

Mid-Southern California Area 9 Service Committee Minutes

August 14, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Jeryl T. at pm with the Serenity Prayer

Readings: Declaration of Unity Nikki/Luis 8th Tradition Trent/Pedro A.S.C. Statement of Purpose and Membership: Kelly/Alex Concept 8: Jaci/Mauricio GSR Preamble Julie/Gilbert

Approval of 2011 June Area Service Committee minutes Motion/2nd –

Officers Reports (following reports are written reports):

Delegate Linda C. She attended the last Area Service Committee meeting on June 12th in Hawaiian Gardens.

She has given conference reports to the Orange County H&I Committee, District 20, High Desert H&I, District 22, District 21, District 30, District 24, District 23, District 4/21 (on Catalina Island and thank you to District 21 for paying for my boat ticket), District 06, Inland Empire Intergroup, District 12, District 07, District 17, District 05, South Bay H&I, District 08, Southern California H&I, District 25, All South Bay Intergroup, Temecula Valley H&I, District 10, SOCALYPAA,, and District 18... in that order.

She attended the Archives Workbook workshop, the Area Foro, and the celebration of La Vina's 15th anniversary in Bakersfield .

She continues to send welcome letters to the new groups as she receives the final information from GSO as well as letters to the Districts asking for their help in visiting new groups that are in the 30-day delay period.

She also continues to send all group registration information to Area Registrar, pick up and mail contributions from the PO Box in Irvine each Thursday to Area Treasurer, and write a monthly article for the MSCA newsletter.

She reported that twenty three groups from Area 09 were selected at random for inclusion in the Membership Survey. Three of those groups have been disbanded and are no longer active. The other twenty groups have been contacted and (hopefully) all have been surveyed (the dates for the survey were August 1st through today, August 14th). She thanked all who helped locate the contacts for these groups. Some of the surveys have been returned to already and she looks forward to getting them all back by the deadline of no later than August 27th.

She reported that the staff rotation at General Service Office took place in July and there is a copy of the new staff assignments in the delegate's packet she gave out at the sharing earlier today. She said if anyone needs a copy it can be ordered from GSO (aa.org) or from her (linda@lje.com)

She reminded everyone that if they have ideas for proposals to be considered for the next General Service conference, this is the time to be getting the proposals together. She said that ideas can come from anyone in AA: individuals, groups, districts, intergroups committees, H&I committees, YPAA committees, or areas. She said that the trustees usually like to consider proposals that have been endorsed by more than one person, and the more the better... however, she said not to hesitate to send proposals on our own if we believe we have something that should be considered and prefer not to go through the process of getting it endorsed by a larger group of A.A.s. She pointed out that proposals are most likely to be considered if they have good background material and the proposal is carefully stated. She said that if we want help putting a proposal together, she will be happy to help, and there are many past delegates in our area who are all able to offer suggestions and are familiar with the process.

She encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming events, including and especially the *Additional Pacific Regional Forum* in Woodland Hills. She asked everyone to announce the Forum at home groups. She reminded us that this is not just for General Service enthusiasts: this is an opportunity for all AA members to meet and interact with our General Service Office Staff and hear, first hand, what's in progress at GSO. This is the time for members to find the answers to the questions: *'What does GSO do for us? Why should our group support something that's going on in New York?'* She reminded us that registration is free, but hotel rooms are still available.

She said she has eleven more conference reports to give by October 1st for a total of 45 total reports. She said it is a great pleasure and privilege to interact with everyone at the committee meetings.

She announced that although Jim Estelle will not be available to chair our election assembly in October, the original invitation to our Pacific Regional Trustee, Rod Betonney, has been accepted and Rod will come directly from the Native American Convention in Las Vegas to chair our elections. She said that he asked her to let us know that he feels very strongly about participating in the area elections in order to get to know the new delegate and officers, and to re-acquaint himself with his friends here.

She said if there is anything she can do to help groups or individuals, please call on her.

