

Mid-Southern California Area 9 Service Committee Minutes
November 8, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Joe at 12:05pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Readings:

Readings: Declaration of Unity: Ron, Martin A.S.C. Statement of Purpose and Membership: Shepard, Delfino. Tradition 11: Olivia, Candido. Concept 11: Jose, Bill. GSR Preamble: Jeronimo, Terry

Approval of 2009 August Area Service Committee minutes. Motion/2nd – Scott R/Alex N.

Officers Reports:

Delegate's Report– Joe B. – release of video “hope” for treatment facilities delayed due to questions by board. The young people video has also been delayed. More news after board report this weekend in NY. Jason has submitted his resignation due to illness.

Treasurer: Linda H. This is very important! I urge you to pay attention! The income for the last two years was: \$55,036.30 with expenses at \$54,970.47 for 2007; income for 2008 was \$59,423.20 and expenses \$64,165.06 (Expenses exceeded income); income to date for 2009 was \$52,997.58 and expenses \$62,242.68 (the expenses exceeded income by (\$9,245.10). Contributions seem to be either reflective of our economy or the “power of the purse”. As I said last month, I have been going to the P.O. Box more, once a week or when I am close in hopes that contributions would pick up. We used to get 72 contributions or more, now we receive 48 or less and the monetary amount is less. Last Sunday, we got 33 contribution and they did not even pay for the Archives Rent & Operating + the Area Communications Committee. Large donations, are cutting way back which would in a financial climate, point to the “power of the purse”. The past two years have been very challenging for your Treasurer. Everything the Finance Chair asked for, he got! When the Chair’s car broke or he became ill, I filled in helping to get sites for Districts and posting maps as well as writing checks, entering them in Quicken, going to the P.O. Box weekly, getting out receipts, depositing money & P.O. Box in the Bank, filing all paid receipts, doing taxes, helping with purchases of Printers (Treasurer’s & Registrar’s) and your Secretary’s laptop; as well as consulting with an Attorney (that is free), 2 special meetings with Linda & Jim regarding the compliance issue. REMEMBER The Groups represented by the General Service Representatives are at the top of the upside-down Triangle. Some people don’t feel that the General Service Representatives are deserving of anything. I am not one of those! I’m concerned about the health of the Area. If other, new, people don’t step up and get more active in General Service and stay with it, we are headed for disaster! Please step up and speak your mind. You have only to answer to your Higher Power and yourself. Let’s make Area 09 healthy! The Budget you adopt must be frugal. There should be no workshops this year so this Area can spend within its means. Area 09 has become an I want more instead of giving back like our co-founders stated in “Working With Others” from our kit for living, Alcoholics Anonymous. Some suggestions: 1) combine Treatment & Corrections and let H&I Intergroup take care of Contact Upon Release, thereby doing away with the Post Office Box Charge 2) Make Groups in charge of doughnuts 3) Reduce mileage to 25 cents a mile 4) No internet paid by for the Area 5) Make the Newsletter bi-monthly - these don’t even make a dent, but maybe someone can fire up some more. And, above everything follow the Golden Rule – do unto others as you would have them treat you! I have met some wonderful people and some that consider only their own interests. So please follow the Golden Rule.

Registrar: Cesar F. I have the privilege to serve as Panel 58 Area Registrar and also was elected to be your Panel 60 Alternate Delegate to serve in 2010 & 2011. What an honor! First I want to let you know that I have a new computer for the Registrar position, thank you all for your support. Now there is a new

option to update your group information if you go to www.aa.org select the section entitled "For Groups and Members", then choosing the Group Life option. The forms will be choices one and two on the list. You can download the form, fill out all the blank fields and email back to GSO at records@aa.org.

Grapevine/La Vina – If your group doesn't have a Grapevine or La Vina representative you can become one yourself by volunteering or getting elected to the position by your home group. GVR's and RLVs, may register online at www.aagrapevine.org or you may register by contacting the GVR/RLV coordinator at the Grapevine office: 475 Riverside Drive, NY, NY 10115. Telephone: (212)870-3018 Fax: (212)870-3301. Email gvrc@aagrapevine.org

AA Directories – I received a letter from Phyllis H. our GSO General Manager by email saying they decided to not print the three Regional A.A. Directories (Canadian, Western U.S. and Eastern) was based on lower sales on contributions in the current year. Putting a hold on printing the regional directories saved approximately \$35,000 this year.

