

APPROVED MINUTES

**Mid Southern California Area 9
September 8, 2013 Assembly Minutes
Knights of Columbus Hall
1729 Base Line St., San Bernardino, Ca.
Hosted by district 11**

Meeting was called to order at 12:05pm by Area Chair César F.

Readings: Declaration of Unity: Jim B./Francisco R., Statement of Purpose and Membership: Gilbert G./Rafa., GSR Preamble Hiro/Sergio

Introductions: Past Trustees, Past Delegates, New DCMs, New DCMCs, New Alt. DCMs/DCMCs, New GSRs, New Alt. GSRs, Current and Past Area Officers

Approval of May, 2013 Assembly Minutes

Officers' Reports (the following reports are written reports):

Delegate Jeryl T.: -Since our last ASC, I have been busy as a delegate. I have visited Districts 7, 3 and 19, a board meeting in Santa Ana, an interdistrict meeting in Tustin by way of Fontana, a steering committee meeting at district 7, the Harbor Intergroup. I was a speaker at the Redwood Round Up in Humboldt County, Ca, Inland Empire Intergroup, Grupo Sendero de Vida, District 6, now here in San Bernardino and when I leave here this afternoon I will be speaking in Sun City. Nothing like being a delegate, you really get around.

I also want to acknowledge all who have been trying to put together an itinerary for our soon to be visiting Regional Trustee, Rod B., even though we still do not have details of his journey here to facilitate next month's election Assembly. It seems like only yesterday that he pulled my name out of the hat to become the Panel 62 Delegate. But what a journey it has been, and what an amazing journey to come for possibly one of you sitting here today when you become the next Area 9 delegate.

A few items to mention as we are gathered here today:

- Prayers for one of our Panel 56 Delegate, Bruce Henry, who lost his wife, Linda, a former board member and longtime member of Area 09. He just wants us all to know how much she loved AA and her area. She passed last week from the complications of surgery to treat a variety of illnesses.

- Also we need to lift in prayer, PJ Doherty, another former delegate from panel 40, who entered the hospital yesterday with respiratory issues. We will keep those interested updated as info. comes in.
- There is still time to apply for Non Trustee Director Position for the AA Grapevine, by Sept. 9th to Nancy H. (Details on website). This position serves up to 4 one year terms and can lead to a Trustee position in the future. They are hoping to add someone who ties to the Hispanic Community and has the time to serve.
- In the latest issue of the Box 459, GSO desk rotations were announced and we now will be in contact with Tracy O., who replaced Jim M. at the Group Services/Web Services desk. She will be responsible for Pacific Regional correspondences, Intergroup/Central Office liaison and responsible for Service Material and AA Guidelines. The rest of the magazine also talks about all the changes as of the last Conference, such as:
 - Our new Chairman of the board, Terry Bedient
 - Other desk assignments
 - 5 new Class B Trustees, William F. of Marietta, Ohio, Chet P. of Orlando, Florida, Bob W. of Westfield, Mass., Alvin Z. of Long Beach, New York (who will serve as general service trustee on the Grapevine Board), and Bill N. of Spring Lakes Heights, New Jersey (who will also serve as general service trustee but not on the AAWS Board.
 - And replacing Ward Ewing and Honorable Rogelio Flores as Class A Trustees, we have coming on board David M. Morris from New York City, and the Honorable Ivan Lemelle, a US District Judge from New Orleans, Louisiana.
- The Final Reports are in and I am especially proud, because that was the last responsibility of my Conference Committee, Report and Charter. I felt quite privileged to be a part of the process to make this informative document happen. But of course, I immediately found a mistake on the very first page, which I am proud to say, we didn't have the task of proof read. So, it wasn't our fault!! Whoo Hoo!!
- The quarterly financial reports are out and have been distributed to all of the districts. You can track the contributions

Alt. Delegate Sharon: It is a privilege and honor to serve as your alternate delegate. Since our last area ASC I have visited District 3, District 19, and attended a board

meeting. I'm starting to get invitations to chair district elections. I love the election time of year in general service and can't wait to see what Panel 64 for Area 9 will look like. I encourage all of you to stand for positions in your district or A the Area level. It is a rewarding experience. I put together my Budget for the finance committee for the next panel's alternate delegate. Finally, I'm getting ready for the Servathon and it should be a good one. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve..

Treasurer Annie: -

Checking: 8,797.90 + Savings (Prudent Reserve): 5,001.72 = Total: 13,799.62
August 31, 2013

Inflows: 5,277.62 - Outflows: 6,799.73 = Total: -1,522.11

2013 YTD

Inflows: 52,371.51 - Outflows: 43,573.61 = Total: 8,797.90

Negative totals do not include 2012 year-end cash balance in checking: \$6979.90

1. Received and entered weekly deposits, send receipts for same
2. Email addresses on up to 40% of contributions (may save \$700 this year).
3. Bills paid, mailed.
4. Bank account reconciled.
5. New report system using Quicken reports with new categories going well.
6. Investigating use of QuickBooks for Charitable Organizations to replace File maker Pro and Quicken. Can be purchased at Tech Soup for about \$40?

