

THIRD ANNUAL WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

January 31, 1981
Memphis, Tennessee

Chaired by Tom M., Sec., Stephen S. & Mindy M., Tres., Joseph P.

Meeting was opened by a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The meeting began by the reading of the following N.A. literature: Who is an addict, What is Narcotics Anonymous, Why are we Here, How it works, 12 traditions, Just for today, and We do recover.

Members present:

Stephen S.- Memphis, Tenn.
Mindy M.- Sioux City, Iowa
Duane P.- Memphis, Tenn.
Kenny H.- Memphis, Tenn.
Jack H.- Memphis, Tenn.
Bill B.- Decatur, Ala.
Nolan W.- Venice, Calif.
Joseph P.- Memphis, Tenn.
Tom M.- Atlanta, Ga.
Ted S.- Philadelphia, Penn.
Linda M.- Topeka, Ks.
Bo S.- Atlanta, Ga.
Shorty H.- Marietta, Ga.
Duane L.- Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Molly P.- Sioux City, Iowa
Jane B.- Memphis, Tenn.
Page E.- Marietta, Ga.
Lee M.- Memphis, Tenn.
Jeannette P.- Hartselle, Ala.
Cathy T.- Memphis, Tenn.
Gene L.- Memphis, Tenn.
Gina H.- Nashville, Tenn.
Teresa W.- Bristol, Penn.
George R.- Philadelphia, Penn.
Alan C.- Marietta, Ga.
Hank F.- Atlanta, Ga.
Jim M.- Lisbon, Ohio

Tom M. chaired the meeting, beginning by restating the first tradition of N.A., the need for compassion and empathy in the N.A. book. Joseph P. and Cathy T. were introduced as the co-chairpersons of the literature conference. Joseph P. read the introduction from the first literature conference in Kansas in October 1979. George R. read the history of the second literature conference held at Lincoln, Nebraska in September 1980. He commented how the second conference had decided to use the Little White Book as an outline for the N.A. Big Book. During that conference the book was outlined in chapters, information was filed, and the Twelve Steps Of N.A. were put together.

GOALS FOR THIS CONFERENCE

1. Complete final draft of the Narcotics Anonymous Big Book.
2. Submit literature to the World Service Conference in Sun Valley, Calif. two months prior to May first.

Members were called on to discuss why we are here and what we hope to accomplish. We hope to help the practicing drug addict. We do not need to feel comfortable with failure any more; we can succeed in life. We are not alone. There is strength in numbers. We can have pride in our recovery. We are free, clean & sober because of this design for living. We are here because God wants us to be here. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jobs were later distributed to members by the conference chairpeople.