

PA Conference – October 2010, Mesa, AZ

Friday, 10/01/10

PA Meeting Called to order at 7:47 pm

Welcome Wanda

Opening Prayer by Renee

Self Introductions by everyone

24 delegates

Wanda – Summarized Conference Agenda

Reviewed the WSC Delegate responsibilities

Introduced Committees, announced signup sheets and that we will

Break out into Committee meetings for the remainder of the evening.

Larry - stressed the importance of the Minority Report for Sunday morning

Wanda – any questions?

Questions:

Dani: #7 questioned what is a term? 1 term = 4 years

Jessica: Group level service? At this time it's ok.

Chris: Cost to run the PAWS office? Not available at this time

Barely making it right now. Treasurer will review report.

Larry shared examples of current expenses:

501C \$800

Inc \$1800.00

PO Box \$120.00 per year

Postage \$300.00

Legal expenses

Trademark \$600.00

Revenue \$1800.00 a year

Sally: Group level due to expenses, can donations be made quarterly?

Can we take up 2nd collections?

Answer: Group level decision

Ceiling of personal donation is \$3k

Wanda

Procedures for Delegate/Alternate Election

Recognition of the Original Delegate

Questions:

Jen: Original delegate is Chris, I'm a delegate, can I vote? Yes

Dave: Can a non addict take a Trustee position? Not at this time

Larry clarified that a non delegate can be on a Committee, a non addict cannot be on a committee

Wanda read the following Committee descriptions and indicated if

Active or inactive:

WSC Conference Committee Statements of Purpose

Conference Committee: Chair & Vice Chair

Public Info Committee is combined with Online Communications Committee

Convention Committee: Inactive

Common Welfare Committee: ? Is this where the voting on chips/emblem? Yes

Hospitals & Institutions Committee: Inactive

Organizational Committee is combined with Finance Committee

P.A. Unity Committee: May umbrella under Online Committee

Online Communications Committee is combined with Public Information Committee

Archive Committee: Inactive

Big Book Committee:

Ad-Hoc Committee: George On-line Com needs to address / work with this

Larry distributed a handout to everyone to review so that it can be voted on tomorrow

Question: Janice - Who do we bring concerns as to what other websites that have links to Doctors Who supplies rx? Public Info Committee

Everyone was asked to sign up for a Committee

Meeting adjourned: 8:40 pm Committees broke into groups for the evening

Attendees 10/01/10:

Anna	George
Janice	Rosalie
Wanda	Larry
Jonathan	Caroline
Anthony	Chris
Lisa	Jen
Kerri	Anne
Gayle	Dave
Andrew	Ron
Dani	Mark
Randy	Sally
Lisa	Jessica
Renee	Lisa (non addict)

Saturday, October 02, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 am

Opening Prayer: Serenity Prayer

Prayer by Bob

Wanda - Roberts Rules

Anna - review minutes from last year's conference

Wanda any questions on minutes? None

General housekeeping courtesy reminders (location of restrooms)

Introduced Larry - Highlights Introduction of P.A. World Service Office

P.A. was Incorporated 2 yrs ago 09/26/08 - 10/01/08

Larry expressed he couldn't believe the relative ease in doing the process

501c \$800.00 was told it would cost \$2500.00

Applied in October and was granted in March

IRS overturned and granted Public Charity instead of Private Foundation

Changing 20 Questions Dr. Paul, Jonathan pointed out we needed

to seek permission. Stan - Publisher contacted Paula, Dr. Paul's daughter

Filings IRS 990 12 pages 1st year

990 postcard 5 questions and was done!

'Don't think your way out of things'

Annually we must file AZ Corp Commission

Wanda - Any questions for Larry?

Jonathan Q: What are we doing to encourage groups to use what we

Adopted? Addressed in website - approved literature

Hope is that the delegates take it back to the groups

Treasurer's Report - George

As of 9/1 \$3,009.21 end of month 9/30 \$3,516.00

Wanda - **Committee Presentations:**

Ad-Hoc George

Problem/Struggle most of the groups are in the West Coast

Request changes such as how to get the word out to get help

Need volunteers to help find places to send volunteers

Pool of people to do something (build)

Request emails for all the groups? Can't publish that on the website

Group levels can do it

Wanda: should we put this to discussion?

