

Mid-Southern California Area 9 Service Committee Minutes
March 15, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Mike M. at 12noon with the Serenity Prayer.

Readings:

Readings: Declaration of Unity: Jose R. D21, Yvonne B. D6 , A.S.C. Statement of Purpose and Membership: Enrique T. D21, Joe C. D5 , Tradition 3: Rudy C. D21, Garry B. D5, Concept 3: Ramon D. D5, Keith S. D5

Approval of 2009 February Area Service Committe minutes . Scott R. motioned to approve minutes, motion carried with one spelling correction.

Officers Reports :

Delegate's Report– Joe B.

Spoke a little bit about PRAASA and attendance of AYCAPAA. In 2008, the AA Grapevine, Inc. published 12 issues of the Grapevine, in print and audio editions, 6 issues of La Vina; the Beginners' Book; the audio edition of Emotional Sobriety (2 CDs); a wall calendar; and a pocket planner. Average monthly circulation of the Grapevine in print was 104,993; Average monthly circulation of AudioGrapevine was 1,595, and average bimonthly circulation of La Vina was 10,404. The most important news of all is as of March 2009, all 12 issues of the Grapevine will be staple-free and in full color. This change is in direct response to your requests and we need to see your fulfilled need expressed in fulfilled orders for the magazine. La Vina cannot be produced staple-free at this time as it would have to be 33% larger in size. Please know that the AAGV Board is actively looking at ways to increase circulation and size of La Vina so as to keep it comparable to the Grapevine.

I am pleased to announce our next chair of the General Service Board (pending confirmation at the GSC) will be Ward Ewing, Class A Trustee. Also being presented at the GSC are the names of our two newly chosen Class A trustees to replace Leonard Blumenthal and Herbert Goodman who will be rotating off the board at the GSC. They are Corliss Burke and Francis Brisbane.

The Public Information committee created an account on YouTube where A.A. television PSA's could be uploaded and viewed. All options to rate, comment or respond to these videos were disabled as to not violate any Traditions. Other networking sites are being reviewed as well. You can view them at <http://www.youtube.com/user/aapublicinfo> .

Read the six warranties.

Alt. Delegate: Mike M.

Paraphrasing a wise man, I'm accentuating the positive and eliminating the negative. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in PRAASA. It was great to see old friends and show those new to service what service can mean. Our pre-conference workshop will be hosted by District 8 at 1729 E. Baseline St. in San Bernardino on April 5. This will be an opportunity for you to give your delegate your groups input. Plans are coming along for our 50th anniversary celebration and the committee will meet this month to finalize plans. If you or your District wants to be part of this, contact me or another officer. Thank you for letting me be of service. Mike M. Cell # 310-707-7471.

Treasurer: Linda H.

Contributions comparison: to date 3/15/08--14,511.64; however, 3/15/09 is \$10,172.03. Which is down from last year \$4,339.61. I still look forward to each contribution received as it helps us carry the message to the Alcoholic who still suffers.

I'd like to thank the Area for sending me to PRAASA. I especially learned a lot at the Treasurer's workshop. Last year the Finance Committee approved the purchase of Quick Books and all but one Area Treasurer highly recommended that we get Quick Books. It was an even stronger opinion this year, as some of the 2nd year Treasurer's wanted to know how I like Quick Books and they were surprised that I was not using it. I was asked to find out if anyone listed Expenses on their website—we did not have time for this question & I asked on an individual basis. Area 03 does on their Newsletter, Area 18 does not. This would be great for a newsletter and would give the GSR's, DCM's & DCMC's something to take back and also fill the newsletter.

Also, some of the 2nd year Treasurers advised me that their finance Chair only Chairs the committee. One Area does all the things I do including Taxes. The one difference is the Finance Panel Chair works with the Treasurer and neither have a vote. However, they put the budget together and to quote "play no favorites, which is sometimes difficult".

I was approached by some of our Area 09 people who were there also, and questioned about the email that went out regarding Archives. I believe there are two sides to a story and told them I'd see them at the Area.

Although it was a long drive to PRAASA, it was well worth going.

When I got home, I visited District 3 and helped them with moving their Alternate DCMC to DCMC and elect an Alternate DCMC and a new Registrar. I encouraged them to come to this meeting. Thursday, I visited District 1 and was really moved by hearing all that went to PRAASA and got the service bug.

Registrar: Cesar F.

First, I want to thank MSCA09 for sending me to PRAASA in Oakland, CA one of my greatest PRAASA events. As many as you know I was a presenter at PRAASA, my topic was Enthusiasm and Gratitude. This was my first time that I was speaking in front of many people. On Friday night I went to the Registration Round table, and it looks like all areas are working hard on getting group updates.

