

Mid Southern California Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was held Sunday, February 13, 2005 at
Masonic Lodge 11270 Acacia Ave Garden Grove 92843

GSR School was held at 9:30 – 10:15 AM
Delegate's Sharing Session 9:30 – 10:15 AM
English and Spanish Standing Committee meetings were held at 10:15 – 11:30 AM.
Lunch was served at 11:30 AM.

MSCA Chair, Bruce H. opened the meeting at 12 noon with the Serenity Prayer. Declaration of Unity, Damian & Scott. Tradition 2, Concept 2, Alvaro. GSR Preamble, Rich & Jose. Committee Statement of Purpose & Membership Bruce our Chairman & Carlos Alternate Delegate.
Introductions: Past Pacific Regional Trustee, Past Delegates, New GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs Visitors and Area Officers.

DELEGATE'S REPORT - Nancy J.

Nancy thanked District 20 for hosting. She reported that she had a chance to visit districts 15, 5 twice, 20, 6 three times, 12 twice and 18. She participated in the district 5 CPC Event and the area officers committee twice, the finance committee twice, the Orange County H&I, Orange Intergroup, the newly formed South-Orange county H&I Intergroup, and the Blue-Jay meetings, and responded to 214 e-mails. Nancy visited 4 groups with financial or legal problems. She reported that the new Service Manuals have not been sent but will be coming soon. She also reported that arrangements have been made to have the Orange County Central Office display our "What's It All About Pamphlet" on their literature display case. She encouraged intergroup liaisons and reps. to promote this pamphlet in the area intergroups including the Spanish speaking intergroups and central offices. Nancy also extended a invitation to attend the 4 Area Sharing Session" on Feb. 26th at the North County Alano Club in Oceanside The delegate also reminded everyone about the Pre-Conference Workshop on April 3rd at the ABC/Leahy Club, Indio, Ca. The Preliminary Agenda items have been mailed out and she will be sending out the Final Agenda items as soon as they arrive only if they are different from the preliminary agenda. Furthermore Nancy asked for a volunteer to be hospitality coordinator for Area 9 at the International A. A. Convention. The Feb./March issue of the Box 459 has an article out about the World Service Meeting held in Oct. 2004. She also has a copy of the final report on the meeting as well. Nancy will submit a bid to the Pacific Regional Delegates at PRAASA for Area 9 to host the Regional Forum in 2008 possibly in District 9. She also reported that Jeannie Woodford, Head of Dept. of Corrections for the State of California has been asked to serve as a Class A trustee on the General Service Board. Jeannie will be speaking at the H&I Conference in April, and she has also helped facilitate many A.A. meetings in correctional facilities. G.S.O reports that there is a projected increase in group contributions and gross sales. GSO staff person Rick W. reported that CPC Exhibited in 54 events in 2004 with local committees and volunteers and have scheduled 36 events for 2005. International convention has 22, 000 people registered so far. Special Needs will publish a pamphlet has been added to the website in English, French and Spanish. Loners International is asking for volunteers to correspond with members in Iraq. AAWS has a recommendation to establish a web-based wholesale ordering system for large orders by central offices, intergroups and other large purchasers. Conference Agenda items for District, Committee and group discussion; Agenda, CCP, Correctional Facilities: Self-Support, Only 44% of groups contribute to GSO and an average \$1.50 per group. International Conventions and Regional Forums, Conference Theme; The Basics of the Home Group "Am I carrying the AA message or my own?"

Officers Report

Registrar: Linda reminded everyone that each group is assigned a permanent Group Service #. This 6 Digit number goes on donations to GSO, MSCA & your District. Linda also reminded District Registrars to turn in any new information by the 22nd. of each month so she can enter it in the Access Database. Linda is working closely with the Treasurer to update any group information in order for groups contributions to be credited correctly. Please put the six digit Group Service Number on your check or money order so that it can be credited to your Group properly.

Treasurer: Joe said that he wanted to clarify any confusion regarding the budget. He reiterated that we are not low on funds. He simply wanted to explain that he would only write checks for up to 5% over the budget. Any expenses 6 to 15% over budget will need the recommendation of the Area Officers or Finance Committee. Anything over 15% will have to be approved by the Area body. Group donations of \$5013.92, Interest \$2.61 Tax Refund \$22.36. Food Kitty \$209.00 for a total in Jan. of \$5247.89 and Expenses \$2760.58 for a Total Income after expenses of 2487.31. This is to help carry the message. Anyone wanting to carry out any kind of project but lacks the funds can talk to Bruce about additional funding.

