

Minutes for Mid Southern California Area 09 August 2007

Readers?

Trad 8 Mary Ann, Jose...concept 8 Bob, ? Gsr preamble Brian, Jorge service statement of purpose, Michael, homador

Moved the voting on minutes to later until Oscar arrives.

Delegates report:

Question for past delegates, has the GSR preamble ever been presented to the conference as an agenda item? No answer from the current body. News from AWS board new chair Howard L. Southeastern regional trustee. Jason will give a detailed report of New Vision. One of the things I've seen in a long time. In may of this year Greg m. and Doug r. traveled to sub Saharan African service meeting. They discussed Issues like translation and copy write also self-support and literature requests. AAWS recommended the internet office website committee add to aa.org any conference approved pamphlet designated and service or unity they were given the right to do just that. Distribution of the AA books was up 9% through the month of April 2007. New form gv Inc. Will have a section about the social medical legal aspect of alcoholism will be oct. 2007 issue. The regional forums held in us Virgin Islands that were one of last special forums. Northeast had their regional forum with 524 attendees. A special forum will be held in the Northwest Territory. A total of 460,437 books have been sold this year with 2318 of those books sold were the new book, in our own words. 3278 copies of el groupe bose. Grapevine Inc income 866,000 1003.00 ahead of budget total expenses 859000 or 54000 lower than budget. Lets continue to support our international journal make it a great recovery tool. We have a challenge of 100 new subscriptions in the area before the end of the year, so we can be fully self-supporting. Were up 114000 more than budgeted, contributions that groups are sending. We are up 17500 greater than last year. Corrections desk, they will go forward with information media presentation have been completed. Old issues of Inmate to inmate are available for \$1 until they are gone. From the literature desk, AA for the North American. A draft will be available in oct. before the board meeting. PI desk a letter will be sent to delegate and acypa with instructions on video submissions, the idea is to have young people submit the experience strength and hope. A PowerPoint presentation is available by Bruce, which shares his experience of the expectation of the responsibilities month by month of the delegate. If you are interested in seeing this presentation I will bring it for viewing. Received regarding the membership 11 of the 23 surveys back, great job.

Alt delegate report

Attended the foro in Lakeview this past July and once again I was amazed by the passion. Visited district 17 to find out how they are doing with the planning for servathon. They are a group of men and women who subsequently are ahead of the planning of this time honored event. The committee has arranged for Julian R. to be the main speaker and facilitator at this event. This year's servathon will be in Sun City on Nov 3rd.

Registrar

Today we have the new vision at 60% of its capacity. Once we have entered at the area level within 7 days the GSR packets will be sent from Kansas. Please write legibly on all forms. We registered more than expected we had over 150 people. Updating eligibility for elections.

Treasurer

Collected 380839 check and cash for the area, I also written out checks for 390333. That seems to be my job in a nutshell, to collect and write checks and keep track of monies going in and out. Would like to thank Bruce and Linda for getting the bid for PRAASA.

Area chair

Discussion on the audit on the area. The recommended course of action has been, that msca 09 information return form 990 2006 be prepared by Stan gray CPA the quoted cost be 225.00 the finance committee considers is necessary that prior returns be dating back to the year 2000 be reviewed if necessary and any adjustments that are needed to bring the quicken file books and the form 990 be made. We are in agreement that a CPA does the taxes. It will drive the desired result of having an independent professional provide direction to the area to consistently apply sound accounting practices in a manner that can be documented and passed from panel to panel. Ad hoc committee would consist of a. to develop a proposed procedure for an internal audit of the msca09 finances. B. To submit the proposing to the assembly of approval. The adhoc committee will be appointed today.

