

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 pamphlets
- d. Communications between groups
- e. Literature Stock File

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.	Ladell M.
Lit. Comm.	Lit. Comm.
Chair Person	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) Narcotic's 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 ~~Area #~~(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) 263-1783  
Mark Z. (316) 264-5066

## 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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Single \$16.28      Twin \$17.50      Double \$18.50      Quad \$22.50

W.T. Conf. Minutes

19	Cliff called the meeting to order at 10:17 am	at the Corina House
	Cecil led us in the Serenity Prayer and read the Twelve Traditions	
	Roll Call - Cliff - Wichita	Barb - Lincoln, Nebr.
	Meredith - Salina	Angie - Lincoln, Nebr.
	Joseph - Memphis, Tenn.	Helen - Lincoln, Nebr.
	Jimmy - Salina	Cindy - Topeka, Kas.
	Doris - Salina	Ron - Topeka, Kas.
	Henk - Atlanta, Ga.	Julie - Wichita, Kas.
	DeAnna - Wichita	Pete - Omaha, Nebr.
	Dawn - Wichita	Stan - Omaha-Council Bluff.
	Janelle - Wichita	Bill - Omaha, Nebr.
	Bud - San Francisco, Ca.	Lewis - Omaha, Nebr.
	Belinda - Salina	Curt - Omaha, Nebr.
	Pat - Topeka	Bill - Omaha, Nebr.
	Michael - Wichita	
	Ed - Atlanta, Ga.	New call to be reconvened
	Leland - Salina	
	Carol - Wichita	
	Bo - Atlanta, Ga.	
	Mike - Virginia (Tidewater Area)	
	Dawn - Orange <del>County</del> County, Calif.	
	Jim - Lincoln, Nebr.	
	Marcia - <del>Florida</del> Wichita	
	Scott - Wichita	
	- Sharing what they have to offer to Lit.	
	- Collected Applications for <del>the</del> Workshops	
	- First Break	

- Intro on Past History of Lit. Need for N.A. Book
- See if we can come up w/ name for book
- Be gave past hist. if 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  
20 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

- ~~Not up to date material~~

~~Discusses~~

- 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 -

- Case, tapes,

- writing when you just got an idea, can't sleep

- Helps when you are writing to a particular  
person

11 Comm. - Thou shall not bullshit my friend"

- Transcripts,

Cliff called us back to a whole group.

- reminded us about conference starting at 9:00 A.M.

- 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 Lord's Prayer

at 9:1979 Cliff opened with a moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer

- later Linda 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 workshop is to get a plan from group cores. We're here to work on a plan. Have 10-12 committees and write some material relating to individual experience of NA recovery. Have the original material guide us to the book.

Cliff

Send out name and address <sup>through</sup> mailing out the minutes

Paid \$303.08 with 38 people

~~Secretary~~ of the  
above have much  
ability is required  
to serve as an  
officer.

- Basic Text - HANK  
- Memo-graph

- Stories - Linda -

- Cliff reminded us to pick up the  
place

- Newsletters - Janelle - Hot 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 8 members.

- Lit Meeting - Lit Bus. Meeting  
separate

Bo - shared experience in Atlanta

- all the bus should be open  
to new members

Cliff - Have thanks,

- any guest

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

Mainliner - send info. on going

- 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

Mrs - 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 - understand we have for each other. Like the responses we get from docs., religious func., shrinks

Dean - profanity lowers the spiritual content

~~How it b~~ have it be open ~~to~~ to everyone

Hank

March 4/7  
Richard Davis  
Every body  
toucz  
me?  
Rosie says "I'm  
parent!"

436-0953  
427-2086

Bo



- Have to support the conference.
- Shows printing presses in:
  - Pa
  - Atlanta, Ga.
  - San Fran., Calif.
  - L.A., Calif.
- We work.
  - Write story send in.
  - Give to area service committee
  - 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.
- possible combination of Local Committees and Newsletters
- discussion on workshops (diff. ideas)

Gathering sit. #1 - find out where literature world at service level, services are.

- First Workshop
  - have it be a local group - Nike
  - area chairmen - Pot sugg.
  - have one committee where grps could go
  - Dean runs that mainline puts on line.

stories to World 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.
  - to give positive feedback on to the people who write the story.
- handle lit. through paper ~~or other~~ machinery.
- ~~get~~

Bud. - The Mainliner said they would ~~not~~ inform people that they are receiving literature

- The Mainliner is a tool of this committee to use in its 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. groups.

### Basic Text Workshop

- chapter 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 communication,  
it's been done through World Service Mailings.
- As long as you ask members specifically - Well  
you do this... they'll usually do it ~~too~~ if  
you make it clear.
- Pattern of getting it out
- We've got to strike a balance of out getting the  
~~literature~~ in and out. If a copy - \$0.00  
It is imp. that it stays in the possession of  
the lit. committee. This needs to be a closed meeting.  
We should have all the material we're working  
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  
~~each~~ 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 Corp. 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 ~~pamphlets~~ pamphlets

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

- pamphlets are a lot closer  
to getting printed

- individual could write an individual  
pamphlet

- a title why I can't smoke pot.

~~Bo~~ - Hank - chapt. in book on the disease concept  
the drug addict,

- using paper machinery

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

Julie - sugg. for pamphlet - why do you  
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 make  
sure you're not also abusing it.

local

Hank - pamphlets on twenty questions about drugs

Bart - other aspects of escape, ideas for pamphlets

#4 Stories - personal stories, person tells how / think now is long gone  
how it was, how they recovered  
this is imp. because this  
is what the newcomer can  
relate with.

~~Illustration~~ - keep it at personal level  
so they feel like its  
still their story.

~~Illustration~~ - write down just what person  
says

- get in touch w/ local committee  
and they can work to the

~~use person~~

- 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 Newsletter - Bud - every group should have  
a newsletter

- what groups, condo  
to have a newsletter

- how to get one going

- communication

- how newsletter can  
help lit. committee

is going fast!!!

I'm trying

2.0

bold

SPZ

already  
to let go

- Newsletter is a tool to help the Lit. Comm.

- #C 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 as part of the fellowship program
    - We can take money from a person who has not in town
    - have a can or jar for lit. ~~studies~~  
~~committees~~ but you have to get NA group conc. because it is different from NA
    - let them know ~~it is~~ it is tax deductible, ~~tax write-off~~  
tax write-off
    - dinners

- Bo - gave reason for putting finance online
- 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  
non to mail on members

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

Bill - raffles in N.A. group

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

Closed for 10 min. break.

Reopened - Broke into the various workshops

    Secre - Newsletters - DeAnna

    Stories - Linda

    Finance - Belinda

    Basic Text - Hank

Lit. Recept - Paper Mechanics - Jimmy

Pamphlete - Bill

Local Committee - Cliff

~~Not stuck together~~

Business

There was motion and seconded that the mainline would be the newsletter for the World Service Cont.

Bo - expressed how much has been done, that we've got a lot 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. Ad. Committee

- expressed gratitude to H.P. and recovery

N.A. growth for Big Book

Cliff - closed

- moment of silence

- group hug

- Lord's Prayer