

CENTRAL COMMITTEE**NOVEMBER 1, 1992**

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Pre-Ambles, Purpose of the Central Committee, and The Twelve Traditions were read. It was moved by Kevin C. and seconded by Chuck W. to dispense with the reading of the minutes from last month's meeting.

42 GROUPS WERE REPRESENTED:

DISTRICT #1 - Bidwell, Fresh Start, Happy Hour, Live & Let Live, Sunday Nites, The Journey, Womens Westside Disc.. **DISTRICT #2** - Early Bird, Liberty Womens, Sat. Early Bird, Searching for Serenity, Why. **DISTRICT #3** - Cazenovia, Ellcott, Father Baker, Lovejoy, Powerless, Rainbow, Ridge, Seneca 12 & 12, South Gate, Tuesday Womens Disc., Urban. **DISTRICT #4** - Amsdale Lakeshore. **DISTRICT #5** - Twin Cities, We Admitted. **DISTRICT #6** - North Java-Sun/monday. **DISTRICT #7** - Amherst Snyder, Beginnings, Cold Springs, Honesty, North Buffalo. **DISTRICT #8** - Attitude Adjustment, Common Problem, Just For Today, Matt Talbot, New Life, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Williamsville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**ENVELOPE SYSTEM - Burr E.**

	1991	1192	CHANGE	% OF CHANGE
OCT. RECEIPTS	\$780.00	\$471.00	-\$309.00	-39.61 DECREASE
YEAR TO DATE	\$5960.61	\$5515.58	-\$445.03	-7.46 DECREASE

STEERING COMMITTEE - Sandy H.

Bill M. opened the meeting of 10/27/92 at 6:05 pm with the Serenity Prayer. All representatives from Districts #1 through #8 were in attendance as well as Delphine H., Ralph P., and Kevin F.. Kevin F. provided an initial report from the Christmas Vigil Committee. There has been discussion in the Steering Committee about the need for all AA groups, new and existing, to fill out the 'Group Information Sheet' provided by Central Office. It was agreed upon that each AA group needed to have a contact person with a personal residence address in order to receive any mailings from the Central Office. **A motion was made and passed as follows:** Central Office will send out a letter to that effect, enclosing a Group Information Sheet, to all AA groups explaining that Central Office will no longer send mail to Churches, Clubhouses, or Institutions. The group will have to designate a contact person, at a personal residence address for this purpose. The Steering Committee is concerned with the quality and the observance of AA traditions at some AA meetings held in clubs and institutions which are currently listed in the directory. There was discussion regarding AA groups that are run with little concern for the spirit of the traditions or the quality of the message, our primary purpose. **A motion was passed** to draft a letter for approval by Central Committee, to be sent to the groups, wherein our singleness of purpose and a consciousness of the spirit of the traditions is highlighted. **A motion was also passed** to draft a second stronger letter to be sent to groups where tradition violations are known to be occurring, citing the pertinent tradition for their consideration of compliance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm, with a reminder to the members of the importance of regular attendance at Steering Committee and Central Committee meetings each month, and with the Lords' Prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Delphine H. (see attached sheet)**TREATMENT FACILITIES - Don H.**

We are receiving information from around the country that insurance companies are refusing to pay for long term treatment.

TREATMENT FACILITIES (CONT.)

As a result, we, as a fellowship, have to be ready to assist anyone who comes to us looking for help. We have to be ready to go out of our way to help. Taking people to meetings, meeting with them over coffee, and directing them towards AA as the place where they can find help.

SCREENERS - Marcia W.

Calls in 406

Calls out 42, Calls in reference to 1. Convention Information. 2. Meeting times. 3. Help a friend that is drinking to much. 4. Rides to meetings.

CENTRAL OFFICE - Delphine H.

AA Information 542

PIC

CPC

ALANON 42

ALATEEN 8

ACOA

12 STEP

Literature requests

Referral to other agencies

Referral from other agencies

21

42

21

27

MetroComm Service Group

Incoming calls

Outgoing calls

Central Office

Out going calls

Out going mail

Visitors

132

\$167.85

177

NEW FRONTIERS - Mary Ellen S.

