

Mid-Southern California Delegate Area 09

Area Service Committee Minutes

December 14, 2008

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jason S. at 10:00am with Serenity prayer.

Readings:

Readings: Declaration of Unity, Owen d7, Victoria d24, A.S.C. Statement of Purpose and Membership, Mary Ann R. Carlos, Tradition 12, Paul d18, Enrique d21, Concept 12, Carlos M. d20, Patty B. d12, GSR preamble Cory tricypa, Miguel d23

Approval of 2008 November ASC minutes

Delegate's Report– Joe B.

With plenty of time to share with your groups the following topics;

☐ The following are presentation/discussion topics for the 2009 General Service Conference:

a) Humility and Sacrifice:

- 1) Setting an Example
- 2) Changing Our Perceptions
- 3) Anonymity-Sacrificing Our Egos

b) Enthusiasm and Gratitude:

- 1) Hope and Purpose from Defeat and Despair
- 2) Happy, Joyous and Free
- 3) Enthusiasm-A Gift of Inventory

c) Spiritual Program in Action:

- 1) Maximum Service-Our Spiritual Benefit
- 2) Persistence –The Key to Progress
- 3) Living the Traditions

Area Officers voted to appoint Bruce H. as chair for Pacific Regional Forum 2010.

Officers Report:

Alt. Delegate: Mike M.

Last month district 3 hosted our area's Servathon and I thought they did a wonderful job. We had 3 speakers, Lisa from South Bay central office, Jason our Area chair graciously filled in for Marie who took sick on H&I and of course Bruce H. past delegate. Lisa started out with what I believe we should all start out with our own literature. My favorite quote of hers is, "I don't have to make this up, and it's all in the literature!" I have the pleasure to attend district 25's 1st anniversary and as always the Spanish speaking groups know how to throw a party. They are a wonderful example of how to service the groups. Those of you who are English speaking and think going to a district meeting and an area meeting once a month is too much, most Spanish speaking districts meet 4 times a month. The area's 50th anniversary is coming next year. I hope

with the support and enthusiasm of this area this committee should create an event that celebrates, educates and reflects 50 years of service in Area 09. My hope is our area, our history and gratitude for the thousands that have been of service since this area was formed. The only way I can lead is by example, not by intimidation or misrepresentation. Once again the support of the whole area must remember that none of us does this alone and hope my gratitude is shown thru my actions. Please contact me or someone from this committee to find out how you can help us celebrate. We need all your hands, hearts and minds to make this the best anniversary ever. Thank you for the privilege of serving you and the groups of mid-southern California.

Treasurer: Linda H.

It is hard to believe the year has almost ended. As of December 11, 2008 we had income =65,807.08 compared to 64,732.77 in December 11, 2007. However, our expenses in 2008 were 69,963.90 and 2007 were 69,482.09 our balance has been reconciled as of 11/30/08.

Because of some ideas we had in our October finance Committee meeting, and the positive attitude of the members of the Finance Committee, I came up with some of my own when I told Joseph he said "I don't think I want to hear this". It was a simple idea. Area 09 does not have birthday envelopes like general service does, so I spent some of my personal money and introduced these to district 1 and Fey Y E. in District 23. Quite simply they have a small decal in the left hand corner to designate it as a birthday envelope. District one gave 50.00 in individual and birthday donations, district 17 gave 50.00 from one individual.

I also checked with the Irvine post office to see how much it would cost to have the mail delivered to my personal address from the post office box in Irvine to Torrance. I was told it was a 10.00 initial fee and 11.95 per week. This way I could save the areas some money and get the contributions done once a week. Also I visited district 1 and district 3 and Cesar asked Mike and me to join him in talking about the Seventh Tradition in Perris and enjoyed helping with the Elections in Area 93. I attended two Area Officers meeting in November as well.

Hopefully I 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.

You panel 58 officers held a meeting with a quorum and discussed many topics that were important to area 09. Just to dispel any rumors we have had area officers every month except when there was a special event. So anyone standing in October 2009 I'll say this now—the area comes first and hopefully as we are now unified, you can look to us as leaders.

Last but not least. So Joseph and I can balance and reconcile 2008, PLEASE cash your checks immediately!

Registrar: Cesar F.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as Area Registrar Panel 58.

12 months has passed since I stepped in to this position, and I would like sincerely thank you all districts for the hard work on updating the groups, there are some districts that were 100%, but this is not the end 2009 is around the corner. I encourage all to keep up the good work.

I would like to let you know the status of the Area as 12/14/08.

English Speaking Groups		
1,407	Groups	Active
172	Groups	Merged
300	Groups	Unknown

Spanish Speaking Groups		
136	Groups	Active
4	Groups	Merged
6	Groups	Unknown
Total Eng & Spa		
1,543	Groups	Active
176	Groups	Merged
306	Groups	Unknown

On January 11, 2009 I will bring the updates forms to all districts to continuing the work.

