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Minutes of the Literature Committee
Narcotics Anonymous Wichita, Kansas

26 August 1979

Time: 4:00 P.M.
Place: 205 N. Ash, Wichita
Attendance: Dennis E., Cliff H., Anne W., Doug B., Sherry H., Ladell M.

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer.

We discussed the World Literature Conference Flyer. It is in the "Rough Draft" stage at this point and will be completed in the near future.

Discussed the letter we need to send to other groups in our area and our goals with this letter. They consist of:

I. Purpose:
   a. N.A. Big Book
   b. Compiling Literature
   c. Information for pamplets
   d. Communications between groups
   e. Literature Stock Pile

II. Support: your
   a. Helping our groups in this area become involved with the World Literature Conference.
   b. How can we help them with their Literature Committees and gathering information.
   c. How they in-turn can help us.

III. Registration:
   a. Mainly, what the money will be used for:
      1) Mailing Costs
      2) Copying Fee's — machine $179.00
      3) World Literature Conference
      4) The excess will be donated to W.S.C.L.C.

Cliff H. opened the account of the Literature Fund at the Fourth National Bank of Wichita. Acct # 1-63-207-8 on August 24, 1979, Balance of $15.00.

An idea was suggested we put a small can into the basket normally passed after meetings to collect donations for the Literature Fund. The idea was approved by the Wichita Group at the business meeting on August 26, 1979 at 5:00 P.M.

We discussed a need to get a fellow members poem copied and into circulation. This is in the process of being copied and typed.

We discussed a need for a literature display which would be neat and orderly.

The next meeting will be on 2 September 1979, at 4:30 P.M. at 205 North Ash, Wichita, Kansas 67214.

The meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Anne W.
Lit. Comm.
Chair Person

Ladell M.
Lit. Comm.
Secretary

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
Literature Conference Committee
205 North Ash
Wichita, Kansas 67214

SUBJECT: "You are the Book." 31 August 1979

Dear Fellow Members,

The purpose of literature committees is to get the Narcotics Anonymous Big Book underway again. Literature committees compile information and rough literature to be sent to the World Service Conference Literature Committee to help write this Big Book. There is a great need for information for pamplets, poems, your stories, (Un Approved) Narcotics Sayings, etc... Anything, that you or your Committee thinks appropriate. Once your group has started a Literature Committee, send your information to the World Service Conference Literature Committee, or to our group and we will forward it. To bring the groups closer together, we need inter-group communications. The only way to keep what we have is to give it away. We can unite Narcotics Anonymous when we carry the message to the New Comer by giving him (her) a Narcotics Anonymous Big Book. Attaining Literature of any sort is, and has been a problem. We need more distribution points throughout the United States so we may attain needed literature more rapidly. We, in Wichita, are stock piling literature for our groups use and the use of other groups in our area.

We need your support for the World Literature Conference in Wichita. "I can't, we can." Bring any information you may gather, we need your idea's and suggestions. Please let us know you are coming in advance by calling ~~Anne H.~~*(316) 263-1783 or Cliff H. (316) 263-1127, or write Narcotics Anonymous, Literature Committee, 205 North Ash, Wichita, Kansas 67214. We would like to help any groups just starting a Literature Committee to compile information in their area, by sharing how we got started and what we have done so far. For groups in our area we will come out and talk with you, and for other groups we can send you our minutes and help in anyway we can.

On the enclosed flyer, there is a registration form blank. Upon completion of this form, please indicate if you want to stay with someone in Wichita, this way we can make adequate arrangements. The registration fee's will be used for mailing costs, rental of a copy machine (179.00 dollars) to be on hand at the conference, World Literature Conference costs, and the remainder will be sent to the World Service Conference Literature Committee. Without your help, we cannot have a complete Big Book.

We cannot change the nature of the Addict or Addiction,
We can help to change the old lie "Once an addict, always an addict,"
by striving to make recovery more available.
God, help us to remember this difference.....

* Julie W. (316) 2631783
Mark Z. (316) 2645066

Program

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FIRST WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

October 6	9:00 AM	Open at Ash House with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Reading of the Twelve Traditions. Roll call.
	10:00 AM	Break. History of literature, ideas, suggestions. Discussion of the need for a book.
	11:00 AM	Presentation of workshops.
	12:00 PM	Lunch break.
	1:00 PM	Open workshops at Home Owners' Trust in Parklane shopping center.
	4:30 PM	Reconvene and close with Lord's Prayer.
October 7	9:00 AM	Open at Parklane with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Reading of the Twelve Traditions. Open workshops.
	12:00 PM	Lunch break.
	1:00 PM	Workshop reports.
	3:00 PM	Closing roll call.
	4:30 PM	Questions and answers from the floor.
	5:00 PM	Close with thanks followed by Lord's Prayer.

