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WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII

Philladelphia, PA

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

Members Present:

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| Page C - Marietta GA | Bob M - Wilmington DE |
| Bo S. - Marietta GA | Denise T - Newark DE |
| Linda M - Auburn KS | Chuck K - Newtown PA |
| Anita V - Marietta GA | A.J. H - New Brunswick NJ |
| Joe T - Southampton PA | Mike F. - Morrisville PA |
| Kathy B - Bristol PA | Teresa - PA |
| Bob B - Morrisville PA | Al - PA |
| Terrie O - Langhorne PA | |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It was decided that attending ^{members} meetings go outside for meetings rather than having them here where work is being done.

Al is in charge of sleeping arrangements.

Pay for coffee!

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

The room next to the bathroom is off limits.

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

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

The motioned was made by Teresa that meeting be closed, and seconded by a few, and closed with serenity prayer at 7:55pm.

Motion was carried.

More discussion was held. It was the same discussion that took place before the vote on Teresa's motion.

Andy stated that God will see to it that the stories get in the book that are suppose to get in the book. Ron also made a statement to the same effect.

Page asked for next point of action because we have evaluated all the stories that we have. Do we want to evaluate the stories as a group or leave this to the individual group consciences?

Work must leave PA as polished as possible. A good typest can type a story and edit at the same time.

The question was raised by Joe about editing. Do we edit just the stories labeled good?

Page restated that we need to evaluate (or decide) if we are leaving evaluation of stories up to the groups that originally evaluated them. Joe stated that we should catagorize before we edit to avoid excess work.

Many agreed with Joe.

Bo stated that he thinks the 25 "good stories" should go in the book and so we should start to edit the 25 stories now while catagorizing is taking place.

More discussion took place on cross-sectioning.

Discussion took place on whether or not the 25 good stories should go in the book. A mixed opinion was expressed.

Bobby made a motion that we go ahead and catagorize the 25 stories the group conscience felt was good so we can see what gaps we have.

Discussion reverted to the question of cross sectioning and point of identification, at which point of time Bobby ammended his motion, adding that we start to catagorize in the following order. Drug of choice, surrender, and recovery. This motion was seconded by AJ and many others. Motion carried.

Discussion on the passed motion started.

Denise stated that we need a plan on how we are going to do this.

Tom made a motion that we type and edit the 25 stories we feel are good and this was seconded by Bo.

Discussion followed.

Linda suggested the following. 1) worksnops of 3 for editing. 1 person type, 2 others would discuss. 2) take to a professional typest.

Anita ammended Toms motion. Motion is to type and edit the 25 storie in groups of three. Seconded by many. Motion was carried.

Dennis made the motion that we close and seconded in unison by entire group. Meeting closed at 8:25AM with the Lords Prayer,

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Andy stated that a group conscience decided that it was best for the fellowship to make these word changes.
Steve reminded the group that members signed release forms.
Page passed out a detailed style sheet.
Andy questioned the motion on the floor.
Pete ammendedAls motion.to say that we would change the tw: words sober add sobriety and all other words would remain the same.
The motion was seconded by Andy.
The ammendment was accepted by Al.
Motion was carried.
Page read from editing sheet. Discussion followed.
Joe mentioned that the more slang that is used in the ~~group~~ ^{stories} the quicker the material in the book will be outdated. Many people brought up the problem of translating slang in different languages. Bobby made the motion that we leave it to the group of three to delete or leave in slang. Motion seconded by Pete.
Motion voted on and carried.

Linda M explained the cross section chart to the group. No errors were found on the chart except that it lacked a place for age. It was suggested that groups make a place on the individuals chart for age.
Al asked if we were going to include a catagory for religious or ethnic background.
Page stated that we should go with what is on the cross section chart and make comments on the back. Age should be stated if possible.
Page stressed that we are to edit and type.

Aj is in charge of typing, dictionaries etc.

Linda and Page are in charge of cross section chart.

Page asked if there were any questions from the group on editing. There were NONE!

Denise expressed the concern for the need to sleep. Al is still "sleep chairman" and he will find you a place.

Seven people agreed to lead workshops, and they all have experience.

It was suggested that people not working in workshops help clean up, make coffee etc. and keep distractions to a minimum so that the workshops are efficient.

Pete made a motion to close. Aj seconded the motion.

Al welcomed people coming into the conference.

Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer at 4:50pm.

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- 1) Roger T who was previously elected chairman has not functioned as chairman since September of 1981 and has as a result of his non-performance, effectively resigned.
 - 2) Steve B., chairman of the WSC Administrative sub committee has communicated to Roger T asking for his resignation and has received no reply.
 - 3) Jim M previously elected World Lit. Sub committee vice-chairman has declined his chairmanship.
 - 4) The WLS-C at its meeting in Memphis in November of 1981 elected Page C its 2nd vice chairman and acting chairman.
 - 5) Page C has served effectively since that time; establishing communication throughout the committee and the fellowship as a whole stepping into his active position on short notice presiding over the Philadelphia World Literature conference and making considerable progress in establishing financial records for the W.L.S.-C among other things by requesting detailed financial reports from the Santa Monica, Ohio, and Miami. (the cities of three previous World Literature Conferences.)

Linda raised the question of a vice chairman. Should we vote on one?

Ron asked if there was a need for one.

Pete explained that previous experience showed the need for a vice-chairman when we didnt have one and the elected chairman at the time was not present. Bo elaborated on Petes comment stating that a vice chairman is active. He gathers group conscience and raises support.

Ron made the motion that we decide how many vice chairmans we need and to make nominations for office. Motion seconded by Dennis. Page explained the procedure for elections, voting etc. to Andy who asked if we had delt with this already in Memphis.

Pete started to ammend Rons motion but withdrew his ammendment midway.

Page asked the group how many vice chairmans did the group think we need. Ron suggested two, AJ suggested at this time one. Ron withdrew his original motion and made another motion to decide how many vice chairmans we need. Motion seconded by AJ. Motion was carried to elect one vice chairman at a later time in conference.

Ed made the motion that we elect vice chairman tomorrow. Motion was seconded by a few and voted on. Motion was not carried.

Linda made a motion to open the floor for nominations and it was seconded by Ron. Qualifications for offiçe were stated by Page. Willingness to serve as well as ability to serve.

Dennis nominated Andy. It was seconded. Andy declined.

Ron nominated Pete. It was seconded. Pete accepted.

Bill nominated Bill G. It was seconded. Bill declined.

Rich nominated Steve K. It was seconded. Steve accepted.

AJ made the motion to close nominations. Seconded by Dennis.

Page called for a vote after Steve and Pete stated their qualifications for office.

Pete: involved with literature since June of 80. This is his 3rd World Literature conference. Has done alot of communication and is very willing to serve. Surrender to the program is complete in his heart

Steve: wants to decline nomination and support Pete.

Pete elected vice chairman of WLC by acclamation.

Group paused for prayer.

WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII

Philadelphia, Pa

Third day, afternoon meeting

Meeting opened by Page C with the serenity prayer at 1:40pm

Members present:

Terica W - PA	Carli M - PA
Page C - GA	Stephen K - PA
Anita V - GA	Dennis T - PA
Joe N - NJ	Bill G - NJ
Bob M - DE	Janine Y - PA
Al R - PA	Joe R - NJ
Terri O - PA	Denise T - DE
Andy O - PA	Bobby B - PA
Joe C - PA	Toni P - PA
Al S - PA	Pete B - PA
Barry S - PA	Ed W - PA
Daniel W - PA	Jerry G - PA
A.J. - NJ	Donna S - PA
Bo S - GA	

Minutes of the last group conscience were read by the secretary. AJ made a motion to accept as read. Page made a correction in the minutes. On page 2, reason 5 the correction is as follows... Page C has served effectively since that time; establishing communication throughout the committee and the fellowship as a whole, stepping into his active position on short term notice, presiding over the Philadelphia World Literature Conference and making considerable progress in establishing accurate financial records for the WLS-C among other things, and is in the process of requesting detailed financial reports from Santa Monica, Ohio, and Miami (cities of three previous World Literature Conferences)

AJ withdrew his motion. Bob made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected and this was seconded by Joe. Motion carried.

