

Mid-Southern California Assembly Agenda
January 11, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jason S. at 10:00am with declaration of Unity.

Readings:

Readings: Declaration of Unity, , A.S.C. Statement of Purpose and Membership, Tradition 10, Eric P. D07, Marta, Concept 6,

Approval of 2008 September Assembly minutes Were approved with substantial unanimity.

Delegate's Report— Joe B.

Memorial for Mary Ann will be at HOW hall in Huntington Beach Jan 17th Sat 3-5.

Preliminary Agenda Items are ready. Using the Grapevine as a 12 step tool. "Judge Flores" with an eye to the future GSO staff positions basic criteria 6 years continuous sobriety and background in service and excellent communication skills if you would like more info contact the staff coordinator at ; Po Box 159 Grand Central Station, New York, New York or by email staffcoord@aa.org participation is key. Emphasize new GSO general manager is Phyllis H... I was taught the 3 legacies in my first year and the more I found out the more I wanted to learn and the more I learned the more I wanted to be involved and it just opened up the doors of AA to me. What is a prudent reserve? Money has never been a requirement for AA membership yet it has always been an essential ingredient of 12 step work.

Officers Report :

Alt. Delegate: Mike M.

Treasurer: Linda H.

We had a special finance committee at the archives repository. Joseph's report will reflect the changes so that we can approve the budget. Our income was up thanks to some conventions individual donations and of course group contributions. I was told that when we become sober alcoholics all of a sudden we put a lock on our wallet/purse. I find that those who know we need to help the alcoholic who still suffers put a little extra in the form of individual contributions. Last year we started with \$18,010 and after paying for Pacific regional forum in Spokane we started this year with \$14,092. Thanks to all groups' individuals' conventions and of course our food kitty. Hopefully will be able to visit more districts in 2009. Many people have questions regarding the 7th tradition and hopefully as treasurer I can answer their questions. Two points: 1. if you don't put a name and return address or only a first name I cannot mail your receipt 2. Please put your group # name of group, city, district and where it meets. Both of these make it easier for your group to get its receipts in a timely manner.

Registrar: Cesar F.

Secretary: Ruth D.

Area Chair: Jason S.

4-Area DCM Report:

Good afternoon everyone here; we attended the second reps. meeting for the 4 areas sharing session from area 09. Michael, Cesar, Leandro and I Santiago attended. The highlights of the meeting were that we had the opportunity to participate in the selection of the meeting topics and the also the flyers are ready... The address for the event is 444 N. El Camino Real, Oceanside, and Ca. It will take place on Saturday February 21, starting at 9:30 am to 3:45 pm.

All the Reps. for the 4 area meeting will meet on Feb 7, at 8:30 am in Torrance; 1411 Marcelina Ave., Torrance, Ca. 90501

That is all for now. Any changes or any news regarding this we will let you know. Thank you for patience and tolerance.

Old Business

Confirmation: Alex O. Corrections Committee Chair
Motion by Scott substantial unanimity

1. Proposal: Guidelines of Communications committee Linda C.
Motion made by Jim C. Substantial unanimity

2. Proposal: MSCA 2009 Budget Finance Committee

Proposed amendment: Grapevine Chair Kimberli A. on behalf of Area 09 Grapevine and La Vina Chair Angela R. Make a proposal to increase our combined total budget to 500.00
Approved.

Proposed amendment to Alternate Delegate budget be restored to 1200.00 as requested in December.
Approved.

Motion by Pete B. To accept the 2009 budget at \$.40/mi
Does not pass by substantial unanimity.

Motion by Nick M. Proposes 2009 proposed budget be accepted at the rate of .30/mi, incorporating the two budget amendments accepted today at the January 2009 assembly.
Approved with substantial unanimity

Approval of budget with the amendments of the 2009 budget at .30/mi
Approved as presented with substantial unanimity

New Business

1. Proposal: Changes to Pamphlet (p33) "It sure beats sitting in a cell" Keith S.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives – Joseph

1. Nov. 08 archives and sub-committee minutes were approved on Jan 10th 09.
2. Still need volunteers for data input?
3. Development of a 2nd archives travel display, planning of 2009 archived open house.
4. New archived tri-folder to be presented to area literature for review.
5. Charles K. had to resign as area 09 archivist.
6. Archives committee elected Pete b. as the new msca 09 area archivist.
7. Trent m. acypaa rep from acypaa 09 round-up presented request of the MSCA 09 archives. Commitment was approved to do the area AA presentation at young people's conf.
1. 12-15march 2009 area archives presentation at acypaa round-up conference in Irvine, ca.
2. Movie night 2009 schedule to be posted on the area website.
3. Open house planning meeting on Jan 17, 2009.

Communication Committee—Linda C.

Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee – Rick H.

Cooperation with the Professional Community –Michael M.

Convention Liaison—Michael Mc.

Based on the proposed budget amounts in the new budgets we do not expect to be able to attend as many events as this committee has in some past years.

We will only be attending events for which we are invited by the convention committees and we will most likely confirm attendance in the order they are submitted, so please request our attendance early in the year or we may not be able to attend. We will be requesting that the convention committee provide free registrations if possible for the committee member attending the event if possible to reduce the cost to the area.

Convention Liaison Spanish – Jose A.

I'm still meeting with the South Bay Spanish Convention Committee in order to stay informed and help plan the next convention. We meet on the first and third Sunday of the month. I'm waiting to get invited to conventions, conferences or any other events.

Corrections -

1. History of corrections and treatment committees.
2. Purpose
3. Mail for corrections.

DCM School – Scott R.

Finance - Joseph M.

Grapevine – Kimberli A.

Presentation made to dist. 2 and 12. Will be going out to dist 18 on 1/13/09. New grapevine rep to dist 11-Deena. Cost of grapevine subscriptions will be going up to \$22/year as of Feb. The cost of the grapevine items books, tapes and cds have increased as of Jan 09. New prices available at www.aagrapevine.org and I will have new price lists at next month's ASC. From 12 ways to use the grapevine to strengthen your sobriety the grapevine is the ideal solution for the member who can't get to a regular meeting. It's a meeting in print. We'll be repairing or refurbishing and updating the grapevine display boards.

La Viña –Ángela R.

GSR School – John H.

Discussed the info in the annual MSCA 09 workbook and its value. Specifically MSCA language and geography. Discussed the pamphlet what's it all about and its usefulness throughout our AA life. Talked about the January asa every year how we discuss the budget and all the new GSR's are quite discouraged by the unattractive topic of money and so they don't come back. Can other area member and committees discuss a possible solution to their ongoing problem?

GSR School SPANISH – Paco G.

Good afternoon: I'd like to thank the hosting district for their hospitality on this a classic, beautiful Southern California day. Today we shared on the service manual by Bill W.... The preface and the introduction of the 12 concepts and a part of concept I. We talked about how vitally important the service of the GSR really is, as well as the personal contributions, at the district, area, and GSO levels. We had 15 GSRs attend, 3 district officers and 5 guests. We welcomed them and we spoke to them about how important these meetings are and their purpose. Thanks to those that attended and shared their experience, strength and hope. I want thank GOD, A.A. and all of you for allowing me to serve.

Literature - Ernesto

500 English and 500 Spanish what's it All About pamphlets were distributed at the December ASC. The Spanish and English Committees are working a downloadable version can be printed to regular 8.5 x 11 paper in the next few weeks. The 2009 Workbook is completed and master copies with a Word version on disk was given to all districts, officers and committees (that requested them), a PDF version was submitted to the communications committee to be posted on the website.

The current Literature Display is in poor condition and needs replacing, we are looking into a new display and are discussing costs.

The "Current Projects" section should reflect the above information.

Literature Spanish –

Finished the 2009 workbook (Spanish) and handed out to recipients once again thank you everybody for allowing me to serve.

Newsletter –

Newsletter Spanish

Public Information –

Public Information Spanish – Francisco D...

Registration – David T.

David opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Attendance at that time was 7 and continued to grow as time passed. Group Information Sheets were sent to Cesar for distribution to the District DCMs. Deadline given to be April 30, 2009. Cesar discussed and explained the information on the sheets. Olivia took over the minutes at 10:30 AM. David discussed making sure the forms are filled out correctly. It was suggested the DCMs and district secretaries help out with group updates throughout the year. Cesar discussed that groups w/o GSRs should have a "Contact Person" so GSO can distribute information to that group. He also discussed different scenarios as to the various problems on up keeping current information on group forms. He suggests that GSRs and other members do a little research. Olivia suggested when completing Group Information Sheets that have not a GSR to get a Contact Person at the least to keep the group as "active". A suggestion added to that was to have an old-timer or someone attending regularly be that contact person. Cesar presented some stats of last year's Group Information Sheet assignment. Example: Dist. 6 returned 90% of its GIS. David asked what to do if a District does not have a DCM. Who does the responsibility of this assignment fall on? It was concluded this is a laborious task but we must remember "progress not perfection". Paco added that we need to have at the dist. level a good communication with the GSR. Judy asked how to approach the task of doing updates. Jesus asked who's responsibility it was to gather group information. It was suggested that it didn't matter who if there was not a strong chain of members on the dist. panel. Anyone could do it. Olivia suggested getting e-mail information and add that to the GIS. (GSO has provided a space for that information) Cesar has access to GSO database. Meeting closed at 11:04am w/ the Serenity Prayer.