As you are all aware of before this report, there are no New Frontiers for the month of Nov.. Reason being, the computer hard drive crashed and burned! In an attempt to prevent future happenings like this, I am going to place all input floppy disks and/or just type the paper and paste articles, may not look as professional as before but... We ran a convention special of 13 issues for the cost of \$7.00, but no sales reported. Current subscriptions to date is 95.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL - Kevin F. (see attached sheet)

COURTESY REPORTS:

G.S.A. - General Services Assembly - Marcia W.

1. Next meeting, Nov. 11, 1992 at Salamanca Sunday Nites, Salamanca, N.Y., 1:00 pm. Will arrange schedule for 1993 of Full Assembly and Area Committes meeting once a month. 2. When buying literature, please check the logo to make sure it is conference approved literature. An Akron, Ohio company is still selling "our" literature for their profit. 3. Report from N.E.R.C. convention in Pittsburgh.

C.P.C. Co-operation with the Professional Community - Mike B.

Oct. 30, 1992, Bryant/Straton faculty and staff, C.P.C. full presentation. Five AA members present. Literature display. Approx. 60 attended.

St. Catherine of Siena R.C. Church, W. Seneca, approx. 150 attended. Literature display.

Nov. 13, 14, 15, 1992, Niagara Falls Convention Center, N.Y.S. P.T.A. convention. C.P.C. Buffalo area and Niagara Falls intergroup will have people to man the booth. N.Y. G.S.O. has sent approx. \$500.00 in literature and paid for booth at this affair.

RE - CAP

Steering Committee - A member expressed concern over the debate about post office boxes.

Christmas Vigil - A member raised the point that the chosen site of the Vigil is due to be closed by the Church in the near future. Also, it was recommended that the Vigil return to its original intent of meaning as it applies to the individual and the newcomer in the holiday season.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - Nomination of Committee members:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>NOMINATED BY</u>	<u>SECONDED BY</u>
<u>CO-CHAIRPERSON</u>	<u>BILL M.</u>	<u>MARCIA W.</u>	<u>GUY H.</u>
<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>JEROME D.</u>	<u>BILL M.</u>	<u>PAT H.</u>
<u>RECORDING SEC.</u>	<u>JAMES W.</u>	<u>BILL M.</u>	<u>MARCIA W.</u>
<u>STEERING COMM. #2</u>	<u>AL C.</u>	<u>CHUCK W.</u>	<u>RON S.</u>
	<u>GUY H.</u>	<u>BILL M.</u>	<u>MARCIA W.</u>

Having no further business to attend to, Guy H. made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Bill M.. The meeting ended at 8:05 pm with the Lords' Prayer. Respectfully submitted by James Woodhead, Recording Secretary, Central Committee.

Christmas Vigil Committee Report

Submitted By Kevin

"Come All Ye Faithful" is a non-sectarian interpretation of the Second Step, "Come to believe that a power..." and is in keeping with restoring the nature of the Christmas Vigil as an AA event, not the observance of a religious holiday. Therefore, in realizing the program it is our committee's promise to center the Christmas Vigil around the Twelve Steps, and Twelve Traditions.

We intend to do this with the exhibition of AA Films and Video, with the use of an overhead video projector, utilizing the valuable wealth of material from "Young People in AA," to the recorded message of Bill Wilson for camera. There are about seven videos we'd like to present, with an open forum for people to freely discuss the ideas contained within afterwards.

Since the hall we plan to use has a stage, the presentation of an original traditions play, with people from the program performing the parts, is our desire. To minimize the use of sets and props, the overhead video projector would be employed to create different scenes. Lines the actors deliver would be pre-recorded to cut down on rehearsal time, and enable the audience to hear the text properly.

Speakers didn't work well last year. I attribute that to the need for people to fellowship and socialize, making it difficult for them to devote their attention to an hour lead speaker. Panels would be more appropriate organized around a theme pertinent to the holiday season.

1991's Christmas Vigil went to great lengths to provide a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. This was labor intensive and involved the expertise of two mature members of kitchen committees who choose not to be involved in this year's Vigil. Our committee recommends that a caterer perform the food service. I have contacted Chuck Tabbi, of Amherst-Snyder Group who has estimated a price of \$800 for 500 servings, beating the costs of last year's committee by \$57. I strongly encourage this for health reasons, along with the fact that it would free up members of the Vigil Committees to enact other valuable Twelve Step work.

