

APPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES

Location: Spanish Intergroup Office Santa Ana

1754 South Main St., Santa Ana, CA

January 19, 2014

BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Sharon K. at 10:10 am with the Serenity Prayer.

In Attendance: Chairwoman Sharon K, Delegate Cesar F, Alternate Delegate Joe C, Secretary Barbara D, Registrar Jesus O, Treasurer Rozanne P-T, with guests Scott B & Maryka.

Presentation made to board by Scott and Maryka, response requested.

Reviewed Action Items from the December Meeting – completed as discussed.

December 21st Board Minutes reviewed and approved as amended with addition of the 'lost files', once found. Rozanne/Cesar

At the January 19, 2014 Board Meeting, after discussing the Assembly, our Delegate Cesar has decided to move forward in his position to represent and serve as the MSCA Area 09 Panel 64 Delegate. The Executive board, after a thorough examination of the concerns and information presented, have decided that in the interest of maintaining Area and A.A. unity, we support his decision and unanimously recommend that no action be taken.

Officer's Reports:

Delegate: My name is Cesar and I am an alcoholic. It is my honor & privilege to serve as your Panel 64 Area 09 Delegate. I attended last Area assembly; met with Joe, Barbara and Sharon at the Bank in Costa Mesa; not much going on so far, although I made copies of a lot of the information that I have available to the members last Sunday. In late December 2013 I received the Communications Kit from GSO. Our next General Service Conference will take place in Rye, New York from April 27-May 3 2014 and the theme is: "Communicating Our Legacies – Vital in a Changing World" brought copies of the preliminary agenda in English, Spanish and French.

Final Agenda Items and Background is sent to committee members February 13, 2014.

I have been assigned to a Conference Buddy, his name is Homer M. Panel 63 Area 51 North Carolina, and we have been in contact by email.

Celebrate Grapevine's 70th Anniversary in 2014 The Grapevine Board cordially invites you, members and AA historians, to submit stories on what Grapevine has meant to your group over the years for possible publications in the June Anniversary issue or later in the year.

Update on A.A.W.S. E-Book project E-book on ITunes should be available at the end of December 2013, along with the first title in our digital publishing program, Alcoholics Anonymous, Fourth Editions English is now available via Barnes and Nobel and Amazon.

PRAASA 2014 March 7th, 8th and 9th.

This is going to be my 13th PRAASA, and I brought registration forms in both English and Spanish, and the website is up in running both languages. 240 people have pre-registered; the early bird meeting is set for 7pm on Thursday. There are 900 room nights booked of the 1150 secured at the discounted rate. (The hotel has more enough rooms to cover our needs, but they may adjust the room rate once we reach our contract). Event parking, including in and out privileges, is \$10.00 per day or \$5.00 for hotel guests. Service is a Legacy of Love, Cesar F. Panel 64 Area 09 Delegate

Alternate Delegate: I am coming to all of you, at my first official board meeting and as a voting member; humbled. I have spent countless hours on the phone and many sleepless nights sick with worry. I, along with Cesar, have been on an emotional seesaw of not knowing what the next two years will look like. Cesar has been extra conscientious in preparing me should the very real possibility arise that I should have to fulfill the duties as Delegate. After our first Assembly, I feel reasonably confident that it is unlikely that my services as Delegate will be needed. Nonetheless, Cesar is continuing to prepare me, just in case. I want to say thank you to Sharon, who has been an emotional rock for me. We did not ask for this challenge, nor did we sign up for it. Had we known what was to unfold, some of us might not have stood. But, we are of service to Alcoholics Anonymous because we feel a sense of duty to give back. After all, AA has saved us from the grip of alcohol and given us a life worth living. Due to the nature of our positions, we knew, somewhere is the corners of our consciousness that something could arise that would greatly challenge us emotional and spiritually, however unlikely that might be. Well, it has. We, as a board, are now faced with a tremendous and overwhelming challenge. I believe we can view this as a disparaging and tragic test. Or, we can view this, with God's help, a problem worthy of solution. After all, if not us, then who? As Alternate Delegate, I have done nothing except prepare for the New Panel Orientation. I have sent out a blast email to all of the DCMC's and Committee Chairs and have received a few responses. I have asked Santiago to translate the email so I can send a version in Spanish, but I have not yet heard back from him. Some Spanish members do not have email and I have asked Jesus' help in contacting those members. In the meantime, a situation has arisen regarding our webmaster for which I am anxious to resolve.