REQUESTING AREA CHANGES:

There is some background work that must be done to move groups from Area to Area.

In order to move groups from Area to Area GSO will need authorization from the Delegate in the surrendering area and authorization from the Delegate in the accepting area. GSO Will accept an e-mail from both Delegates and once the authorization is received GSO will move the groups.

Today we have;
55 GSRs, 76 AO, DCMCs Past, Del. Stan. Com. Chairs, and 21 Guest or Visitors, total in Attendance, 152 people.

Thank you, for letting me be part of this wonderful Area 09

Secretary: Ruth D.

Area Chair: Jason S.

Distribution of Area Guidelines Update by Ad-hoc Committee on Guidelines. Patrick S.

Old Business

Area 09 proposed 2009 budget. Joseph M.
Will be able to restore some of the cuts to the proposed budget. The original 17% cut was recommended to be restored to the area officer's expenses.
Motion was made by Michael M. to send the proposed budget to the January assembly. Opposed by Bruce H. Feels the budget was glossed over and is concerned this may cost the area many dollars in the end result. Motion carried.
Communications committee guidelines. Linda C.
Guidelines have been made available, no substantive changes were made. Motion was made by Linda C. Passed unanimously.

New Business

TRICYPAA request for bid letter Scott W.
Tri County Young people in AA are bidding for the opportunity to those the 38th annual all California young people in AA round-up in 2010. TRICYPAA services a vast area including portions of Area 5 and Area 9. over the past four years we have worked to become more involved in our area by chairing H&I panels for youth, facilitation other creation of new young peoples meetings and service committees, attending Central Office Intergroups and district GSR meetings and hosting events to outreach to young and potential alcoholics. In order to further untie our large service area we need to bring ACYPAA to our tri-county region.

At this time we are requesting the support of are 9 incur bid for the 38th annual ACYPAA round-up.
Substantial unanimity to support this letter.

Proposal: Report formats.

Alex N.

Purpose is to make more concise reporting at microphone. It's about making information available to GSR's.
Motion to table until the area assembly by bill d. Table to next ASC-February. Motion carried to next ASC.

Proposal: Calendar and Meeting Schedule change.

Alex N.

Mike M made a motion to table this item to February ASC.

Proposal: "It sure beats sitting in a cell" Pamphlet changes.

Keith S.

Change some archaic wording to be replaced by better words. Need to know what exact words to change it to.

Motioned to move forward to the assembly. Unanimously approved.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives – Joseph

1. From the collections meeting about new purposed intake procedures: emergency disaster plan.
2. Purposed archives 2009 budget.
3. Upcoming 2009 Archives Calendar event commitments.
4. Continue sorting of documents into different categories.
 1. April 19th 2009 will be Archives Open House.
 2. Oct 17th 2009 Heritage day. Nov. 14th 2009 Area Servathon.

Communication Committee—Linda C.

1. Discussion of draft guidelines final wording for motion to ADC; "Thant the ACC guidelines are presented to the area assembly in January 2009 for approval."
2. Discussion of each sub-committee.
3. For continuity, please send all requests to me (the Chair) for distribution to the appropriate sub-Committee. linda@lje.com
4. Next meeting prior to Jan. area assembly.
5. Forum topic #9 is posted on the website.
6. The website postings are up to date. I.e.5 Lifeline newsletter?
7. ASC (no committees) consideration re committees?
8. Budget for rent for committee meetings in this 2009 budget?

Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee – Rick H.

Cooperation with the Professional Community –Michael M.

We reviewed the GSO CPC power point presentation. It will be used in our presentation. We also reviewed a "Hope" video, which is a great video. District 22 has been asked to be the host of the next CPC/PI workshop in Indio. We have tentatively established presentations for 2009 for Jan, Feb, and March.

Convention Liaison—Michael Mc.

Convention Liaison Spanish –

I am awaiting the invitation letters to the conventions in order to plan them out. I am still meeting with the South Bay Spanish Convention Committee on the first and the third Sundays to work on planning and hosting the conventions. I share the pertinent area information with them such as literature or any changes. We are waiting for next year to begin attending the four possible events coming up.

Corrections -

Purpose of corrections committee is to take the AA message to inmates. Pre-release procedures, get inmate involved with local AA meetings when released. Offering Sponsoring/ communication for inmates who request AA information is also part of the corrections responsibility. Committee function- take forms to groups for volunteer involvement have 4 volunteers signed up today.

DCM School – Scott R.

DCM school and GSR school was combined in the absence of the GSR school chair. We discussed jobs and duties of both positions. We also discussed traditions, functions of districts what is a steering committee meeting and of course our singleness of purpose how to handle non alcoholics sharing in meetings.