Inventory

Verbal report for each of the eight topics. Concern about principles before personalities; one suggestion would be to change the format of the meetings to allow for a one-hour AA meeting to be held prior to every area event. This would serve to keep the participants focused on the recovery side of our program and it principals so that when the area meeting begins the body will have spiritual grounding. 2. Topic, general lack of understanding of the area meeting process asc vs. assemblies the process of placing items on ht agenda and basically what we do at meeting. One suggestion would be to change the area calendar to two area assemblies a year, these assemblies would be two day full weekend events that look and feel like praasa and regional events. In doing so the difference between asc and assemblies would be become very evident it would also drive group participation. A PowerPoint presentation would be created by the current chair that could be used at the districts to fully explains how the area functions and how to get an item of interest into the agenda process. 3. Lack of group representation. Missing the groups voice at the area and hearing mainly from individuals. Having two-day events would become a destination rather just a place to come. I called some other area that have quite a number of participation. Become examples of service to the people we go to and speak to and more importantly here at the area. The idea would be to keep the new GSR that does attend to keep coming back. 4. Financial procedures, lack of understanding and process and fiscal responsibilities. We have guidelines, the duties are listed under the guidelines and budget, and I find a lot of misinformation. out there. Sometimes Mike gets confused too! Mike uses the service manual and service sponsor. Best to ask the treasurer. 5. General lack of understanding on service board, i.e. groups, sub districts, districts, conference and board. The action to be taken. I would use the tools that are already in place. What's it all about pamphlet, the service manual. We need to make the sure the workbook is correct and checked before every structure. Also change the name of the GSR school to the GSR orientation. It should only take place at

assemblies. Alt delegate should teach this orientation. The documents could be handed out at that time. District needs to have similar structure. Service manual should be treated the same as our recovery. Service manuals should be made available at any cost. We need to get back to one on one. A short session at every assembly should have an ask it basket. I hate to say it but POW wows need to be reinstated for the committees. 6, understanding the role of the past delegate. I will soon be one. Not to serve as committee chairs. They should be available to be used to be chairs of praasa and the like. Should over all presence should be transparent? Should be available to trustee or trustee at large. 7. We do not have a good cross section of the community represented at the area level. Less than 5% are represented at the area level. What is a good cross section? How is this relevant to our assembly and statement of purpose? Do we even need to be concerned about what populations are represented or do we believe that everyone who should be here is here? We need to look at our literature table to see the people in AA. Plenty of service related literature.

Vote for agenda topics for next month's assembly

Alex has corrections committee guidelines. Linda asked why it was so lengthy; Alex explained it is very descriptive to help any person who might be interested in joining the committee. Motion passes.

2008 calendar. Two dates need to be included by Pete B. Archives open house 4/6/2008 and heritage day 10/11/2008. Motion passes.

A four-year plan for public service announcement. After 2008 conference committee at a cost of replaces the initial 4-year period the oldest psa, not exceed, 40,000. Change to; the msca pi committee recommends strongly it read instead, the conference committee on pi review the oldest psa and make recommendations. This proposal was explained many times by many speakers during this meeting. The question was posed to change the proposal to read; **review before possible replacement**. Motion passes.

Force of nature is not available online. As of this date of showing. The pi committee msca 09 strongly recommends the psa Force of Nature psa as viewed by our pi committee be discontinued *for the following reason, it seems more of a promotion than an attraction, its as recovering alcoholics this is a misuse of the fellowships money, I don't think I need to keep that in there. It is simple scenery with floating letters and a voice over. There are no people, no alcohol and it appears to have been created by someone unfamiliar with AA. If approved by msca09 assembly we recommend it be forward to the 59th general service conference.* Amendment; strike everything after the word "discontinued". Motion has changed to take a motion to table proposal until next months assembly. Motion passes to table.

I propose to ask the msca09 finance committee to pursue the possibility of the purchase of new sound equipment and report back to the November asc. Motion passes.

Co-Ordinate Committee

OC Intergroup

New meeting location, aryes hotel cm bristo/redhill. Annual picnic was on 8/5/07 at mile Square Park with approx, 300 in attendance. Public information booth at the oc fair was a success with around 3500 pamphlets about AA in English, Spanish, Russian, Korean, and Vietnamese. We had 52 volunteers work the both for 10 days for 7/26 to 8/5, thank you who make this happen.

