

APPROVED MINUTES
Mid-Southern California Area 9 Assembly Minutes

May, 2012

West High School

20401 Victor Street, Torrance, CA

Hosted by Dist. 01

Meeting was called to order by Cesar F. at 10:20 am with the Serenity Prayer

Readings: Declaration of Unity: Charlie/Jose, Statement of Purpose and Membership: Michael/Marcelo, GSR Preamble Karen/Omar

Introductions: Past Trustees, Past Delegates, New DCMC's, New DCM's, New GSR'S, New Alternate GSR's

Approval of January, 2012 Assembly minutes: Motion: Alex N/Joe B 2nd

Officers Reports (following reports are written reports):

Delegate: Jeryl T.-

Alternate Delegate: Sharon K. Since the last meeting I attended the pre-conference workshop, the literature workshop, and the Archives Open House. The pre-conference was our largest attended area event that I'm aware of; over 250 people attended. I always enjoy the Archives workshop since I've been in General Service. If anyone would like me to speak to your meetings about general service please let me know.

Treasurer Annie D. – MSCA 09

5-25-12

Cash in checking	4-30-12	7,073.31
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	4-30-12	<u>2,000.85</u>
Total	4-30-12	9,074.16
Bank as of	5-21-12	7,385.33
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	5-21-12	<u>2,000.85</u>
Total	5-21-12	9,386.18

Panel 62 & YTD (5/14) contributing entities:

Registered Groups 467

Unregistered Groups 48

Districts 3

Convention/Alcathons 3

Individuals 12

Total 533

Note: There are 3268 Group numbers in Area 9 of which 1619 are Status "A"

Registrar: Raul Ch.-My name is Raul and I'm an alcoholic:

I'm still working all new GSR updates. I have a CD to give to all the district registrars or DCMCs in word format. Our area has 16 Incomplete Groups in the following districts; D 11 – 5 (D- 01-5) D 17 -1(D-8 -1) D 9-1 (D-14a-1) and I have the copies of those group's information.

After May 11th; GSR's will not be included in the world directory due to the printing schedule. However, they will still receive their GSR kits in a timely manner. Thank you for allowing me to serve you

Secretary: Jesus O. - I want to take this opportunity to officially thank the people that were involved in the background summaries. I believe that this year we had a little more experience with the process and it showed at the pre-conference workshop. So kudos to Steve S., Jay Cee, Lois L., Jim C., Nikki, Brian C., Ramon D., Sharon K., Julio I., Maritta H., Linda C., Brian S. I know for a fact that I was the least qualified member of the team/committee, etc. Therefore, I had the easiest job and that is ok with me. The process, I believe is what makes things work in AA. We have more people willing to get involved and committed in the process and that is rare. Maybe we in area 09 are becoming of age; thank God for that. I'm excited about the next year and a half in this service position. There have been more moments of growth since I took the position and that's just the beginning. I am grateful for a chance to walk this path because it is everything I expected and more. What a ride! Finally, I have visited district 20, 21 and 22 in one of their meetings. I had the opportunity to attend the Southern California H & I Conference in San Diego and had a great time and learned a lot. AA is alive and well in prisons and institutions let's keep doing what we're doing.

Chair:-Cesar F.-Since the last assembly I have been conducting all business at ASC's, Area Officer's meetings and attending most Area 09 functions. I will present next year's calendar at the June ASC. I attended the archives workshop and enjoyed listening the old-timers audio recordings. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

New Business:

1. Approval of "Audit Special Committee Report" by Pete B: Motion – Scott/Heather
2. Confirm Cooperation with the Elder Comm. Chair....Patricia P.- Approved
3. Confirm Grapevine Chair: Catherine E. Approved
4. Confirm Treatment Facilities Chair: Steve S. Approved
5. Confirm CPC Spanish Co-Chair: Jose F. Approved
6. Confirm PI Spanish Co-Chair: Magdaleno G. Approved

Standing Committee Reports (Submitted in writing)

Archives – Matt-

Communications – Martin –

Convention Liaison Lois – 4 in attendance-Attended Praasa, Victorville, Acypaa Ontario, Orange, Camp Sealy

Convention Liaison Spanish Mauricio T:

Cooperation with the Professional Community: - Attended 3-There is a Standing Committee at Dist 17. I will be attending Dist 17 meeting. I will be meeting with Ramona Home Health Care

Corrections Julio I: 4 Attended-Shared experience with panels in prisons. Received a request; Contact Upon Release Program-There is an inmate being released from the Chowchilla Women's State Prison and relocating to Palm Springs. Closed with the Serenity Prayer

DCM School Nikki – 13 Attended-Discussed district agendas, district activities; what is working and what's not. Talked about challenges with group visitations and inspiring dcms. One district recently had a round table on the importance of positions. Some have delegated to GSR's and that hasn't worked as good as hoped. It was suggested that we lead by example, doing a group field trip to show how to do it. We discussed the Final Report from the 4-Area Sharing Session and plan to continue to do so in the coming months. We look forward to a combined meeting in the next month or two with registration committee. We also began compiling a list of topics to cover in future DCM school sessions.

Finance Tina – 5 Attended-Joe B was asked to join the committee as past delegate. Financial paperwork was reviewed. A proposal to make changes to the finance committee guidelines has been given to Cesar for presentation at the June ASC. Equipment & property transfer as well as all area committee guidelines were discussed. The Archives Committee asked permission to dispose of antiquated equipment and it was approved by the finance committee.

Foro Leandro: We've been meeting since March. We elected a theme and logo for the 21st annual Foro. We also included a special form on the event flyer that we need to fill out in order to enter the facility in July.

Grapevine Catherine – 3 members, 4 guests-Grapevine display present with literature. 1sr. quarter of 2012 Grapevine is in the black. New campaign for Grapevine Newsletter and GV resources. Audio Plan for GV approved at the 62nd. General Service Conference. AA Grapevine can now be viewed on smart phones and tablets. Coming June, 2012 to Grapevine.org-free daily GV quote. June is AA founder's celebration. Grapevine .complete-Grapevine online subscriptions & print magazine, formerly unpublished members stories, audio grapevine, grapevine story (digital) archive 1944 to present. Grapevine monthly magazine online and la Viña bimonthly magazines online. Cost at 14 cents a day. Need stories and cartoons-please donate. Catherine will bring multiple old volumes of grapevine (gifted to new chair) to area archives in Riverside for all to enjoy.

GSR School English Marita – 34 attended-Discussed duties and responsibilities of the GSR. Read the GSR preamble, reviewed the composition of the General Service structure, area website, area workbook and the 'What's it all about pamphlet'. Explained the role of the Area Standing Committees within the Area Service Committee and the

Area Assembly Schedule. Reviewed the day's agenda and talked about the Conference. Lastly, we talked about service sponsorship and had a Q&A session. Both our delegate and alternate delegate came by to offer support and answer questions as needed.

GSR School Spanish Marcelo-

La Viña Paco-I want to thank you all for your support to our meeting in print, La Viña. Through our magazine we are able to carry the message to hospital, prisons, treatment centers, etc. We are planning to attend the Statewide Spanish convention in Riverside, area 10 in Denver, Co. Getting ready to celebrate the La Viña 16th. Anniversary in Washington on July 28 and 29th. On April 29th. We visited the area 08 intergroup office in Chula Vista, Ca.

Literature Scott B.-

Literature Spanish Martin G.-

Public Information:-Bob D.-Planned for Spanish speaking activities. Booth in Riverside family clinic. Literature for Spanish speaking Fullerton clinics. We are looking for more public events for AA participations. We'll meet jointly with CPC on 6/12. Planning for radio and TV psa's in English and Spanish for the near future.