That is my report. I look forward to working with all of you for the next two years. I can't think of a better group of people or anyone else that I would rather work with.

Joe C Alternate Delegate Panel 64

Chair Sharon: Well it's my first board meeting as Panel 64 Chair and I'm trying to come up with what to say. My first experience as Panel 64 Chair at the January Assembly was by far the most challenging in my General Service history or probably any service history. I'm human and much of what was said at the Assembly left me questioning whether I want to continue with this part of my AA journey. This wasn't what I wanted the first Assembly of a new panel to look like. We had new GSRS, new District Officers, etc. I had to reassure several new people that this is not your normal General Service meeting and I hope you stay. How do you encourage new members to stay in General Service after that? I don't have all the answers but I do know we have a lot of work to do. At this point I hope I have the backbone to gear up for the challenge. The further I get away from Sundays Assembly the better I seem to feel but it is going to be a long road. I have confidence in this board that we will work through it. In love and service, Sharon Panel 64 Area Chair

Secretary: Thank you all so much for the opportunity for growth that being the Area Secretary is providing me – it has been quite a learning experience! Much like my sobriety, I am not yet truly grateful but I am very, very sober, and for that I AM grateful. I truly do not know what this next two

years will bring. I do know that this is WAY more than I realized I was getting myself in to, but with the help of my God, my Service Sponsor, and my wonderful fellow Board members, I hope to be able to rise to the occasion. Currently I am working hard to get a grasp on this computer and to figure out what I am supposed to be doing and when. Thank you for working with me on this very steep learning curve! Barbara D - Secretary

Treasurer Rozanne: Thank you to outgoing Treasurer Annie for all her assistance and guidance during the transition. I am planning on contacting other banks with regards to possibly changing banks due to ongoing issues with Bank of America. Also I have spoken with Annie regarding taxes and am researching getting a new, local accountant for that purpose. The by-laws need to be consulted with regard to who presents the budget to the Area, which I will investigate. Thank you, Rozanne.

Registrar Jesus: I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this Panel 64. I've been busy getting to know the GSO system and so far it's not too bad. Raul has been very helpful in the transition of service positions. In addition, I've met some very dedicated Registrars, especially from Districts #6 and #24, and we are working together to make this a great panel. We've updated most of the new information, with the exception of a few contacts that did not provide all the information that we need. For the most part, it's fun learning new and interesting things. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Jesus O.

New Business:

- Discussion regarding presentation by Scott and Maryka, review of Sundays Assembly and draft of statement to Area
- Discussion about the website; the new Webmaster and EMSC Sub Committee, with regards to Area website
- Motion made by Barbara, seconded by Joe with regards to Rozanne creating a monthly Treasurers Report starting in March, friendly amendment to adjust format per Treasurers recommendation, amendment accepted and motion passed unanimously as amended.
- Motion made by Cesar, seconded by Rozanne to add DCM School Spanish Co-Chair to Area Guidelines. Joe to make presentation at next ASC. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

Full Board Action:

- Visitation to District #20 Meeting on Monday January 20th
- Visitation to District #21 Meeting on Wednesday January 22nd
- Visitation to Spanish Intradistrict Meeting on Sunday January 26th
- Review January minutes & assist Secretary with condensing

Delegate Cesar:

- Contact Spanish speaking District Chairs and Intradistrict regarding visitations by Board.

Alt Delegate Joe:

- To communicate with Webmaster Saturn regarding website
- To communicate with former Webmaster Reinert regarding email addresses
- Speak with Area Chairs regarding reimbursement for mileage to Archives

Chair Sharon: No action required

Secretary Barbara:

- To send communication regarding Board message to Scott and Maryka, followed by full Area email.

Registrar Jesus:

- To assist Delegate Cesar in contacting the Spanish Districts

Treasurer Rozanne:

- To contact banks regarding possible changes and check scanning
- To contact tax people for quotes and information
- Contact Bank of America regarding Sharon K check issue
- To check by-laws with regard to who presents budget to the Area
- To start making Treasury report

February ASC Agenda: Done

Next Meeting: February 16th, 2014

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Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm, motion made by Joe/ Rozanne 2nd and meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement.