as four a and four b.

Chapter five-In final type.

Chapter six-Was received by phone. Traditions 1 through 8 have been received with traditions 9 through 12 to be received by Friday night. Mollie reports that the traditions are in beautiful shape and will probably only need one proof reading and they will be done.

Chapter seven-Reviewed tonight and is in typing. This is possibly the final draft of this chapter. However if there is any extra material from the other chapters, that material could possibly fit in this chapter.

Chapter Eight-The first review has been done, and is in typing. This could poss. be the final draft of this chapter.

Chapter Nine-Is in it's first draft. The people reviewing this chapter have asked for help.

Chapter Ten- Needs to be typed and reviewed. In the Lincoln minutes it is stressed that the pamphlet Another Look be included in this chapter. Joseph will contact Jimmy and check on this.

Stories-Tom asked for help typing these stories so they can be out and reviewed. we still need stories. There are app. 12 stories 3 pages each, felt ready to be put in book. There is more of a cross section of stories being read.

Bo asked that when we review a copy of a chapter we save a copy of each draft. These will be filed, and documented. Each of these drafts represents a flow of group consciousness.

It is asked that no-one make a change in the flow chart except Linda, to avoid confusion. It was decided to change the style sheet to read that instead of reading he or him, form should be they or their. We will be copying off several copies of the traditions we recieved, and they will be available to read and comment on.

There is going to be a banquet Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. See Nolan for more details.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

We are witnessing miracles taking place here, and we are all instruments of God.

At six thirty a.m. 2/5/81/ Jeff L. and Dan K. from Omaha, Nebraska and Doug W. from Lincoln Nebraska arrived ready, willing and able to work. Thank You

Members present today 2/4/81

Dwayne L.-Ft. Lauderdale, Flor.

Richard D.-Memphis, Tn.

Deb D.-Memphis Tn.

Cindy H.-Memphis, Tn.

Bill K.-Memphis, Tn.

Mindy M.-Sioux City, Ia.

Mike P.-Memphis, Tn.

Nolan W.-Venice, Cal.

Bob S.-Memphis, Tn.

Gary S.-Memphis, Tn.

Linda M.-Topeka, Kansas

Laurie S.-Boise, Id.

Jeff B.-Memphis, Tn.

Lee M.-Memphis, Tn.

Cordie A.-Memphis, Tn.

Ted S.-Philadelphia, Pa.

Gina H.-Nashville, Tn.

Page C.-Marietta, Ga.

George R.-Ivyland, Pa.

Tom M.-Marietta, Ga.

Gene L.-Memphis, Tn.

Jane B.-Memphis, Tn.

Robin C.-Memphis, Tn.

Randy S.-Memphis, Tn.

Beverly B.-Memphis, Tn.

Kathy P.-Memphis, Tn.

Frank I.-Boise, Id.

Stephen S.-Memphis, Tn.

Jim M.-Leetonia, Ohio

Cathy T.-Memphis, Tn.

Robert J.-Memphis, Tn.

Terica W.-Bensalem, Pa.

Kenny H.-Memphis, Tn.

Mollie P.-Sioux City, Ia.

Bo S.-Marietta, Ga.

Joseph, P.-Memphis, TN.



THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

Sixth day 2/5/81

Memphis, Tn.

Cathy T. and Joseph P.-Co-chairpersons and Treas. Tom M.-Librarian  
Linda M.-Coordination-Work in progress. Mindy M. and Stephen S. Co-Sec.

3:40 P.M. Open with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.  
Report on the chapters:

Chapters One and Two are done.

Chapter Three-Pray for us! Ask George how the chapter is coming. Is still in the paste-up stage and rewrite.

Chapter four-In it 3rd review (Section C through I); Steps in second review. Looking Good.

Chapter Five-Ready for final review.

Chapter Six-Mollie will type it up. Few changes need to be done. Thank you Greg of Wolf Creek for a great job.

Chapter Seven-In typing. Will be in second draft.

Chapter Eight-In typing. Will be in third draft. Will be ready for third review.

Chapter Nine-In final typing. Looking Good!

Chapter Ten-Still in writing and paste-up stage.

Stories-The old files have been reviewed and all possible stories have been chosen. More stories are coming over the phone and in the mail. Plus some of the members of this conference are writing their stories.