Public Information Spanish Magdaleno:

Registration Committee Kristin F. –

Special Needs Jennifer C.-Has been in contact with various other chairs in California and exchanging info. Will receive info. From past committee chair this week. Terped meeting in Fullerton going great. The ASL meeting in Long Beach still getting going and setting up more terped meetings in L.B. Check for feasibility of having ASL terped info on www.area09.org We are currently compiling a list of qualified volunteer interpreters.

Treatment Facilities Steve S.-Discussion about materials needed from GSO and committee procedures

Coordinate Committee Reports:

BIDYPAA/SOCALYPAA –

AOCYPAA – Meets 1st. and 3rd. Sunday of the month from 2-4pm. Steps come alive workshop with Patti O. and co-hosted with SOCALYPAA. Workshop-2-5pm BBQ 5:30-7pm on May 27th at the Canyon Club. Meeting place has moved to St. George's Episcopal Church 23802 Avenida De la Carlota, Laguna Hills, Ca. 92653

District Reports submitted in writing

District 4 Barbara: 45 Attended. We had an awesome turn out for the Dist. 4 business meeting! We spoke about the importance of attending the May Assembly for

the delegate report back. Had a fascinating report on the safety pamphlet survey, presented by Michael from area 09. Surveys were handed out with some discussion. Hoping to see all district members at the ASC in Torrance and we hope to get Jeryl for a report back in June.

District 9 Brian: 20 attended. We meet the 3rd. Sunday at 4pm at the Fellowship Hall in Palm Desert. Last district meeting held prior to the pre-conf. workshop in Placentia. We are grateful go have almost all of our district committee chair positions filled. Still missing the PI chair and Archives. The next district meeting is this afternoon at 4pm. We are currently in the process of creating clear sub-district boundaries and replenishing pamphlets for public libraries as well as ongoing attempts to encourage participation in general service. We will be representing AA with a CPC table at the upcoming West Coast Symposium on addictive disorders on 5/31-6/1 at the La Quinta Resort, in La Quinta. Special thanks to all of you who are helping staff this event.

District 12 Joe S: 55 attended. We meet the 1st Thursday, Geneva Presbyterian Church in Laguna woods. District participation in the pre-conf. workshop more than 20. Upcoming events; Memorial Day picnic, 4th of July picnic and Traditions Day 1st. Sunday in Nov.

District 14: 14 attended. Held our district meeting last Wed. We had 14 in attendance. We are still experiencing some difficulty getting people involved as GSR's. Marita H. came out last meeting and gave a presentation that was well received by the GSR's that attended. We are making progress from prior years and attendance has increased a little. Finally, we discussed the safety in AA survey. Briefly discussed an upcoming item from intergroup that may be discussed at our next meeting in more detail pertaining to suggested donations.

District 15:-About 12 in attendance. Met 5/3 at 7pm in Kaiser of Anaheim Hills. Michael M. visited and we discussed the safety survey to take to the groups.

District 17 Julio I. 20 attended. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Boston Bellies in Sun City, Ca. Sub-District 2-Jesse: visited groups and we have concerns in one of the Alano Clubs regarding the amount of GSR's allowed for the club. We are all working together to resolve the issue. Sub-Dist 3 Moses-visited groups and is scheduling a workshop on the 3rd Legacy of Service for June 9th. Sub-Dist 4 DCM position has been filled by Bob. Standing Committee reports given on Sat., April 28, 2012. CPC/PI had a health fair in Riverside. Approximately, 500+ attended. On June 12th, at 6pm Jeryl will be giving his report and districts 11, 14 and 23 will be joining us. I believe this is a good way to meet our neighbors for all who would like to attend there are flyers on the table.

Announcements:

Birthdays:

Wendy 15 yrs., Kitty 22, Dou

THE ASC ADJOURNED at approximately 2:15 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 62 Secretary – Jesus O.