

Board of trustees of Narcotics Anonymous
Meeting: April 4th, 1978 in Whittier, Calif.

Attendance:

Greg Pierce (Chairman)
Cliff Kraft (Vice-Chairman)
Chuck Skinner
Sylvia Magdaleno
Gloria Coleman
Bill Beck
Bob Barrett

Absent

Jimmy Kinnon (Illness)
Mel Hellman
Carl Baggett
Dennis McGaughran

The minutes of the last meeting (December 14th, 1978) 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 of 1977 was \$516 18
2. Fliers on the 8th World Convention have been received and a copy was passed around
3. A group in Central Los Angeles which was not strictly NA. opened an office and installed a telephone as Narcotics Anonymous central office. It was reported that action was taken and that the problem was resolved. However, since the trustee who

Took the action was not in attendance no complete report could be given. This precipitated a discussion on documentation (See new business #4)

4. The minutes from the Northern California Regional Committee meeting were read, and a comment was made Dennis McGaughrav election ~~right~~ as Chairman might be a problem ~~as~~ 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 that in most of our service committees the chairman doesn't have a vote and if this holds true for the N.C.R.S.C. then there would be no problem. ~~Bennett~~
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5. Gloria reported a conversation with Steve Bice expressing some of his feelings questions and suggestions. The following items were included in her report
 - 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 near their meetings
 - e. expressed gratitude that trustee meetings were now open to the fellowship.
 - f. a full time paid employee should be working in the W.S.O.
- Bob Barrett will write Steve a letter

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. Election 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 office January 1st 1979
The current officers are.

Chairman: Greg Pierce

Vice Chairman: Cliff Kraft

Recording Secretary: Lin Andrukat (non-trustee)

2. A letter concerning denial of representation to a registered group at the area service committee. It was felt that, in general, no Narcotics Anonymous meeting which was open to the fellowship should be denied ~~the~~ representation. However, after some discussion because in doing so ~~the~~ ^{Some of the} rights of ^{N.A.} ~~the~~ members membership are also denied the members of ~~the~~ group. This discussion brought up various other questions and the topic discussion continued and various 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~~ money to send a newcomer to ~~Austin~~ Houston for the Convention. This was discussed and it was felt that if a group wished to sponsor a newcomer, or anyone else for that matter, it was ok for them to do so provided that the concept was accepted by the group conscience. The discussion ~~had~~ led to a discussion of the multiple collections which are taking place in some of our meetings. One trustee mentioned that the basket had been passed three times in a meeting ~~regular~~ recently. This caused some concern. It was the consensus of those trustees present that the only appropriate collection ~~on~~ ~~that~~ that should be taken by passing the basket (or other container) around was for the purpose of supporting the group. These funds once collected could then be disbursed 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 to see them after the meeting if one wished to contribute. It was felt that ~~and~~ the impact of multiple collections on the newcomer ~~would~~ ^{might} detract from ~~the~~ the groups primary purpose of carrying the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers.

4. We discussed ~~that~~ ~~on~~ the documentation of trustee actions. It was felt that anytime a trustee ~~should~~ found it necessary to take definitive action, ~~that~~ this action, its causes, and effects should be thoroughly documented and mentioned during the Informational part of our meetings. It was suggested that a format for this documentation as well as a format for ^{advisory} letters ~~formal consus~~ from ~~of~~ the Board should be drafted and added to our guidelines. Greg

will submit rough drafts of these two formats at the next meeting.

5. It was mentioned that ~~a~~ possible sites for the W.S.C. were being investigated and that ~~we had discussed~~ it was possible that the conference might be held on the U.S.C. campus. or at some other ^{local} college or University.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on May 6th 1978 at a location not ~~yet~~ as yet established.

A Special meeting of the Board will be held on March 18th, 1978 at ^{7:00 PM} Greg Pierce's house 4219 Bakman Ave. North Hollywood. telephone 763-8193 the primary topic for this special meeting will be the guidelines.

The World Service Conference will be held April 1st and 2nd members of the Board are expected to attend if possible.

The following actions should be taken prior to the Special Meeting.

1. Study the remaining portions of the guidelines.
2. Bob Barrett write a letter to Steve Bice
3. Greg Pierce draft a format for ~~documentation of trustee action and an advisory letter from the Board for Florida trustee Board of the Board~~ documentation of trustee action and an advisory letter from the Florida trustee Board of the Board for trustee consensus.

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

1. Guidelines
2. The W.S.C.
3. Group Representation.
4. Use of N.A. material outside the fellowship. excerpts from our literature etc.