In order for groups to be included in the Regional directories the following must be attached to a group's record: 1) The group must have an Active status. 2) The group can not be in the "pending Active" status (30-day period). 3) The group must have a primary contact or secondary contact attached to the record. 4) The contact on the record must have a phone number attached to it. 5) The contact must agree to be listed in the directory and the "OK to list" option must be checked on the box of the form. I also attended an emergency meeting called by our Delegate to discuss the archives repository. I attended the Area Officers Meeting Feb. 25, 2009. I will continue doing the group updates, ASC & Area Assembly registration records just remember that October is around the corner and in order to have a vote you must have attended once in a year, please make sure to put your name at the registration table. My address is 7385 Sebastian Ave. Riverside, CA 92509 (951) 258-3968 Cell cfmsca09@yahoo.com. Today there were 43 GSRs, 11 guests, 74 district officers, committee chairs and area officers for a total of 128.

Secretary: Ruth D.

Attended the 4 Area DCM sharing session. I helped MSCA 09 Area Archives move. I had the pleasure of attending PRAASA . I was able to allow the communications committee to help in getting estimates for a new Area 9 computer. I am grateful for the opportunity to allow Sharon to rotate into the position of secretary with help rather than just dropping in without any help at all. My favorite part is getting to know her better through this process. I am grateful to take what I've learned here to area 64.

Area Chair: Jason S.

Old Business

1. Proposal: Report Formats; Alex N. Rick called for question, motion carried. Scott R. motioned to forward Proposal to the May Assembly, motion carried. Several members spoke to the minority. Bruce motioned to reconsider voting for the proposal, motion carried. Discussion. Motion did not carry and proposal will not be forwarded to the May Assembly.
2. Proposal: Revised (Calendar Only) beginning 2010 Meeting Schedule: Alex N. Mike M. motioned to table to June ASC . Motion did not carry. Discussion. Motion was made to bring proposal to May Assembly, Motion carried.
3. Proposal: Policy Foro. Alex moved to withdraw proposal.
4. Proposal: Policy & Procedures Committee. Keith S. called for the question. Motion Failed.
5. Proposal: Prohibit Finance Chair from changing Assembly Approved Budget until the next assembly meets - Bruce H. Bruce motioned to table to the next ASC. Motion to table Passed

New Business

1. Proposal: Motion to have MSCA approve a new three-year lease agreement for a new Archives Repository to be located at 7111B Arlington Avenue, Riverside CA. The monthly rent for the new repository is to be \$938 (\$0.70/square foot) for three years, with a 3% cost of living increase in 2010 (\$0.72/square foot) and 2011 (\$.72/square foot). Linda C. made the motion to approve action to vote as assembly for this proposal only, not as ASC. Motion carries. Scott R. moved to vote on proposal, motion carried with substantial unanimity.

Standing Committee Reports

(Note: there was no time for district or committee reports. Reports below were submitted in writing)

Archives – Joseph H.

Communication Committee—Linda C.

Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee – Rick H.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Michael M.

CPC & PI workshop will be on September 26, 2009. The main speaker will be Class A Trustee Rogelio Flores. We also encourage each to invite at least two professionals. We have planned a meeting on April 16 in District 24 at 6pm. There are flyers available for everybody. On March 15, we are going to have a CPC presentation at District 21. I hope all the districts in the area get involved in the CPC & PI workshop in some way. UPCOMING EVENTS: 3/25 – CPC presentation in District 21 at 8pm. 6/10–6/13 – National Association of Drug Court. GSO requested our committee to have a booth with AA literature committee. 7/7-7/16 – General Convention of the Episcopal Church. Both events are going to be held at the Anaheim Convention Center. We are going to need volunteers.

Convention Liaison—Michael Mc.

Convention Liaison Spanish – Jose A.

Corrections – Alex O.

Sent two fax forms to GSO staff and talked to Gayle. GSO Staff sent two letters asking for help .

DCM School – Scott R.

12 people in attendance. We talked about how important a commitment is; we talked about how to handle certain group problems and how some districts break into sub-districts and what a sub-district is. Talked about the packets we should take with us when we visit a meeting.

Finance - Joseph M.

Grapevine – Kimberli A.

Workshop at ACYPAA Convention in Irvine yesterday 3/14/09. Highlighted new book “The Beginners Book”, Way to subscribe, how to contribute, how and why to be a Grapevine Representative. New catalogs are available, reflecting the new pricelist. Grapevine is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year.

La Viña –Ángela R.

The La Viña committee would like to report that: There were 14 of us in attendance and two guests that are interested in being RLV's of their groups and we gave them information so they can start working with their groups. We had members the La Viña committee and the district committee chairs from dist. 20, 21, 23, 24 and 25 all reported on how many subscriptions they have purchased. They have purchased 20 new subscriptions, 3 literature orders and a package of past issues. Each committee is made up of 4 to 5 people each. The ideas is to encourage the groups to buy La Viña and to help encourage more subscriptions. That is all for now. Thank you..... .Angela R. La Viña Chair Area 09.

