

PA Conference – June 2009, Ontario, California

6/5/09

PA Meeting 6:35pm

- Break at 7:33
- Reconvened at 7:45 trustees miraculous
- Started meeting. Number of attendees – 13. Wanda J – Chair. Renee W. – Vice Chair, Anna A. – Secretary.
- 1. Wanda – Summarized conference agenda
- 2. Delegate responsibilities
 - a. Read world service conference delegate and original delegate duties from page 12 from the Pills Anonymous World Service Manual.
- 3. Committee report
 - a. Organizational committee – Organizational committee and finance committee combined.
 - b. Book Committee –
 - c. Online communications and public information committee – combined these two groups.
 - d. Common welfare committee –
 - e. Ad-Hoc committee –
- 4. Updates since last conference
 - a. Two trustees resigned – Larry J. and Denise S. (Larry H. will research the date)
 - b. George K – had a stroke
- 5. Explained the need for trustees and their duties.
- 6. Asked for volunteers to sign up for committee
- 7. Ended meeting at 9:00pm

6/6/09

Meeting started 9:11am. Number of attendees – 13. Wanda J – Chair. Renee W. – Vice Chair, Anna A. – Secretary.

- Serenity and 3rd step prayer
- Reviewed duties for committee members
- Reviewed Robert's rules of order
- 1. Reviewed old business. Summarized Tempe Conference – Anna A.
- 2. Reviewed incorporation information – Larry H.
 - a. Filed for Non profit last conference.

- b. 10/1/08 – date of incorporation
 - c. Tax ID number issued 10/2/08.
 - d. Went through Legal Zoom because we only had a budget 4/14/09 501 c 3 application. 5/1/09 filed a 990 tax form for non-profit. On 5/4/09 received 501 c 3 status. It was backdated to 10/1/09. Tax exempt, free postal service, can also get free PSAs.
 - e. Filed as a private foundation, but the IRS reversed the request and incorporated as a public charity.
 - f. Will have to file a 990e annually.
3. Treasurers report
- a. End of 2008 –
 - 1. Contributions - \$2913.77
 - 2. Professional fees \$1770.00 – Was for legal and fees
 - 3. Rent for office - \$120 a year
 - 4. Ending balance - \$1014.77
 - b. Treasurer’s report for 1/01/09 – 5/31/09
 - 1. Contributions - \$885.00
 - 2. Professional fees 964.95 – Legal zoom and filing fees
 - 3. Net loss \$79.75
 - 4. Balance \$934.82
 - c. Kent submitted motion that the treasurer’s report would include a general ledger of how much money came in with a break down of expenses. The report be made available to the delegates electronically. In the future we would talk about getting a more specific break down.
 - 1. Discussion
 - 2. Motion made – Kent
 - 3. Motion seconded – Wanda
 - 4. Approved - 13
 - 5. Oppose – 0

Break 10:05

Reconvened 10:25

- 4. Review of committees
 - a. Ad-hoc – Larry H.
 - 1. Ad-hoc consisted of George and Carey.
 - 2. Committee needs more people
 - b. Internet and public information - Carolyn
 - 1. Combined the two groups
 - 2. Website
 - 1. Have had problems with getting changes made to website due to resignations.

2. Looking for a mission statement for PA website.
- c. PA Big Book - Renee
 1. Passed around drafts of the first 5 steps and stories for each of the 12 steps.
 2. Took format from Alanon
 3. Submission of stories guidelines.
 1. Delegates should go back to their groups and request that people write and submit stories.
 2. Need to submit to stories@pillsanonymous.com or contact Renee W. at 480-330-1364.
 3. Stories should be centered around a step or tradition.
 4. Read step 2 story.
- d. Common welfare – Wanda J.
 1. Ratified 12 step and 12 tradition verbiage in Tempe conference
 2. Committee chair had to step down since Tempe conference.
 3. At this conference will try to come up with preamble and ratify, reassess goals and reviewed logos.

Break 11:30

Reconvened at 11:35

5. PA Local service manual – Larry H.
 - a. Current version just talks about meetings. As PA grows, this local service manual will grow.
 - b. Any changes to this PA local service manual will be voted on at this conference.
 - c. Renee made motion to add the following to the appendix of the local service manual: NA it works how and why and 12 steps, 12 traditions of narcotics anonymous, NA step study workbook to the list of books in the PA local service manual, alcoholics anonymous and twelve steps and twelve traditions, .
 1. Motion seconded – Anna A.
 2. Approved – 13
 3. Opposed – 0
 - d. Larry reviewed the manual.
 - e. The group can offer suggestions during this conference and the manual can be modified.
 - f. Larry H. made a motion to add the 20 questions to the local service manual
 1. Motion seconded – Carolyn

