

PA Meeting 6:30-7:30

Welcome – Friday 10/21/11 8:00pm

Prayer by Renee

Welcome to new delegates

Review agenda

Review delegate responsibilities

Review committees

Break into committee meetings 8:30

Adjourned at 9pm

Welcome - Saturday 9:20am

Opening prayer

Roll call

Review Robert's Rules of Order

Review 2010 minutes

Housekeeping reminders

Coffee

Bathrooms

Lunch

President's report

Review of organization of Pills Anonymous World Service Inc.

2 entities and 1 event – PA World service Inc, PA World Service Office, PA Conference. PA Word Service Inc – basically the trustees. Paperwork has been sent to lawyer to incorporate PA World Service Office. It is the business part of the organization. It will be responsible for distributing the book and chips. At the conference the trustees and delegates put their stamp of approval on items. No one entity can run PA. These entities are set up to mimic other 12 step groups. 7th tradition is very important – PAWS needs money to run, publish books, and chips.

Gary – Are we going to talk about how to get money from individual groups to PAWS?

Larry – It's on the website under the 7th tradition. Groups can mail a check or donate using Pay Pal. Using Pay Pal is the easiest for PAWS.

Treasures report

PAWS had \$4345.41. It cost \$1419.00 to incorporate PA World Service Office. This leaves a balance of \$2926.41 of cash on hand.

Gary: Laguna Beach, CA donated \$100 which is not in the above numbers

Larry: The above numbers don't include recent pay pal contributions. Our expenditures were more than the money that was donated.

Renee: Delegates need to bring the information from this conference back to the group level. Need to stress that some funds at the group level should donate money to PAWS.

Sally: Suggestion- to do a separate donation basket for PAWS and review excess funds.

Janice: It's up to the individual group to decide what to do with the money.

Wanda: It is up to the group. It is the job of the delegates to stress the importance of having money at the world service level to publish books and chips.

Jen: Are the financials available online?

Larry: The treasurer's report is available for anyone that asks for it. Individuals or groups can request it through the website.

Gary: There are difficulties in CA due to lack of information and lack of interest in politics. It would help if we had an approved procedure for how much and how the group donates money.

Wanda: The group decides how it handles money and how much is given to world service.

Shea: Our group keeps a prudent reserve, gives money for the meeting facility and any excess money goes to PAWS.

Break 10:15

Resume 10:25

Public information committee presentation – Fields questions through emails and updates the website information. Many questions most of which are how do I find a meeting and how do I start a meeting.

Marc: How many foreign groups are there?

Carolyn: Just one group but many inquires from all over the world.

Marc: Can do create an online meeting?

Carolyn: Anyone is welcome to start an online meeting, but personal opinion is that face to face is better.

Shea: We are not on the first few search pages on google.

Andrew: Are we sending out press releases

Carolyn: Yes. We have sent out form letter to over 26 stations over 10 times.

Larry: Introduce Pills Anonymous World Service Committee. Contacted the lawyer to incorporate PA World Service Office. It's the distribution office. The World service office will make the decisions how it will run. The trustees have decided on the board. Lisa- chair person. Dave- Vice chair. Jen- Treasurer. Andrew – Secretary. Michelle – Director. Mark – Director

Renee on book committee report: Manuscript is complete. 70 stories. 52 step stores 18 tradition stories. 2 stories with every tradition. Still need stories for traditions 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and for steps 4, 5, 8, 10. Will look for more stories with a strict deadline so we can send it to an editor and publisher. Propose that a sub committee be created. They would make decisions to get the book published. The committee will be made up of 9 people, to go over the book: Larry, Wanda, Jen, Mark, Ron, Renee, Dave, Randy, Shea. Submit your stories through the website and follow the guidelines.

Marc: Read stories guidelines. 6 months sober, willing to give all rights away to story, do not have to be professional writer, author needs full name, address, email, phone number, sober date on first page. 500-1200 words, MS word document using times new roman, mailed to stories@pillsanonymous.org. Read the sample stories.

Wanda from common welfare committee: Committee talked a lot about different suggestions, texts, letters, no letters, etc. We will vote on the front design later today. We will also vote on the back design today. Also will vote on different colors for chips/key chains. Will need to vote on chips or key tags. Will not be able to do chips/key tags for every month due to cost. The symbol is public domain. We will find out if we can use it when we trademark it. Common welfare committee would like to do key tags first because they're less expensive. Going to ask the common welfare committee and the world service office if we can start manufacturing the keytags before next years conference. The World service committee inc. can give seed money to world service office and in the future hopefully it will work the other way.

Ad-hoc committee report- Only received one request all year. Will make this committee inactive for now, until we are bigger.

Discussion about whether or not we should have an ad-hoc committee. Many people discussed whether or not the ad-hoc committee should remain the same with only the chair running the committee or if the committee should be dissolved. Anna made a motion to end the debate since there was no vote called. It was seconded by Wanda and passed.

H&I Committee – Andrew is chair. H&I Committee will start this year.

Trustee committee- Would like to ratify two new trustees. First nomination is Mark. He will also serve as a director on the PAWS Office board. Second nominee is for Ron.

Break for lunch at 11:45am

Resume at 1:15pm

Questions and answers

Dave: Have you picked a publisher for the book?

