

# NA Foundation Group - Knoxville 2005 Literature Conference

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## MINUTES



Parkridge Community Center 236  
E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Knoxville - Tennessee

### **April 29, 2005**

4:00 Bar-B-Que

Jim and Karhleen M., Bo S., Ron, Chris W. Paul M., and various members came by, enjoyed food and sat around talking.

Went over ideas of new chapters the Vocal Minority, 12 Concepts and Political Correctness for Traditions War: a pathway to peace, and the new Sponsorship material as a chapter for NA Way of Life book. Needs to be reviewed at this Conference.

Broke at 6:00 for NA meeting at nearby Church

Bo S., Jim M., Kathleen M. spoke with breaks. Fifty members in attendance. Everyone stayed for whole meeting except for a few who had curfew. Even though we could have been editing, it was felt that we needed the face with members of local NA so they would know who we were and feel welcome to come to the Conference.

### **April 30, 2005**

8:30 members showed up to cook breakfast.

9:00 Breakfast served.

General discussions. Began attendance list.

Jim announced 2005 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual History and Traditions Retreat/Workshop September 23-25 in East Liverpool, Ohio. Hosted by Northern Columbiana County NA Groups.

Ron copied NA History CD from Ohio in 2004.

Ladies typed out proposed flyer on NA Foundation Group.

Bo found chapter 14 needed background on website.

Summary of Word Usage is defective and will be reset next week from Oklahoma.

10:45 Opened with Serenity Prayer.

Yellow Eyes made invocation.

Went around and heard from all attending members. Who are you, where are you from, what would you like to see happen this weekend. Bo drove in from Oklahoma, Jim and Kathleen from North-Eastern Ohio, Brian from Virginia and Bob from New Hampshire.

Kathleen - here  
Alexi - Glad to be here  
Jim - Believes in process - here to participate - pro open, participatory way Basic Text was done,  
along with 13 I.P.'s  
Cat - from Johnson City, glad to be here  
Yellow Eyes - Vision of Light, goal to get people involved.  
Richard - came out of a blackout, loss of major body parts (leg), "the disease in the rooms,"  
Jim - disease is everywhere  
Paul - sat here when no one came to start NAFG "If we're not building bridges, we're building walls."  
Our unity gives us resources we can tap as a group of NA.  
Alexi - stay in the process, you'll stay clean  
Jim - Don't do without, do for yourself.  
Bob - New Hampshire clean since 1987 in San Diego - it was suicide or recovery.

After more general discussion, Bo put it to the group to pick a chapter to workshop. Brian suggested "Parenting."

Bo and Kathleen worked printing out individual chapters downloaded from web late last night for review and comparison with the download of the NA Way of Life book. Bo expressed concern that some chapters may not match the form of the chapter that is in the main document. Period of review and edit has spanned several years and we need to double check. We have been working on Traditions War so long and hard, we have not revisited NA Way of Life. With new copies being printed at present, and planned week long Conference this fall after this April Conference in Knoxville and another upcoming Conference at Brian's in western Virginia, we need to attend to the NA Way of Life. Took a whole ink cartridge to print out the first twenty-six chapters from the book.

Finished 'flow reading' of Parenting, Chapter 20

Some discussion of changing name of TWPP, dropping Traditions War from title. Bo reminded original name was "Victors of the Traditions War." Now that book is well underway, a new title may help the book reach more people.

Came together and read/discussed "What is NA Foundation Group"

Broke for evening NA meeting.

10:30 pm resumed Conference - worked on Chapter 14 - When it gets Tough. Workshopped first three pages, balance of material consists of essays. Somehow, it was so rough, Bo will check files at home for work done at Naples Lit Conference. Closed at 12:30.

### **May 1, 2005**

10:30 am Breakfast. Jim opened session and presented edit of flyer for NA Foundation Group in Presentation with projector on wall. Chris W. worked up the original for consideration at this Conference. Piece reads well and seems to cover all the bases. A dozen members went through detailed discussion of entire piece and approved for use in our Group Service.

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