

Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee Meeting



Minutes of February 7, 2021 Meeting

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Greater Philadelphia Regional Areas

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean Acres Area 2. Delco Area 3. Downtown Area 4. Greater Camden Area 5. Inner City Area 6. Montgomery County Area | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Northwest Area 8. Philadelphia Area 9. Pyramid of Freedom Area 10. Schuylkill Valley Area 11. South Philadelphia Area 12. West Southwest Area |
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Greater Philadelphia Regional Subcommittees

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Delegate 2. ABC Chair/Office Manager 3. ABC Treasurer 4. Convention Chairperson 5. Convention Treasurer 6. Meeting List 7. Phone Line 8. Hospitals & Institutions 9. Unity | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Public Relations 11. IT/Webmaster 12. Clean Sheet 13. Administrative 14. Policy 15. JAC 16. RSC Treasurer 17. Special Worker - Admin 18. Special Worker - IT |
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PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee (GPRSC) is to unify the Areas within the region and help carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

The GPRSC provides a meeting place for all the Regional Committee Members (RCMs) within the region to express their collective group consciences.

The GPRSC meeting is the center of communications to share information and ideas between each area and other regions. It is the intermediate position linking our area services with the worldwide services of NA.

The GPRSC provides and promotes more active service committees to fulfill the common needs of the areas they serve and the communities they service.

The GPRSC participates in the continuation and growth of NA by initiating and contributing to the worldwide services of NA each year. The GPRSC will send the Regional Delegate (RD) and RD-ALT to the biennial WSC meeting and other World Services and NAWS, Inc. functions, when funding is available. The GPRSC will also participate in World Service by involving itself in literature review and development and all other World Service projects requiring fellowship-wide input and support.

The GPRSC is a service committee created by the Areas within. The elected officers are but trusted servants to the areas; a loving and caring Higher Power has the ultimate authority to guide all the regional meetings. The Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts and Guide to Local Service are the foundation by which the region operates.

The GPRSC is responsible for bringing together all members within the region to promote unity and harmony by celebrating our mutual recovery in NA. At least once each year, the region will accomplish this goal by holding activities such as conferences, conventions, campouts, unity days, etc. The planning and implementation of these events is left to a regional sub-committee specifically established to carry out this purpose.

Regional Service Committee Meeting – 2/7/2021

Note: If there is no quorum by thirty (30) minutes after the meeting starts, we will begin with an informational meeting, which will include the reading and acceptance of reports.

The meeting was opened at 10:10 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was conducted via the Zoom Platform.

Quorum: 11 Areas present

The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read.

The Purpose of the GPRSC was read.

Roll Call: 11 Areas Represented

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| Clean Acres Area | Philadelphia Area |
| Downtown Area | Pyramid of Freedom Area |
| Greater Camden Area | Schuylkill Valley Area |
| Inner City Area | South Philly Area |
| Montgomery County Area | West Southwest Area |
| Northwest Area | |

Minutes were read from the 12/6/2020 and 12/13/2020 RSC meetings.

RCM/Area Reports:

Inner City Area – April S., RCM

No report.

The ICA RCM did have a question about how to donate to Region. The Treasurer, Scott D., said that donations can be made to our PayPal or Venmo accounts, or a check can be mailed to the virtual office.

Philadelphia Area – Alex D., RCM

[No written report. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

The Philadelphia Area is trying to stay financially afloat with limited donations.

In loving service,
Alex D., RCM

Northwest Area – Eugene G., RCM

[No written report. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

All is going well in the Northwest Area.

We currently have 22 home groups in the Northwest Area. We currently have 13 home groups in the Northwest Area that are continuing to meet via Zoom. There are no in-person meetings.

Northwest Area meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 am – 2 pm via Zoom. Meeting id: 849 9806 6667. Password: 395352.

In loving service,
Eugene G., RCM
Laurence D., RCM Alt.

Clean Acres Area – Harvey E., RCM

Clean Acres Area (CAA) service meeting is held 3rd Sunday of the month at 7 pm. We are still meeting virtually. Meeting id is 275 856 6387; passcode is 123456.

Currently there are 35 home groups in our Area. 16 are meeting virtually; 13 are meeting in person; 2 are meeting virtually and in person; 4 are not meeting. 5 of the outside meetings are following the PA guidelines for masking and social distancing. All’s going well with our groups carrying the message of recovery to the sick and suffering addict.

Tom D. was nominated and accepted the Policy Chair position for our Area.

Regional donation: \$207.00 World donation: \$207.00

Trusted Servants
Harvey E., RCM
Eric M., RCM Alt.

Schuylkill Valley Area (SVA) – Joanna G., RCM

• SVA holds their Area Service Committee meeting (virtually/online) on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Many positions remain open, and there continues to be less interest/engagement with Area level service.

Schuylkill Valley Area (continued)

- Prior to the pandemic, SVA had 14 member groups. Three of those groups are currently not meeting, leaving 11 active groups. One is meeting only in person: Turning Point group on Mondays. One meeting is hybrid (meeting in person and also has online meeting): Living the Dream group on Thursdays. The remaining nine groups are meeting only online. All meeting information (including addresses for the in-person meetings) for SVA on naworks.org is accurate/up to date.
- SVA has a PayPal account so that groups are able to submit donations electronically. Some groups are choosing to donate directly to Region or NAWS instead. Our treasurer is sending any donations to Region electronically from our Area account.
- At the ASC meeting at the end of January, the Area voted to donate \$150 to Region, earmarked specifically for Phone Line.
- The Area voted in a new H&I chair, Jeff M., at the January ASC meeting.