Renee: No, that's what the sub committee will do.

Kelly: Can you explain the PA organization:

Larry: The trustees are elected/ratified by the conference. The directors are chosen by the trustee who are responsible to the trustees, who are responsible to the conference.

Renee: Review Robert's rules of order

Larry: Review of minority report

Rosealee: Made a motion to accept minutes from 2010. Yes: 20 No:0 Abstain:0

Rosealee: Accept treasurers report from 2010: Yes: 20 No:0 Abstain:0

Voting

Motion by renee: To approve the PA book sub-committee Larry, Wanda, Jen, Mark, Ron, Renee, Dave, Randy, Shea to approve book design, approval, editing, publishing decisions. Lisa: Second. Yes: 20 No:0 Abstain:0

Motion by Wanda: To make plastic key tags instead of medallions. Second by Ron. Yes: 20 No:0 Abstain:0

Motion by Wanda: The conference accept the proposed logo as the official pills anonymous logo. Sally Second. Discussion. Yes: 20 No:0 Abstain:0

Motion by Wanda: Accept the proposed design back side of key tag. Larry second. Discussion. Yes: 20 No:0 Abstain:0

Motion by Wanda: Accept the proposed colors for the key tags. Second by Shirley.
Discussion Yes: 19 No:1 Abstain:0

Motion by Wanda: Allow the common welfare committee to work with the World Service Office for the manufacturing and distribution purposes. Linda second.
Discussion. Yes: 20 No:0 Abstain:0

Motion by Larry: Ratify the existing trustees. Kelly to second. Discussion. Yes: 18 No:0 Abstain:0

Motion by Larry: Ratify Mark and Ron as trustee. Second by Dave. Discussion. Yes: 19 No:0 Abstain:0

Motion by Larry: The length of sobriety in years on the key tags would be roman numerals. Discussion. Yes: 14 No:5 Abstain:0

Break: 2:45

Resume from break: 3pm

Renee: Made a motion that if we are ahead of schedule we move the evening activities up.

Break into committee groups 3:10

Resume 3:50

New business with public information/internet committee – Will most likely have to wait until other things are approved and put into place – such as the logo being copyrighted, putting video online, etc.

H&I update – Will bring service guidelines to next years guidelines.

Common welfare – a request was made to make a change to the definition of sobriety and a word from “we can recover”. The committee decided to make a minor change and will present it tomorrow and have the conference to vote on it tomorrow.

Book committee – Talked about getting additional stories about traditions 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and for steps 4, 5, 8, 10 with a story deadline of 12/1/11.

Start PA Meeting 4pm

End PA Meeting 5pm

Break for dinner 5:00pm

Resume 6:30

Treasurers report – We collected \$919.00 from conferences Estimated expenses \$870.00. Cash on hand - \$2975.41. Talked about the need for 7th tradition money for books and key tags.

Next location and date for 2012 conference – August 24, 25, and 26th 2012. c

Motion made by Renee – The conference take place in the phoenix metro area. Conference committee will select location. Second by Jen. Yes: 19 No:0 Abstain:0

Start at 8:30

Wanda – Handed out a different version of “We Can Recover” and discussion was held on keeping the old version or adopting the new version. Motion made by Lisa to change we can recovery “drug addiction” to “pill addiction” Yes: 15 No:1 Abstain:1

Motion made by Wanda to change we can recover “In PA we believe each individual can choose a higher power of his or her own understanding” Second by Lisa Yes: 14 No:3 Abstain:0

Motion made by Wanda to change we can recover and remove “No one comes into Pills Anonymous to find God. We came these rooms to get rid of a terrifying drug habit” Second by Ron. Yes: 5 No:12 Abstain:0

Motion made by Wanda to change we can recover and remove change ”drug habit to pill addiction in the following sentence: “No one comes into Pills Anonymous to find God. We came these rooms to get rid of a terrifying drug habit” Second by Jen. Yes: 12 No:3 Abstain:2

Motion made by Wanda to change we can recover and remove “we came into these rooms emotionally, financially, and spiritually bankrupt” Seconded by Ron. Discussion. Yes: 1 No:16 Abstain:0

Motion made by Janice to change “we came into these rooms emotionally, financially, and spiritually bankrupt” to “many of us came into these rooms emotionally, financially, and spiritually bankrupt” Seconded by Shirley. Discussion. Yes: 2 No:13 Abstain:2

Minority Report

Discussion about roman numerals vs. Arabic numbers on key tags with 1 year or more. Wanda makes a motion to change to Arabic numbers rather than roman numerals. Gary seconded. Yes: 12 No:3 Abstain:2

Discussion and new business – Review of conference positions for 2012.
Final report from committees- Andrea from H&I committee read mission statement and will bring guidelines for approval next conference. Wanda from common welfare committee – will get quotes from graphic artists to render the logo and get money from PAWS. Then work on getting copyright and trademark. Carolyn from public information/internet committee – getting logo on website, working on attraction rather than promotion, working on youtube videos, and reach out to other groups about the conference next year. Book committee report – has a story deadline of 12/1/11. Book title: There is a solution.

Break at 9:45

Start 12-step meeting at 10:00

End meeting at 11pm

Closing prayer and message from Larry