It is the intention of the 1992 Christmas Vigil Committee to cut expenses. Our motto will be "Keep it Simple," "Simplify, simplify, simplify." Christmas Vigils of the past have become far too unmanageable and have drifted away from our primary purpose. It is not to provide a complete meal to those of the fellowship, there are other agencies ready to perform that service. Nor is it to entertain, babysit children, or to pick up after our members. It is to have a place for another suffering alcoholic during the holiday season which induces personal turmoil and depression. The holiday season is infamous for domestic strife and a high suicide rate because of the extreme pressure the commerciality of the Christmas season. This is to be an AA event where members can familiarize themselves with the functions of the fellowship through conference approved Videos and Films, attend panels that will be beneficial to attaining sobriety during this difficult time, the presentation of a tradition's play which will increase identification by appealing to the emotions of alcoholics, and musical performance that will spread mirth and serenity.

Various members have written a musical arrangement of "How It Works." I suggest that the same thing could be done with the "Serenity Prayer," and the "Promises," among other AA prayers and text. One member even suggested the performance of the Twelve Steps with the use of a mime or performance artist, or group of artists.

Our hopes are very high for the renewal of last year's location at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1107 Main St. The decision is pending a meeting that the church is holding tomorrow night. I am to call their secretary, Jackie O'Neil with the results of that decision on Friday of this week. The outcome of that decision has no reflection on how we comported ourselves last year. We received high marks for our responsible participation in '91. Instead it has to do with on concealed mass that the Church might have on 26 Wyoming. I shall update Dalphine on the results of that decision.

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CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES Account #484-185-4

No Expenses for Nov '92				
Balance per checkbook 10/25/92			659.41	
Add receipts 10/25/92-11/25/92			310.00	969.41
Deduct expenses 10/25/92-11/25/92				0.00
Balance per checkbook 11/25/92				969.41
Operating credit for Nov '92		310.00		

TREATMENT CENTER Account #602-089-5

EXPENSES	Check #	Amount		
AA Central Office-ECMC - books	213	459.25		
AA Central Office-Bry-Lin-books	214	42.00		
AA C.O.-MICA-Bflo Gen Hosp-books	215	275.00		
Total expenses				776.25
Balance per checkbook 10/25/92		1196.79		
Add receipts 10/25/92-11/25/92		225.00	1421.79	
Deduct expenses 10/25/92-11/25/92			776.25	
Balance per checkbook 11/25/92				645.54
Operating (debit) for Nov '92		(551.25)		

CENTRAL COMMITTEE ACCOUNT #504-771-7

RECEIPTS	10/25/92-11/25/92			
44 Groups contributed			2014.00	
Joint meeting (expenses \$8.97)			24.79	
New Frontiers Subscriptions			172.00	
Envelope System			270.00	
Literature			2435.69	
Miscellaneous:	Lourdes Vigil	166.67		
	Lovejoy Vigil	66.67		
	Christmas Party	16.66		
	Slings/postage	31.00	281.00	
	Total receipts		5197.48	

DISBURSEMENTS				
*10 Ellicott Sq Corp - rent		542.00		
Comm Mental Health Ctr-C.C. meeting		35.00		
The Buffalo News - ads		307.20		
A.A. World Services, Inc. NY - books		749.00		
Happy Spring Water		13.50		
Execu-Type, Inc.-service typewriter		55.60		
M&T Bank - Federal Withholding Tax		768.64		
NY Telephone Co.		156.15		
The Message Connection, Inc.-answering service		152.17		
Delphine A. Hoy - Insurance		1059.00		
Salaries - Central Office		2046.60		
Petty Cash		50.00		
Bank service charges		90.48		
	Total disbursements		6025.34	

RECAP				
Balance per checkbook 10/25/92		1550.11		
Add receipts 10/25/92-11/25/92		5197.48	6747.59	
Deduct expenses 10/25/92-11/25/92			6025.34	
Balance per checkbook 11/25/92			722.25	
Operating (debit) for Nov '92		(827.86)		
	M & T Time Deposit		9650.30	
	M & T Money Market		12987.00	
	M & T Checking Account		722.25	
	Total Monetary Assets		23359.55	
	Projected Present Reserve		(36000.00)	
	Reserve (debit)		(12640.45)	