APPLICATION FOR LITERATURE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Below are listed several suggested workshops. Please indicate the one you are the most interested in. If you know of an area of concern for an additional workshop, feel free to write it in. After completing your application, please sign it and return it to the Literature Conference chairperson.

☐ Literature Reception--Gathering and working up literature for printing.

☐ Basic Texts--Including chapter texts, story categories and appendixes.

☐ Pamphlets--What's been done, what can be done. List of special topics.

☐ Stories--A listing of stories. Reviewing stories with contributing member on a personal basis so that the contributor may feel they are as complete as possible.

☐ Newsletters

☐ Finance--How to generate money.

☐ Local Committees--How to start literature committees in your own areas.

Name _____

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LOCAL MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

HOLIDAY INN EAST 800-238-8000
7335 E. Kellogg - Highway 54 685-1281
Single $24.00 Twin $29.00 Double $34.00 Quad $44.00

ENGLISH VILLAGE MOTOR LODGE
6727 E. Kellogg 683-5613
Single $19.00 Twin $22.00 Double $24.00 Quad $28.00

HOWARD JOHNSON 800-654-2000
7300 E. Kellogg 684-0561
Single $23.50 Twin $27.50 Double $32.50 Quad $40.50

LA QUINTA MOTOR INN 800-531-5900
7700 E. Kellogg 681-2881
Single $20.00 Twin $24.00 Double $26.00 Quad $34.00

STARLITE MOTOR LODGE
6345 E. Kellogg 683-7565
Single $15.23 Twin $16.80 Double $20.48 Quad $20.48

WICHITA INN
8220 E. Kellogg 685-8291
Single $16.28 Twin $17.50 Double $18.50 Quad $22.50

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19 Cliff called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM at the Carina House
Carol lead us in the Serenity Prayer and read the Twelve Traditions

Roll Call - Cliff - Wichita
Glenda - Salina
Joseph - Memphis, Tenn.
Jimmy - Salina
Lona - Salina
Hank - Atlanta, Ga
DeAnna - Wichita
Sam - Wichita
Janelle - Wichita
Bud - San Francisco, Ca
Belinda - Salina
Pat - Topeka
Mickeal - Wichita
Ed - Atlanta, Ga
Leland - Salina
Carol - Wichita
Bo - Atlanta, Ga
Mike - Virginia (Tidewater Area)
Dean - Orange County, Calif.
Jim - Lincoln, Nebr.
Marcia - Wichita
Scott - Wichita

Barb - Lincoln, Nebr.
Angie - Lincoln, Nebr.
Greg - Lincoln, Nebr.
Cindy - Topeka, Ks.
Ron - Topeka, Ks
Julie - Wichita, Ks.
Pete - Omaha, Nebr.
Stan - Omaha - Council Bluffs
Bill - Omaha, Nebr.
Louis - Omaha, Nebr.
Curt - Omaha, Nebr.
Bill - Omaha, Nebr.

New roll call taken

New roll call at Reconvened

- Sharing what they have to offer to Lit.
- Collected Application for Workshops
- First Break

- Inf. on Past History of Lit. Need for N.A. Book
  - See if we can come up w/ name for book
  - Bo gave past hist. & need

- Based on N.A. Tree
- Material before that - pamphlets -

Ask Bo — We made a decision

Jimmy K., one of the co-founders, been around 26 years, Won't write any new material, that they think of

- Original Material, additions, called N.A. Tree
- Greg P. wrote N.A. Tree
- There's no structure, or clique that will stand in the way of N.A literature
- ~~write up new material~~

Procedure

- Main pts - We need a whole bunch of peopl
  - group input from all areas
  - What we need to do - Workshops
  - Proposed chapt. titles, headings for world service conf.
  - Pamphlet titles, topics we need ~~pamph~~ pamph about
  - money
  - paper machine for collectors lit. & moving it around
  - Stressed we are the book,

Have ideas on how to write it -
- cass. tapes,
- writing when you just get an idea, can't sleep
- helps when you are writing to a particular person

11th Comm. - "Thou shalt not bullshit my friend"
- Transcripts,

Cliff called us back to a whole group.
- reminded us about conference starting at 9:00 AM.
- passed the hat - money left over will be sent to World Lit Conf

Announcements
8:00 - World Convention meeting
10:00 - NA meeting

Closed meeting with The Lords Prayer

t 7, 1979 Cliff opened c̄ a moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer
ima, Janelle
my & Leland
late. Glenda read the twelve traditions of NA

Cliff Goal of each workshop is to set down basic outline so it could be put in packets

Bo - What we're doing in workshops is to get a plan from group consc. We're here to work on a plan. Have 10-12 committees and write some material relating to ind. experience of NA recovery. Have the original material guide us to the book.