Gary reports that he has contacted a printer who may possibly print our works for up to 75% less than the original estimated cost.

Style sheet-Group discussion on the terms God vs. Higher Power. Went around the room for feed-back. Group agreed God should stay in our book and in our lives. Welcome back God. We will use the terms they, their and them vs. he or she. We shall use anything appropriately in place of he or she.

Final reviews should be done <sup>by</sup> those members who have not already reviewed that chapter.

Close at 5:40 with the Lord's Prayer.

Receiving donations from across the country;

Jeanelle from Witchita called and says their groups in that area are sending \$75.00 plus. They are going to be holding fund raisers next week.

Bob B. from L.A. called and says his story is on its way. He is also sending related material via air express. He will be sending the original first edition copy of the white book to be auctioned at the banquet Sat. night. The banquet will be held in the in the conference lounge. Also to be auctioned at the banquet, will be the first review manual of the N.A. Book, fresh off the press.

Cathy M. called and says New Orleans is sending an undetermined amount cash donation.

Northern California sends \$250.00. Thank you Northern Cal.

The Board of Trustees will be meeting in California at Bill B.'s house Saturday night at 8:00 P.M. mountain time, 10:00 our time. We will call them and open their meeting over the phone with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. (213-768-2417)

Jimmy K. from the W.S.O. called to say Chapter One was enjoyable reading. He enthusiastically awaits the final review manual. He thoroughly appreciates our work. He shall call Saturday at 2:00 P.M. our time. We appreciate his support.

We have received a letter from Dennis of Pittsburgh. He says he wishes he were here, but the weather is not permitting. His group has sent us a total of \$35.86 and all their love and support. We can use all the help we get. Thanks, Dennis.

Members present today were:

Dwayne L. Ft Lauderdale, Fla.  
Deb D. Memphis, Tn.  
Mindy M. Sioux City, Ia.  
Nolan W. Venice, Cal.  
Linda M. Topeka, Ks.  
Jeff B. Memphis, Tn.  
Cordie A. Memphis, Tn.  
Gina H. Nashville, Tn.  
Dale P. Memphis, Tn.  
Doug W. Lincoln, Nb.  
Dan K. Omaha, Nb.  
Tom M. Marietta, Ga.  
Jane B. Memphis, Tn.  
Beverly B. Memphis, Tn.  
Frank I. Boise, Id.  
Jim M. Leetonia, Oh.  
Terica W. Bensalem, Pa.  
Mollie P. Sioux City, Ia.  
Joseph P. Memphis, Tn.  
Hank F. Atlanta, Ga.  
Jan K. Memphis, Tn.

Richard D. Memphis, Tn.  
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Mike P. Memphis, Tn.  
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Laurie S. Boise, Id.  
Lee M. Memphis, Tn.  
Ted S. Philadelphia, Pa.  
Page C. Marietta, Ga.  
Joe P. Memphis, Tn.  
Jeff L. Omaha, Nb.  
George R. Ivyland, Pa.  
Gene L. Memphis, Tn.  
Pandy S. Memphis, Tn.  
Kathy P. Memphis, Tn.  
Stephen S. Memphis, Tn.  
Cathy T. Memphis, Tn.  
Kenny H. Memphis, Tn.  
Bo S. Maritta, Ga.  
Roger T. Memphis, Tn.  
Duane P. Memphis, Tn.  
Tim T. Memphis, Tn.



## PROGRESS IN MEMPHIS

The fourteen hundred forty service hours put in by Thursday morning cannot account for the great leap in NA literature taking place in Memphis, Tennessee at the Third World Literature Conference. The fact of our progress seemed to reflect three things. First, that a great deal of groundwork was accomplished at the Wichita and Lincoln Literature Conferences that is only now being evidenced. Second, that a great deal of work has been done since the Lincoln Literature Conference by individuals and areas, and their work has been unseen until Memphis. Third, and probably the greatest factor of all, is that a potential for new literature has been lying in the spoken Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous since the first forty eight years. The observation that members serving at Memphis began about the same level of performance after only a few hours at the Conference can only be explained in that the message lives in the spoken traditions and exists in all areas of our fellowship. The basic message of recovery is being recorded at Memphis and constitutes the material being written.

### THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

Seventh day 2/6/81

Memphis, Tn.

Cathy T. and Joseph P. - Co-Chairpersons and Treas., Tom M. - Librarian  
Linda M. - Coordinator, Work in progress. Mindy M. and Stephen S. -  
Co-Sec.

9:20 P.M. Open meeting with a moment of silence and the  
Serenity Prayer. George read the latest mailgrams recieved. A copy  
will be attatched at the end of the minutes.

Bo states the figure of \$6000.00 to be acurate, as to the  
amount of money needed to send a review copy to each regional  
meeting throughout the world. We feel we can raise this amount  
of money. Everyone call your areas! After the review copies have  
been sent out to the areas, they will need to be returned to the  
W.L.C. in Cal. in two weeks. It has been decided that the next  
World Literature Conference will be held one week prior to the  
World Service Conference (in Sun Valley, California on May 1, 2, & 3).  
Nolan W. of Venice, California will chair the conference. Con-  
gratulations and our best wishes to him are in order.

A dictaphone and an amplifier have been connected to one of the  
phones so that we may record called in stories. We have all been  
asked to keep the noise level down while recorded calls are being  
made. So far today we have recieved stories from Gene of Topeka,  
Kansas and Jim of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. We are grateful for their  
help, support, and stories.

There is still a need for material to be put into the book. We  
need any historical items and any other literature which can be used  
in the book. We still need someone to be inspired to write the  
introduction, preface, appendix, and the dedication. Awe inspiring

literature is definitely preferred. We need to develop a report on the Third World Literature Conference to send to our brothers and sisters in N.A. across the country and the world.

Members of N.A. have come to the conference today from Atlanta, Birmingham, Baton Rouge, and St.Louis. We need all the heads we can get.

The question has come up of how this conference is going to approve the written material. It was not decided but has come about that we have formed review workshops. Chapter material is photocopied and read in the workshops. Notes about revisions and discussion material are made during the reading. Everyone should and must do their best to alter mistakes in the written material. THIS IS THE BOOK FOR ALL DRUG ADDICTS WHO WANT HELP! We are working for the benefit of unknown millions.

Some of the people here want photocopies of the entire book to take home to their groups personally. Group conscience is that this idea is no good for the ego, and it also would be a costly waste of money on our paper bill. We can all wait for the book as impatiently as all the other drug addicts in this world.

Using an opaque projector for review purposes was suggested so that we may save money on copying material for review. That idea will be checked on further Saturday morning. We could possibly use one of the Memphis State projectors.

George suggested the idea of the reader for the review group and that this reader must be someone who reads well and speaks clearly. We also need two workshops to write and work on Chapters seven and ten. Other than those two chapters, the book is in quality form. Stories still need revision and typing. Things are looking up!



We all know that the book will never be perfect, but we are here to make it as understandable and helpful as is possible. We are not going to claim literal perfection, only literal progress.

The question was brought up on whether we should split Chapter Four or not. It will be decided later. Chapter Ten needs the ideas from the heads of old-timers on the topic of "Ongoing Recovery".

George read part of Chapter One to the group and it was beautiful. There are very few mistakes in it and it is a truly inspiring and well-written chapter. It will have no problem passing our final approval.

We must all keep in mind that, "If it works, don't fix it".

Gina made a motion that twenty copies be made for final review purposes. The motion passed.

Dwayne L. made a motion that we auction the first printed edition of the review copy of the book. The motion was defeated.

Group conscience closed with the Lord's Prayer and a few jokes.

Friday February 6, 1981

Members present today were:

Bo S. Marietta, Ga  
Mike P. Memphis, Tn.  
Jan K. Memphis, Tn.  
Page C. Marietta, Ga.  
Dan K. Omaha, Neb.  
Tina E. Marietta, Ga.  
Cordie A. Memphis, Tn.  
Hank F. Atlanta, Ga.  
Cindy H. Birmingham, Ala.  
Terica W. Bensalem, Pa.  
Dennis E. Memphis, Tn.  
Ted S. Philadelphia, Pa.  
Bob S. Memphis, Tn.  
Randy S. Memphis, Tn.  
Dwayne L. Ft.Lauderdale, Fla.  
Mike P. Memphis, Tn.  
Linda M. Topeka, Ks.  
Kathy P. Memphis, Tn.  
Cathy T. Memphis, Tn.  
Richard D. Memphis, Tn.  
Mollie P. Sioux City, Ia.  
Donna B. Atlanta, Ga.  
Roland C. Marietta, Ga.  
Duane P. Memphis, Tn.  
Deb D. Memphis, Tn.  
Stephen S. Memphis, Tn.  
Kirk D. Baton Rouge, La.  
Lee M. Memphis, Tn.  
Nolan W. Venice, Cal.  
Jim M. Leetonia, Oh.  
Tom L. St.Louis, Mo.  
  