In grateful service,
Joanna G., SVA RCM

Greater Camden Area – Bob R., RCM

The Greater Camden Area Service Committee meets every 3rd Sunday of the month at 4 pm via Zoom.

The Unity Subcommittee continues to meet. They held a 3-day Speaker Jam on 1/29/21 – 1/31/21 that was well attended. The Area is in need of a Policy Chair. The H&I Chair has not been attending Regional meetings.

We currently have 9 groups holding 17 virtual meetings. The Just For Today group is now meeting 5 days a week, 9 – 11 am. Meeting id: 849 4191 9731; password: 000000. We also have an in-person meeting, 11th Hour group, on Saturday, 9:30 – 11 am.

The Area has a Venmo account to collect 7th Tradition donations. We will find out at the next Area meeting how well we are doing. The Area made a \$75 donation to Region and donated \$75 towards the insurance payment.

In loving service,
Bob R., GCA RCM
Juana M., GCA Alt. RCM

West Southwest Area – Tony F., RCM

[No written report. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

At our January ASC meeting, there was discussion of policy on meetings/groups joining the Area. There is a new on-line meeting that is part of the WSW Area. For in-person meetings, we required PR presentations. Now that there are virtual meetings, we probably need to adapt our policies. This is our only issue at this time.

The Area made a \$401 donation to Region.

Tony F., RCM
Cammy C., RCM Alt.

Discussion: Meetings can exist without being part of an Area. South Philly asks groups to show up at the ASC meeting to join that Area. It is possible that virtual meetings will still be around after the pandemic is over.

South Philadelphia Area – Wahidah, RCM

[No written report. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

The South Philadelphia Area meets virtually on the 3rd Saturday of the month. There are 7 open positions at Area.

South Philadelphia Area has 10 groups. 3 are not meeting right now.

Our H&I Subcommittee is trying to stay in service and is offering virtual presentations to facilities. Unity Subcommittee wants to have an event in the future. We are currently working on updating our Area Policy.

We have a newly elected IT person.

We would like to have the RD team do a workshop in our Area on consensus-based decision making.

Regional donation: \$160
Insurance donation: \$175

Wahidah, RCM

Pyramid of Freedom (POF)Area – Diane K., RCM

No report.

The POF Area meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month via the Zoom platform.

Downtown Area (DANA) – Drew C., RCM

Our ASM is attended by about two-thirds of our home groups GSRs, which is about on par with the ratio pre-Covid. None of our H&I commitments are currently open to in-person presentations, and the virtual presentations haven't had much interest either.

I know for a fact that the Tuesday night 7:30 group that used to meet at 4th and Fairmount (Freedom on 4th) has moved to a new location and changed their name (Serenity on 7th). They now meet at 7th and Brown at the same day and time.

When At the End of the Road, that meets Mondays at 7pm, has an online only meeting with some home group members and simultaneously an in-person meeting at the church at 13th and Tasker at 7. It is not a hybrid; it is currently functioning as 2 separate meetings with a shared group conscience/business meeting.

All our other home groups are meeting on Zoom.

DANA Phone Line does have a chairperson and small committee, which is an improvement. DANA Unity is functioning virtually and has had success with game nights/trivia/etc. DANA Meeting List and PR committees are completely nonexistent and without chairs. DANA Policy has a chair and occasionally a committee.

I brought back to our GSRs the survey info, the zonal forum info, the PPP and EIDL info. I asked for an informal pulse from the home groups about their feelings and insight about the loans and anyone's feelings about how to honor our traditions as far as paying back the loans or applying for forgiveness. I have yet to hear back. A rough straw poll from our area GSRs revealed that we dispose of the physical regional meeting lists as environmentally friendly as possible.

December Donation to Region: \$41.59

January Donation to Region: \$683.93

Downtown Area (continued)

In DANA tradition, we typically don't earmark our donations to Region separately; generally we've brought all our money to Region and let our trusted servants be trusted and put the money where it needs to go. I bring this up because with online 7th tradition donations, the RCM is bypassed. Typically, I would be able to see we have enough to pay our insurance for the year, so I make the call and say, here's our insurance payment. Now I don't have that capability. I could have made it an issue at Area, but it's not really necessary. I am asking now that either the Region takes out what is necessary from our donation and pays our share of the insurance for the year, or lets me know the funds have already been utilized and that we should make a note for next Region.

In the end of January, we held nominations for yearly elections. Votes will be the end of this month, with new positions starting in March. This is the end of my 2-year term. My alternate, Michael D., will most likely become RCM for the next two years. He meets all the requirements and has the willingness to fill the position. It has been my pleasure, honor, and benefit to serve with you all. I am looking to stay involved with the Regional body in another capacity that would be the most useful and effective. I just haven't figured out what that is yet, and my focus is on a PEACEFUL TRANSITION OF POWER to the next RCM.