Alternate Delegate Cesar F. – It has been a pleasure being able to visit some Districts along with Linda C. on her Delegate’s Conference Report. The Districts that I visited are: District 14, 15, 1, 20, 22, 21, 24, 23, 6, 7, 17, 5, 8, 25, 18, and Catalina Island. We still have some conference report backs but very few. I want to give a special thanks to District 21 who paid my ticket for the trip to Catalina Island.

Our MSCA 09 Foro was held in the beautiful city of Victorville July 17th hosted by District 25 and 17. There were such interesting roundtable discussions. It was another great experience for me. Around 120 people were in attendance.

I attended the La Vina 15th anniversary celebration in Bakersfield on July 30th and 31st. The final registration number of subscribers was 80. The next La Vina celebration will take place in Washington state.

The Orange County Spanish Speaking Convention will take place in Fullerton, CA September 16th, 17th, and 18th. Eva S., one of the GSO staff members will come to be one of the main speakers. If anyone would like to attend please let me know to give you more information.

The additional Forum in Woodland Hills August 19th, 20th, and 21st. I am looking forward to this event.

Lastly, as you know our October Elections are around the corner, and I will take a little of my time to encourage all to stand. It’s been great for me to be able to serve in this wonderful Area. Our Area guidelines states that the duties of the Alternate Delegate are; A) has implicit responsibility for assisting and/or substituting for the Delegate whenever appropriate. B) Responsible for all Special Committees and subcommittees, workshops, and all special functions of the ASC. C) Serves as liaison between the ASC, Intergroup/Central Service, and all other permanent committees, working closely with the Delegate in order that the Delegate can function most effectively. D) Works closely with the Area Chair in carrying out the latter’s administrative duties, and shall assume the appropriate duties of the Chair in the latter’s absence. Attend the Area officers meeting held every month. It is suggested to have six years of continuous sobriety.

Treasurer Joseph M.: -

Cash in checking	7-31-11	11,673.58
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	7-31-11	<u>334.07</u>
Total	7-31-11	12,007.65

Bank as of 8-14-11 11,252.69

Panel 60 contributing entities:

Registered Groups	670
Districts	4
Unregistered Groups	<u>127</u>
Total	801

Year to date contributing entities:

Registered Groups	491
Districts	4
Unregistered Groups	<u>72</u>
Total	567

Registrar Michael M. – Have been very busy inputting all changes, from Districts 12, 18, 10, 11, 6, 7, 08, and more, I think. Will have a complete list at the assembly in September of all Districts that have turned in changes in their groups and meetings. Still inputting. Have not visited any districts or Inter groups since June because of work related issues, but will now be able to increase visits again.

Am participating with others on developing a draft brochure for Safety in AA, for Area 09's consideration.

Am writing an article on General Service in Area 09.

Secretary Sharon K. – I attended Raul / El Tigre's anniversary at his home group. I was asked to speak in Corona on Traditions 7, 8, and 9. I attended the last Area Board Meeting. I continue to prepare for the elections and have been distributing eligibility lists to the DCM/DCMC. Also, in minutes past I have typed the discussion on the various motions that came forward. I am no longer going to be doing this as it is not fair to have one person's interpretation of what was said. I eBlasted the June ASC minutes to the ASC, regarding the ASL meeting for District 4, FORO reminder, June 10 AAWS highlights, Ice Cream Social, Pacific Regional Forum, and District Inventory Experience. There were approximately 130 people here today. I encourage anyone who is eligible to stand for the board please do. Participating in Safety in AA.

Chair Jeryl T –. Visited District 15, District 6, met with Jim, Ron, regarding Area 9 split. Will not be at next board meeting. Looking forward to elections assembly and next Think Tank meeting.