New Business:

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| 1. Confirm Spanish Literature Chair | Veronica |
| 2. MSCA 2014 Calendar | By Cesar F. Area Chair |
| 3. Budget Override Up to \$1500 for Delegate | By the Area Officers/Directors |

Standing Committee Reports (submitted in writing):

Archives Joseph H: 6 members attending-July 2013 minutes were approved. We discussed the 2014 Archives budget and it was to be submitted to the Finance Committee ahead of time. Sever archival items were approved to be added to the MSCA09 archives collection. Group history tree on a wall at the archives has been postponed. Joseph H. attended the IEAAC planning meeting for setting up the area archives and convention displays. Joseph H. presented the district 11 archives display at the Sept. 8th Assembly, since District 11 was hosting. Upcoming events-The High Desert Convention on Sept. 28th, Spanish AA group Libertad to visit the Archives, Inland Empire AA Convention Oct. 11 & 12. Heritage day hosted by district 20 on Oct. 26th. and the 17th Spanish Convention on Sept. 13-15th.

DCM School Nikki N: 20 in attendance-We discussed upcoming district elections and service sponsorship. We shared ideas that have helped in our positions and how we can service sponsor our replacements. We are planning to meet with the Registration Committee during the Nov. ASC to aid in the transition from Panel 20 to Panel 64.

Convention Liaison Spanish -Mauricio: 5 attending-We spoke about our budget. The Orange County Spanish Speaking Convention will be held this weekend Sept. 13-15th. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

GSR SCHOOL: We received the Conference Structure and Make-Up of the annual meeting in New York. We then discussed the make-up of our Conference and Region. We spoke about the difference between an Area Service Committee and an Assembly meeting. We talked about the importance of Committee work and participation at district meetings. We talked about how to give a GSR report. We briefly touched on a few of the 12 Concepts for Service work that would be easily seen today. Lastly, Marita stressed the importance of enjoying your serve work.

GSR School Marcelo: I would like to thank all the GSRs that attended our meeting today. We spoke about Concept 9 and how vital leadership is in AA. We encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming area elections so we can elect our area leaders for the next two years. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

La Viña Paco: We had 5 Spanish Speaking districts represented. We discussed some questions that came up from the members. Is the magazine a business endeavor? It's not a business it's our meeting in print. Does the district support a committee financially? It is up to the district because all districts are autonomous. Is it a good idea that district standing committees visit the groups with the district board? If the committee has a chair, secretary and treasurer then it is not recommended. Upcoming events-XVII Orange County Spanish Speaking Convention Oct.13-15th and on Thursday and Sunday before and after the Convention Irene D. from GSO will be speaking at different groups of District 20 and 24

Literature Committee -Scott: 4 attending-We discussed the Third Legacy Election Procedure Pamphlet which is being printed for the October Elections. We discussed the what's it all About pamphlet which we will make available online very soon. We discussed possible events for 2014. Did a literature presentation at the last district 14 meeting in Hemet with a little skit and spoke in Lucerne Valley last month. Veronica was approved as the Spanish Literature Chair

Public Information -Bob: 7 attending-Joslyn Senior Fair 10/13 in Palm Desert., District 1 & 6 Fairs in Torrance. OCCO PI activity discussed. Literature racks to

institutions, etc. PSAs contacts to radio and TV being pursued. OC Anaheim Stadium \$450 for table Nov., 2013 to OCCO

Registration Committee -Kristen: 5 attending-Welcomed a new registrar from district 4; Courtney. Went over new group change forms as well as other forms that will be needed for district elections coming up. DCM school has invited our committee for a combined Nov. ASC meeting to go over forms needed to gear up for the next panel. Nov. 10th is the DCM/REGISTRATION Committees presentation to outgoing and incoming DCMs

Special Needs – Joe S: 4 attending-Discussed Special Needs concerns; service dogs in meetings. Special Needs workshop was well attended; there is a need for information. Meetings should not have group consciences that prevent people access that state law protects. Groups need to be educated and that is where the Special Needs committee can help.

Treatment Facilities Steve S: We had a lively discussion and reviewed our Work Book

Coordinate Committee Reports:

YPAA-Darren T. 8 members attending-We discussed on bidding for SoCal YPAA 2014. Pokee Night on Sept. 21 6:30-1am. Panel and Mini Marathon Meetings for SoCal AA Convention on Oct.4-6. Broom Ball on Oct. 31st 10am-11pm

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 3 Alex R: 20 People-Jerry did a Share back and Sharon shared on General Service. Alex R. was elected as DCMC. Foro share back from participation members. Next business meeting on Sept.10, 2013

District 4 -Barbara: 40 attending-A very hot but lively meeting this month for Dist. #4. Thanks again to delegate Jeryl for his share back last month. Awesome, as always. We had 4 new GSRs and we are preparing our elections next month. H&I Chili Cook-off Fund Raiser is coming up on Sept. 21st.