Finally, after last Region's meeting, I want to say that vulgar language and gestures have no place in our service meetings. I was saddened and offended that my friend who was found dead, overdosed on a toilet by another friend, was used as an insult. Nothing should have gotten that far. As soon as someone is uncontrollably giving the service body the finger or cursing, they should be ejected. There should be one warning, and that's it. I do NOT want an apology. I want to attract people to service. We can't do this with aggression and hate. We do this with tolerance and love. We don't use dead addicts as an insult. As an RCM, I could and may make a proposal, but I think simply if we make part of our format some type of warning that such language and behavior will get you immediately ejected and stick to that, it will prevent future outbursts. I'm open to however the Region feels the most effective way to do this is.

Drew C., RCM

Discussion: Billy W., the ABC Chair, noted that the assigned amounts for each Area for insurance payments are based on the number of meetings held each week. Contact Billy or Scott, the Regional Treasurer, if there are any additional questions about this.

Montgomery County (Montco) Area – Jim H., RCM

[No written report. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

The Montco Area holds a virtual ASC meeting on the last Sunday of the month. New officers were elected in January.

We currently have 31 home groups. Some meetings are not active currently.

\$750 was donated to the Region.

Jim H., RCM

Pasquale P., RCM Alt.

Delco Area: Michael S., RCM

2/7/2021 – Absent / No report

Joint Administrative Committee (JAC) – Matt O., Regional Co-Chair

The JAC met yesterday. The meeting was well attended. We will hold our virtual meeting bi-monthly on the day before the RSC meets.

The situation with 7th Tradition donations was discussed. A statement has been put together. We will propose holding a Learning Day in March, jointly hosted by the RD Team and the Unity Subcommittee, to promote discussion of the need for financial contributions. The Learning Day will include time for questions and answers.

The IT and Public Relations Subcommittees have financial proposals today.

ABC Chair – Billy W.

We reached out to our insurance carrier this cycle. We wanted to ask for an additional discount for the last 6 months. You may remember they gave us \$500 off the first half of the year, and we have now requested the same for the second half. We are still waiting on word about that. We also talked to the insurance people to clarify coverage. We have been getting questions about whether the insurance policy is in effect if a meeting breaks local laws, regulations, etc., with regards to Covid. If a meeting does not practice local ordinances with gatherings, occupancy, masks, distancing, etc., do they lose coverage? The answer is No. We were told that they don't follow the ever-changing guidelines on gatherings, and it would not affect coverage. They basically said that all those issues are the facilities' problem, not ours; and if we meet, then we are covered. We should reiterate that our insurance does not cover any Covid-related injuries. If you go to a meeting and get Covid, that is on you.

We will be working with our CPA this next cycle to file this year's tax forms. There will be nothing owed, but we must file every year anyway. There will be the CPA costs coming next Region, most likely.

We will be working closely with the Treasurer, Special Worker, Admin body, and the RD team, to make Region a better place to live.

In loving service,
Billy W., ABC Chair

Discussion: The Greater Camden Area would like the ABC Chair to come to their ASC meeting for discussion. Billy said they just need to schedule a time for that.

ABC Treasurer – Abu S.

No report was given. There has been no change since the last RSC meeting.

RD Report – Clarence A., RD

Greetings & Salutations,

The RD & RDA, along with some of the RD Team members, attended the AZF Zonal Forum that was held over the weekend of January 30-31. I want to thank other members from the GPR for also attending.

A couple of months ago the AZF created a Task Team to examine other Zonal regions (SouthEastern Zone [SEZ] &NorthEast Zone [NEZ]) to see what they had in terms of services that they offered to members in their respective zones and what areas of service that the AZF were lacking or needed to implement. The Task Team created a survey on Survey Monkey to get feedback from members of the AZF. The survey covers a wide range of questions that will help the team in getting a better understanding of the areas that we need to focus. The survey only had 102 responses from members in the five regions. I stated that, while the responses showed areas that we need to take a hard look at, it was not a true pulse of our members, as we only had two weeks to get members to take the survey. Our Regional Secretary sent the link out about 3-4 weeks ago. The survey has been reposted, and we would like members to go to Survey Monkey and take the survey. The link for the survey is: surveymonkey.com/r/AutonomyZone. Please pass this info on to members in your Area, as we would like to get more feedback.

As it now stands, these are some of the areas that the Task Team identified that we need to address in order of priority:

- Public Relations
- Fellowship Development

In the NEZ and SEZ, these task groups are up and running.

- PR (Public Relations)
- FD (Fellowship Development)
- H&I
- BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolbox)

RD Report (continued)

They have extended an invitation to us to attend. This will help us to get info on how and what we can do to better improve our delivery to our members.

What we, the AZF, would like to do, is have the PR& H&I chairs from our Regions to start meeting and exchanging ideas and best practices. This is an area that the NEZ and SEZ have found beneficial to their Zone &Region.

Other areas that we will be looking into are:

Overhaul of the Web Site

Zonal Email

Service Media

Shareable Calendar

Zonal Web servants

We had elections for positions on the AZF.

Facilitator – Rob U.

Secretary – Merle

Treasurer – Trisha

Congrats to them.

On a Regional level, we would like to welcome RD Team members:

Tony W. – WSW Area

Rob U. – Clean Acres

Diane – POF

Brenda – ICA

Wahidah – SPA

Leah – GCA

We have met twice and discussed the state of the Fellowship in regards to the lawsuit, Graybook meetings, and PPP.

Because we can no longer do in-person Area meetings, I would like the RSC Chairs and Admin members to get together and make a video that we can put on the Regional website. This video for now would allow us to inform our members on the state of the Region and who their Regional trusted servants are.