Jonathan suggested if we can set up an email address on our Website that

can be routed to George. Carolyn – we can make that happen

Jonathan motioned that an email address be on our Website that be routed to George

Motion seconded – Wanda

Approved – 25

Oppose - 0

Public Information Committee - Carolyn

Improved Website

Changes/adjustments

Looked into other 12 step websites

Discussed: good/bad, buttons, look/appearance,

Called meetings to verify existence

National mailing list

Poster

Larry motioned to put the poster on the website and how to print it

Motion seconded – Chris

Approved – 25

Oppose – 0

No discussion

Carolyn answers questions received from Website

Mini stats:

1 request to remove from list

3 extinct meetings

Questions

13 area

10 how to

3 on-line meetings availability?

1 facebook

15 different states

4 international (Canada, Spain, US, Bulgaria – Skype Mtg)

Talked about use of free advertising and preparing 'Start up' kits.

group level - autonomous 'do it'

Website (new) started Dec 31, 2009

As of 9/28 24,736 hits

2230 per month

7403 unique visitors 664 per month

Tech 7713 robot hits 780 per month

Larry announced that we need a new webmaster

Larry has stats on Wikipedia, Google, ask.com, etc.

Question: Andrew - What is the website operations budget? Don't have one yet

Fees/Dues under \$500.00

Host / Domain \$120.00 for 3 years

Bob brought up that Google recognizes a domain at 5 years

Jonathan clarified, it's the site that has to age, not the domain

Ron brought flyer from his group and asked how can he see others?

Chris: can we put a restricted button on the website? No

Renee commented to use the contact list provided on the Website

Much discussion....

TRADITIONS

Keep us out of trouble

We cannot endorse outside entities

Comments on our website can jeopardize our traditions

PA PHX advertising domain

Ann - small communications such as a Gmail account for each group - go for it

Individual group level we can encourage it, not mandate it

Janice - AREA DIRECTORS OR Regional to foster group levels

Not ready as an official PAWS

Larry we need 150 here at WSC

Informally we do it in PHX

Anthony: suggests we do an Architectural Map

He's a computer programmer

Ron: Traditions ? if there are errors, they're addressed and corrected/retracted, it should not

affect PAWS as a whole. Ex: NAWS drill down to area

Larry responded to this by reviewing how much time and resources available- we truly don't have the depth to take this on limited Resources available.

Larry pointed out that the PAWS website was truly a gift.

It was the Christmas Elf! (80% done by a volunteer and wishes to remain anonymous)

Voting on Public Information Guide

Larry motioned that the Public Information Guide be approved

Motion seconded – Randy

Approved – 25

Opposed – 0

Jonathan: idea - drafted a press release It would go to 40 journalist, copies of media list is with Jonathan. Janice kept local phoenix articles and can give the data to Jonathan so that he can include them on the distribution list.

10:45 am Wendy from Scottsdale, AZ joined us.

P.A. Book Committee - Renee

Renee shared two (2) handouts for everyone to review and ask any questions

Purple folder = The Steps

Blue folder = Steps 1, 2, 3

Story Guidelines are on the Website

Changes on Committee members as several members dropped off. We are a very slim committee at this time.

Renee brought the book "Paths to Recovery" (Al-anon) to show everyone an example of the format in which P.A. is considering.

Questions:

Dani - it there a specific Step we should write our story about? No

****Please know that you can submit more than one (1) story. Please ensure to follow the guidelines.****

Wendy introduced herself and advised that she is a Court recorder by Trade.

Randy- Where's the book? We need stories, can't make a book without them.

Common Welfare - Wanda

Reviewed passed accomplishments

In Las Vegas - Mission Statement, worked on lots of goals

Second Conference - ratify Steps and Traditions, Preamble important, pushed to ensure it is brought to the next Conference

In Ontario, CA - Changed the 20 Questions

This Conference - Definition of Sobriety

Open to discussion - verbiage

Lisa - concern: we have no opinion then we say we do

Andrew - Why are we adding to after 'mind altering'?

Sally – what about sleeping aids?

Dani – what about 'have become or may become'?

Wendy- 'Cloudy' change this word to 'Unclear'

Kerri – Where is this going to be used?

