

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Mid-Southern California Area 9 Assembly Minutes

September, 2012

Leisure World Club House
1280 Golden Rain, Seal Beach

Hosted by Dist. 06

Meeting was called to order by Cesar F. at 12:07 pm with the Serenity Prayer

Readings: Declaration of Unity: Gary/Antonio, Statement of Purpose and Membership: Patti/Delfin, GSR Preamble Judy/Rene

Introductions: Past Trustees, Past Delegates, New DCMC's, New DCM's, New GSR'S, New Alternate GSR's New GSR's 27

Total Attendance 245

Approval of May, 2012 Assembly minutes: Motion: Julio/Patrick 2nd

Officers Reports (following reports are written reports):

Delegate: Jeryl T.-Over the past year, I have been blessed to be a part of a study group, or, Think Tank, as it was deemed by the previous board in which we studied, discussed and researched the history of our efforts as an Area over the past 20 years, to be effective and informative. In fact, I have been fortunate to deliver my Area Highlights three times this year; at Praasa, at an ASC and the General Service Conference, in which I spoke of the Think Tank and its endeavors, and the possibility of requesting a new delegate area from GSO.

The research was wonderful and enlightening, especially with regard to the previous efforts to engage the overall effectiveness of our Area and its inner workings. I was blown away that where there was no budget for reimbursement, many members showed up at every Think Tank Meeting. From the furthest extremes of our area, on both sides of the middle, they came. With no budget, we were able to visit almost every District to poll GSRs, and make info. available. Quiries were made, and much data was compiled. Many were invited, few showed up, but those who did showed me how effective we really could be if we really tried.

So my hat is off to those who participated, and those who put in their time. You have me an experience I can only compare to the General Service Conference with regard to the Singleness of Purpose, and the sacrifice required to bring hope to our future...To make our Area more effective and create better participation. Thank you

I am now to go to the Pacific Regional Forum this week. I leave on Thursday, and will join one of our members already there, Curt DCMC of District 1, to represent Area 9. I will doing a presentation on "Facebook, Social Media and The Spirit of Anonymity", which will be available tor download on our website after the Forum.

Since our last meeting, I attended our Board Meeting, had a phone conference with our friends out at Chackawalla and Blythe, visited various Groups and Districts. Participated in a

couple of chilli cook-off fund raisers for central offices and even performed at the All Harbor Central Office event.

Our 2012 Final Conference Report is available, and each DCM/DCMC will have the responsibility to distribute them to the members. Thank you Linda, for manning, or Womanning the post of distributor.

- Since December 9, 2011, we have sold 3,492 *Big Books* and 3,071 *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* in eBook format.
- A.A.W.S made a mid-year budget adjustment that adds the \$40,000 estimated cost for distribution and tracking of the new Spanish-Language public service announcement "Tengo Espneranza", in keeping with the 2012 Conference Advisory Action.
 - TRUSTEE'S COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE
- The committee continued its discussion on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality taking into consideration the input and suggestions from the 2012 Conference Committee on Literature
- The committee continued to discuss adding the 12 concepts to the current edition of the book "Twevel Steps and Twelve Traditions" and took no action.

As always, there is a lot going on in and around AA. Please go to the website and utilize the info. portal we have there. I will make sure to update as much info. as I can as I get it from now on. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Alternate Delegate: Sharon K. Since our last meeting I have attended the board meeting and spoke at a meeting in Hermosa beach and spoke about all twelve traditions in corona. I also visited district 21 to talk about the upcoming Servathon. I will be representing the area in Joshua Tree at a roundup and continue to enjoy serving as alternate delegate.