RD Report (continued)

We are planning a Learning Day – topic will be “What’s the Basket For” – to be held in March. More info to follow.

Flyer for Florida Service Symposium, March 25-28th, attached.

WSC 2022 evaluating possibilities due to COVID.

WCNA 2022 Melbourne working on finalizing dates.

Stay Safe.

Clarence A., RD

Ted D., RDA

RD Team

Discussion: There was a question why we are talking about Graybook meetings? The purpose is not trying to stop those meetings. We are talking about the history of their development. What is the deadline for the response to the AZF survey? We have about 10 weeks to respond before the next AZF meeting. The link to the survey is posted on the Regional website. The survey is for individual response.

Subcommittee Reports

Phone Line – Brenda M., Chair

The Phone Line Subcommittee met yesterday. The following people were in attendance:

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| Tyrone | ICA Rep |
| James | Technical Liaison |
| Natalie | ICA Secretary |
| LaRay | Volunteer |
| Harry | NW Area Chair |
| Razmig | Regional PL Subcommittee Unity Liaison |
| Jimmy | Volunteer |
| Brian | Volunteer POF |
| Toya | POF Chair |
| Tee | Schedule Coordinator |
| Naim | ICA Chair |
| Marvin | PR Chair (Region) |
| Latrice | Rep, Darby Hilltop |

Phone Line Report (continued)

Cynthia Rep, Recovery In The Morning
Bro James PR Co-Chair (Region)
Joi Rep, Downtown Area / PL Secretary

Minutes were read from the meeting on 1/2/21.

Questions were raised about the number of volunteers we have and how many spots are open, because two different numbers were given in the report.

Agenda:

Find out status of new volunteers and if they're in the Hallo system.

Vacancies available.

Update Spanish voicemail.

Set date for another orientation.

REPORTS:

Philadelphia Area (Craig gave report to Brenda): All is well. Area earmarked \$30 for Phone Line.

Delaware County: No report. Sid has been sick.

Clean Acres: No report.

Pyramid of Freedom (Toya): All is well. Toya had a couple of calls, and let callers know how to get on virtual meetings and how to get to meetings in person that are open.

West Southwest Area: No report. Need a representative.

Downtown Area: (Joi) All is well. Let Area know about Phone Line needing money.

NW Area (Harry): Harry brought up at Area that Phone Line was in need of funds. He'll found out what steps were taken when Area meets again.

I.C.A. (Tyrone): All is well. Area earmarked money for Phone Line. Gonna hit home groups up for money to donate.

Schuylkill Valley (Razmig): Discussed Phone Line funds at Area, and they earmarked \$150.00 for Phone Line.

Phone Line Report (continued)

Camden (No Rep): Brenda has been talking to Bob, their RCM. She's going to attend their next Area and ask if they want to have a subcommittee again.

South Philly: Marvin will be filling in for the rep until she is able to return.

Chair Report (Brenda): We had another successful orientation on 1/31/21. Our new volunteers are Yvette, Pat, Michelle, & LaRay. I want to give a shout out to our Scheduling Coordinator, Tee, who got in touch with all the present and former volunteers.

Talked about doing more orientations because more people want to volunteer.

Talked to Sid. He's been sick and is not able to attend our meetings.

Word is getting out to Areas about Phone Line needing financial support because of lack of donations due to the pandemic.

Participation has been great.

Technical Liaison (James): We had 88 calls and used 336 minutes. \$79 was paid.

50 volunteers were removed. We have 11 new volunteers. 16 volunteers were logged in at the time of report. We never go below 10 or 12 volunteers.

1 call went to a member's personal voicemail.

We'll have to discuss members logging out and not being on 24/7 so that the round robin system works so more volunteers get calls.

Questions:

Natalie asked should members log on and off. Suggested that our schedule coordinator can take responsibility and look to see who's on at what times, and members can be put on a schedule so that calls reach all volunteers.

Cynthia asked does NW Area have a chair and are we getting 2500 minutes a month. Yes to both questions.

Tyrone asked why missed calls don't go to next person. James said he would send an email to Verizon and inquire.

Phone Line Report (continued)

Bilingual Coordinator (Lupe): Met with H&I Chair, Heather. Introduced flyer so members can take it to H&I commitments.

Translated virtual flyer. Got in touch with James (PR Co-Chair). Flyer will be attached to their minutes and sent out.

Questions:

James asked Lupe to send new voicemail to him, and he's going to upload it. H&I Region has 4 virtual meetings & 2 physical (in-person) meetings.

Schedule Coordinator (Tee): 68 people were removed from Hallo. There are 58 slots available. We had 2 orientations since this time.

12/20/20 7 volunteers

1/31/21 4 volunteers

All new volunteers have given the times that they're available.

Tee asked that she be made aware when a volunteer is added so that she can keep an accurate record of who's on.

Questions:

James said, from the voicemails he received, 50 volunteers were removed. He put 4 back in. He has 46 open slots, and 7 volunteers have to be added, bringing the total to 30 open slots. James let Tee know they'll get together and get the correct numbers.

OPEN POSITIONS:

Co-Chair

Co-Secretary

Cynthia volunteered to be Co-Secretary. All were in favor.

Brenda let members know her term as Chair will be over in June 2021. She believes in rotation of service. Please take this information back to Areas and Groups.

NEW BUSINESS:

James brought up that we need to discuss and put in policy that no members stay on for 24 hours.