	NOV 72	Account	NOV 72	Account	NOV 72	Account
1st Step						
3rd Step						
6th Step						
11th Step						
A Day At A Time		180.00				
A Helping Hand		120.00				
A New Beginning						
Abbott Mens Discussion		50.00				
Acceptance		160.00				
Achievement		240.00		25.00		
Action		175.00		50.00		
Age Doesn't Matter						
Albion						
Alexander		50.00				
All Women						
Amherst Snyder	30.00	547.50		170.00		35.00
Amherst Tree of Life		110.00				
Arnsdell Lakeshore		45.00				
Any Age						
Arcade						
As Bill Sees It		30.00				
Attitude Adjustment	135.00	135.00				
Attraction		450.00				
Awakening						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety I		15.00				
Beginning in Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's		135.00		133.00		132.00
Better Days (Bilingual)						
Bidwell	60.00	430.00		25.00		
Bidwell Monday Disc						
Big Book - Lockport						
Big Book Group						
Big Book Study (Thursday Night)						
Blasdell						
Blasdell Monday Nite						
Blissfully Sober						
Boulevard Women's		60.00				
Brass		80.00				
Broadway-Bailey	20.00	20.00				
Brocton Discussion		50.00				
But for the Grace of God	7.00	87.95				
By The Book-Buffalo		10.00				
Came To Believe		78.55				
Campus (Bflo State Col)						
Casting		50.00				
Cathedral Park	30.00	231.77				
Caz Manor		300.00				
Cazenovia		50.00				
Central Park		50.00				

	NOV 92	Accum.	NOV 92	Accum.	NOV 92	Accum.
Good Life						
Grand		15.00				
Grand II Joy Of Living						
Grateful						
H.A.N.D.	60.00	360.00		25.00		
H.O.W.	5.00	60.00			5.00	60.00
Half & Half		15.00				
Hamburg						
Hamburg Big Book	10.00	10.00				
Handicappers Sat. Nite		100.00				
Happy Hour		150.00		150.00		50.00
Harmony	7.00	86.25				
High Noon (Gay)						
High View				15.00		
Hill Billy		230.00		45.00		45.00
Honest Desire						
Honesty	30.00	330.00	10.00	110.00		
Hora deReflección(Spanish)						
Humbly Willing						
Ignatia		25.00				
Inner City						
Inspiration		5.25				
Iron Horse		150.00		150.00		
IT		20.00				
It's About Time		25.00				
Just for Today	24.00	86.00		10.00		
Keep It Simple, Sister		10.00				
Keep on Comin'		80.00				
Kenmore						
Kensington Disc		125.00				
Ladies Night						
Lakeshore		120.00		170.00		120.00
Lakeview		90.00				
Last Chance						
Let Go & Let God		40.00				
Lew-port						
Liberty Women's		416.00				
Life Today		25.00				
Lighten Up		235.00				
Live and Let Live (Gay)						
Living Sober	35.00	385.00				
Lock City		75.00				
Lockport #1		255.00		30.00		30.00
Lockport Discussion						
Lockport Ladies						
Lockview		200.00				
Lovejoy						
Lower River						
Marilla	30.00	130.00				
Matt Talbot	25.00	275.00				
McKinley Winners						

