

FINAL REPORT

PR Subcommittee

It has been a year full of challenges and issues. It has been a year of triumphs and setbacks. Yet like recovery itself if you hang on things get better.

We had a slow start, then our calls for help brought us a full staff, a new web servant, a new telephone coordinator, a new literature coordinator and two members of our team and we set out to do Public Relations.

We had one very successful presentation to the Parole Department, in which each member of our team available played a role. We followed through on another potential presentation with the prison release program that didn't pan out.

We had a successful flyer Day, and a great recovery month, last year.

Around this time, we lost our web servant to the disease of addiction. There was a lesson to learn here and we learned it. Because our new recruit had come recommended by a member of the ASC committee we removed our clean time requirements based on his technical experience. This cost us in down time, service and about \$45.00.

We decided as a team, going forward we would get each member of our team involved in every aspect of Public Relations; I began training others on the web duties and how to manage the telephone system. Then we lost our telephone coordinator and our conversation in PR shifted for a while from carrying the message to being the message. We had to talk about making and keeping a commitment, honoring your word, if you say you are going to do something, do it. Showing up when you say you will show up. We had to discuss how these spiritual principles are so very important in doing service and frankly how closely they are tied to Honesty, one of the building blocks of recovery.

Our Vice-Chair was placed to oversee and assist the phone coordinator with the transition to our new company and making all the changes throughout NA of our telephone number. The process dragged on and on and I had to step in and re-negotiate the contract and complete the process before we exceeded our budget. Then our phone coordinator, stopped coming and next we lost our Vice Chair to the disease of addiction. Lesson here - Recovery is your responsibility; NA's responsibility is to carry the message. Service can help your recovery, but don't let service become your recovery. Service, service, service and not enough meetings, not enough step work spells relapse. If you are working on PR, then work on PR you can't work on Policy, DACNA and Activities. There is not enough time in the day for recovery.

Then our Literature Coordinator got involved with another committee and dropped the ball and we didn't have meeting lists for a month, he missed 3 meetings in a row. Pops up in our last meeting and wants to spend our money. Clean time requirements for each position pre-supposes that Trusted Servants are working a program and as such can handle the responsibility, without excuses.

Our efforts to have a flyer day in New Smyrna did not pan out, because of our team loses. Palm Coast wants a flyer day and is willing to do the work. They are not willing to make the trip to Daytona to

accomplish this. PR has given them a member of our team willing to go to the Palm Coast and \$200 to have two flyer days.

I have turned over the account URLs and passwords for GoDaddy, Hawkhost and OneBox, all of the online accounts for Public Relations and have asked him to keep this information secure as I transition out of office. These accounts are all paid in full, up-to-date, under contract and deducted automatically from the credit card. Since Area pays for these accounts Area should have access to these accounts to update billing information. The Treasurer should not touch the other areas of the account, as they affect PR operations.

We have elected a new vice-chair for PR. Melinda C, she has two years and has been the secretary for two years in a row. Melinda does not want to be acclimated into PR Chair, instead she wishes to learn the position and perhaps become Chair next year. The following position is open in PR: Chair.

PR needs your support, come and help us spread the message of recovery to the community. The internal committee positions available are: Webmaster, Phone Coordinator, Literature Coordinator.

It has been a full year. I will remain involved in PR, as trainer until all info is transferred and the new crew is intact. This year has pulled on my patience, tested my commitment and challenged my recovery. Yet, I remain grateful. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Out Going Chair,

Sylvia S.
Love You!