Phone Line Report (continued)

We need a date for orientation.

Tyrone requested that we reach out to the 12 Step call members to see if they’re still available and if they can walk with newcomers on the Zoom platform.

Callers can be directed to find meetings on www.naworks.org, and it will let them know if it’s a virtual or in-person meeting.

Next Orientation is February 28, 2021, 12-1 p.m., on the Zoom platform. Meeting codes are the same as for the subcommittee meeting: Meeting id – 862 2968 6660; Password – 398393.

Next Regional meeting, 3/6/21, we will discuss Learning Day and bring up our new way of voting on motions (Consensus Based Decision Making) as well as other topics.

Brenda M.
Regional Phone Line Chair

H & I – Heather B., Chair

Areas Present: Clean Acres, Northwest, Downtown, South Philly, Montco, Schuylkill Valley, West Southwest, Bi-lingual Coordinator, PR members

Areas Not Present: Camden, Delco, Inner City Area, Philadelphia, Pyramid of Freedom

Administrative Report:

We have a new email address, which is hi@naworks.org. If you need an email address for your Area H&I subcommittee, please reach out to members of the IT RSC.

Schuylkill Valley Area has joined together with the Clean Acres Area to form a metro and combine service efforts with Gaudenzia DRC. The invitation was also extended to the Downtown Area as well. Members of both Areas were to start new H&I presentations for Jan. 30th (men) & Jan. 31st (women). Point of contact, Ms. Brown, reached out and asked that the date be pushed back due to a scheduling conflict. Presentations were to start on Feb. 2nd & 3rd when staff was supposed to be scheduled to give addicts access to the “zoom room.” Ms. Brown reached out again and said they are short staffed right now and she needs to get clearance from clinical director to see if meetings on Sat. & Sun. can be from 3pm-4pm while staff is present.

H&I Report (continued)

Will be following up with her this week to see if she has gotten clearance and taking this information back to the areas. Northwest Area will be meeting on the 3rd Saturday, and if the support is there, they will be moving forward with presentations there on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Spoke to IT RSC. They have a Google calendar where we can use the Region's Zoom account with a host code to give Gaudenzia one Zoom ID & password instead of 6. I believe this will make things simpler.

Mailed out Basic Texts to the South Philly Area for distribution to River's Bend facility upon request.

Please submit up-to-date and accurate commitment contact lists. Please use the following format: Name of facility, date & time of meeting, P.O.C. (point of contact) name, number, and email, type of treatment facility.

Area Reports:

Clean Acres: *No meetings in person, 1 virtually, 0 misses.* Clean Acres is facilitating 2 meetings a week, Monday and Thursday evenings, via the BlueJeans. Application for the Malvern Institute. Schuylkill Valley Area joining the subcommittee to form metro to have more support in our service efforts. We are going to extend the invitation to the Downtown Area as well. Voted in panel leaders for Gaudenzia DRC.

Downtown Area (DANA): *No meetings in person, 2 recovery houses virtually.* Recovery house meetings going well. Still in a holding pattern for the previous meetings the subcommittee facilitated – Charter Fairmount, Gaudenzia Reentry, Penn Presby. Doing the best we can to reach out to directors at facilities.

Northwest: *No meetings in person or virtually.* Subcommittee will be meeting 3rd Saturday of the month virtually. Trying to contact prior commitments.

South Philly: *No meetings virtually or in person.* Still waiting to set up a day and time with ODAAT 2 facility. Received Basic Texts from Regional chair to be distributed to River's Bend upon request.

Schuylkill Valley: *No meetings virtually or in person.* Have been providing literature to Fairmount once a month. Reaching out to GSRs for more service and involvement.

H&I Report (continued)

West Southwest (WSW): *No meetings in person or virtually.* New H&I Chair trying to contact facilities to let them know there has been a change in leadership. Reaching out to the GSRs about service and involvement with H&I. Planning out the details for a Learning Day on April 10th. More information to come.

Montgomery County (Montco): *1 virtual meeting twice a week, 2 in-person meetings, 0 misses.* In-person meeting is Horsham Clinic, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We have not missed any meetings on our end. Meetings were cancelled because of Covid outbreaks and Horsham putting the units on quarantine. So the panel leaders are calling ahead of time to see if we can bring the meeting in. Eagleville – We were bringing meetings in up until the beginning of January. Eagleville had an outbreak and put the campus on a lockdown. We have been in contact with them trying to figure out when to go back in. Valley Forge – We do Zoom meetings every Sunday and Wednesday evenings. All is well. Still trying to contact Malvern Willow Grove to facilitate meetings upon request.

Outreach: No report given.

Old Business: Until we are able to meet in person, we will continue to meet the 1st Saturday of each month @ 9am via zoom. ID#: 275-856-6387; Password: 123456.

New Business: Talked about corrections on the H&I flyer to include Spanish and English as well as a QR code patients can scan to take them right to all the meetings throughout the Region. The flyer has been an effort of H&I, Phone Line, and PR members, as well as the bilingual coordinator. Talked about bringing up the flyer is bilingual and will be taking you to a website that is not and does not have the Spanish-speaking meetings outlined. Will be adding that to the minutes as long as the form for what to discuss at a virtual H&I presentation for the new chairs. Talked about 1 point of contact for Gaudenzia DRC regional chair. Will be adding all the H&I chairs' contact info to the minutes for new chairs to use. Try to get more info and knowledge on how to use the Region's Google/Zoom account and host code.