Sub-comite de traducciones

Se empexo la junta con la omcion de la secendencia se dio informacion a dos peronas de la quehase el sub-comite, se tubo como punto motivar a los comites para que manden literature que

se necesita traducir y así poder ayudar para que el mensaje de A.A. se pase y también se hizo la propuesta de que se haga una forma de tradición para dárselas a los comités y se necesitan una tradición en este comité habiendo varias personas dispuestas y disponibles para traducir. Con una asistencia de 8 personas se formó la junta con la clarificación de la responsabilidad.

Special needs.

Forms are available to all districts for wheelchair accessibility please grab a few call DCM's and make copies for your groups. Dist. 4 coordinated with their local Intergroup to ensure all wheelchair accessible meetings were rotated in the meeting directory. Feel free to ask them how they did it so you can do the same! Trembler groups do move and may have moved from an accessible space to a non-accessible space and vice-versa. A Spanish-speaking co-chair is still needed does anyone know whether SN guidelines are translated into Spanish? All districts are requested to bring to the committee meeting dates, times and locations of ASL interpreted meetings so we can have the information for the area website. Tipo de fiel servidor para comité' necesidades especiales es mucho importancia. Gracias.

Registration Committee Report

Five members present. New registrar Dave T. of district 8 was in attendance for fifteen minutes until area registrar Jason S. casually but assertively summoned Dave's help at the registration table. Discussion pertained to low GSR attendance at district meetings as well as the long durations GSR's wait for their packets from GSO. Scott of district 18 shared his dcmc visitation kit for anybody in attendance at district meetings. Approximately half of this kit is provided free of charge with a request to the GSO. All members present agreed making DCM visitation kits available at district meetings is a great idea Furthermore, the kit can provide instant and new awareness of service and interest in district meeting attendance to all groups. New catalog.

Grapevine

New day planner 2008 / 4.50 cd's 10.00 new books: in our own Words. A collection of stories by young people in A.A. New cd: a lifetime of A. A. a collection of stories for A.A.'s old timers. I am available for presentations at groups, districts, workshops, conferences, or any AA gathering. Let me know a date and I'll try to make it. I will be at the Servathon and the PI workshop plus ASC's and area assemblies. Start thinking about grapevine committee chair for 2008-2009 panel 58 it's a wonderful way to serve the area and the grapevine.

Corrections

Attendee so cal H&I Intergroup meeting in Santa Barbara at the end of July. Next SCHII meeting is end of August in San Diego. Planning meetings for 2008 H&I conference 1st. Sunday every month at the GG Alona club at 1:30pm. Receive phone calls from area 40 Montana in regards to an inmate paroling to Downey, CA in sept/oct. Need more writers for corrections correspondence service. In attendance today 8/12/07 6 at committee meeting. Guidelines presentation at ASC business meeting.

Treatment Facilities

7 people attended talked about what is a temporary contact and what they do also talked about now we carry the message into treatment facilities to suffering alcoholics. We have 3 archive districts and heard how they are going into now facilities. And how one district is starting up and getting support from their district. In sept. We will be participating in a rally and walk in Redlands where we will be setting up a booth and talking to both clients and professionals of treatment facilities I will woke on getting flyers for the next area meeting.

CPC

Sponsor your doctor: this is where CPC work begins: with each alcoholic offering information on AA (in any form) so they can refer or inform patients. Discussed single @ sided form AA t a glance.

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Reunion de los RSG's aperture alas 9:30am conla Segunda tradicion y el prambulo del alcoholicos anonimos presentacion y bienvenida anevos tsh alternow y visitas hablamos acerca de los eleceiones del area en octubre 14 gupo prguntas y compartimiento de informacion de los RSG tambien estudiamos el concepto 8 de ledio la motivacion alos diferentes comites y uses.