Brenda M. Birmingham, Ala.

George R. Ivyland, Pa.  
Tom M. Marietta, Ga.  
Gene L. Memphis, Tn.  
Gina H. Nashville, Tn.  
George S. Marietta, Ga.  
Peggy T. Marietta, Ga.  
Mary L. Smyrna, Ga.  
Frank I. Boise, Id.  
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Terri C. Memphis, Tn.  
Kevin B. Birmingham, Ala.  
Danny S. Birmingham, Ala.  
Jack H. Memphis, Tn.  
Doug W. Lincoln, Neb.  
Milton T. Memphis, Tn.  
Mindy M. Sioux City, Ia.  
Morris S. Memphis, Tn.  
Robin C. Memphis, Tn.  
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# THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

Eighth Day 2/7/81

Memphis, Tn.

Cathy T. and Joseph P. Co-Chairpersons and Tres., Tom M. Librarian,  
Linda M. Work in progress Coordinator, Mindy M. and Stephen S. Co-Sec.

4:00 P.M. First group conscience of the day began by a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. A list is passed around the room to sign if you don't have a copy of all the minutes. The secretaries will do their best to see that you get a complete set of them.

Jim M. explains the style sheet for the umpteenth time. The question has arisen about the use of profanity in the book. The Lincoln Conference decided that it was acceptable as long as it was not offensive, i.e. shit, fuck, piss, etc. Common sense while editing is a must. An up-to-date version of the style sheet has been handed out.

Nolan told us all that it has been decided that the Fourth World Literature Conference will be held in Sun Valley, California from April 25th to the beginning of the World Service Conference on May 1, 2, & 3. We addicts will be spending up to ten days in sunny California. The cost of WLC-4 will be \$12.00. The cost of the WSC in May is not known at this time. You can contact the sec. for information at this address: WSC c/o Fawn Fayrote/secretary to WSC '81 13749 Chandler Blvd. Van Nuys, Cal. 91401 Nolan will be putting together a list of decent hotels, motels, and N.A. members to stay with if you plan to be there. His address is on the list of addresses to be inserted in today's minutes. Be sure you have two registration forms ready if you plan to be at both conferences.

Bo read a telegram which we received from Jimmy K. Photocopies will be a part of these minutes. It is suggested that we make calls and send letters to all those who have sent their love and support to us this week.

Joe reported that we have thus far had approx. \$1100 in funds. We still need to hustle other regions, areas, and individual members for money to keep the ball rolling.

Shall we make the first two paragraphs of Chapter Three part of our Introduction? That hot question will be debated in the Introduction workshop later. We merely hope the flow never stops.

There is a call for a one hour tape of this conference's highlights to be made. Our recording whiz kid, Mike P., will put in his best effort to make a copy which really carries the message.

A call for reports on the chapters reveals that eight of the first ten chapters are ready for final typing and approval. Three cheers for us! Chapter Seven needs a bit of transition work and rewriting. Chapter Ten is in final rewrite stage. So far, we have about twenty stories, eight about women and twelve about men. At least four more stories are in the works at this moment.

Group conscious closed with the Lord's Prayer.

A story about today's banquet is in the minutes, but I forgot to mention that we raised over \$400 dollars cash and over \$1700 in pledges to go towards our printing bills. We have to raise a minimum of \$3400 to begin printing, and we must have it by Wednesday, the Eleventh, so that we will be able to meet our deadlines. We must have all review copies of the book printed and mailed before the end of February. We must allow groups across the world at least two months to review their copy before the World Service Conference in May. That is when the final copy will be approved. We expect the Fourth World Literature Conference to be an enjoyable experience. Until that time God is with us.