In Loving Service,
Heather B., H&I Chair

Discussion: There was a question whether the meetings codes for the subcommittee would change. No, because they have been using that same Zoom account for several months. The IT Committee will consult with the subcommittee to make sure that their meetings are set up the way they need.

Unity – Matt S., Chair

[No written report. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

The subcommittee now has a Zoom account.

The next subcommittee meeting will be on Saturday, February 13, 2021, at 10 am. The meeting id is 460 430 3487; password is 131865.

The subcommittee will be moving forward.

Matt S., Unity Chair

Public Relations – Marvin E., Chair:

[No written report was submitted. The following is from the RSC Secretary’s notes.]

January 2, 2021

There were 10 in attendance at the 1/2/21 subcommittee meeting.

The Schuylkill Valley Area is holding its PR Subcommittee meeting virtually on the Zoom platform. They have identified potential sites for our posters.

The West Southwest Area holds its PR Subcommittee meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month. They have put its poster drive on hold.

Michael W. is the PR Chair for the Northwest Area.

The Greater Camden Area will contact the Camden City Council about getting affordable PSAs.

There was a question of who is responsible for getting material to the Free Library – the Area? or the Region?

February 6, 2021

Areas represented at yesterday’s meeting were Greater Camden Area, Northwest Area, Philadelphia Area, South Philly Area, and the West Southwest Area. There were 2 visitors.

The committee has not yet received the \$500 that was disbursed by the Region. Today we will be requesting \$50 for stamps.

PR Report (continued)

Inner City Area asked for suggestions on how to recruit members for their PR Subcommittee. It was suggested that they make announcements at home group members as well as at the ASC meeting.

PR Week is scheduled for June 6-12, 2021. West Southwest Area has expressed an interest in hosting an outdoor event during that week.

There was a problem getting into the Zoom account yesterday. Thanks for the help received from our IT Committee.

Upcoming Agenda:

- PR Week
- PR Cards

Marvin E., PR Chair

Regional Cleansheet – Keith F., Chair

We met in January and February. Currently our committee has 4 volunteers. We addressed volunteers asking their perspective Areas to represent as a Newsletter Rep for their Areas. We have the following positions still open: Co-Chair and Arts and Graphics Editor. The basic cleantime requirements are 1 year. The Co-Chair information, as far as duties and responsibilities, can be found in our Regional Policy accessible through naworks.org website. The Arts and Graphics Editor will be responsible for all graphics printed in our newsletter. No experience in arts and graphics is required. If an individual has a desire to serve, we will assist with getting that person acclimated to the position.

During our December 2020 meeting, I suggested that we include a “Keeping You In Our Thoughts” column. This would basically be a column that would let others know that we are keeping them on our mind as they may be going through some challenges that can present themselves as we stay clean. The committee came to a consensus that we should have a “Remembrance Page.” I am asking this body for guidance because of using the consensus-based decision-making process for a way to resolve this issue. I understand that this body entrusts me with authority to make sound decisions.

Regional Cleansheet Report (continued)

Our next meeting will be held Saturday March 6th, 2021, at 12:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to join our meeting on the Zoom platform. Meeting ID 117 222 343. RCMs please let members know about these service positions and our need for active participants as well.

My contact info via Phone: 215-571-5167
Email: cleansheet@naworks.org or kfarmer113@yahoo.com

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Keith F., Regional Cleansheet Chair

Policy

[Ted D. gave the following information.]

A Policy Committee was held yesterday, which was attended by a rep from the West Southwest Area and Tom (not sure which Area he was from). There was no guidance, because there is currently no Policy Chair. That is still an open position.

Meeting List – Monique H., Chair

[No written report. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

- Total Meetings – 501 meetings
- Unpublished – 200 meetings
- Hybrid Meetings – 15 meetings
- Virtual Meetings – 216 meetings (facilities temporarily closed)
- Virtual Only Meetings – 21 meetings
- In-Person Only Meetings – 67 meetings

No virtual platform needed at this time for Meeting List Subcommittee meetings.

Updated information is being handled by the Meeting List Co-Chair, Mark, and the IT Special Worker, Michael.

Monique H., Meeting List Chair

IT – Pete B., Chair

We met on 1/2/2020 and 2/6/2021. Our attendance is consistently going well. We encourage new members.

We have been adding subcommittee meetings and ad hoc meetings to Zoom on the Regional calendar. This past Saturday, there were a couple of hiccups, which will be worked out; and everything should be running smoothly in the future. The secretary sent out a list of subcommittee Zoom meeting times and meeting IDs. We would like to encourage the subcommittees to use the regional Zoom account so that we can have a set calendar with consistent meeting times and using the same meeting ID and password.

When the calendar is set, the IT committee will begin outreach to the subcommittees to see if we can offer any support.

Reminder that you can use the Zoom meeting schedule from on the naworks.org web site to schedule a meeting. When a form is filled out, Pat C. will create the meeting and email you with details.

Bruce R. has been adding events to the web site and events calendar. If you have a flyer, you can send an image with the event info. You can also send the flyer in PDF or document form.

7th tradition: The IT Committee met with the treasurer to discuss a statement on the financial situation due to the pandemic. A statement was added to the web site, including a downloadable PDF which can be emailed and will be included in this report.