Page brought up the issue of the changes in WLC chairman and the letters to Page C. and Roger T. He stressed the 12 traditions and stated that principles are placed above personalities. Gossip is not needed. He stressed that in no way should judgement on Roger T be made. He did a good job while acting chairman. For a committee to function, an active chairman is essential. That was the reason for resignation of Roger T and reinstatement of Page as chairman. Integrity must be upheld. Page stated that he is proud to serve and just wants a book.

Page informed the group that since the last group conscience we have about 4 hours of typing left at which point in time 30 stories will be typed and edited. The files have been gone through and we have come up with 5 promising stories to work on in order to fill the gaps we have on cross section chart.

Discussion took place on the progress of the categories. AJ stated that attention should be on filling the ethnic group representation gaps. Bill stated that he had a hard time seeing the significance of ethnic groups being a priority for point of identification, and stated that the point of identification is addiction. Steve agreed with Bill.

Recount of vote took place and motion was defeated by overwhelming majority.

Pete made a motion to coordinate workshops. 1 would gather more stories from promising group in order to secure stories from Australia, Blacks, and Hawaii, and another workshop would work on overseas stories that we do not have. Motion seconded. Discussion took place but nothing was remarkable enough to note.

Bobby called for a vote to vote. This was seconded, voted on and carried. Motion made by Pete was voted on and carried. 12 were for the motion, 8 were against and 10 abstained from voting.

Andy stated that a deadline was given on submitting stories and what we now have is representative of N.A. at this time.

Bobby made a comment regarding the budget and then followed the comment with a motion that the committee working on gathering international stories ASK members to the conference back in order to keep expenses to a minimum. seconded by Pete.

Jerry elaborated on Bobby's motion. The secretary became very spacy and ~~could~~ not recall Jerry's elaboration.

Bo commented on Jerry's elaboration stating that he did not visualize spending over 50.00 on phone calls. He suggested that a tape recorder is used and made a statement that every effort will be made to keep cost at a minimum. Bo also stated that a little effort to communicate to the members overseas would show these members that we care.

Terica called for a vote to vote and it was seconded by everyone in unison. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bobby was carried.

Linda raised the question if all the stories that are going in the book need to pass a group conscience such as this.

Page replied to Linda saying that it was already decided that the group consciences of three were being entrusted with the decision.

Page suggested that we read the Physicians view point in the group conscience and copies were passed out.

Terica read the physicians view point.

Tom made the comment that he had a major concern being that he felt the opinion was expressed that NA is only valid as aftercare program following medical treatment. Tom made the motion that the physicians viewpoint not be accepted for the book. Motion seconded by Andy.

Discussion took place. Comments were made by Pete and Bobby, Bobby raised the question of possibly editing the physicians view point. Pete commented on emotional impact. There were many thoughts and comments exchanged by many but not in any way for a secretary to take notes.

Joe called for a vote to vote. Seconded and voted on. 18 for 12 against. The motion made by Tom was then voted on Motion was carried... 23 for, 1 against and 8 abstained.

Page presented the present plan of attack...the 5 promising stories to be submitted to the workshops for improvement and 1 committee would be formed to gather overseas stories with cost being kept to a minimum.

Al suggested that we form workshops in group conscience.

8 people volunteered to lead workshops and they all have experience.

Terica made a motion that the meeting close. Joe strongly seconded Terica's motion.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer at 3:30pm.

WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII

Philadelphia, Pa

January 18, 1982

Fourth day - morning (final)

The final group conscience of WLC VII was opened by Page C with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer, at 8:55AM.

