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Minutes of the Literature Committee
Narcotics Anonymous Wichita, Kansas

BEFORE
CONFERENCE

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 pamphlets
- 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.

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Literature Committee Minutes
26 August 1979

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

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 pamphlets, 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 ~~Anno #~~ *(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

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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

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Single \$19.00 Twin \$22.00 Double \$24.00 Quad \$28.00

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7300 E. Kellogg 684-0561
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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 -
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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Cliff - Wichita | Barb - Lincoln, Nebr. |
| Melinda - Salina | Angie - Lincoln, Nebr. |
| Joseph - Memphis, Tenn. | Greg - Lincoln, Nebr. |
| Jimmy - Salina | Cindy - Topeka, Kas. |
| Lorna - Salina | Ren - Topeka, Kas. |
| Henk - Atlanta, Ga. | Julie - Wichita, Kas. |
| Dolma - Wichita | Pete - Omaha, Nebr. |
| Dann - Wichita | Stan - Omaha-Council Bluffs |
| Janelle - Wichita | Bill - Omaha, Nebr. |
| Bud - San Francisco, Ca. | Louis - Omaha, Nebr. |
| Belinda - Salina | Curt - Omaha, Nebr. |
| Pat - Topeka | Bill - Omaha, Nebr. |
| Michael - Wichita | |
| Ed - Atlanta, Ga. | |
| Leland - Salina | |
| Carol - Wichita | |
| Bo - Atlanta, Ga. | |
| Mike - Virginia (Tidewater Area) | |
| Dean - Orange County, Calif. | |
| Jim - Lincoln, Nebr. | |
| Marci - Wichita - Wichita | |
| Scott - Wichita | |

New call call taken

New roll call to be reconvened

- Sharing what they have to offer to dit.
- Collected Application for ~~the~~ Workshops
- ~~the~~ First Break

- Imp. on Past History of Lit. Need for N.A. Book
- See if we can come up w? name for book
- Bo gave past hist. i 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 more 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

~~Start up new material~~

Discussion

- Main pts. - We need a whole bunch of people
- group input from all areas

- What we need to do - Workshops
- Proposed chapt. titles, headings for world service cont.

- Pamphlet titles, topics we need for pamph. about

- money

- paper machine for collecting 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

Comm. - "You shab not bullshit my friend"

* Transcripts,

Cliff called us back to a whole group.

- reminded us about conference starting
at 9:00 AM.

- passed the hats - 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.

at 7, 1979

inns, Janette
my, Leland

late.

Cliff opened a moment of silence followed
by Devotion Prayer.

Melinda 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 consensus. We're here to
work on a plan. Have 10-12 committed and
write some material relating to indiv.
experience of NA recovery. Have the original
material guide us to the book.

Cliff

Send out name and address ^{through} mailing out
the minutes.

Raise \$303.00 with 38 people

Sovereignty

~~about how much
copying is required
to serve as an
offer~~

- Basic Text - HANK
- Memo-graph

- Stories - Flonda -

- Cliff reminded us to pick up the
place

- Newsletters - Janelle - How memo-graph

- Finances - Belinda - Hot 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 emts.

- Lit Meeting - Lit Bus, Meetings
separate.

Bo - shared experience in Atlanta

- all the bus should be open
to new members.

Cliff - Have started, ~~is~~

- any quest.

Bud - News article all should be sent
Row literature to Atlanta.

Johnnie

- Mainliner - send info. on year
- tool of lib. committee



- emphasis on ind. stories: How it Works.
- Cuff - have a section of diff poems & paragraphs people write
- Bo - keep openminded ~~to~~ 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 responses we get from doct., religious func., skunked
- Dean - profanity lowers the spiritual content. ~~How it works~~ Have it be open ~~with~~ to everyone.
- ~~How it works~~

March 9/11
Read more about
Every body
love me
People say they
I'm paranoid

Bo
436-0953
427-2086



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- Have to support the conference
- throwing printing presses in:
 - Pa
 - Atlanta, Ga.
 - San Fran., Calif.
 - L.A., Calif.
- We work
 - Write story send in
 - Give to service committee
 - ~~Write your story~~ Write your story; the lit. service director help write it
- All we need now is material, any kind of literature.