As you know last October I was elected to be the Panel 60 Alternate Delegate, I received emails from Delegates all over the United States and Canada welcoming me to General Service. I am so happy, grateful I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your support; I am going to put all my efforts and am looking forward to the many challenges of my new position. I visited some Districts and helped them with their elections along with Linda C. the new Panel 60 Delegate. We already started our adventure on this new panel. Today we have 113 in attendance.

Secretary: Sharon K. Hi everyone I just wanted to let you know what a privilege and honor it is to serve MSCA 9 as your Secretary and I look forward to another two years. As district elections are getting underway, it is important that you get me the information so that I can start updating the roster for Panel 60. Please make sure when you sign in that someone from your district fills out the District Information Sheets. I had the privilege of participating in the area's Heritage Day at the Archives Repository. This was a great event and interesting to find out about those that have been in service for a very long time. One gentleman had 50 years. Finally, the format of the minutes has changed slightly. I will no longer be including the committee name and/or district number if there is no report. If there is no report given it will not be included in the minutes. When you are giving a report at the microphone, please make sure you speak clearly so that I can hear you. It is encouraged that you submit a written report. I have the forms here for you to use. Also at the end of the minutes you will find a separate area for the Motions. Finally, due to circumstances beyond my control, the 2010 calendar has some holes in it that need fixing. I'm asking for your help in any information or notes that you may be able to provide.

New Business

1. **Presentation of Area 09 Proposed 2010 Budget:** Presentation of Area 09 Proposed Budget.

2. **Budget Override Request Secretary:** Jim B. (Finance Committee) Request for Budget Override: Secretary Sharon K. for \$300 to cover expenses through end of the year.

Motion to suspend ASC to approve a budget override for secretary for \$300. Motion/2nd (Michael M. /Bill) Motion carries.

Motion to give a budget override to Secretary \$300. 45 for 4 against. Minority opinion – oppose GSRs not being present to vote. Motion/2nd (Scott R. /Doug) Motion carries.

3. **H & I Request to use Area 9's Sound Equipment** – Revo (chair for 2010 H & I conference), requested translation equipment and an operator use for the fundraising event for the H & I conference on November 21. Motion/2nd (Steve/Bill). Discussion. Scott spoke to minority. Motion carries.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives – Joseph H.

- Discussion on new procedures for collecting, cataloguing, preservation techniques
- Group History collection which is currently an open item; new intake procedures on collection of Archives material
- On 11/7 the Archives Committee held it's election for Panel 60: Chair: Joseph Herron, Co-Chair- Matthew W. Treasurer – Patti B. Secretary – Rick A. Collection Sub Committee Chair – Debbie T.
- During the month of October 2009, the Archives committee was pretty busy on presentations: 1) 15th Hispanic Convention (Oct 2 – 3), 2) District 10 on Oct. 7, 3) 50 Years of Service on Oct. 10th 4) 22nd Inland Empire AA Convention (Oct 16-17), 5) Heritage Day on Oct. 24, 6) Movie Night on Oct. 24

Communication Committee—Linda C. Panel 60 chairs were elected: ACC: Jesus O. (to be confirmed by Assembly in January), EMSC: Henry B (Alt: Nick M); TSC: unfilled; CESC: Al W.; Newsletter: Joe B (Layout Editor: Nancy R.); Web Coordinator: Becky W. After discussion the committee decided to look into alternative web site hosting opportunities. Chair forgot to bring newsletters and will mail them to all ASC members and districts.

CPC – Michael –

- Sept & Oct. CPC workshops were a great success with over 110 attendees.
- Have distributed five literature racks and literature to professionals. Still waiting for presentation date from Brea PD.
- Have PSAs (English & Spanish) for distribution to local radio & TV programs.
- Put laptop projector acquisition on hold to turn over to Panel 60 CPC committee.
- Continue to work on bus PSAs – presentation given on 9/29/09 by bus company. Next meeting is 11/19/09 @ 7pm @ District 20. Next CPC meeting 12/13/09 @ ASC @ 10:15am
- Upcoming events: meeting 11/19 @ 7pm, District 20 to finalize whether or not to go with PSAs on buses. All PI chairs and CPC chairs invited.

Convention Liaison Spanish – Jose A. – (Spanish translation)

Corrections – Alex O. Went to an H & I meeting in Vista, California.

DCM School – There were basic questions on how to do a good job as DCMC and DCM and become an effective entity in their District, meetings they should attend, how to give their report, and what to report. I got a lot of help from Alternate DCMC District 11.