2. Approved- 13
 3. Opposed -0
 - g. Motion made that the common welfare committee will revise the 20 questions.
 1. Motion seconded – Wanda
 2. Approved – 13
 3. Opposed – 0
6. Trustees
- a. Need to fill trustee positions
 - b. IRS – Has to be at least 3 directors/officers/trustees to maintain the 501 c3
 - c. Current trustees
 1. George
 2. Jonathan B.
 3. Larry J.
 4. Renee W.
 5. Wanda J.
 - d. Not able to follow trustees set up per PAWS manual at this time due to lack of resources
 - e. Discussion of qualifications –
 1. Sober time for trustees. Current suggestion is 5 years.
 1. Took a poll to see who was willing to be a trustee
 2. Motion made that anyone that is in attendance to the Ontario CA conference be eligible to be nominated as a trustee – Larry H.
 3. Motion seconded – Bill B.
 4. Approved – 12
 5. Opposed – 1
 6. Motion passed.
 2. Participation at previous conferences.
 - f. Motion made by Larry J. to nominate trustees
 1. Carolyn – seconded
 2. Approved – 13
 3. Opposed – 0
 - g. Nominations for trustees –
 1. Janice – Initially accepted pending further thought.
 2. Shea – Accept
 3. Kenton – Accept
 4. Jean - Decline
 5. Anna – Accept
 6. Carolyn – Accept

7. Jen – Accept
8. Rosilee – Accept

Break for lunch 1:10 – 2:40pm

7. Current trustees put forth the list of people to vote on for trustees.
 - a. Janice – Accepted
 - b. Shea – Accepted
 - c. Kenton – Accepted
 - d. Anna – Accepted
 - e. Jen – Accepted
8. Vote on trustees – Larry H made all motions.
 - a. Janice – Motion passed
 1. Approved – 12
 2. Opposed - 0
 - b. Shea – Motion passed
 1. Approved – 12
 2. Opposed - 0
 - c. Kenton – Motion passed
 1. Approved – 10
 2. Opposed - 2
 - d. Anna – Motion passed
 1. Approved – 12
 2. Opposed - 0
 - e. Jen – Motion not passed
 1. Approved – 0
 2. Opposed – 10
 3. Abstained – 2
9. Ratify current trustees. Motions made by Larry H. Bill B. seconded. Except for vote for Larry H – Renee made the motion, Bill B. seconded it.
 - a. Wanda – Motion passed
 1. Approved – 12
 2. Opposed - 0
 - b. Larry – Motion passed
 1. Approved – 12
 2. Opposed - 0
 - c. Renee – Motion passed
 1. Approved – 12
 2. Opposed - 0
 - d. George K. – Motion passed
 1. Approved – 13

2. Opposed - 0
- e. Jonathan B. – Motion not passed
 1. Approved – 3
 2. Opposed – 9
 3. Abstained – 1
10. Welfare committee report
 - a. Committee revised 20 questions
 1. Sally made motion to vote on ratification of 20 questions as is and Kenton seconded motion
 2. Approved - 13
 3. Opposed – 0
11. Ratify PA local service manual with minor edits at the end of the conference. Larry H made the motion. Carolyn seconded.
 - a. Approved – 13
 - b. Opposed -0

Break for meeting 5:30-6:15pm

Break for dinner 6:30- 8:30

12. Internet/Public information committee
 - a. Committee will research other websites and put together a report of what they like about other websites.
 - b. Kenton will do an audit of the current website. Find out how the website is created.
 - c. Need to find out passwords from Jonathan
 - d. Will do mockups of websites - Kenton
 - e. Anna will verify current meetings listed and update every 6 months
 - f. Carolyn will chair the committee
 - g. Kenton will be the trustee liaison.
13. Treasurer's report
 - a. Collected \$390.00 from registration
 - b. \$300 for room rental
 - c. \$145 collected from groups
 - d. Made motion to reimburse Larry \$162.72 for printing costs by Wanda. Seconded by Renee.
 1. Approved – 13
 2. Opposed -0
14. Pass off service positions to next in line – The world service manual says positions are held for two conferences. Positions will stay the same
 - a. Wanda J. – Chair
 - b. Renee W. – Co-Chair
 - c. Anna A. – Secretary
15. Nominate Secretary - Rosilee

- a. Nominated by Janice
- b. Seconded by Carolyn
- c. Approved – 13
- d. Opposed – 0

16. Next conference

- a. Made motion for September or October 2010 in Phoenix, AZ –
Renee
- b. Seconded by Kenton
- c. Approved – 12
- d. Opposed – 1

Reconvened at 8:30 6/7/09

17. PA preamble

- a. Read the preamble that the Common Welfare committee came up with.
- b. Proposed preamble - Pills Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from pill addiction. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using pills. There are no dues or fees for PA membership; we are self supporting through our own contributions. PA is not affiliated with any religious group, politics, organization or institution. We do not wish to engage in any controversy and neither endorse nor oppose any cause. This is a program which works by regularly attending meetings and working the 12 Steps of Recovery with other pill addicts. Our primary purpose is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. We work together to stay clean and help others achieve the same freedom.
- c. Renee made motion to accept preamble. Anna seconded.
 - 1. Approved – 12
 - 2. Opposed – 1

18. Minority report

- a. 20 questions - Have you taken the same medication for a prolonged period of time only to find you still have the same symptoms?
- b. Motion made by Kenton. Renee seconded - Have you taken the same pain or sleep medication for a prolonged period of time only to find you still have the same symptoms.
 - 1. Approved – 13

2. Opposed 0
- c. Book submission requirements
 1. Too strict of requirements
 2. The requirements were made to make it easier on the book committee.
- d. List of meetings
 1. Reviewed list of meetings
 2. Put a meeting registry form in the local service manual as well as the web site
 1. Approved – 12
 2. Opposed – 0
 3. Absent – 1

Conference adjourned 9:35am

PA meeting 10am