Special Needs - Open

Treatment Facilities – Al F.

Districts Call

District 1 -

District 2 -

District 3 -

District 4 -

District 5 -

District 6 -

55 in attendance with 7 new GSR's. Discussed hosting the Jan assembly. We mourned the death of May Ann M. she was a past DCMC for dist. 6 and stood as a current GSR. We discussed attending PRAASA and meeting visitations. We are anticipating visit from panel 58 in February.

District 7 -

District 8 -...

District 9 -

District 10 -

District 11 -

1. 3 new GSR's to district 11.
2. District 11, 2009 budget passed.
3. Hope to send 5 GSR
4. S to PRAASA 2009.
5. Elected Ray H. as Spanish Foro liaison for dist. 11 to meet with district 23.
6. Elected Ray H. as district 11 Spanish speaking liaison new positions.
7. 4 dist. 11 members celebrated Jan d2009 AA birthdays –total years 33.
8. Joseph h. reminded all dist. 11 members the attendance at the area assemblies and ASC's is important to vote the area elections in October.
1. Planning meeting between district 11 and 23 to find out all the details for Foro de msca.
2. Dist. 11 and 23 to search for a location for the Foro.

District 12 -

District 14 -

District 15

District 17

5 of our district attended are meeting district event (traditions workshop) scheduled 2/21/09.

District 18 -

District 19 -

District 20 -

District 21 -

Our district is working with the different committees that we have, committees like: P.I., La Viña, Audio-Visual, and the monthly bulletin committees. We are still visiting two groups per week to talk to them about AA current events. At the same time to thank them participating and for supporting the different service entities. In addition, we do our best to encourage the groups to attend the different AA events; like regional forums, praasa and other events so they become aware of what happens to their contributions. We will be hosting the area meeting on March 15, and the Intra-District Meeting on March 29, 2009

District 22 -

My name is Juan C. I am an Alcoholic, DCMC for District 22. We still meet every Tuesday from 7-9 pm and we visit a couple of meetings per week to thank them for their support of the 7th. Tradition and to encourage their involvement in service; we finished up the minutes from our local forum and are working to form the new Committee for the next forum: Our veteran's event took place on December 13th. And by the grace of God turned out well; we have a P.I. and La Viña committees, our district attended the Intergroup Elections Meeting; today we have 7 members here from Dist. 22 learning and sharing with you all. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve; I love you all. May you have many happy 24 hours of sobriety?

District 23 -

We are happy to report that in our district we are doing everything we can to carry the message of A.A. to the groups and to the members of this area. When we go visit a group we encourage them to send their GSR to the district. We also encourage their financial contributions to GSO, the Area, the District and other committees. District 23 has several active committees working very hard. One of these committees is La Viña which was able to order 76 new subscriptions last year. In 3 of the groups they sent their LVR (La Viña Representatives) in District #23 this committee is very active. District 23 has an audio-visual committee and this committee shows movies at the district location every 4th. Friday of the month. We at district 23 recently started a meeting on personal and individual sharing on service. This meeting has a round table format. We've distributed the next conference topics to the GSRs and hope to get their input back on these topics. We also passed out the group update forms to the GSRs for the AA directory. We have a volunteer from the district for the next area Foro. Last Sunday he attended the district 11 meeting (English Speaking) and there are two other volunteers there to start work jointly and secure a location for the Foro. We will keep you informed as to where or which of our local cities this will take place. We welcome any suggestions. We at Dist. 23 are currently getting ready for PRAASA. We pray to God as we understand Him to help us get there safe and stretch out the hand of AA to another state or any other place in the world. I want to thank my district, the area and God as I understand him for allowing me to serve.

District 24 -

District 30 -

I would like to personally apologize for delays in requesting reimbursement for expenses actually incurred in the last quarter of 2008. I have made Joseph and Linda aware of my oversight and hopefully we will have a resolution shortly. We did not have a regular district 30 meeting in December because of the proximity to Christmas. We are still working on staffing a committee to handle hosting the Area function in 09. We are looking for a new secretary to take over for our secretary who has resigned as of the New Year.

BIRTHDAYS

Eric 3yrs, Paco 23 yrs, Daryel 20 yrs, Jim C 29yrs, Linda 3yrs, Michael 20 yrs, Cesar 12 yrs, Maggie 16 yrs, Doug 27 yrs, Angel 2 yrs, Jim 15 yrs, Juan Carlos 26 yrs, Marco 14 yrs, Jesus 17 yrs, Fernando 26 yrs, ? 27 yrs, Jason 18yrs.

Years of Sobriety Celebrated 298 years.

THE ASC ADJOURNED at 1:20pm

“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.”

Panel 58 Secretary –Ruth D.