Old Business

- Area bylaws be amended under the duties of alternate delegate in consultation with the delegate the Alternate Delegate will create a vehicle to disseminate conference agenda information. Motion to forward to Assembly carries.
- To have the MSCA 09 Panel 62 Delegate submit to the Pacific Region Delegates at the 62 General Service Conference a bid to host the 2016 Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA). Motion to forward to Assembly carries.
- Proposal that the MSCA board be increased to include Contributions Treasurer who will accept all contributions to the Area, maintain cash receipts journal, and inform the Registrar of all group changes bringing the total Board composition to seven. Motion to forward to Assembly carries.
- Propose an MSCA sponsored workshop in 2012 with the theme "Anonymity: Our Spiritual responsibility in the Digital Age". Cesar/Linda motion to table to November ASC carries.
- Propose MSCA 2012 Calendar - Motion to move to assembly carries.
- Motion request split of MSCA 09 into smaller more geographically sensitive and accessible segments. Presented by Friday Night Q & A Meeting (Newport Beach, CA) Motion withdrawn.
 - Conversation ensued to request MSC Area 09 Board appointed "Additional Delegate Area Think Tank" to investigate permanent partitioning of our Area 09 into smaller more geographically sensitive and accessible segments.
- Motion that the Finance committee and board can not get a credit card without a vote of approval by the Assembly. Motion to forward to Assembly did not pass.

Standing Committee Reports (Submitted in writing)

Archives Joseph H. Aug. 13th was the last Archives meeting. 1) July Archives minutes approved. 2) Approval of the July Archives Collection minutes 3) Heritage Day planning (Oct. 23, 2011 – 1-4pm) continuing with a list of speakers from District 7 which the committee will select and interview to have the list at 4 speakers. Heritage Day flyer is being prepared for finalization. Upcoming events include 1) September 10 – Archives Workbook Workshop. 2) October 1st – District 11 sorting party. 3) October 14 – 15, 2011 IEAAC 4) National AA Archives workshop held in Helena Montana – Sept. 22 – 26, 2011 5) Heritage Day – October 23, 201 – District 7 to host.

Convention Liaison Bob – Literature bought for English. To do: get all to Veronica for Inland Empire (10/11). For 2012 four Conventions English / Three Conventions Spanish. Proposed preparing budgets for 2012 English & Spanish. To do: Spanish Literature. Upcoming Events: SoCal 9/30 – 10/2/11 Rancho Mirage. Inland Empire 10/15 – 10/17/11 San Bernardino. Spanish Speaking: Anaheim 9/11

Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information

Rozanne/Keith – Both CPC/PI decided to do Tustin Tiller Days Fair. PI – English chair

asked if there are any health fairs or functions they know of to please let the committee chairs know.

Discussed Area budgets can assist (monetarily) for Health Fair booths, etc/fees.

PI Spanish Chair requested a letter re: PSA for a radio station (la ranchera). PI committed will provide.

CPC – Spanish Chair discussed upcoming events in August

Psych facility contacted Spanish CPC chair to see if we could provide a panel – chair will get more info and text to secretary and others.

CPC/PI members did panels at Long Beach Fireman, 29 Palms Air Force Base

Upcoming Events: 8/21 – Anaheim Market Place 10am – 3pm 1440 Anaheim Blvd. Anaheim. 9/30 – 10/2 Tustin Tiller Days 300 Centennial Way. Tustin CA. 11/26 – CPC/PI information forum in Santa Ana 1622 W. 16th Street Santa Ana, CA

Corrections Alex I got a phone call from AI from B.T.G. asking for help to pick up Michael C from Blythe prison , I was calling everybody, I called Cesar from Area 09, on H & I list of Coachella Valley, and nobody could go with me to pick up Michael C. It was about 10:00 pm went I called Don D C M C. from District 09. I got that good feeling that he was going to help and he did, next day I woke up at 3:30 am something that I do not do even when I go to work. It was a good experience to pick up Michael C. from prison maybe a future GSR , his destination was L.A area, somebody was going to pick him up in Palm Springs Central Office, that was our destination and everything went good .