The Banquet of the  
THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

The Third World Literature Conference held a banquet in Richardson Towers, on the campus of Memphis State University, on Saturday, the Seventh of February. Dinner was served shortly before 7:00 in the evening and was delicious. We had waited the entire week to eat this meal together. Most likely it was the first filling meal any of us has had the entire conference. About seventy people were here to eat southern fried chicken, country steak, greens, and mashed spuds. We all thank Nolan W. for his part in setting up this meal.

After the meal we had impromptu speaking on the progress and hopes of the members of N.A. Jim W. led, asking members representing various areas of the country to speak. The message everyone carried was that of being positive that we are all successes today and will continue to strive for progress in N.A.

Dwayne I. was the first to be called on. He pledged \$500 for his region. Mindy M. of Sioux City pledged \$250 for her area. Tom L. of St. Louis stood and told a poem and finally pledged a sum of \$500 for his region. George from Georgia pledged \$800 for his area. Gina was happy to pledge \$15 from Nashville, which she said she might have to steal to be able to send it in. Some people will go to any lengths. Many other areas were represented by members who also gave some awesome speeches.

Nolan stood and made a speech for the out-of-towners of their gratitude to the people of Memphis and presented a plaque to all of us. Joe P. and Cathy T. recieved the plaque for Memphis N.A. and were very choked up by the whole ordeal. It was a very gracious moment. Joe P. as that the plaque be kept at the Memphis House until Memphis N.A. has



a clubhouse to put it in. The inscription on the plaque read as follows:

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FROM YOUR  
FELLOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
AT  
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
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Memphis N.A., needless to say, is happy to be able to serve our brothers and sisters in N.A.

Tom M. of Marietta read a prayer during the banquet. Copies will be a part of Saturday's minutes.

Bo S. read a piece from the book and also announced that he will be stepping down from his position as Chairman, WSC Literature Committee. He feels sure that there is someone here at this conference qualified to fill this position. He will be giving up this position during the World Service Conference in Sun Valley, California in May. We are all more than just grateful to Bo for all he has done. We love and heartily thank him.

The banquet ended with a short poem and then the Lord's Prayer.

God, as we endeavor to complete this work, we know that You are with us. We know that without Your strength and inspiration we are not capable of the task before us. We know that this work is not our work, but Yours. Each of us, in our own way, humbly petition You to use us as Your tools; according to Your will. We offer ourselves to You in this way knowing that You are a Loving God and have all power. In this work and in our lives-- Thy will be done.

Anen

Written by a loving trusted servant who could not be here in person, but whose spirit was with us at every desk and typewriter

11.00 P.M. Open meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Chapters seven and ten are almost done. These can be completed soon if the members work undisturbed. We need to start the approval process of the chapters that are in their final typing. We need to get busy with the introduction. Richard asks people to give him any ideas or any material they think suitable for the introduction.

Anyone who like to have a copy of the Board of Trustees meeting tonight can write and obtain them from:

Jimmy Kinnon  
World Service Office Manager  
10717 Sherman Way  
Sun Valley, CA. 91352

Discussion on whether the fourth World Literature Conference be held through Thursday, for the people who can get the later part of the week off, and not the beginning of the week. It was decided to let Nolan W.-Chairman for W.L.C.4 to decide the final dates.

Members Present 2/7/81

Roland C. Marietta Ga.  
Bo S. Marietta Ga.  
Doug W. Lincoln, Neb.  
Gene L. Memphis, Tn.  
Linda L. Memphis, Tn.  
Kirk D. Baton Rouge, La.  
Dan K. Omaha, Neb.  
Tom M. Marietta, Ga.  
Danny J. Birmingham, Ala.  
Richard D. Memphis, Tn  
Robin C. Memphis, Tn  
Dwayne L. Ft. Lauderdale, Flor.  
Jeff B. Memphis, Tn  
Brenda M. Birmingham, Ala.  
Cindy H. Memphis Tn.  
Hank F. Atlanta, Ga.  
Dennis E. Memphis Tn.  
Mindy M. Sioux City, Ia.  
Tom L. St. Louis, Mo.  
Jan K. Memphis, Tn.  
Laurie S. Eagle, Id.  
Tim T. Memphis, Tn.  
George S. Marietta, Ga.  
Jane B. Memphis, Tn.  
Stephen S. Memphis, Tn.