Secretary: Cesar reported that he will attend PRAASA and he wanted to know if there are any changes in district officer information he would like to update it. He also said that the approved minutes will be posted on the area website starting this year.

Alt. Delegate: Carlos reported on the Pre-Conference Workshop to be held April 3rd at 44359 Palms St., Indio, Ca. He informed all committee chairs that they would be moderators for the different round tables. He visited Dist. 4 along with literature chair Craig. He is also liaison for the Foro Planning and everything is going well. He sat at the Treatment Facilities Committee before the ASC and he learned new things about this committee.

Area Chair: Bruce reminded everyone to attend the 4 Area Sharing Session. Anyone who wants to submit a proposal for March must turn it in to Bruce by Wed. The ASC will be on the first week of March and the second week will be PRAASA. If anyone has any questions on hosting please see Bruce as well. He reported that he had visited districts 10, 17 and 1. Bruce also asked for someone to step up to be area coffee maker.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives, Pete reported that they had 9 people at the Archives committee meeting. The next committee meeting will be Sat. March 5th at 11am at the repository and will meet again at the March ASC. The annual open house will be March 20th from 10-4 pm at the repository. The workshop in Jan. was successful and the committee wants to encourage districts to elect an archivist. We'd like to have district and group histories done. In addition, if you can, tape old-timers in AA who have over 30 years sobriety.

Convention Liaison: Jason reported that he and co-chair Arturo met before the ASC and they will be providing their display at 7 different conventions 5 English and 2 Spanish. They will also set up the whole display at the Pre-Conference for area members to view.

Convention Liaison Spanish: Arturo said he had the same report as Jason.

Correctional Facilities: Alex reported that the correctional correspondence program is going well; we've received 14 new writers since last month. We have better communication with GSO and that helps with our service. We will be sending out a letter to anyone who signed up for the program before to verify that you're still involved. Alex reminded everyone about the H&I Conference in April.

DCM School: Phil reported that they had 17 in attendance and they discussed the DCM visitation kits. He said they would be making a proposal today. They went over suggestions for DCM group visitations. They will have volunteers at the 4 Area Sharing Session for the round tables.

Finance: Mike said that the quarterly report is out with the 2005 budget. They had 4 people present and they discussed the budget and the expense policy guidelines that they will be presenting to the literature committee and eventually to an ASC. Everything is ahead of projections.

Grapevine: Melissa said that they had a combined meeting with La Viña. There were 12 in attendance. She mentioned the AA around the World book (recovery stories from around the world) that came out in 2000. She encouraged anyone who is interested in becoming a Grapevine rep to sign up ASAP.

La Viña: No report

GSR School: Jim reported they had about 20 in attendance and they discussed the conference process and the group conscience of AA as a whole. He made presentations at district 5, and will be going to district 17. He suggested that GSRs give a written report to their groups regarding the information they covered at this committee meeting.

GSR School Spanish: Felipe reported that they met at 9:30 am and they had about 30 in attendance. They discussed PRAASA and the preliminary Conference agenda items

Literature: Craig said they had 4 in attendance. They discussed the literature guidelines and they will be presented at the June ASC. He reported that they are working on the "What's it all about" pamphlet update to re-print. The computer that was donated to the literature committee will be given to the translation ad-hoc committee. Craig went to district 4 in Feb., is going to district 2 in March, district 5 in May, district 11 in June and district 8 in July.

Newsletter, Nick reported that the Area Newsletters were distributed. Also, he mentioned that Nancy R asked him to remove Presentation 3 and 4 from the Agenda, and the committee will present another proposal later on.

Registration, Henry reported 13 people in attendance at the registration committee meeting, also he motioned that the committee concluded with the 2004 group information updates. The committee will continue on with these in 2005.

Public Information, Damian reported 12 people in attendance at the PI committee meeting. Also, he mentioned that Luciano will be on the May Area Assembly to be confirmed as Spanish Co-Chair. The committee was contacted by two PI District Chair people and they were given instructions and some literature.

