

Mid-Southern California Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was held Sunday, March 6, 2005 at Bartlett Center
San Pedro, California

The Delegate's Sharing Session was held at 9:30 am, the GSR School was held at 9:15 am. Standing & Coordinate Committees met from 10:15-11:30 am and lunch was served at 11:30 am.

Our MSCA Chair Bruce H. opened the meeting at 12:00 noon with the Serenity Prayer; and a daily reflection for March 6th. Bruce & Carlos read the Area Service Committee Statement of Purpose & Membership (Eng.&Span.). Bruce did the Introductions for: Past Pacific Regional Trustee, Past-Delegates, New GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs, Guests and Area Officers.

APPROVAL OF MARCH ASC MINUTES

Approved with one change ...by Joe..In the treasures's report—"He simply wanted to explain that he would only write checks for up to 5% over budget, for expenses 6-10% over budget will need the recommendation of Area Officers or Finance Committee, anything over 15% will have to be approved by the area body."

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Proposal : Pete: Archives Committee Guidelines Revision: Forwarded to the May Assembly**
2. **Proposal: Foro Guidelines Revision: Carlos M.: Forwarded to the May Assembly with some Friendly Amendments**
3. **Proposal: To make the CEC Ad-Hoc Committee a Standing Committee: Michael: Forwarded to the May Assembly**
4. **Proposal: Directions on Registering a New group or Group with GSR Forwarded to May Assembly.**
5. **DCM Visitation Kit: Phil L.: Forwarded to May Assembly**
6. **Proposal: To loan old translation equipment to PRAASA 2005: Approved**
7. **Proposal: To fund \$100 per district and standing committees for PRAASA Joe B. Forwarded to the May Assembly**

NEW BUSINESS

DELEGATE'S REPORT - Nancy J.

Nancy reported that she received an e-mail from the Praasa2005 Committee Chair requesting help for Spanish Interpreting Volunteers and also someone to be secretary for one of the round tables. Nancy also reported that she will chair the International Convention Round-Table at Praasa and she said that she will also be leading a committee workshop at the conference on 'do I carry the AA message or my own?'. Nancy will also be closing the Conference this year by reading the English version of the Serenity Prayer. Michael M. CEC Chair will be speaking at the International Convention on Cooperation with the Elderly. There is a new e-mail address for giving group feedback after the pre-conference workshop; groupshare@msca09.org. English Speaking Service Manuals are here to be distributed today. Copies of the final conference agenda items are also available and to please place special attention on the items with

a star in front of them. Nancy suggested that we look at the literature and note any errors to please point that out to the delegate for corrections.

Officers Report

Registrar, Linda reported that all the group updates have been received and GSO just hired Karen Hail to be the new support services manager. Linda said she will be sending in any new information by e-mail to district registrars to keep them updated.

Treasurer, Joe reported that he received a letter from Greg M. from GSO regarding group contributions. Quarterly contribution reports are in. Total contributions from area 09 groups to GSO was \$167,765.25 with total groups print outs of 1,828 active groups 1,427 and total unknown groups of 104. In addition, in the budgets the budget needs to be shared with co-chairs. Group contributions for the month of Feb. was \$4,099.15 and contribution from Mad Dog Days Convention of \$569.00 food kitty \$186.00 for total income in Feb. \$4854.15 total expenses of \$4934.64 for a total income minus expenses of -\$80.49. In closing Joe reported that he carries the treasurer's financial book of expenses in case anyone wants to take a look at it.

Secretary, Cesar reported that he is ready for PRAASA and he wants to know if anyone has changes on the district officers because he is working on a new roster.

Alt. Delegate, Carlos reported on the Pre-Conference Workshop to be held April 3rd. at 44359 Palms St., Indio, Ca. He informed all committee chairs that they would be moderators for the different round tables and that they've received all the background materials. He also reported that he had a chance to attend Dist. 21's Book Study Meeting and they discussed the concepts. Henry invited him to Dist. 14's service function in Roubidoux. Carlos will also be a presenter at PRAASA 2005.

Area Chair, Bruce thanked Dist. 3 for hosting. He asked for Spanish Co-Chairs and mentioned that there is a new Spanish Co-Chair for P.I. Bruce emphasized that if there are questions regarding hosting area meeting to contact him.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives, Pete announced the Archives Annual Open house for Sunday, March 20th. at the repository in Riverside starting at 10 a.m with two different speakers.

CPC, Maggie asked for a Spanish Co-Chair and she reported that she had a chance to attend an event that was put on by the American Probation & Parole Association. CPC had a table there sponsored by GSO and had 4 in attendance. Next event will be hosted by Dist. 9 on April 30th. in Palm Springs and CEC Ad-Hoc Committee chair will be speaking there.

Convention Liaison, Jason reported that he and co-chair Arturo will postpone having a display at the area until the May Assembly.

Convention Liaison Spanish, No Report

Correctional Facilities, Alex announced the H&I Conference in April. Alex also asked for volunteers for the corrections correspondence program. He mentioned that there are about 7 Conference Agenda Items for Correctional Facilities and he invited everyone to attend the Corrections round table at the Pre-Conference Workshop in April.