La Vina

La seccion del comite de la vina estuvo muy interesante, compartiendo como estan sirviendo los cordinadores de la vina que hoy participaron e intercambianos experiencias como servidores de la vina siendo el proposito principal que la vina hegue a todos los aa possible y a los que todavia no hegua ya empieza a hegar hay que comprarla por otro lado a sistimos al foro de serviuos grls que organiso el distrito #15 area 8 san diego valle imperial estuvimos en la mesa #6 la vina y tuve el privilegio de ser expositor de la mesa por cierto tambien este comite le regalo a la vina, por otor lado el dia de hopy en el transcurso de nuestra reunion salio una presunta porque la vina no sale cada mes/ y bueno si seguimos trabajando estamos seguros que pronto saldra cada mes ojala que esta pregunta algun dia se haga realidad que la vina salga cada mes, tambien fuimos a las Vegas nv. Distrito #21 area #42 y tambien les regalamos 20 vinas esta visita five para motivar la vina otra bonita experiencia de servicio gracias bina y antomo por acompanarme.

DCM School

Practical experience using the steps, tradition, and concepts to solve any problems. Discussed today: getting GSR participation at the area level. Supporting a GSR at he group level to attend district and area meetings. We don't solve your problems- we provide information that comes from AA pinion found in AA literature.

Literature/Spanish

My report is almost the same as the English chair. The committee had a great meeting this morning. Three topics the committee discussed. Workbook 2008 whats it all about pamphlet heating guidelines. I want to thank victor tsg dist. 23 Marco sit. 20 Reynaldo dist. 23 for their great participation at the committee this morning.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AGENDA & MINUTES

We had 12 members present and welcomed the new District 17 PI Representative to our committee.

We viewed the PSA (Public Service Announcement) "Force of Nature" and "Reach Out". The Public Information Committee felt the same as when they made the original decision to discontinue "Force of Nature".

1. OLD BUSINESS : REMEMBER-September 16, 2007 is PI's 2nd Annual Public Information Bilingual Workshop. We have an Area 05 Delegate Whose staff assignment is to the PI Committee at GSO, an athletic director who works with young people, a DUI Instructor then lunch, followed by a Judge and an Alternative Sentencing Director and possibly a Class "A" Trustee who happens to be a Judge.

I have attached a checklist so that the committee can see where we need help. We want this to be the best Workshop PI has had. The PI Committee has worked hard and deserves our 2nd PI Bilingual Workshop to be a great success!

2. NEW BUSINESS: Damien volunteered to help with the PI Display. The time is now 8:30 for set-up, registration from 9:15am to 9:55am, program starts at 10am. The theme is "Being Friendly With Our Friends".

Joseph has agreed to be there with the sound system and translation equipment.

The main dish will be from El Pollo Loco: Chicken, Tacquitos, Salad, Spanish rice, flour tortillas, tortilla chips & salsa. I will call El Pollo Loco Again and make sure they will deliver to the workshop site and the committee will provide sodas, water, some side dishes, doughnuts.

Also we have invited the Chairs with Displays to be at the workshop so the professionals can see what Alcoholic Anonymous does and does not do.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Thru love and service, MSCA 09 Public Information Chair, Linda H

District 4

We are hosting a treasurer's workshop on dec. 8, 2007 at MWA in long beach mike our area treasurer as offered to speak. All are welcome we are in the midst of updating our district guidelines we would like to have members of the are officers to attend our October 3, 2007 meeting to assist with our election.

District 5

36 in attendance on 8/9/07 Thursday. Meeting is 2nd Thurs. @7pm at the church or the foothills in Santa Ana. July had 51 in attendance Pete b. came out and gave an area archives presentation free pizza and salad. August business meeting started discussions on Oct elections, reviewed agenda items for asc, 2008 budget, and DCM realignment. Upcoming events; oct. district elections. Nov service appreciation night.

District 8

9 in attendance we are gaining in those who want to be of service. Craig S. will give a presentation about the role of the DCMC and stuff.