Special Needs, Nancy reported 6 people in attendance at the Committee meeting. There was some discussion on the hearing impaired and ASL. Also there was a healthy discussion about the Cooperation with the Elderly Community presentation.

Treatment Facilities, Pat reported 6 people in attendance, thanked Carlos for being present at the Committee meeting. Pat also informed us that the H&I Conference will be the last week of April 2005. Pat reported that the planning meetings are held where District 20 meets, first Sunday of the month. He also mentioned that he brought forms about the Pamphlet on Bridging the Gap. This service is to introduce people to AA meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Presentation: Area Archives Committee Guidelines Revision. Pete B.

Presentation: Foro Guidelines Revision. Carlos M.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation: To make Cooperation with Elderly Community Committee a Standing committee. Michael M.

Presentation: Directions on Registering a New Group or Group with a GSR. Linda H.

Presentation: DCM Visitation Kit Phil L.

A motion came up from the floor: To dispense the District roll call and was approved unanimously.

Written District reports

District 2, Kay reported 12 in attendance at the District meeting on February 7, 2005. The discussion was on page 4 from the Pre-Conference Agenda Items. On March 7, the District will have an AA Literature presentation by Craig. The District also will send its DCMC to PRAASA.

District 3, is looking forward to hosting this event next Month. Also this District will send 5 people to PRAASA next month. There were 4 people in attendance at the ASC meeting.

District 5, Had 32 in attendance at the last District meeting Jim B. gave a report on the General Service Conference. Nancy J. presented the Conference Agenda Items and gave us some topics to discuss with the groups. CPC event in January was success and the next one is planned for November of this year.

District 6, Held the District Meeting on Tuesday, February 1. District had a healthy discussion on expenses for PRAASA. The district voted to provide financial support for those attending. It is anticipated there will be 5 attendees at PRAASA. We are also active in getting our information updated for GSO.

District 8, There were 5 in attendance from District 8. On Saturday, Feb. 19 District 8 is hosting a Service Workshop from 2 to 5 PM at the Rubidoux Alana Club, located at 5750 Tilton in Riverside. Two Area officers and one past Area delegate will give presentations on service opportunities in General Service, and there will be roundtable discussions as well. We would like to thank the Area for supporting this event and helping us to bring the message of General Service to the clubs in our District.

District 9, is planning to host the Pre-Conference Work Shops. CPC presentation at Mizell Senior Center on April 24. The district hopes to do this presentation in coordination with the Cooperation with the Elderly Community Committee. The district will financially support sending 12 GSRs to PRAASA in Tucson. The District challenged other districts to invest their money in future trusted servants. The District submitted a bid to host the 2008 Pacific Regional Forum. District 09 has created a list, which is kept at our Central office which matches recovering alcoholics who are willing to drive senior citizens and persons with disabilities who require a ride to meetings.

District 12, Reported Jim from GSR School visited district 12 at January meeting and gave a presentation. Archives presentation scheduled for April 2005. Lastly, 4 GSRs will attend PRAASA in March District 12 will reimburse their expenses.

District 22, Visited 2 groups per week, also this district encouraged all members to send there Personal stories for the third edition of the Spanish language big book. District also attended one service event in San Diego Area 08. Lastly, some members from this district will attend PRAASA 2005.

Central Office Intergroup, Alex reported the Balance income from Orange County Central Office and they received a letter from the Electronic Media Sub-committee regarding the link from the Area webpage to the Central Office.

Cooperation with the Elderly Ad Hoc Committee, Michael reported that this committee set up its goals and had a great meeting.

Ad-Hoc Committee: Native American Outreach, Marita reported she attended one meeting at Morongo Indian Reservation Community Center, half of the attendees were women. In addition this meeting now has a GSR.

Ad-Hoc Committee Translation/Interpretation, Marcelo reported that this committee now has a new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The committee discussed on finding people that may be available to translate service material. The committee has now 2 volunteers to work on some documents. Lastly, the committee will put together some guidelines.

MSCA 09 FORO, Abraham reported that he brought some flyers regarding this event that is going to be in Spanish with translation to English. The committee is working on the program and some speakers to attend this event.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

68 Years of Sobriety Celebrated

RECAP OF ACTIONS

THE ASC ADJOURNED WITH A TOTAL 146 IN ATTENDANCE at 3:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted Cesar F. Area 09 Secretary