Michael J. updated the subcommittee on the progress of the regional web site. Michael will give a report. The subcommittee is happy with the web site and the improved functionality.

The IT Subcommittee requests \$32.00 for reimbursement for the Zoom account for December and January.

The IT Subcommittee meets next on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83938375504?pwd=c2w3WUJmZWpKZWZlSkIISkVPMWVEQT09>

Meeting ID: 839 3837 5504 Passcode: 1234

Thank you. Pete B., IT Chair

Discussion: The South Philly RCM asked if their new IT Rep, Demetrious, had been in touch with the IT Subcommittee. Yes, he has attended the meeting. South Philly is working on an Area website.

Special Worker – IT – Michael J.

Greetings,

Since the last Regional Meeting, we did a major update on the website. We are running a completely upgraded theme, and we have gone through all the pages and cleaned them up and arranged them in a way that will hopefully make it easier to navigate. The new website should work well with phones, tablets, and desktops. There are a few new features:

On the front page, we have added the following sections:

- **Pinned to top** – We have pinned the COVID information to the top of the page, making it easy for groups to access.
- **News** – There is a News section now that will list important information right on the front page. The News section is currently reserved for important information that the Regional Committee feels is important to get out to Areas, groups, and members as quickly as possible.
- **Upcoming Events** – This section will display the upcoming events that are on the Events Calendar in a shorter condensed version.
- **Just For Today** – This plugin grabs the Just For Today for the current date and displays it.

Our web host, Siteground, upgraded our backend admin portal for our website on January 31st, 2021. This was expected, and the new portal is very nice. The one thing that we did not expect was disruption to our email service. The fix is very easy, if you are using a naworks.org email and it no longer works, change the incoming and outgoing mail servers from **mail.naworks.org** to just **naworks.org**. Everything else should be the same. If you were accessing your mail through the web portal, it would still work. It will have a different appearance, but it works very well. Anyone having issues with their mail can always contact me, and we can set up a Zoom to go through fixing any issues.

If you have a Regional trusted servant position and would like a @naworks.org email, please reach out and we will set up the account. We will need your personal email and a cell phone number. Email michaelj@naworks.org to get this process started.

We have recently provided or updated email for H&I Chair, hi@naworks.org, the Outreach Chair, outreach@naworks.org, the RD, rd@naworks.org, the PR Chair, pr@naworks.org, and the South Philly Webmaster, spa-webmaster@naworks.org.

We set up a website for the South Philly Area. The site can be reached at <https://spa.naworks.org>. Demetrious W. is the web host, and he can be reached at spa-webmaster@naworks.org.

Special Worker – IT Report (continued)

Bruce R. is all set up now to receive and post events to the Events Calendar. If any Subcommittees, Areas, or Groups would like an event posted on the calendar, send a PDF (preferred) to events@naworks.org.

If sending a flyer, you can send the flyer in any form you are able; however, if possible, please submit flyers as a PDF and include the text of the flyer in the body of the email.

We also added archival copies of the Cleansheet. We are hoping to find copies of all the missing editions to add to the page. <https://naworks.org/cleansheet/>

The website is monitored daily, and updates are installed as they become available. This keeps the website as secure as possible. We continue to review the website and make changes as needed.

Now that the website is cleaned up and running, the next big project we are going to work on is documenting all the processes of running and maintaining the website and all other IT requirements. This is a daunting task that we have been working on for some time now. Just finding the best system for creating and maintaining this project is the first task that we are working on. More information on this will be provided as we move forward.

In Loving Service,
Michael J., IT Special Worker

Discussion: There was a request that the link to the Survey Monkey survey from the AZF be made more prominent on our website. Michael said it can be moved to the home page under the COVID-19 information.

The RD needs help with setting up a new email account. Michael asked him to text him and said he would resolve that issue.

There was a question whether anyone from the West Southwest Area has contacted IT about setting up an Area website. Not yet. That idea has been discussed at the WSW Area, but they first need to find a volunteer to be responsible for maintaining the site. Tim R. will possibly do that. Michael noted that IT can set up a website and give support, but someone from the Area needs to have primary responsibility for day-to-day maintenance.

What about an Area that needs support? It was suggested that the Events Calendar on naworks.org can be used to publicize what is happening in the Area.

Special Worker – Admin – Theresa T.

No report.

RSC Treasurer – Scott D.

[See attached Excel file for the complete Treasurer’s Report, which includes results of all financial proposals made today.]

Total donations of \$6,542.27 were made. Of this amount, \$4,512.27 was for Region, \$1,415.00 was for insurance, and \$615.00 was for the Phone Line.

The attached Excel file shows opening balances, total donations, and payments/disbursements for each account.

In addition, there is \$6,732.29 in the Convention Committee Account and \$6,636.98 in the Meeting List account.

Scott D.,
GPRSC Treasurer

Discussion: Scott will be checking on checks that were to come for donations from the Greater Camden Area.

The ICA RCM asked when was the last time a donation was made from that Area. \$200 was donated after the last RSC meeting. What about an insurance donation? Nothing has been earmarked for that. Scott noted that before COVID, the ICA made a large insurance donation. The SPA RCM asked whether that Area had paid off their insurance responsibility. That question been raised by their new Area Treasurer, Pancho. \$170 was donated recently. Any additional funds would go to pay for those Area/groups who are not able to pay. It was noted that the numbers developed as a request from Areas toward our insurance were based on the number of weekly meetings (not on the number of home groups). There is actually no such thing as being “paid up”; it is just a request for contributions. Our Regional insurance costs us almost \$10,000 for a year coverage.