Treasurer Annie D. – Cash in checking 9-21-12 7,853.54

Prudent Reserve (Savings) 9-21-12 5,001.20

Total 9-21-12 12,854.74

AUGUST YTD

Inflows 5,139.53 Inflows 50,562.00

Outflows 3,204.95 Outflows 46,030.83

TOTAL 1,934.58 Total 4,531.17

Panel 62 & YTD (6/30/12) contributing entities:

Registered Groups 521

Unregistered Groups 55

Districts 4

Convention/Alcathons 4

Individuals 14

Total 598

There are 3268 Group numbers in Area 9 of which 1619 are Status "A" (Active)

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. – Had the opportunity to speak about the gsr duties at the gsr in a round table put on by the intra-district meeting in an effort to better educate the new Spanish speaking gsr's. Attended district 21 with Sharon last Wednesday to speak about the Servathon. Attended the officers meeting and have been updating the area minutes on the website. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Chair:-Cesar F.-No report

New Business:

1. **Finance**-The finance committee proposes the following changes to the Finance Committee Guidelines. Section 3-G: Remove Arrange for the annual audit of financial records. Section 5 Officers: Change the committee shall have a Chair, Co-Chair, and secretary to The committee shall have a Chair, Alternate Chair, and secretary. Section 6-5 Officers Duties, Co-Chair: Change Co-Chair to Alternate Chair.- Motion Passes by Substantial Unanimity
2. **Servathon**-The Board proposes to change article V.B.2 on the MSCA 09 Guidelines in the section regarding the Servathon; "to be held in the fall of each year.", be changed to read, "To be held in the fall every other year in the non-election year." (or even years) After discussion and voting-Motion Fails
3. **2013 Calendar**-Approved
4. **La Vina**-Paco-Asked for support of La Vina on the 17th Anniversary. Area 09 will be the hosting area for 2013. Lots of support was shown and volunteers that want to help out raised their hands
5. **New Motion:** To replace the Standing Committee Meetings in the November ASC with the Servathon: That the Nov. Standing Committees be set aside and replaced by our Annual Servathon. Respectfully presented by Charlie Butler DCM Dist 9. Motion was seconded by Robert Chapman, Alt. DCM Dist. 9

Standing Committee Reports (Submitted in Writing)

Archives – Matt- Archives Committee

September 9, 2012

Leisure World Seal Beach

Number of committee members presents: 10

The last meeting of the archives committee was held on August 25, 2012.

At that meeting we discussed the following:

- Progress on the sorting of the stack room
- Progress on the group history project.
- Prepared our proposed 2013 operating budget.
- Archives activities:
 - We will have the traveling display at the area assembly on September 9.
 - ACYPAA and SoCalYPAA will be at the archives for a sorting party on September 22 from 12 to 3 PM.

- Pete B. will give a presentation on the history of the big book at the Young People's convention in Irvine on October 5 at 3 PM.
- Pete B. will be taking the traveling display to the high desert Roundup on October 6.
- Pete will visit Area 5, District 55 on October 7.
- Pete and Joseph will have displays at the inland Empire convention on October 19, 20th and 21st.
- Heritage they will be hosted by district 10 the date will be Saturday, November 17 or Sunday, November 18 depending on location flyers will soon be available.

The workbook workshop ad hoc committee met on September 8 to continue work on revising the archives workbook

Communications – Martin –

Convention Liaison Lois – Visited Serenity in the Pines AA Picnic, Idlywild, Convencion Hispana Estados Unidos y Canada Aug. 31-Sept. 2. Planning for the 4th. Socalypaa Orange Convention Oct. 4-7, San Bernardino, IEAAC 2012 "The Courage to Change".

Convention Liaison Spanish Mauricio T: We attended the 40th. Spanish Speaking Convention US/CANADA. There were 8,000 attendees and we could appreciate the unity among us throughout US and Canada. Next year it will be held in Tampa, Florida. Thank you

Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC) Patricia P.-We now have 7 people interested and working on our committee. We are distributing area 09 brochures today and Elder Info. packets will be mailed to each member this week. We passed out 500 brochures to take back to GSR's and home group members. Plan on meeting next month to compare notes as to where we've been and more ideas.

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

Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish-Jose F.- Opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer followed by our presentation. Had 7 district chairs and 4 guests attending. We talked about the work that district 9 is doing with the courts in Indio, Ca. and waiting for the court's response. Dist 18 chair is working with the Santa Ana police dept. giving out pamphlets and info. District 12 chair is working with the police dept. and sending out info. letters to schools as well. Finally, we talked about the Trustee's recommendations on Special Needs and Videos that will be coming out in Spanish and French. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Corrections Julio I:- Had 10 members attending. We discussed our shared experience with H&I panels and our involvement. Went over the GSO statistics on Corrections. Passed out literature available for committees and the Trustees Corrections Committee information. Discussed the traditions being compromised at the Chucawala Prison.