District 11

2 in attendance. Bridging the gap report. Facilities were visited and presentation was presented Q&A period also. Barbaradee GSR was approved to be active DCMC for dist. 11 for the month of sept 07. Reported to GSR's the have their groups subscribe to the grapevine to have a collection to than newcomers can borrow to read and bring back. In crease in praasa 2008 funding of 200 was approved and for GSR's and anyone to start saving now. Remind all dist. 11 of the area elections on oct. 14th to elect new officers and delegate.

District 15

Asking our groups for indicate which of a number of topics they might choose fro a dist. 15-seminar event etc. Tradition, concepts, and steps pageant home show. New comers and traditions boring about general service sponsorship. We had Phil I from treatment facilities.

District 18

Open house in Oct. Pizza and AA movies. Dist elections in November. Working on district guidelines revision.

District 20

Assistance iscompaneros este sastreto, sigue secronando normalmente todos los Lunes 7:30-9:30pm visitamos 2 grupos x semana Martes y Viernes, atendemos las reuniones interdistritales, y reuniones de area las 2 cada mes. En las visita a los grupos estames motivando a los grupos para que participen en servinios generales, para que nos apoyn y poden hager un mejon servicio. Recondandoles, que ese and tenemos elecciones. Y las practica mantener a. a. saludable.

District 21

Sigue trabajando con los grupos tratando de informarles lo que acontece dento de aa el distrito 4 y 2 agradece a todos los distritor lel are 09 por apoyar el foro del area donde five unexita toracias a la participacion de todososte des tambien quiero comentarles que el distrito #21 contaba con 36 prupos ahora nada mas cuenta con 35 grupo por que este Julio pasado desaparecio el grupo nucho melenio. El distrito #21 ara sus elecciones de servidores el #24 de octubre que es un cuarto miercoles tambien el dist. #21 ara sus elecciones de servidores el #24 de octubre que es un curate miercoles tambien el dist. #21 salio fabericido como anfitrión aprp llevar acabe el evento del dia

de la y ya tenemos el local para el evento que es en el interary que esta en el 5881 cherry ave. long beach el evnot se llevara acabo el g de octubre de antemane gracias.

District 22

Dog pedro un aa mcd del d22 lumismo saludandolos con carino informaz do que seccionauios todos los Martes de 7 ag pm en e palm canyon 58565 catheral city visitamos 2-03 grupos por semana y asistimes a invitacivces especiales con temas tratamos de asistis a fetos interdistyitales y asambleas. De area tenemes conitedivina enlace a la inter grupal y recientemente comite proforo local sera en sept. 23 de palm desert hot spring. Trendremos elciones para seradoves de distrito.

District 23

El distrito sigue seccionando como de costumbre los 4 primeros Viernes de cada mes, visitando dos grupos por semana Lunes y miercoles. Tubimos una de in formacion. 7/4/07 junta reunion de informacion inla opieina intergrupo de sambernadino la inportancia de in distrito y las mesesidades que cubren inicio a las 7-15 esta infromaion se esta dando porque ay mos companeros que se estan motiyad para ina divicion del distrito #23 el mcd les lello unos procedimienlo para una dixicion de in distrito la reunion se lello afuna de el local porque no cabiamos adentro estubo la areas del distrito presente con 12 rsi total de personal 36 para el dia septiembre 1 seisiero 12 votos de los rsg para llerer acabo ohra reunion en el mismo lugar para seguín ablando y aprender de ina possible divicion del distrito en esta junta abra personal que comportiran aserca de in prodedimiento de ina divicion y cuanto tiempo puede pasor para que para que el distrito se pueda diadir. El distrito #23 tiene 35 grupos con 71 ciudades ed la junta de infromes hegaron nos sompanieros informan que se a abierto in Nuevo grupo que se adiere a edl distrito #23 que serian 36 grupos presents el monbre de nuero grupo es tranmite io 24950 northern dancer Moreno valley los tendremos informados gracias.