This came From general service office, please forgive the delayed response, as it has been quite busy here the past few weeks and I am just now catching up with important correspondence. It is good to be in touch. “We will send information about the corrections correspondence service to the gentlemen you listed, from Spanish speaking brothers that I sent and hopefully they will be linked soon to a spanish speaking alcoholic in prison. We are so glad to know there are dedicated A.A.s like you who continue to help make it possible for the A.A message to be carried to those on the inside. All of us here sent our gratitude. In fellowship, Jim M. Corrections coordinator”

GSR School English Tony Discussed basic information for GSRs ie – group registration and any changes with group change form. GSRs talked about website and the tools that are available on it (workbook, etc.). Talked about how to give a GSR report. Talked about Umbrella Groups with a lot of good advice to talk about how to deal with lack of participation.

GSR School Spanish Reynaldo – written

DCM School Terry – Discussed upcoming elections – both in Districts and the Area; out-going committee members will make themselves available to assist all new members for a smooth transition. Distributed contact list for all Area DCM/DCMC. Chair (Jeryl T.) discussed the upcoming proposal for “a new Delegate area”. Everyone looking forward to more information and a very lively discussion. Upcoming events – October Elections

Finance Jim 1) Treasurers Report 2) Postpone audit meeting (Aug. 28) until after discussion at next Finance Committee meeting. 3) Distribute budget request forms to officers and Committee chairs. Next Finance Committee meeting 9/11 at 9am.

La Viña – written

Literature Ernesto – Attendees – one GSR, one District Literature Chair, two DCM's. Review the AA Group pamphlet. What to do with non AA topics and how to use the authority of the conference approved literature to teach policy. Moving from Kindle to Android.

Coordinate Committee Reports *AOCYPAA -*

District Reports submitted in writing

District 1: Approximately 50+ in attendance. Voted on two rooms for the forum in Woodland Hills used during the day as a meeting place for GSRs – serving water and sodas. Talked about a Special Event, Idyllwild, and Forum. Upcoming events: Special Event and Forum.

District 6: Election of Alt. DCMC: Rozanne Thompson volunteered for remainder of the year. Reviewed with members District 6 Elections will be in November at which time all positions will be up to fill. No issues with sub-districts at this time. Judy did an awesome minute GSR report. Upcoming events: District 6 to attend Regional Forum Aug. 19 – 21. Next District meeting Tues. September 6 at 7pm

District 8: District 8 is honored and privileged to be hosting the Area 9 election on October 9th. It will be held at 4015 Jackson St. Riverside CA 92503. At the ASC this weekend we had 12 members representing District 8.

District 9: We had a small District meeting in July and started by reading Tradition 7 and the GSR Preamble. We voted to fund three rooms at the Forum so we should have six or more members there. Unity Day went well, there is talk of moving it to Lake Hemet next year.

District 15: MSCA 09 Chair Jeryl came to share with our District. Voted to provide a meeting list of AA meetings held within District 15 to be distributed to meetings in the District. Upcoming events: Oct. 22 – 2nd Annual Ocoberfest to be held in Placention from noon to 5 with Area Archives and sober games!

District 17: Co-Hosted Foro and was a success. Updating guidelines. Budget override for Corrections/Treatment (Bridging the Gap to attend BTG Conference) in September.

Tabled until September 13 meeting. Upcoming events: 6+ members attending Forum in Woodland Hills. September 13 next District meeting.

District 20-

District 21

District 22-

District 23-

District 24-

Coordinate Commitees:

AOCYPAA – Upcoming Events: End of Summer Carnival September 24. Carnival Games and events 2pm – 7pm. Meeting and participation 7:30pm – 9pm. Dance 9:30pm – 12:30am

Announcements:

Program Chair for SOCAL convention contacted Jeryl to participate in SOCAL convention. Encourage you to come to the Saturday part of the convention. We will have a panel of past delegates. September 30 – October 2.

October 23 Heritage Day will be hosted by District 7.

Birthdays:

Raul – 31, Jose – 12.

THE ASC ADJOURNED at approximately 3:13pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 60 Secretary –Sharon K.