DCM School Nikki – We held a combined DCM School/Registration Committee meeting with 30+ attending. We discussed common registration mistakes, benefits in registering a group, and a Registration Workshop packet put together by Raul, Area 09 registrar. There was much discussion and Q&A, in an effort to create better efficiency and cooperation between the Registrars and DCMs/DCMCs. We are planning to combine meetings again in a few months, likely in January at the Assembly. There is a discrepancy in subdistrict info. between what GSO

and the Districts structure is. We will work with the area Registrar to clear up so that DCDs/DCMCs get their packets.

Finance Tina – 4 attending; We reviewed financial statements. Finance Committee members contacted committee chairs to collect budget requests and inventory checklists in preparation of the budget setting meeting: budget setting will be Oct. 6th.

Grapevine Catherine – 23 attending; Combined work group with La Vina. La Vina is requesting support of the Grapevine to coordinate an event to celebrate the 17th Anniversary of La Vina in July, 2013. Catherine and Paco will work together with a committee of volunteers to support La Vina's efforts to be self-supporting. The goal is 1000-1500 attendees and register 2000 La Vina Subscriptions. We will host a roundtable at the Servathon focusing on the purpose and traditions of the Grapevine.

GSR School English Marita – Reviewed the "What's It All About?" pamphlet, the 2012 Workbook, new group change forms and the GSR Preamble. We talked about the Group History form. Reviwed the agenda items and GSR packet. We talked about why the concepts matter. Lastly, we share about the Joys of Service.

GSR School Spanish Marcelo-We had 27 attending. Thanks to all who attended and participated. We discussed concept 9 and how vital leadership in AA is. We also talked about the Third Legacy.

La Viña Paco-We are happy to report that we came out of the hat as the hosting area for the 17th. La Vina Anniversary. In area 92 Western Washington we had areas 3 Arizona, 5 Los Angeles, 6 California Northern Interior, area 58 Oregon in attendance for the 16th Anniversary. In order to be self-supporting, La Vina needs your support for the organizing committee of the 17th Anniversary. In our trip to Denver, Colorado we compiled 27 stories/articles for La Vina and we had a few new subscriptions. At he 16th Aniversary we had 37 stories and 600 new subscriptions. Thank you all for your support to our Spanish Language Magazine.

Literature Scott B.-8 members in attendance-The committee made recommendations, additions, etc. for the 2013 MSCA09 workbook. We will be adding the calendar and updating the 2013 workbook for submission to the MSCA09 executive board for approval. We also discussed the budget for submission to the finance committee. We will be attending the District 1 Special Needs Workshop on Sept. 27th at the South Bay Alano Club in Hermosa Beach.

Public Information:-Bob D.-Fair on Oct. 24th.-Booth, AA presentation, PSAs. Inventory submitted to Tina at Finance and Budget also. New ideas are bus placards.

Registration Committee Kristin F. – I learned to take the I & me and turn it into we today, after our first ever joint Registration/DCM School Committees and our first ever Q&A with the team of Nikki, Raul and myself and all the DCMs/DCMCs that attended. We discussed and exchanged info regarding registration problems and successes with each other. It was a great exchange and a great way to let DCMs/DCMCs/Registrars know that they don't have to do this alone-we can do it together and we can draw from the experience of other districts and the area, as well. Possible workshop at the Archives location and another joint meeting with the DCM School in Jan. or sooner.

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: Rozane 18, Alex N., Dave 15, Raechell 3, Carolle 2, Elain 33, Ron E. 22, John W. 30, Tina 22, Lisa 6, Jose 12, Luis 29, Marylin 33, Lois 51, Pete 25, Willie 6, Antonio 19, Barbara Dee 10 years.

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED at approximately 3:18 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 62 Secretary – Jesus O.