

MINUTES
OHIO ROUND-UP STEERING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 25, 1996

VICE-CHAIRPERSON VAUGHN B. OPEN THE MEETING AT 11:00 AM WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER IN THE ABSENCE OF CHAIRPERSON DENNIS STAMEL.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON VAUGHN B. ASKED FOR CITY ROLL CALL.

CITIES REPRESENTED BY DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE:

AKRON, LEE R. (ALT); CLEVELAND, HANNAH K. (DEL); COLUMBUS, JIM A. (DEL) & CRAIG C. (ALT); DAYTON, LARRY T. (DEL); TOLEDO, RON T. (DEL); WARREN, DIANNE K. (DEL); ALONG WITH THE AKRON ROUND-UP CO-CHAIRS, RENEE M. & PETE L., WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMITTEE; THE DAYTON ROUND-UP REPRESENTATIVES AND CONTINGENCY FROM TOLEDO.

SECRETARY FRANK W. ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY CHANGES TO THE MINUTES THAT WERE MAILED TO THE OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES. VIRGINIA R., TREASURER SAID SHE DID NOT RECEIVE MINUTES, FRANK W. WOULD MAIL HER A COPY.

OLD BUSINESS - DAYTON ROUND-UP FINAL REPORT GIVEN BY NORMA J. PRESENTED TREASURER WITH \$3,000.00 CHECK AND THAT THERE WAS STILL SOME LOOSE ENDS AND THAT THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL MONIES FORTHCOMING. THE FINAL REPORT WAS WITH A DAYTON COMMITTEE MEMBER THAT HAD RECENTLY MOVED TO PITTSBURGH AND WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE AS SOON AS SHE UNPACKED. ALSO, THE DAYTON COMMITTEE MAY HAVE A STANDARD CONFERENCE FORMAT TO HELP IN PREPARING FOR FUTURE ROUND-UPS. NORMA J. OFFERED ANY HELP FOR CITIES PREPARING FOR A ROUND-UP. SHE MADE A SUGGESTION THAT THE \$2,000.00 SEED MONEY WAS NOT ENOUGH, DAYTON HAD MOST SPENT BY TIME THEY RECEIVED IT, MAY THINK ABOUT INCREASING SEED MONEY.

TREASURER REPORT, REPORT SUBMITTED BY VIRGINIA R., TREASURER. RECEIVED AUGUST 26, 1995 MONEY ORDER #531815117 FOR \$3,386.79 FROM HOWARD W. CLOSING OF PREVIOUS ACCOUNT. RECEIVED CHECK #3855 FOR \$824.54 FROM HOWARD WILSON. A MONEY ORDER #531815116 FOR \$2,000.00 WAS ALSO RECEIVED AND PRESENTED TO THE AKRON ROUND-UP COMMITTEE. ON AUGUST 29, 1995 ACCOUNTS WERE OPENED AT CHARTER ONE BANK: \$3,000.00 WAS DEPOSITED INTO A 2 YEAR CD WITH 6% INTEREST, \$1,229.33 WAS DEPOSITED INTO A SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH CHECKING ABILITY (SEE REPORT FOR ACTIVITY). AS OF FEB. 1996 HOWARD W. STILL OWES \$1,000.00, HE HAS BEEN PAYING \$100.00/MONTH, MAY HAVE TO DROP TO \$50.00/MONTH. THE DISPERSION TO THE REQUIRED "AA" BODIES WILL BE PRESENTED IN NEXT MONTHS TREASURER'S REPORT.

QUESTION RAISED BY JOHN G. FROM TOLEDO WHY A CD WAS OPENED WHEN ACCESS TO THAT MONEY WOULD BE GOVERNED BY PENALTIES AND NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE AS A SAVINGS OR CHECKING? THOUGHT IT WAS THE BEST INVESTMENT FOR THE MONEY DECIDED UPON BY DENNIS S, CHAIRPERSON AND VIRGINIA R., TREASURER AT THE OPENING OF THE ACCOUNTS.