Finance - Joseph M.

Grapevine – Kimberli A.

District Grapevine Reps talked with me about getting the word out about the grapevine and what their ideas and projects are for informing their districts and groups and getting them interested. Three people approached me regarding registering as grapevine reps for their districts. Happy happy holidays to all and remember grapevine subscriptions and cd's and books make great holiday gifts. Grapevine presentation for dist 18 Jan. 16, 2009 also for district 2 Jan, 5th and district 12 Jan 8th. I am elated to see that the districts are interested in learning more about the grapevine.

La Viña –Ángela R.

We had 18 in attendance; we spoke about the number of new subscriptions we've added from the Spanish speaking districts in 2008. There were a total of 405 subscriptions made from all 6 districts combined. Plus there were 150 renewed subscriptions for one or two more years... I called N.Y. to find out how many subscriptions there are total in other countries and they told me that they'll be sending it. As we know Jorge will not be able to continue with his service position and they are working to find someone else to replace him since there are many requirements. I've enjoyed my service at this committee and I'm still excited about it. I hope to keep getting support from everyone in 2009 as well. Happy New Year Angela La Vina Area Chair

GSR School – John H.

GSR School SPANISH – Paco G.

Good morning everyone. Thank you for giving me the honor of being here with you this morning... We began our meeting by welcoming the new GSRs and other guests Enrique, María, Martha, Vicente, Guillermo, Julio and Paulino. We continued with the Serenity Prayer and we talked about article 12 of the Conference Charter First and Second Warranties of our 12 Concept and we also shared on a short summary of the rest of the warranties and we read the last paragraph of our 12th. Concept. We came to the conclusion that there is great wisdom in all areas of our life and a clear understanding as a trusted servant.

Thanks to God and to you for allowing me to serve. Spanish GRS School Chair - Paco

Literature - Ernesto

Released 2008 "What's it all about" pamphlet 500 copies English and 500 copies in Spanish. Discussed revisions and corrections to 2009 area workbook passed out one copy of proposed changes to area guidelines for review to committee member. Release of 2009 area workbook at January assembly.

Literature Spanish –

Still working on the "What's it all about" pamphlet. It will be necessary to translate it completely to Spanish but we plan to have it done by the next area meeting, printed and ready for distribution. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve.

Newsletter –

Newsletter Spanish

Public Information – Kay M.

Public Information Spanish – Francisco D.

Registration – David T.

We had 7 members in attendance.

This morning we discussed what changes might be needed on the group change and new group forms from GSO. We are hoping to have a sample of a new Change of Information form and New Group form at the next ASC.

Cesar Showed the committee the New Vision database the Area Registrars use to input Group information for GSO.

We also discussed some of the guidelines of the Area Registrar

Special Needs - Open

Treatment Facilities – Al F.

We had 7 in attendance, they also signed up as Bridging the Gap volunteers in their respective districts. I also invited any of the members to contact me if they want to be a Bridging the Gap volunteer.

Districts Call

District 1 –

Our annual Christmas potluck was a blast, ho, ho, ho.

Our district will be able to fund at least general service representative to attend PRAASA in Oakland in 2009.

District 2 -

Linda C. did a presentation on the communication committee.

District 3 -

District 4 -

District 5 –

District 6 –

Archives presentation traditions play 54 in attendance at last mtg. Our district will be hosting January's assembly in Laguna.

Presentation by current panel.

District 7 -

3 people in attendance. New tradition district 7 December meeting has become an open house with everyone invited. This year district added 30 groups from serenity hall. A serenity hall GSR showed up at the open house. Thanks to Joe B. for speaking at our open house.

District 8 -

Charles K. will be attending out district meeting.

District 9 -

District 10 -

District 11 –

Budget for 2009 completed but not approved this month. A couple of GSR's reported their meeting as passing separate cans for PRAASA, Central Office and area grapevine. District 11 paid for annual grapevine subscription to a recovery home instead of having a district competition to more grapevine subscriptions.

We will be having the Alkathon at Christmas.

District 12 –

We had 2 DCM's resign but we filled those positions. We had presentations by archives committee received well. We are still looking for committee person for MSCA for our October meeting. We will have a presentation by the grapevine chair in January.

District 14 –

District 15

District 17

District 18 –

There was extensive preparation done to host this event. We would like to thank Kaiser Medical Center. There were several groups that were supported here at this particular facility. We would like to thank the delegate Joe B. and Mike M. for attending out meeting and helping with the traditions. Additionally we would like to thank Jim and Linda C. for coming last Tuesday to our meeting; they also spoke on traditions and concepts. They focused on our 6 warranties which we don't hear too much about. We are also trying to establish with our special needs committee a literacy committee to address reading.

District 19 –

Nov. 6th traditions play with Nick M. as guest Speaker was a wonderful success. We are working on group visitation and district inventory. We have not started the rebuilding of one local alano club that burned down in Sept.