Cliff Send out name and address ~~to~~ through mailing out the minutes.

Raise $303.00 with 38 people

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~~about how much sobriety is required to serve as an offi~~

- Basic Text - HANK
  - Memo-graph

- Stories - Glenda -

- Cliff reminded us to pick up the place

- Newsletters - Janelle - Get memo-graph

- Finances - Belinda - Get notes from her.

Angie Clark
1681 Woodsview
Lincoln, Ne. 68502
402-423-1996

Local Lit. Comm. - Cindy P. -
Memo - people have to have more than 6 mths.
- Lit Meeting - Lit Bus, Meeting separate.
Bo - shared experience in Atlanta
- all the bus should be open to new members

Cliff - Have thanks,
- any quest.
Bud - News article
Raw literature
all should be sent to Atlanta.

Salina - [Mainliner - send info. on grps.)
- tool of lit committee

- emphasis on ind. stories & How it Works.

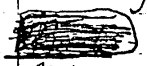
Cliff - have a section of diff poems & paragraphs people write

Bo - keep openminded when writing the book, work w/ openmindedness in the book

Jim - possibility of having a ~~book~~ several books, personal stories, books & one-liners, How it works & a story related to it.

Ed - keep names & places out of the stories

Bo - needs ideas to help newcomers, keep the book on recovery, details on recovery, not personal nature



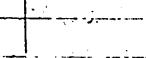
Mike - the book should give the addict hope in regards to sharing the principles

Hank - use some street language in the stories to reach the suffering addict.
- Have something everybody understands.

Joseph - talk about the size of the book
(- pocket size

Bud - no profanity will be used like in the mainliner, like have a dash,

Hank - how the talk would be - How would you talk to the newcomer - understanding we have for each ~~other~~. Like the reponses we get from docs., religious funcs., shrinks

Dean - profanity lowers the spiritual content

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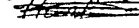

March cyl
~~Every body~~ Recommend phrase People say they love me & I'm paranoid

Bo
436-0953
427-2086

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- Have to support the conference
- Growing printing presses in:
  - Pa
  - Atlanta, Ga.
  - San Fran., Calif.
  - L.A., Calif.
- We want
  - Write story send in.
  - Give to area service committee
  - [redacted] Write your story & the lit. service director help write it.

- All we need now is material, any kind of literature.

Closed meeting for lunch.

[redacted]

Cliff opened the meeting at Parklane at 2:40
- discussed workshops
- asked for volunteers to take minutes at the diff. workshops.

Joseph suggested
- possible combination of Local Committees and Newsletters
- discussion on workshops (diff. ideas)

Gathering Lit. #1 at service level.
- First Workshop
- find out where literature world services are.
  - have it be a local group - Mike
  - area chairmen - Pat sugg.
  - have one committee where grps could go
  - Dean sugg. that mainline put online

stories to World ~~Trust~~ Service Center.
- Bo - set down guidelines to reviewing and editing material, get it ready for the twelve tradition review and for the World Lit. Committe Review.
~~Hire~~ Hire positive feedback ~~on~~ to the people who write the story.
- handle lit through paper ~~electronics~~ machinery.
- ~~Literature~~

Bud. - The Mainliner said they would ~~send~~ inform people that they are receiving literature
- The Mainliner is a tool of this committe to use in its ~~[redacted]~~ collection & working up of new lit.
- The Mainliner said they ~~wanted~~ go ahead and send it to the local committee

Want to stage a certain outline that we can work on so we could get it to ~~[redacted]~~ each N.A groups.

Basic Text Workshop
- chapt titles
- How to put the book together
Hank - have diff. areas in the book
- everything a junkie needs to stay clean
Mike - diff. types of addicts, ex prescription freaks, street junkie, garbage heads, acid freaks

- do it a day at a time.