MOTION MADE BY VAUGHN B. VICE-CHAIR TO ACCEPT REPORT, SECOND BY JIM A., COLUMBUS DEL. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS:

LEE R., AKRON DEL. RECOGNIZED PETE L. & RENE M. AKRON ROUND-UP CO-CHAIRS. THEY BROUGHT REGISTRATION FORMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE AREA DELEGATES WHEN THEY RETURN TO THEIR HOME AREAS. THEY ANTICIPATE THE FIRST MAILING BY THE END OF MARCH WORKING WITH DAYTON ON RECEIVING THE ADDRESS LIST. THEIR NEXT FUND RAISER IS A DANCE ON APRIL 6, FLIERS WERE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION. THEY HAVE RAISED \$1,958.00, HAVE INCURRED EXPENSES SO FAR OF \$1,031.00. EXPRESSED THEIR THANKS FOR THE VARIOUS

CITIES WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THEIR FUND RAISERS. VAUGH B. ASSURED THE AKRON ROUND-UP COMMITTEE THAT THE ADDRESS DISK WOULD BE PASSED ON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

RON T., TOLEDO DEL. RECOGNIZED RICHARD M. FROM TOLEDO. RICHARD M. TOLEDO 1997 BID COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR ANNOUNCED THAT TOLEDO IS ACTIVELY PURSUING A BID TO HOST THE 1997 15TH OHIO ROUND-UP.

VAUGH B. ENCOURAGED THE AREA CITIES TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE PRESENT HOST CITY TO HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS TO GIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THOSE IN NEED.

JOY H. DAYTON ROUND-UP SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR, DAYTON IS WORKING ON PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE ROUND-UP IN AKRON.

FRANK W., SECRETARY, ASKED IF HE COULD BE RE-IMBURSED FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR SUPPLIES AND POSTAGE. VAUGH B. SAID YES, JUST SUBMIT RECEIPTS TO TREASURER.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE, LARRY T. DAYTON ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS HELPING AND THAT THE PRESENT ARCHIVIST HAD MOVED AND WAS QUESTIONING IF THERE WAS A PLACE FOR STORING THEM.

PETE L., AKRON, AKRON AREA INTER-GROUP HAS A STORAGE FACILITY AVAILABLE FOR THE STATE STEERING COMMITTEE ARCHIVES AND WILL PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION. SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PHOTOS THAT ARE PRESENT IN THE ARCHIVES AND THE ANONYMITY FACTOR. ASSURED THAT THE ARCHIVES WOULD ONLY BE FOR STORAGE NOT DISPLAYING. LARRY T. ASKED IF THERE WAS A LIST OF THE PRESENT ARCHIVES. YES, JUST HAVE TO FIND IT.

VAUGH B. MADE A MOTION TO ELECT AN ARCHIVIST TO PROVIDE SERVICE OF KEEPING AND MAINTAINING THE ARCHIVES. SECOND BY JIM A. COLUMBUS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. FLOOR OPENED FOR VOLUNTEERS OR NOMINATIONS. LARRY T., DAYTON VOLUNTEERED, SO ELECTED.

JOHN G., TOLEDO, VOICED SOME CONCERN WHETHER OR NOT CLEVELAND WAS PURSUING A BID FOR THE 1997 ROUND-UP. THERE WAS SOME TALK THAT CLEVELAND WAS. ALSO SOME CONCERN THAT THIS WAS HAPPENING BECAUSE TOLEDO WAS NOT ACTIVE SO CLEVELAND WAS GOING TO PURSUE THE BID. THIS JUST IS NOT TRUE HE SAID, TOLEDO IS A VERY ACTIVE AND VIABLE FORCE IN "AA" FOR THE GAY AND LESBIAN ALCOHOLIC IN THE TOLEDO AREA AND WAS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WAS SAID.

THERE WAS MUCH DISCUSSION ON THE TOPIC OF THE TRADITIONAL ROTATION AS OPPOSED TO AN ESTABLISHED ROTATION FROM SIDES REPRESENTING PROS AND CONS OF EACH IDEA. THE STATE STEERING COMMITTEE CHARTER STATES THAT "THE HOSTING OF THE ANNUAL OHIO ROUND-UP SHALL BE ROTATED AMONG THE CITIES WITHIN THE STATE OF OHIO. THIS ROTATION SHALL BE MADE ON A BID AWARD BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT SUGGESTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HOMOSEXUAL MEN AND WOMEN IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS."

HANNAH K., CLEVELAND DEL. USUALLY IF SOMEONE SAYS THAT THEIR CITY IS PLANNING ON BIDDING ANY OTHER CITY INTERESTED USUALLY DOESN'T PLAN ON BIDDING AND WHAT IS STATED IN THE CHARTER IS THE MOST DEMOCRATIC WAY TO ENSURE THE HOSTING OF A ROUND-UP, AND THAT SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY ACTIVITY IN CLEVELAND TO BID ON THE 1997 OHIO RUOND-UP.