GSR School – John H.

GSR School SPANISH – Paco G.

Good morning. We began our meeting with the serenity prayer. We welcomed the new GSR's and other guests and discussed the purpose of our meeting. We shared our praa experience and our Third Concept plus the different proposals at the area meeting. We concluded with the declaration of unity. Thanks to all that participated, thank s to God and Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Literature - Ernesto

Literature Spanish – Antonio M.

Newsletter – Steve S.

Any report activities should be submitted to the newsletter if you want them disseminated.

Newsletter Spanish

Public Information – Miguel S.

Public Information Spanish – Francisco D..

Registration – David T.

Special Needs - Open

Treatment Facilities – Al F.

I made contact with the administrative director (s) at Thelma McMillen Center in Torrance, CA regarding our Bridging the Gap Program and they said that they already had a similar program in place with their outpatient treatment program (they do not have an in-patient program).

Districts Roll Call

District 1 -

AdHoc Committee Chair filled by Kathy C. She will begin planning our annual special event with the 50th anniversary theme. Six from our district attended PRAASA and gave a report back. 12 persons from our district were in attendance for this committee.

District 2 -

District 3 -

District 4 -

District 5 -

We had six people at PRAASA and we gave our report s to the district at our monthly meeting this past Thursday with 32 people in attendance including many new GSR's at their 1st and 2nd district meeting. We have seven in attendance today. We have a new archives committee chair who is already very active.

District 6 -

Seven planned to attend PRAASA to be partially financed by district with a written report on events to be presented to the district. Roundtable discussion regarding subjects other than alcoholism. For example, drugs in meetings. Enthusiastic report on DCM four area sharing session.

District 7 -

District 8 -..

We are getting ready for the Pre-Conference workshop to be held on April 5 at Knights of Columbus Hall, 1729 E. Baseline Street in San Bernardino, CA. We had two new GSR's and had several members of our district attend PRAASA.

District 9 -

District 10 -

District 11 -

Had GSR School for the first time this year. District agreed to give \$125.00 towards five GSR's going to PRAASA. Money was distributed with knowledge they needed to bring receipts and report back on one roundtable to April 2009 district meeting. Upcoming events include pre-conference workshop in San Bernardino, pre-district meeting 3/27/09 at 9:30pm after Highland roundtable meeting.

District 12 -

We had four new GSRs, distributed 12 updated GSR handbooks. We are working on updating registration sheets. We also discussed better communication with groups for contributions. We are working on the upcoming Memorial Day Picnic. Upcoming events include CPC presentation in April, DCM school chair presentation in May.

District 14 -

District 15 -

District 17 -

District 18 -

District 19 -

March 13 & 14 we had a general service information table at the 23rd High Desert Sunshine of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous Convention held at Hilton Gardens Hotel located in Victorville, CA. We got commitments from the groups without GSRs to attend our district meeting today. Upcoming events are June/July – Secretary/GSR Workshop and November Traditions event.

District 20 –

Today we have 14 in attendance. We want to report that we meet every Monday no excuses. We also do everything we can to keep the groups well informed. On a different note, on Feb 22 District 20 hosted the Spanish districts meeting which take place on the last Sunday of each. There were 80 people in attendance for that meeting and were grateful for the seventh tradition contributions that are dedicated to the district committee with the most need. In this case, it went to CPC. We're glad to report that we had 10 district members attend PRAASA. We think this year PRAASA was a great success based on the experience shared by those that attended. That is all my report. Thank you for your patience and tolerance..... ...DCMC Leandro... ...Alt. DCMC Sergio

District 21 –

District 22 –

District 23 –

District 24 -

PI Dist. 24

Good afternoon, my name is Eleuterio and I'm from the Dist. 24 PI committee. Yesterday we had a combined PI/CPC meeting in Coachella. We are putting together a PI/CPC workshop that will take place on Sept. 26 in District 22. We encourage all the districts to support this event. We have confirmation that class A Trustee Rogelio Flores will join us and he will be the keynote speaker. Please bring at least one professional that you might know. That is all for now. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 25

We're still working hard as usual; we met on the first 4 Mondays of the month and go visit a couple meetings per week. We also attend group's invitations to speak. If they invite us to speak at their scheduled meetings once a year to celebrate the group anniversary. In February, I received information about a new group that opened up by the name 'the milagro' (the Miracle). That makes a total of 16 groups in District 25. We already have a place for the next area assembly on May 17th. at Roco Corp. 1729 Baseline St., San Bernardino, Ca. 92410. Today we had 6 members from out district and 6 of us attended PRAASA.

District 30 –

THE ASC ADJOURNED at 3:30pm

“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 –Sharon K.