Finance - Joseph M. Area secretary asked for \$300 budget override. Motion/2nd & approval to present to ASC. Financial status of area as of 10-31-09. Contributions 15% behind the same period in 2008. Expenses are down 4% for the same period. Upcoming events: Finance committee will elect its Panel 60 chair next month.

Grapevine – Kimberli A. – New book "A Rabbit Walks into A Bar" collection of jokes & cartoons from Grapevine is for sale at www.aagrapevine.org for \$9.95. Start your Christmas shopping early and come check out the other books & CDs the Grapevine has for sale. Also the new 2010 Grapevine calendar and pocket planners. Many people stopped by the display to check out the new calendar. Subscriptions are \$27.00/year and available on website. A member from District 17 stopped by to purchase a book to use as a topic discussion starter for his meeting to get them interested in service work. Great idea!! Also there does seem to be a rise in interest for becoming District Grapevine Representatives. Remember committee elections are next month. Consider expanding your sobriety horizons by standing for a committee chair position. If I haven't been out to your district and you would like a Grapevine presentation please let me know today so I can schedule before elections in December.

GSR School SPANISH – Paco G.

Literature Spanish – Antonio M.

Public Information Spanish – Francisco D..

Districts Roll Call

District 5 – Four present today including Panel 60 Alt. DCMC. We elected our District 5 Panel 60 officers: Doug D. – DCMC, Denise M. – Alt. DCMC, Secretary – James H, Treasurer – Joey P, Archivist – Garry B., Registrar – Christine G. Thanks to Delegate Joe B. for helping with the election. DCMs and committee chairs will be elected next week. Upcoming events: DCM and committee chairs to be elected this week. Change over to Panel 60! Yay! Then we will be hosting January Assembly and we are good to go.

District 6 – Literature roundtable which was discussed and was to be taken back to meetings. October elections – Yvonne B.-DCMC, Willy W. – Alt. DCMC, Kim A-Secretary, Amanda R.-Registrar and Scott S – Treasurer. Potluck for December report back of current District 6 Panel. Three new GSRs

District 8 – We hosted Heritage Day on 10/24 at the archives over 50 people attended and it was a success. District 8 will have their elections on Wed. Nov. 18. Keith & Alex from District 5 will chair our elections.

District 9 – Our District meets the first Sunday of the month. In November we had 26 members attend more or less. We discussed details of the upcoming Servathon hosted by our district. The Servathon will be at the ABC club in Indio next Sat. November 14th from 9am – 3pm. A flyer/directions may be on the msca09aa.org website. I apologize for not having flyers here or on the website sooner. Chinese for lunch, info on msca09aa.org. Hope you all can make it. We voted to pay for bus placards to be put in some buses in our District. We discussed how much to spend on sending members to PRAASA in LA this year.

District 17 – thank you for letting us host, we had 21+ people, this coming Tuesday we have our elections and we invited Joe, Pete and Cesar. We have increasing enthusiasm to get involved.

District 18 – Open house last month. No formal meeting with various reports. Approximately 34 were present including former DCMC's and Area Officers. We showed 2 DVDs from GSO in NY. Upcoming events: District 18 elections are on Tuesday Nov. 10. We do not have the Kaiser Hospital facility for December meeting, For December it will be at the Senior Center in Costa Mesa (19th Street & Pomona Ave.) at 6:30pm for new GSRs and 7pm regular District meeting.

District 20 – Hostess for 50th anniversary. The committees of District 20 event held for the professionals that went off very well. Convention in OC would like to thank the archives and everyone was proud of the display. We also have a new officer for the 60th panel.

District 21 – Continue to visit a group 2X a week. We continue to meet 3X monthly. We always try to encourage groups to get involved with GSR and 7th tradition. 28th of October we had our elections. Thank Joe. Alt. Enrique, Treasurer – Marcelo, Alt. Treasurer Mario. New officers for panel 60

District #23: written

District 25 – written

Birthdays: Kimberli - 20, Alicia – 25, Martin – 10, John – 16, Ismael - 16

Announcements

- Julio – H & I fundraiser dinner flyers November 21.
- Servathon Indio November 14 @ ABC Recovery Center

MOTIONS:

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THE ASC ADJOURNED at 230pm with the Responsibility Pledge: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, And for that, I am responsible."

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 58 Secretary –Sharon K.