The Goal is to make this available on the Website.

Andrew – we can be here all day for each line

Jonathan proposed we give suggestions to the Committee to review, Wanda

agreed and asked that we keep it simple and bring the suggestions to her and she will bring it back to the Committee to work it out and bring it back for voting this afternoon.

Next important item that we would like to bring to next year's Conference is the P.A. Logo

We would like to put on the Website a submission for suggestions with the proper

Disclaimer and deadline dates to ensure there is enough time to bring forward for the next WSC.

Question: Jonathan – if groups asks to bring forth a question or information for another committee, how do we carry the message to PAWS Conference? See manual as there is a protocol to follow.

Dani – What about literature such as What is a relapse? And In times of Illness? These are NOT Conference approved

Everyone would like to know about coins and miscellaneous items such as pamphlets to pass out. Response: At the Group level, they can make their own packets

Larry – Organization Breakdown Review as not everyone understands its importance

PAWS = a group of entities

World Conference = Conference approves and is our conscious. We don't have a Central Office.

WSO is an entity in itself. It's a subsidiary of PAWS, Inc. and has its own Board of Directors, Bank account, Tax ID, and 501C3.

We want to start this, but we need people. 5 – 8 Board of Directors

Don't have the manpower to fill the Organization Chart.

Larry closed with this:

"If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem"

"Ask now what P.A. can do for you, but what you can do for P.A."

It was brought to the Board of Trustees that a New Committee was formed:

Hospitals and Institutions – Mark is the Chair. They are looking at the manual and will come up with their Mission Statement and goals.

Board of Trustees – sees our future. Nominated by a certain process

Wanda – page 20 World Service Board of Trustees description and page 22 Qualifications

Question: How does a non-addict fit?

Larry – Volunteer for Board of Trustees – Bob is a non-addict. Not at this time.

Motion made by Larry for the following Nominees:

Chris-9 years and is an original delegate

Randy-4 years and has the willingness and time

Motion seconded – Jonathan

Approved – 25

Oppose – 0

11:45 am Break for Lunch

Meeting reconvened at 1:45 pm

Any questions for the Public Info Committee? None

P.A. Book?

Yes, are their statistics on how many stories have been received? No, not at this time

Common Welfare?

Definition of Sobriety is being copied and will be presented later

Dani-does P.A. have a stance on certain medications? None

However, at the Group level, it may be different

H & I? None pending Mission Statement and goals

Motions and Voting

Larry motioned for the Conference to recognize PAWS manual be approved with spelling corrections

Motion seconded – Jonathan

Approved – 26

Oppose – 0

Larry Welcomed and introduced Tom A. who has 7 years and brought his wife, Eddie.

Larry motioned that pages 16 & 17 of the Local manual, we correct 'GSR'' and replace

It with Delegate.

Motion seconded – George

Approved – 26

Oppose – 0

Larry motioned that page 12 of the World Service manual, we correct discussing to describing.

Motion seconded – Anna

Approved – 26

Oppose -0

Larry motioned that page 29 of the Local service manual be updated by removing 'Hope,

Faith, Courage' as the ending sentence as this belongs to another Fellowship to end with

'one day at a time'.

Motioned seconded - Renee

Wendy suggested: 'there is a solution, and we can recover from addition one day at a time'

Ann motioned to reconsider the grammar.

Motion seconded - Dave

Approved – 21

Opposed – 3

Abstain – 2

Jonathan motioned that the press release proposed by the Public Info Committee be reviewed and approved. After reading several times and making changes.

Motion seconded – Larry

Approved – 26

Oppose – 0

Jonathan motioned to amend paragraph to read 'Where to start and how to start'.

Motion seconded – Dani

Approved – 26

Oppose – 0

Break 3:00 pm

Reconvened 3:20 pm

Common Wealth

Wanda motioned to add Definition of Sobriety

Motion seconded- Carolyn

Approved – 26

Oppose – 0

Jonathan motioned to have the same document put on the Website

Motion seconded – Wanda

Oppose – 0

Larry motioned to have the following posters available on the Website:

The Steps

The Traditions

The 20 Questions

Motion seconded – Andrew

Approved – 26

Oppose – 0

Ratify Current Board of Trustees – Larry motioned to ratify current trustees with the exception of Kenton. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Voting for new Trustees – Larry made motions

Randy left room

Motion seconded - Andrew

Approved – 26

Oppose – 0

Chris left room

Motion seconded - Rosalie

Approved – 26

Oppose – 0

New Business Discussions with individual groups then recap as a whole.