Closed meeting for lunch.



Cliff opened the meeting at Parklane at 2:40
- discussed workshops

- asked for volunteers to take minutes at the cliff workshops.
- Joseph suggested possible combination of Local Committees and Newsletters

- discussion on workshops (diff. ideas)

Gathering Lit. #1
at service level

- find out where literature world services are.

- First Workshop

- have it be a local group - Mike
- area chairmen - Pat sugg.
- have one committee where groups could go
- Dean sugg. that mainline puts conclusion

stories to World ~~Service~~ Service Center.

- Bo - set down guidelines to reviewing and editing material, get it ready for the twelve tradition review and for the World Lit. Committee Review.
- Give positive feedback on to the people who write the story.
- handle lit. through paper ~~mechanics~~ machinery.

Bud. - The Mainliner said they would ~~and~~ inform people that they are receiving literature

- The Mainliner is a tool of this committee to use in its ~~collection~~ collection & working up of new lit.

- The Mainliner said they ~~would~~ go ahead and send it to the local committees

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

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 Mailings.

- As long as you ask members specifically - Will you do this... they'll usually do it ~~too~~ 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 @

It is imp. that it stays in the fellowship of the lit. committee. 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 ~~the~~ support of literature committee.

Take material that comes in - make a monthly package - and get it out. This way the literature committee 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 ~~to~~ pamphlets

Bo - ~~leave the rewriting of~~ leave the rewriting of
old ones alone, leave existing material
alone, because we need new
material,

- pamphlets are alot closer
to getting printed

- ind. could write an ind
pamphlet

- a title why I can't smoke pot.

~~Part~~

Hank - chapt. in book on the disease concepts
the drug addict,

- using paper machinery

- Give the pamphlets ex. Resentments -
they as a body ~~with~~ with the World
Service Center.

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

Bo - research mutual experience,
strengths, and hopes

- diff. between addicts & alcoholics.

because doc don't prescribe ~~drugs~~ alcohol
for a headache.

- as long as they take it as prescribed, ~~smoke~~
are never hooked on it.

Hank - pamphlets on twenty-quest about drugs
Borr - 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

~~to be written~~ - 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 to the
person

- ^{use} sensitivity and personal
matters

- 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 committees

#5 Newsletters - Bud - every group should have
a newsletter

- what groups can do
to have a newsletter

- how to get one going

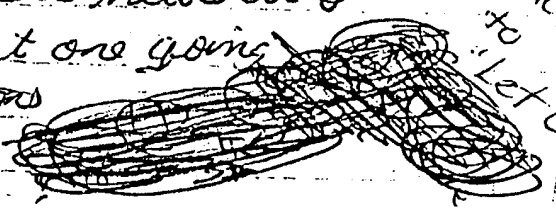
- communications

- hows newsletter can
help lit. committee

is going fast!!!!
think num is long gone

I'm trying to hold on

decided 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 \geq / in the fellowships, program

- We can take money from a person who has not in town.

- have a can or jar for lit, ~~meeting~~
~~some~~ committee but you have to get N.A. group cons. because it is different from N.A.

- let them know ~~if~~ it is tax deductible, ~~tax~~
tax write-off.

- dinners

Bo - gave reason for putting finance on table

- 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 members.

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

~~Bill~~ ^{Bill} - raffles in NA group

^{Orma}

- movie after the meeting which brought in more money for the kitty, ex feelings by Father Martin.

- ^{AN} - made it through contributions from diff. organizations and people

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

Closed for 10 min. break.

- Reopened - Broke into the various workshops
 - Secre - Newsletters - Delma
 - Stories - Hilda
 - Finance - Belinda
 - Basic Text - Hank
 - Lit. Recept = Paper Mechanics - Jimmy
 - Pamphlets - Bill
 - Local Committee - Cliff

~~Not back together~~

~~Bob~~

There was motion and second that
the mainliner would be the newsletter
for the World²⁰ Service Cnt.

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

- conc. 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. Lia. Committee

- expressed gratitude to H.P.
incl recovery

NA growth for Big Book

Cliff - closed

- moment of silence

- group hug

- Lord's Prayer