Financial Proposals

PROPOSAL (IT): Disburse \$32 to pay for two months’ fees for our Regional Zoom account. Proposal approved without objection.

PROPOSAL (PR): Disburse \$50 for stamps. Proposal approved without objection.

Discussion: There was discussion about whether money should be transferred to our insurance account now to make sure there were enough funds to cover our next premium payments. Money is available for that in the RSC account. A member suggested that the ABC be responsible for handling that.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections

Policy Chair

Curt L. was nominated and elected.

Advisory Board (ABC) Secretary

No nominations or volunteers.

Open Position

Advisory Board Committee (ABC) Secretary

Qualifications:

- Suggested minimum three (3) years clean time.
- Prior NA service experience on the group, area, and regional levels.
- Time and resources necessary to fulfill the commitment.
- Sound understanding of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, and the Guide to Local Services.
- Business or organizational experience outside of NA.
- Basic clerical or office skills.
- Free from any theft related felony convictions for the past five (5) years.

Duties:

- Conduct ABC meetings in the absence of the Chair and Co-Chair.
- Keep accurate minutes of ABC meetings and distribute them to participants.
- Keep corporate archives of all RSC and former RSO minutes, corporate correspondence and files, audio recordings of meetings, copies of the Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, policies and procedures, and employee files. The archive shall be maintained at the principal office of GPRS, Inc.
- Bear the Corporate Seal.
- Exercise all other powers or duties granted by the RCMs.

NEW BUSINESS:

7th Tradition Learning Day

The RD asked for assistance and direction in carrying out his assignment to plan a Learning Day about the 7th Tradition. It was suggested that he plan this event in coordination with the Unity Subcommittee.

The date and time of Sunday, March 14, 2021, 1 – 6 pm, was decided on. Wahidah volunteered to help develop a flyer.

There was a suggestion that at least 1 hour be used for a presentation from members of the Regional body. There was another suggestion that there be 2 speakers per hour meeting. We need to be sure to allow time for questions and answers, including addressing questions that have already been raised – such as Where’s the money going? What are the donation methods? It was also suggested that content from the “Guiding Principles” would be useful in planning the Learning Day.

Rather than continue this discussion on the RSC floor, the recommendation was that the Unity Subcommittee and RD Team complete the development of the Learning Day. Any further suggestions can be sent directly to them.

OPEN FORUM:

Cleansheet

There was extensive discussion of Keith’s request for guidance from the RSC concerning including a Remembrance page or Keeping You In Our Thoughts page in the Cleansheet. The 4 volunteers on that subcommittee are in favor of having a Remembrance page for those who have passed away. Keith, the Cleansheet Chair, thinks a Keeping You In Our Thoughts page would be a better choice, because that would expand the focus to include members who are going through other challenges.

Some members felt that the decision had already been made by a consensus of the subcommittee members and that the conscience of that committee should be followed. However, there were some who felt that a Remembrance page could pose some challenges. Do we only include those who died clean? What about someone who died of an overdose? What about members who have left the Fellowship? In addition, there is the issue of whether family members of the deceased were ok with having their relatives’ names included on such a page. We may want to stay away from such issues.

Keith agreed to take the input and feedback he received today back to the subcommittee.

There was a question of whether the Cleansheet is listing individual members' anniversaries. At this time, only Area and Group anniversaries are listed. However, because we are not printing hard copies of the Cleansheet, which allows more pages to be included, there is a possibility that individual anniversaries can be added.

IT

The IT Committee would like to add a section on our Regional website with information on Area Service Committee and Subcommittee meetings. (We had listed physical locations in the past.) RCMs, please include Zoom codes and subcommittee information.

There was a question of who is responsible for including restrictions/requirements for those attending in-person meetings. That information can be included in the comments section when submitting meeting update forms. This can be done either by the individual home group or the Area.

Insurance

The SPA RCM asked whether we are going to pay the additional \$364.10 to cover the remainder of our insurance balance (referring to our earlier discussion about transferring money for insurance). The answer was yes.

Phone Line

The Schuylkill Valley RCM said that her Area does not have a Phone Line rep. They do have an individual member who is active on that subcommittee. Can Areas earmark money for the Phone Line. This can be done, but even if not, the Phone Line is still able to conduct their business.

Spiritual Principle A Day (SPAD)

Rob U. gave an update on this new literature project. There are 28 entries remaining for draft input (still accepting original input) until March 31, 2021. 228 days have been reviewed so far. There are still 138 more days to be reviewed. Some of the principles are attentiveness, caring, purpose, solidarity, steadfastness. You can check the World website for additional information by going to www.na.org/spad.

Atmosphere at RSC

The ABC Chair, Billy W., spoke about making the Region a better place. Ask yourself the question, “Would I come back if I were new?” We are never going to be perfect, but we’ve been getting better. Service helps keep us clean. It is important that we feel heard and respected when at the RSC. The way we function as a service body is just as important as the issues that are discussed.

Meeting closed with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The next regularly scheduled RSC Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 4th, 2021, 10:00 am, on the Zoom platform. Meeting id is 532 740 6231. Password is 1234.

In loving service,

Arlene C., RSC Secretary