	Nov'92	Accum.	Nov'92	Accum.	Nov'92	Accum.
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc		60.00				
Saturday Nite Live						
Searching for Serenity		140.00				
Second Chance						
Security						
Seneca 12 & 12		25.00		20.00		20.00
Serenity		300.00				
Serenity Circle						
Sharing and Caring		5.00				
Sheridan	30.00	360.00	10.00	120.00		
Silver Creek Friendship		100.00				
Sober Trail						
Sober Winners		50.00				
Sobriety and Beyond						
Sobriety (Men's Disc)		25.00		12.50		12.50
Somerset						
South Buffalo	20.00	125.00	20.00	105.00	20.00	110.00
South Town		40.00				
Southgate		43.33				
Southwestern		125.00				
Spirit of H.O.P.E.		10.00		5.00		5.00
Spiritual Progress						
Springville		120.00				
Springville-no smoking		60.00				
St. Barnabas		120.00				
St. Mark's		190.00				
Stay Clean		10.00				
Step				20.00		
Stepping Stones						
Suburban	30.00	170.00				
Sunday Breakfast						
Sunday Morning Bkft.	150.00	225.00		60.00		
Sunday Nites	20.00	220.00	20.00	115.00		50.00
Sunday Third						
Sunrise Court						
SUNY-Amherst Campus		60.00				
Surrender & Hope						
Survivors						
Swinging Door						
TnT		20.00				
TGIF		160.00		10.00		
Thankful		180.00				
The Journey	10.00	10.00				
The Way						
Thruway		2100.00		80.00		
Thursday Afternoon Disc		275.00				
Today						
Town Hall			40.00	40.00		70.00
Tri-County		112.50		25.00		

Standing Committee - A member explained confusion over the debate about how often

Chairman said - A member asked the point that the chosen site of the V&P is due to be
closed by the Council in the near future. Also it was recommended that
the V&P return to its original intent of meeting as it applies to the
individual and the new owner in the holiday season.

NEW BUSINESS - Items

NEW BUSINESS - Nomination of Committee members

POSITION	NAME	NOMINATED BY	RECORDED BY
CO-CHAIRPERSON	BILL M	MARCIA W.	GUY H.
TREASURER	THOMAS D. BILL M	BILL M	PAT H.
RECORDING SEC.	JAMES W. BILL M	BILL M	MARCIA W.
STEERING COMM. VR	AL C.	CHECK W.	RON S.
	GUY H.	BILL M.	MARCIA W.

Minutes on further business to attend to. Guy H. made a motion to adjourn which was
seconded by Bill M. The meeting ended at 8:00 pm with the Lords Prayer. Respectfully
submitted by James Woodhead, Recording Secretary, Central Committee.

CENTRAL OFFICE - NOVEMBER 1992

AA INFORMATION 766

PIC 3

CPC 1

ALANON 47

ALATEEN 2

ACOA 15

METRO.COM SERVICE GRP

INCOMING CALLS 463

SEARCH CALLS 73

12 STEP 21

LITERATURE 63

REFERRAL TO 57

REFERRAL FROM 5

CENTRAL OFFICE

OUTGOING CALLS 149

MAILING COST \$166.87

VISITORS 191

In April 1972, it was voted through World Service, that within the Fellowship of A.A. itself, last names could be used. We would like the paper to be BY A.A. MEMBERS and FOR A.A. MEMBERS...which brings us to question #2 -

2. Do we restrict only A.A. members to subscribe to the paper?

We are holding up a subscription for a "Chemical Dependency Center" until this issue is resolved through the Central Committee.

The January 1993 paper will focus on THE A.A. GROUP

The February 1993 paper will focus on SERVICE Gratitude = Participation.

Mary Ellen S.
Editor, NEW FRONTIER

BUFFALO CENTRAL	518 Linwood Avenue	
December 1993	Buffalo, NY 14209	886-4816
Beginner's Table		
Beginning in Sobriety II	Shaundra Sampson	Abolain
Bidwell	BOB HAEFNER	AL
Bidwell Monday Disc		
Cathedral Park		
Community Center		
Cornplanters Again		
Delaware Discussion	Elizabeth Harnett	AL
Downtown Men's Disc		
Early Start		
Emergency		
Faith		
Fresh Start	Pat Anderson	AL
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud		
Giving		
Happy Hour		
High Noon (Gay)		
Hora deReflección(Spanish)		
Humbly Willing		
Live and Let Live (Gay)	Jerry Scholle (Pat Hayes)	AL
Miracle		
New Awakening		
New Westside	TERRY WATSON	not here
Nite People		
One Day at a Time(ODAT)		
Open Mind (Gay)	Jerry Scholle	AL
Positively Living III		
Remember When	Lynne Charles	AL
Rise & Shine	Ramma Inyarry	AL
Second Chance		
Serenity Disc 1-		