DCM School, Phil reported that they had 12 in attendance and they discussed the DCM visitation kits.

Finance, Mike there were two in attendance at the committee meeting. However Mike said that the committee had already voted to submit the budget and policy guidelines to the literature committee for their review.

Grapevine, Melissa reported that Raul had the display out for everyone to see. She also suggested that we ask Grapevine/La Viña reps. to come to your district meetings and the area meetings.

La Viña, Raul said that there is a CD called the history of La Viña and this month on March and April they have another CD coming out on steps 1 through 6.

GSR School, Jim reported GSR School meets prior to every area meeting. He also said that they are available to visit districts or meetings to share information about General Service.

GSR School Spanish, No Report

Literature, Craig reported that they need a Spanish Co-Chair and had four in attendance. He asked for help from anyone who work in the graphic design field for the What's It All About Pamphlet. He also said that they've visited close to 61% of all the area districts. Finally, he said that they've received the Finance Committee budget and policy guidelines for revision.

Newsletter, Nancy reported that they had 7 in attendance at the Electronic Media Sub-Committee.

Newsletter Spanish, No Report

Registration, Henry reported that they had 12 in attendance, discussed the 2005 Group Information Sheet Change Project. Some districts are close to 90% complete on this project. There is a submission deadline date on a monthly basis on the 22nd of every month but that date is subject to change depending on GSO. We had a combined meeting with the DCM school committee and congratulations on a job well done. Henry said he will be attending PRAASA and will attend the registration roundtable.

PI, No Report

Special Needs, Nancy reported that they had 3 in attendance. The committee has drafted a letter that can be sent to health care professionals to explain what AA is and how it can reach out to people with special needs. They discussed the letter and decided to re-do the draft to bring to the Area Assembly.

Treatment Facilities, Pat reported that they had 4 or 5 in attendance. He said that he attends the Southern California Hospitals and Institutions Intergroup Committee that meets the 4th Sunday of every month. The H&I conference will take place on April 29th, 30th. and May 1st. They discussed Bridging the Gap. And Pat will have a summary of all the information asap. Pat asked for a Spanish Speaking Co-Chair and he also asked for volunteers that want to work on bridging the gap. Patrick also explained the difference between Bridging the Gap and Contact Upon Release.

District Roll Call

District 30, Nancy said there were five in attendance.

District 24, Santiago reported that everything is going well with the Foro Planning and they still visit two groups every week.

District 23, No Report

District 22, Working hard to carry the message to schools and other facilities in the P.I. committee.

District 22 is planning an event for young people with the help of the groups.

District 21, No report

District 20, Rogelio reported that they still meet every Monday. They are currently encouraging the Seventh tradition in the groups for contributions to the Area and GSO. Several committees working: P.I., CPC and La Viña. La Viña, so far has 9 active members and La Viña reps. Last year we sold close to 190 new subscriptions, as well as 60 CD's and calendar. District 20 will support PRAASA attendees with lodging costs.

District 19, No Report

District 18, Sandy reported that Tina will be attending PRAASA from their district and Linda H. will be their guest at there next district meeting.

District 15, Ready to host May Assembly and had 4 in attendance.

District 14, No report

District 11, Have had 3 different functions and gave out literature at the county level, Valley College, and will put on a Sponsorship Event later on.

District 10, Craig reported 7 in attendance, working on the Foro along with District 24, the dead line for the logo and the theme is April 15th.

District 9, No report.

District 8, Russ reported that Carlos Alternate Delegate talked about service workshop at the Roubidoux. And they're planning on having more of these events.

District 7, No report.

District 6, 5 people in attendance, District will have 6 at PRAASA. The discussion on the last meeting was on Self-Support.

District 5, Russ reported 3 in attendance, and Jim B was at the District meeting doing a presentation. The District will be supporting some member to go to PRAASA.

District 4, Rich reported 3 in attendance; in the last District meeting we had 23 in attendance including Linda H and Bruce H. The discussion was the on Conference Agenda Items.

District 3, Bob reported 16 people in attendance; District will send 5 people to PRAASA. The District will start a GSR School.

District 2, Kay reported that Craig the Literature Committee Chair will be making a presentation on the next district meeting.

District 1, Dan reported 8 people in attendance; he also mentioned that District 1 will be hosting the Area Election in October 2005.

Coordinate Committee Reports

Orange County Intergruop, Alex reported that they approved having the website link on the MSCA Website.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports.

Outreach to Native Americans Ad Hoc Committee, Marita reported that the meeting at Morongo Reservation continues to meet on Tuesday at 7:30 pm in Banning and we were visited by Rick W. staff member of GSO, Ernesto M. DCMC, Nancy J. and Carlos M. She also reported that there is a new meeting starting at the Martinez Reservation in La Quinta and will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm

Interpretation/Translation, Oscar reported that the committee will work close with the literature committee regarding on the Pamphlet What's All About It. Oscar also mentioned the one interpreter is need for the MSCA meetings.

March Birthdays 23 years of Sobriety

THE ASC ADJOURNMENT AT 2:55PM

Respectfully Submitted Cesar F., Area 9 Secretary