Have not found new location as of yet for Feb. ASC.

District 20 –

District 20 would like to report that we have 23 members here today. We also want to let you know that we have formed a committee for the PRASSA event which is already very close and we want to encourage people to attend since this time it will be closer. On the other hand, we continue to inform the groups on the necessity to contribute to the 7th tradition and the blessings that come from doing it. Something else that has stood out is the principle of rotation especially at this time that steering committee rotate; we want to take the opportunity to invite everyone to get involved in general service. That is all we have for now. Thank you for your patience. DCMC-Leandro Alt. DCMC-Sergio

District 21 –

Hello everyone; we at district 21 is still working hard to cover our responsibilities at the district level and we continue to promote service. We also speak to the groups about the need for seventh tradition contributions and there are some groups that have already begun to contribute to the different services entities: district, intergroup, etc. We also continue to inform the groups on the different conference agenda themes or topics to be discussed in order for them to arrive at an informed group conscience. We are encouraging PRASSA participation and there are some members of the district that are planning to attend this event. We'll soon be making reservations for the hotel. Today we have 10 members at this area meeting. District 21 has a total of 35 groups and 23 GSR's that represent their groups and 12 groups that don't have representation. We have the PI committee that's working with schools, hospitals, clinical, and libraries. The La Viña committee is also doing raffles in the groups whenever the district visits the groups. DCMC-Marcelo Ch. Alt. DCMC-José A.

District 22 –

My name is Juan C. and I'm an Alcoholic DCMC for Dist. 22 - our district meets every Tuesday with a business meeting and a book study meeting and also visit a couple of meetings per week to thank them for their support and try and encourage them to get involved in service. We have the La Viña and PI committees that are doing a great job. Yesterday, we had our Veteran's day event. We have 5 members here learning a lot from you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. DCMC-Juan C. Alt. DCMC-Juan B., Secretary-Juan C.

District 23 –

We want to let you know that we are working very hard; the GSR's from district continue working together with their groups and district. We are visiting 2 meetings per week to encourage participation in service. District 23 meets on 4 Fridays out of the month. Whenever we have a 5th Friday in the month; we use that Friday to visit the meetings that have fewer members. We did that on Friday, Nov. 30 with the Bill and Bob group since this group has been going through some difficult times and are located in Lake Ellsinore. We visited them with one GSR and the dist 23 steering committee. The idea is to help and encourage them to keep their doors open for the alcoholic who still suffers. We're happy to report that thanks to our higher Power God as we each understand God we had our anniversary celebration on Nov. 15th. A good number of the district 23 groups participated and practiced unity with us. We had the public information meeting outdoors only God know why it was our 18th. Anniversary: the topic was the 3 AA Legacies in all areas of your life. I also want to let you know that I've already received my DCMC package from GSO in N.Y. Thank you

We attended the Dist. 25 anniversary celebration. It was their first anniversary on Nov. 29, 2008. We at dist 23 are ready and willing to help and support them like we did at the beginning. We still don't have enough money to buy a printer for the district and the intergroup office we still need more but will keep you informed on the expenses of this purchase. Dist 23 steering committee had the honor of using the pamphlet "the AA group where it all begins" for a group made the request that we help them take their inventory at the group level. We chaired the inventory meeting and we are all very happy with the results. The questions that we used are on page 30 of the pamphlet 30 "the group inventory". Everything came out very well and we highly recommend it to all the groups and we will also pass on this info to GSO. Dist. 23 has one alt. GSR from the 12 steps group of Perris, Ca. his name is Miguel that's here today. I want to thank you all and to all of you merry Christmas and a happy new year. May God keep you always! Today we have 10 members here. DCMC - REYNALDO A. ALT. DCMC – Antonio

District 24 -

We are still meeting every Tuesday from 8pm to 9:30pm. We Visit 2 meetings per week and encourage them to be of service and self-support. We attend the Servathon in the city of San Pedro and we also attended the Dist. 25 anniversary. We filled the alt. DCMC position as well as the Archivist. Dist. 24 wishes you a very merry Christmas and many more hours of sobriety. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. DCMC Eloy Alt. DCMC Elías

District 25 -

We meet the first 4 Mondays of every month from 7 to 9pm. We visit a couple of meetings on Wednesday and Friday of every week to share information and to promote service. On Nov. 29 we celebrated our anniversary with a public information meeting and a potluck and turned out very well. The GSR's from the groups are still very enthusiastic about service. Thank you for allowing me to serve. DCMC - Benigno Alt. DCMC Javier Attendance; 7 members from our district.

District 30 –

We are looking for a new secretary. We are also looking into hosting an event in December.

Recap of actions.

BIRTHDAYS

Years of Sobriety Celebrated

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.