VAUGH B. SUGGESTED THAT WE TABLE ANY MORE DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT UNTIL THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AND THAT THE DELEGATES TAKE THIS MATTER UNDER ADVISEMENT AND COME BACK WITH IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS.

NORMA, DAYTON, EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ON EFFORTS TO PROVIDE LEADS AT THE ROUND-UPS. TO HER KNOWLEDGE THERE WAS A MINIMUM OF AVENUES THAT WERE AVAILABLE. SOME SUGGESTIONS WERE TO PROVIDE A BOX TO CHECK, ON THE REGISTRATION FORMS AND I.A.C. HAS RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR HELPING IN FINDING SPEAKERS.

CHARLIE, AKRON, ASKED ABOUT ADVERTISING IN THE I.A.C. NEWSLETTER FOR AKRON ROUND-UP, AND DO THEY NEED STATE STEERING COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL? VAUGH SAID THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT CAN BE PROVIDED TO I.A.C. WITHOUT APPROVAL, BUT NO ADVERTISING.

A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NEED FOR BRINGING "AA" TO GAYS AND LESBIANS IN OHIO ESPECIALLY WHERE GAY "AA" IS NOT PRESENT POSSIBLY HAVING ROUND-UPS IN THESE AREAS WHICH PROMPTED MUCH DISCUSSION ON SOME EXPERIENCE WITH ESTABLISHED "AA".

RENEE, AKRON CO-CHAIR, DISCUSSED AN EXPERIENCE THEY HAD WITH THE AREA INTER-GROUP ABOUT NOT RECEIVING THE REQUESTED LETTER OF SUPPORT, PHONE CALLS ALSO WERE NOT RETURNED. APPARENTLY THEIR LETTER FAILED TO INCLUDE "AA" IN ITS REQUEST AND THEY HAD A MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND WORKED THINGS OUT AND NOW THEY HAVE A WONDERFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH INTER-GROUP AND NOW MORE GAYS AND LESBIAN GETTING ACTIVE IN AKRON. NORMA, DAYTON, LAST YEARS ROUND-UP HAD SOME CONCERN WHETHER OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS IN THEIR LETTER AND THERE WAS SOME CONCERN WHEN A WOMEN'S GROUP EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SPONSORING THE HOSPITALITY ROOM. THERE WAS SOME CONCERN ABOUT GAY AND LESBIAN ANONYMITY, SO THEY JUST DID NOT RESPOND. THEY HAD THE ROUND-UP ANNOUNCED IN THEIR CENTRAL OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS. THE DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO WHETHER THE CONFERENCE WAS OPEN OR CLOSED AND WHETHER ALANON CAN OR SHOULD BE INCLUDED. IT WAS SHARED THAT OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE REMAIN OUR FOCUS AND THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE CARRYING THE MESSAGE TO THE ALCOHOLIC WHO STILL SUFFERS, USING THE TRADITIONS AS OUR GUIDE.

IN REFERENCE TO NORMA'S SUGGESTION IN HER FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT FROM DAYTON ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING THE SEED MONEY, VAUGH SAID THAT IT HAD JUST BEEN INCREASED LAST YEAR FROM \$1500.00 TO \$2,000.00 AND IT SHOULD BE THOUGHT ABOUT ESPECIALLY WITH EXPENSES INCREASING AND BROUGHT BACK FOR MORE DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING IN JUNE. THE SUGGESTION THAT THE HOST CITY ROUND-UP COMMITTEE BE MADE AWARE THAT, IF THEY NEED MONEY BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY, THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE STATE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR HELP. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE REPS WHEN THEY GOT BACK TO THEIR AREAS STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT THEIR FELLOW "AA" MEMBERS REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE PRESENT ROUND-UP COMMITTEE.

LAST ITEM THAT WAS DISCUSSED AND SUGGESTED THAT WE TABLE IT UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING THE BIDDING PROCESS FROM ONE YEAR TO TWO YEARS BECAUSE THE LARGER CITIES HAVING LACK OF HOTEL CHOICES AND THE RESPONSIBILITY INVOLVED FOR A CITY TO COME UP WITH THE REQUIRED ELEMENTS TO HOST THE ROUND-UP.

VAUGH THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO COME BACK IN JUNE AND BRING SOMEONE WITH THEM.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12:35P.M. WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

FRANK WOJCINSKI

SECRETARY