- We can't do this w/out good communications, it's been done through World Service Mailing.
- As long as you ask members specifically - Will you do this . . . they'll usually do it ~~been~~ if you make it clear.
- Problem of getting lit out
- We've got to strike a balance of out getting the literature in and out. 10¢ a copy - $30.00
It is imp. that it stays in the fellowship of the lit. committees. This needs to be a closed meeting.
We should have all the material we're willing to pay for.

Take all the lit. that comes in with world mailings.

Put together a monthly package. Need financial support to send out World Mailings by ~~Paid~~ support of literature committees.

Take material that comes in - make a monthly package - and get it out. This way the literature committees will be in balance.

- Can't have new lit. right now because of no repres.
- Have board of trustees to ck on traditions. World Service Center is the representative. Out of the World Service Conf. is to have lit. sent out to each delegate before the Conference.

Start Area Service Committee, Regional Service Committee, and have a delegate to represent us at each one

Belinda - Tell it like it is, keep it honest and keep it clean.

#3 - Pamphlets
- how valuable they are to new comers
- we need more ~~pts~~ pamphlets.

Bo - [redacted] leave the rewriting of old ones alone, leave existing material alone, because we need new material.
- pamphlets are a lot closer to ~~getting~~ printed.
- ind. could write an ind pamphlet
- a title why I can't smoke pot.

~~Patti~~

Hank - chapt. in book on the disease concepts the drug addict.
- using paper machinery
- Give the pamphlets ex. Resentments - they as a body ~~are~~ with the World Service Center.

Julie - sugg. for pamphlet - why do I have to take drugs - am I an addict a not, Prescription drugs.

Bo - research mutual experience, strengths, and hopes
- diff. between addicts & alcoholics. because docs don't prescribe ~~drugs~~ alcohol for a headcold.
- as long as they take it as prescribed (make sure doctor knows about it.

local

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Hank - pamphlets on twenty-quest about drugs
Barb - other aspects of escape, ideas for pamphlets

#4 Stories - personal stories, person tells how how it was, how they recovered this is imp. because this is what the newcomer can relate with
- keep it at personal level so they feel like its still their story.
- write down just what person says
- get in touch w/ local committee and they can work o the person
- use sensitivity and personal matter.
- did he use a sponsor, was he a loner
- stories of identity and hope.

Bud - what has been change are more of typographical and spelling.

Clif - importance of local literature committee

#5 Newsletters - Bud - every group should have a newsletter
- what grps. can do to have a newsletter
- how to get one going
- communications
- hows newsletter can help lit. committee

is going fast!!!!
think mind is long gone - I'm trying to hold on.
Idiocided to "Let Go"

- Newsletter is a tool to help the Lit Comm.

#6 Finance - if we work at local level we could get our own stock level
- ideas on raising funds
ex. Christmas dance. advertise to O.A. & A.A.
- outside contributions are the ones who have little or nothing to do w. N.A.
- Keep it s/ in the fellowship, program
- We can take money from a person who has sat in town.
- have a can or jar for lit, ~~meetings~~ ~~some~~ committee ~~to~~ but you have to get NA group cons because it is different from NA
- let them know ~~of~~ it is tax deductable, ~~tax~~ tax write-off.
- dinners

Bo - gave reason for putting finance on here
- need funds for postage, paper handling, etc so they can pull their load.
- if the lit work is the movement - ~~so~~ they need the money
- for circulation we need finances so everyone can get involved in it.
- money for books and pamphlets
can be used for meetings

- also go ahead and sell the book (1st addition) at least 10,000 copies like $10.00 a book.
- we need to be self supporting.

Bill Omaha - raffles in NA groups
- movie after the meeting which brought in more money for the kitty. ex Feelings by Father Martin.

- AR made it through contributions from diff. organizations and people

#7 Local Committees - get to groups who don't know anything about getting a literature committe started.
- get a packet together information packet.

Closed for 10 min break.

Reopened - Broke into the various workshops
Secr - Newsletters - DeAnna
Stories - Wenda
Finance - Belinda
Basic Text - Hank
Lit. Recpt - Paper Mechanics - Jimmy
Pamphlets - Bill
Local Committees - Cliff

~~Hot Line Registers~~

~~Bud~~

There was motion and second that the mainliner would be the newsletter for the World Service Conf.

Bo - expressed how much has been done, that we've got also done

- consc thankfulness for the love

- theme between down & next conference is Write It Down
- keep ourselves informed - Write or call Atlanta, those who serve on the N.A. lit. committee
- expressed gratitude to H.P. and recovery
N.A. growth for Big Book

Cliff - closed
- moment of silence
- group hug
- Lords Prayer