Dave requested that we switch agenda for tonight to tomorrow morning.

Wanda motioned to move the 7-8 pm meeting tonight to 8:30 tomorrow morning.

Motion seconded – Dave

Approved – 26

Oppose – 0

3:45 pm Break into Committee Meetings

P.A. Meeting at 4:30 pm Sally will chair

Sunday, October 3, 2010

Meeting called to order at 8:40 am

Opening Prayer: Serenity Prayer

Treasurer's Report – Larry

No Treasurer for Conference this year

Revenue from this Conference: \$1721.00

Funds include: registration and donations

Expenses for this Conference: \$1510.00

Expenses include: Conference room, lunch, coffee, soda,

Gratuity, service, and taxes

Net Profit: \$211.00

Will go to PAWS

New Business Voting

Service Positions for the next two (2) Conferences:

Chairperson: Renee, Vice Chairperson: Rosalie, Secretary: Anna

Treasurer: Randy

Larry motioned for the Officers as listed above

Motion seconded – Jonathan

Approved – 22

Oppose – 0

Conference for 2011 scheduled for October 7, 8, & 9th here in Mesa, AZ

Larry motioned to have Conference on these dates at this same location

Motion seconded – Mark

Approved – 21

Oppose – 0

Abstain – 1

Questions:

Jonathan – What is the process to change a tradition?

Page 28 of WS Manual – must have written consent of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Groups to be brought to the WSC. Use your best judgment and bring the request to WSC ahead of time to allow for preparation and to follow protocol.

Rosalie motioned to have the Definition of Sobriety added as a Poster made available on the Website along with the newly approved posters.

Motion seconded – Carolyn

Approved – 22

Oppose – 0

New/Old Business – Discussion on previous votings

Ron – do we have cliff notes that we can bring back to our Group?

Not at this time

Carolyn – Bulgaria wants minutes

Larry motioned last year's minutes be approved

Motion seconded – Jonathan

Approved – 22 Oppose – 0

Mark – Hospitals and Institutions – Committee now ACTIVE, Mark to Chair.

Established Mission Statement and Goals

Questions: Jonathan – How many Groups do H&I? 3 known from attendees
at this Conference.

Ann – What is a panel? Jonathan answered – It consists of 4 to 5

People (pre-arranged) to go to the H&I (rehab or jail/prison) and bring
meetings

Larry – Review of past Conferences – possible theme trend

Las Vegas – Organization

Tempe – Intro

Ontario – Local Manual

Mesa – Public Information Guide

Question to attendees: Do we want to put themes on our Conferences?

Much discussion – feedback, it might make it all about a topic

Dave – we need to get our Book done

Lisa – theme doesn't have to be aimed towards a topic

Janice – Conventions have themes, Conferences ?

Wanda – Each Committee Comments / Goals

P.A. Book – Renee

Need stories

Timeline – 18 months

Format: Steps, Traditions, Questions, Topics, or a complete book

Question: Jen – does the story have to be around a step? No

Anna – all steps / all traditions, multiple stories

More than one member can write multiple stories, not just one

Public Information Committee – Carolyn

Update Website to include:

Press Release

Button – banner to facilitate ease of use

Web based page for Cell phone users

Anna – requested to Please Please – Delegates sign onto Website and verify Group data as it is tough contacting Groups and getting a response.

Wanda – as a Delegate, go and visit Groups around you

Common Welfare – Wanda

Big push for P.A. Logo at next Conference

WS Manual updates

Ad-Hoc – George (absent) Wanda

Get Website connected to him

Go to your Groups and ask for interested members to review and volunteer for any of the services

Discussion/Comments:

Lisa – Procedures/Guidelines – when a motion is on the floor – be careful not to go off on tangents and different subjects. Rules – Order.

Sally – Next Conference, can we have a Speaker Meeting?

Closing – Larry

11:00 am P.A. Meeting

12 noon Adjourn and Prayer

Renee suggested we do the P.A. Prayer