Jim M. Leetonia, Oh.  
Joseph P. Memphis, Tn.  
Mike Pe. Memphis, Tn  
Roger T. Memphis, Tn.  
Linda M. Topeka, Kansas  
Kenny H. Memphis, Tn.  
Jeff B. Memphis, Tn.  
Tina E Marietta Ga.  
Cordie A. Memphis, Tn.  
Mike Po. Memphis Tn.  
Kathy P. Memphis, Tn.  
Page C. Marietta, Ga.  
Nolan W. Venice, CA.  
Cindy H, Birmingham, Ala.  
Terica W. Bensalem, Pa.  
Kevin B. Birmingham, Ala.  
Frank I. Boise, Id.  
Mollie P. Sioux City, Ia.  
Bob D. St Louis Mo.  
Gina H. Nashville, Tn.  
George R. Ivyland, Pa.  
Ted S. Philadelphia, Pa.  
Jeff L. Omaha, Neb.  
Cathy T. Memphis, Tn.



### THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

Ninth Day 2/8/81

Memphis, Tn.

It's seven in the morning, Sunday morning, and the typewriters are still being fingered; the photocopy machines are still whirring. There are five people still going strong, or at least they appear that way. Tom M. is working on stories and doing quite a fantastic job putting together that part of the book. Roland is working on stories with Tom and has been at it all night. Page C. and George S. have just gone to bed after a long, long period of steady key pecking. Tina finally turned in about five minutes before that and certainly deserves a lot of credit for the work she did all night. There is also a long list of people who burnt the midnight oil doing their best to help put this book together.

Right now, we have Bob M. working on making copies of chapters. Even for his first night of work here he seems very dedicated to this enormous effort. Cindy H. is also making copies and has been working hard the last forty-eight hours, not even stopping once for a nap. Roger P. is tapping on the electric keyboards doing a great job at rattling out an Introduction that would stir a boulder, and even better, motivate a desperate, dying addict.

Whoops! I am wrong and readily admit it. More hard working addicts keep showing up, and George is still awake. Sorry 'bout that folks. Bob S. is up now, encouraging Cindy and helping her to be sure she keeps her eyes open. Jane B. and Jack H. have just walked in after giving rides to everyone who was sleepy. Things are a bit slow right now, but progress is still being made. We expect to see a large amount of the conference workers around noon today.

Cathy T. has worked a very long night and has been sharing her strength and hope for a long nine days. I feel like everybody has put in many hours of hard work and we are all grateful that God has been with us 100% the whole time. The only way we could possibly measure our grattitude for God's help is by finishing this book for recovering addicts and be sure to give the credit to God. Really there is no measurement for grattitude, we only wish we could show as much as we have. ~~We are all doing our best~~ at that right here.

It's eight in the morning now and Roger has finished writing the Introduction. He, Cindy, and Bob S. have reviewed it and it looks like he's ready to give his typewriter another whirl. ~~Well, we shall all see the finished product soon.~~

The previous, unofficial minutes have been brought to you by Stephen. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the author, but most likely are 'cause he typed 'em.

**Saturday, January 31 thru Sunday, February 8, 1981**

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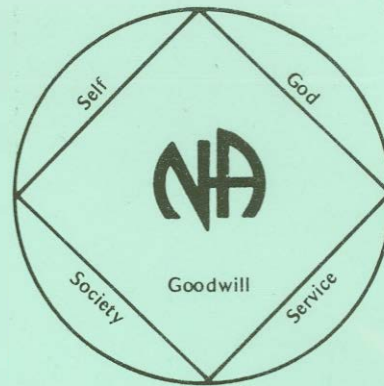
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**PROPOSED PROGRAM AGENDA**

- I. Review Editing of Rough Draft Chapter Material, (assembled by Lincoln Lit. Conf.) worked on by Literature Committees in nine areas, so as to ready the material for Review and Consensus by the overall Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.
- II. Assemble and Review stories of N. A. Recovery.
- III. Detail and plan Fourth World Literature Conference of Narcotics Anonymous to be held in Los Angeles, Ca.

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AND  
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