

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting: February 4, 1978

Chairman: Greg Pierce

Attendance: Greg Pierce, Cliff Kraft, Chuck Skimmer, Sylvia Magdaleno, Gloria Coleman, Bill Beck, Bob Barrett

Absent: Jimmy Kinnon (illness), Mel Hallman, Dennis McCaughran

The minutes of the last meeting (Dec. 14th, 1977) were read and approved as read.

The following reports or information were presented;

1. WSO Report - In Jimmy's absence, Greg reported that all current bills had been paid and that the closing balance for 1977 was \$516.18
2. Fliers on the 3th World Convention had been received, a copy was passed around
3. A group in Central Los Angeles, which was not strictly N.A., opened an office and installed a telephone as Narcotics Anonymous Central Office. It was reported that action had been taken on this problem. However, since the Trustee who took the action was absent, no complete report could be given. This precipitated a discussion on documentation (see new business #4)
4. The minutes from the last Northern California Regional Committee meeting were read and a comment was that Dennis McCaughran's election as Chairman might pose a problem since he would, in effect, have two votes on a Conference decision (one as a Trustee and one at the Regional level). It was mentioned in most of our service committees the Chairman doesn't have a vote, and that if this was true for the N.C.R.S.C., then there would be no problem.
5. Gloria reported a conversation with Steve B. expressing some of his feelings, questions and suggestions. These included:
 - a) Board should be self-governing
 - b) Board members should represent various backgrounds and occupations
 - c) How many Trustees should there be in Northern California?
 - d) Trustees should live where they could get to the Trustee meetings
 - e) Expressed gratitude that Trustee meetings were now open to the Fellowship.
 - f) A full time, paid, employee should be working at the WSOMany of these comments are dealt with in our new Guidelines - Bob will write Steve.

The following items of Old Business were discussed:

1. Guidelines - The proposed (new) Guidelines were discussed and edited point by point. Sections a, b, c, & d were completed. Work will continue at the next meeting.

The following topics were discussed as New Business:

1. Elections were held and it was decided that the interim officers which were elected last September should serve for the remainder of the year. The next elections will be held in November for officers to take over Jan. 1st, 1979. Current officers include: Greg Pierce (Chairman), Cliff Kraft (Vice-Chairman), Lin Andrukat (Recording Secretary, non-trustee)
2. A letter concerning denial of representation to a registered group at the ASC level was read. It was felt that, in general, no N.A. meeting which was open to the Fellowship should be denied representation, because in doing so, some of the rights of N.A. membership are denied the members of the Group. The discussion continued and several less clear-cut topics emerged. The discussion was tabled due to lack of time and the subject will be brought up again at the next meeting.
3. It was brought up that some groups locally were planning to collect money to send a newcomer to Houston. This was discussed and it was felt that if a group wished to sponsor a newcomer, or anyone else for that matter, it was okay for them to do so provided that the concept was accepted by the group conscience, and the decision on who should go was left up to the group. This led to a discussion of the multiple collections which have been taking place in some of our meetings. One Trustee mentioned that the basket had been passed three times in a meeting recently. This caused some concern. It was the consensus of those trustees present that the only appropriate collection that should be taken by passing the basket (or other container)

around was for the purpose of supporting the Group. These funds, once collected, would then be dispersed per the group conscience. Another alternative to passing the basket several times might be to announce that such and such a person was collecting for such and such a purpose and that those wishing to contribute could do so after the meeting. It was felt that the impact of multiple collections on the newcomer might detract from the groups primary purpose.

4. We discussed the documentation of Trustee action. It was felt that anytime a Trustee found it necessary to take definitive action; this action, its causes, and effects should be thoroughly documented and mentioned during the information part of our meetings. It was suggested that a format for this documentation, as well as a format for advisory letters from the Board, should be drafted and added to our guidelines. Greg will submit rough drafts of these formats at the next meeting.
5. It was mentioned that possible sites for the upcoming WSC were being investigated and that USC and Valley College were two good possibilities. The idea of trying to find a meeting place at a local college or University was favorably discussed.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on May 6th, 1978 at a location not yet established. A special meeting of the Board will be held at 7:00 pm on March 18th at Greg's house: 4219 Balman Ave. North Hollywood, 91602 (tel. 763-8193). The primary topic of this special meeting will be the guidelines.

The World Service Conference will be held on April 1st and 2nd. Trustees are expected to attend if possible

The following action should be taken prior to the next meeting

1. Study the remaining portions of the guidelines
2. Bob will write a letter to Steve B.
3. Greg will draft a format for trustee action and an advisory letter
4. Consider the various aspects of group representation
5. Greg will write a letter to the N.C.R.S.C. thanking them for sending down a copy of their minutes

The following items will be discussed as part of the agenda for the next meeting:

1. Guidelines
2. The WSC
3. Group representation
4. Use of N.A. Literature or excerpts outside the Fellowship