District 5 -Joe: On our next meeting we will have our district elections; Oct. 10th

District 6 –Kim A: District overview; Monthly Concept Study-12 attendees. District Derby-an ongoing district effort to visit all the unrepresented meetings in the framework of a competition between our sub-districts. Elections Preparation-we are and continue to encourage mentoring new people into Committee Chair positions; DCMs. Many alternates now serving in all posts. The current board is committed to remain at

the district through the first quarter to support the new board. Service Palooza-Sept. 21st. noon to 4pm at Mason Regional Park, Irvine. With district 18 to celebrate service through information panels, music, games and food. Committee events coming up The Grapevine Writers Workshop.

District 7 –Lisa B: We had the delegate visit with encouragement through changes and challenges; the secretary was moved up to DCMC. New elections to take place in Oct. Participation, improving, planning to possible hold a district event to encourage further participation from GSRs in the District. We have several positions open and are working diligently and in unity to trudge through. Concept/Traditions study added into our meeting instead of having it separate. On Sept. 9 we will have a visit from our delegate to speak and we are hosting the Sept. 2014 ASC.

District 9 Robert C: 9 attendees at the area. We plan to form committees for the Dec. 8th. ASC. Reviewed our district guidelines and begin edit and change. Discussed area elections and district elections on Nov. 17th. 62nd Annual Southern California AA Convention in Rancho Mirage, Ca.

District 11 Jessica S: 12 attendees-Hosted the MSCA09 Assembly in 9/8. GSR school underway again. We had a lively discussion on Aug. 8th on the topic of interaction with intergroup and central office and we learned a lot. We are researching topics of interest from the groups for a future workshop. We have a new treasurer; Tony L. and new alternate treasurer Jessica S. District elections will be in November and planning a New year's Alkathon.

District 12 –Joe S: 50+ Attendees-Traditions/Concept Workshop and GSR Orientation. We are getting ready for elections in November. Had a good turnout for the assembly today in order to qualify to vote for delegate elections in October. Traditions Day is Nov. 3rd. and we will be hosting the Servathon on November 16th.

District 14 –Kelly Y: 20 Attendees-Literature Chair Scott and his people came to share their literature display, skit and literature info. with our district. We really appreciate it, they did a great job. Thanks guys! We will be hosting the Nov. ASC on Nov. 10th in San Jacinto. Ice cream social on Nov. 23rd. Our district elections to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of November.

District 15 Elaine: 15-18 Attendees-All dark meetings have been visited and we now have 8 new GSRs from previously dark meetings. We will be hosting the Election Assembly, Oktoberfest and district elections we be held in November. January and February we will have the Second Annual Sponsorship Workshop

District 17 Ernie B: After the secretary started questioning why we are doing what we are doing, some of us were able to answer the questions. However, she persisted and someone suggested we do an inventory so we are going over the district guidelines. Up until the elections in December we will be doing a district inventory. The district guidelines describe the positions duties and responsibilities. Alt. DCMC Ernie

District 19 –Gary W: 12 Attendees-We will be having elections in November as well as our Traditions Play and Workshop

District 20 Liciano: We are still visiting a couple meeting every week. Our district elections to be held on Oct. 28th. On Sept. 15 we will be having a service workshop as a direct result of doing our inventory 17 attendees today to the area.

District 21 Ramon: We continue to visit groups twice a week and encourage general service participation. We let the GSRs know how important it is to participate at the area level. On Aug. 25th we attended the interdistrict meeting where Jeryl came to motivate our participation in the area elections. This month we will be hosting the interdistrict meeting of all the Spanish Speaking districts Oct. 29th.

***Distrito 22 -Maria:** 3 attendees-We are working hard on our local forum and we visit meetings twice weekly. Our district elections we be held on Nov. 3rd.

Distrito 23 Victor: 7 attendees-We are still meeting every Friday from 7-9pm. Our district elections on Friday, Oct. 18. District anniversary on Nov. 16th.

District 25 Juan: We meet every Monday 7 – 9pm and visit a couple meetings per week. Our district elections to be held on Oct. 7th. and the district anniversary #6 will be held on Nov. 30th.

Recap of Actions:

4. Confirmed Spanish Literature Chair Veronica
5. MSCA 2014 Calendar Approved
6. Budget Override Up to \$1500 for Delegate Approved

Birthdays-Gilbert-2, Benigno 20, Dave 16, Elaine M. 34, Robert 4, Alex N. 17, Marilyn 34

- **Motion to close-Nikki/Ramon**
- ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED at approximately 2:30 pm with the Responsibility Pledge, English and Spanish.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 62 Secretary – Jesus O