Attending Members:

Page C - GA	Bobby B - PA
A.J. - NJ	Linda M - KS
Steve E - PA	Donna S - PA
Bob Mac - DE	Pete B - PA
Kathy B - PA	Anita V - GA
Terri O - PA	Bo S - GA
Michael V - PA	
Carli M - PA	

Secretary read the minutes of previous group conscience. Bo made a correction in regard to his statement on page 3, next to the last paragraph. The correction to the minutes are as follows. ... the paragraph reading; Bo entered the room with new input. Hawaii member contacted Japan and will try and get a story to the committee but has to check with translator. Also talking to a Korean member. Andy knows a member raised in Libya and is willing to call. Page mentioned the possibility of two mailings to get international stories out. A motion was made by Bobby to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Bob and the motion carried.

Linda reported that 30 stories are typed, 6 need to be proofread, and three are in the typewriter. This gives a total of 39 stories.

Page stated that we need 3 typist to volunteer. 3 people volunteered! There was 6 volunteers to proofread the stories that need to be proofread.

It was stated that Linda is in charge of making copies.

Page asked for a report from the committee working on international stories. The report is as follows. The workshop met and discussed its objectives and made an international contact list from available mailing list. The first was placed to Johnny H in London England at approximately 7:46 Pm and continued until 8:15pm Sunday evening the 17th of Jan. Introduction was made and we explained the nature of the call, asking for stories from London. Johnny said that he would check with 2 or 3 local members and call back Monday night to Philadelphia with the input. This completes the information attained from the London call. It cost twenty dollars or less. The second place on the list was Paul B in Frankfort West Germany. The first call was made Sun. the 17th at 11 pm. Three other calls were made which resulted in Paul agreeing to send in his story and the story of another German speaking member, named Voker, Wednesday of this week by the quickest way. Total charges ran approximately forty dollars. This is for all 4 calls. The third member contacted was Greg M in Honolulu Hawaii. Greg was quick to respond and expressed a willingness to help, locate a story of recovery from an Asian member. He located a Korean

representative of all significant events which took place throughout the fellowship from 1978 thru the present. The workshop decided that this is not something that can be finished in this conference. Although the History is highly important it is not as high of a priority as getting the stories ready for the book. The workshop turned over the work at hand and at this point will continue working at getting the basic History of dates and significant events. This report was given by Pete.

Page stated that he will solicit input in the form of a letter, to all known regions, areas and listed groups throughout the world, requesting that they send their own history to WLC. P.O. Box 3585, Lawrence Kansas 66044. He stressed the need for the fellowship wide input to be sure we are not excluding anyone. Exclusion would be left up to the group NOT sending their personal history.

Bo stated that he felt that what Page was going to do was a good course of action. Bo stated that the material included in the Memphis review form was what could be attained at the time in chronological order. It would be helpful for areas and regions to compile input of their history as it would remind them of where they came from and this is extremely healthy in regards to gratitude.

Page stated that the history will probably not be finished in time. It is a priority but not the highest priority.

Page asked for a valid figure of books from Terica.

Terica reported that the figure of being 8 dollars over the budget does not include figures from phone calls made or for the copies being made. Page asked Terica if she could come up with figures for a final financial report of WLC VII. *She said she would.*

Page stated that the phone bill will be dealt with as procedure indicates in the minutes of the third day- night meeting. This is in 2nd page and paragraph 5.

Bobby entertained the thought that we get as much help as needed to clean up.

Page stated the procedure for cleaning up. Basically the procedure is for those not working to cooperate and start with the cleanup.

Linda pointed out that 3 significant places on the cross section chart, plus some additions were filled. Linda made the motion that the cross section chart be included in the minutes. This motion was seconded by many and the motion was carried.

The secretary made the statement that all minutes, (copies of) can be attained if asked for.

Page asked the group if everything was covered.

Linda made a motion that the committee entrust the people that are going to carry on the work to maintain the spirit of the group conscience already expressed here. This motion was seconded by Bo and followed with the comment that at the end of every conference there is always some work left to do. The people doing the "mop up" work do not change anything. They just catch the aftermath details. The motion made by Linda was voted on and carried unanimously.

Linda asked that the clean up crew be on the lookout for any material from editing workshops.

Bobby stated that the Philadelphia area would like to Thank the fellowship Of N.A. for allowing them to host WLC VII.

Page expressed gratitude to the Philadelphia area for hosting an excellent and complete conference.