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Mid-Southern California Delegate Area 09
Area Service Committee Minutes
June 11, 2006 – 30400 Landau Ave., Cathedral City, CA

Delegate Sharing Session – 9:30 a.m.

General Service Representative School – 9:30 a.m...

For all GSRs wanting more information on Alcoholics Anonymous General Service

Standing Committee Meetings – 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

For all District Committee members, Home Group Representatives to exchange information on committee needs and events and activities to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

LUNCH!!! Hosted by Dist 22, Suggested donation \$5 - 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Craig opened the meeting 12:09 p.m. Thanks to District 22 for the meal.

Readers:

Declaration of Unity

English – Craig

Tradition 7

English - Brian

Spanish - Castor

Concept 6

English – Joseph

Spanish - Ruben

GSR Preamble

English - Jerry

Spanish Fidencio-

Assembly Statement of Purpose

English -Rick

Spanish -Carlos

Vote on Area Service Committee Minutes –

February – Sun City – APPROVED with edits (1- change dates to 2006; 2) strike all last names)

March – Long Beach - missing reports, all information must be reported – NOT APPROVED.

January and May Area Assembly Minutes were also handed out for Approval at the September Area Assembly.

Reports

Delegate –

Alt. Delegate – Participated in the Spanish Convention 10,000 La Viña subscriptions. Attended FORO planning committee meeting with districts 5 and 20. There is an exciting program. Out of State speakers and roundtable discussion: “Changing Lives through Service”. July 9 8 a.m. to 3:45 11270 acacia pkwy garden grove. Fliers available today, www.msca09aa.org.

Registrar – absent

Secretary – Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Treasurer -

Area Chair - visited District 7

Will be discussing vacancies. GSO offered the remaining literature from the Native American Forum to the Area.

Inventory discussion:

"General lack of understanding of finance process at the area. - Committee budgeting process."
Timing to get the committee financial requests in to formulate the budget for the following year. The voting members of the Area Assembly approve the budget requests. Are we doing all that we can do with the assets and resources available to us?

- ♣ This is an area I don't really want to grow in. When I heard the previous comments I realized that I am a Treasurer in training. How can I be of service? No growth comes without work. I have to open my mind.
- ♣ Heard for years, buck in the basket is not good enough. Then we started asking about the needs, where is it going to? When we start to talk about what we could be doing the money comes in. Looking to the Finance Committee working with the Standing Committees and in better communication with the GSRs and groups, we will have what we need. I believe our directions should be coming from the groups and the GSRs.
- ♣ It's up to us members to help others to understand. There are two pamphlets addressed to the treasurers, the AA Group pamphlet, the Grapevine book, The Home Group, the Heartbeat of AA. District 5 we did a budget and found out that we had the money but no one was spending the money. The groups are not supporting the committee work at the District level and the Districts at the Area level.
- ♣ In the past, the Area Officers would hold meetings at the first of the panel with Committee Chairs and DCM(C)s.
- ♣ Great materials are developed from time to time. New people do not see the material over time. We can archive these as resources on the website.
- ♣ Being fiscally responsible as an individual was rewarding. Being fiscally responsibly as a group will be rewarding too.

Position announcements:

Area Secretary: Article III Area Executive Committee, D.1. Vacancies; In the event of a vacancy in an area officer position, a replacement shall be appointed by the Executive Committee subject to ultimate confirmation by the Assembly.

Oscar G, is the secretary to be confirmed

Translation Ad Hoc Committee – is now vacant. Jesus O. will be the new appointed Chair.

GSR School Spanish – is now vacant. Jose A. will be the new GSR School Chair to be confirmed.

New Business - proposal must be read. Two ASCs between Assemblies. The first ASC is a presentation of the proposal. The second ASC is a chance for discussion of the proposal. The Assembly then votes on the proposal.

Archives Budget Increase. – It is proposed that the MSCA Archives Committee 2006 Budget be increased by \$1,000.00 so that the Area's Archivist may visit the GSO Archives to research the early history of the Area. \$350 air fare, \$150 room
Lost history how and why it was formed. It is with the LA Central office where their repository is stored. LA Central Office will not allow access.

Question:

- 1. Does this have to be done right now? Airfare has been booked. Looking at increased costs if completed in 2007. The Area will celebrate 2008 50th anniversary.*
- 2. The 2006 budget was brought in line to pay for increased rent. What has changed that make the Archives think we can afford it? Per Treasurer Report, there was a balance of \$1900.00 more income than expenses, \$18,000.00 in the checkbook.*
- 3. Why cannot we get into LA Central Office Repositories? Well guarded.*
- 4. We never see the Archivist in this body; the funds are above the approved budget. What gives the Archivist the right to order tickets? Archivist reports to the Area Archives Committee, not necessary for the Archivist to attend Area meeting. Voluntary reduced budget for rent because the Area said the rent increase will be a hardship now there seem to be funds available. We want to try to subsidize the Archivist because he is doing the Area's business.*
- 5. Information on LA Area Archives.
Archives used to belong to Area 05 and were stored in the Central Office instead of someone's home. Locks were changed because the Central Office did not like the archives to be moved from one to another Central Office, they weren't be appropriately cared for. GSO asks areas not to copy their archives but to keep the archives of the Area.*
- 6. How many days, enough time to fill in the holes? 4 - 5 days estimate. \$350 flight. He is going whether or not he is reimbursed or assisted financially.*

- **APPROVED** to proceed to next ASC.

Servathon – Guidelines Changes

Article V. Other Service Functions of the Area

B. Servathon

2. It is held in the fall of the year. Change to read
Proposal would change it to read:
 2. It is held in the fall of the even-numbered years.

Question:

1. *Why?*

When held in the odd years lots going on. Attendance at Servathon was very low. Example: Meetings area election, Servathon, ASC. Rotation of the outgoing officers seems to be an event, a great event. Misconceptions, do not know what the Servathon. We have other service events, 4 Area DCM, lots of District events. Only have ASC in Nov instead of ASC and Servathon. Financial impact - save \$900.00

2. *No Area event for the month. The ASC would be the only event.*

3. *What is the point; create confusion by having it every other year? More focused by having it every other year. The International Convention does not happen every year either.*

- **APPROVED** to proceed to next ASC.

Assembly and ASC schedule changes - Tabled for lack of presenter.

That during the year 2007, on a one-year trial basis, Area 09 hold two (2) Assemblies, a Winter Assembly in January 2007 and a Summer Assembly in July of 2007. That the Area hold four (4) ASC meetings during the year, two between each Assembly, for a total of Six (6) Area Meetings that year. In addition, an Election Assembly will be held in October 2007. All other Area events will remain unaffected. The two (2) Assemblies will be held in one location chosen by the Area Officer's Committee and hosted by a minimum of two (2) Districts per event.

Area Committee meetings will not be held on days Assembly meets. GSR and DCM Schools will be held at Assemblies.

At the end of one (1) year, during the first Assembly of 2008, the body of the Assembly will review the benefit of these changes and vote upon permanent status of this schedule.

- **NO VOTE TAKEN**

2007 Area Meeting Schedule

Handout: amend schedule, April 15, 2007 because Easter is on April 8, 2007.

Question:

Would it be possible to alternate between Saturday and Sundays?

Contingency plan if tabled proposal to change the number of meetings is passed? The previous tabled proposal would provide the alternate schedule.

What about having it on the first Sunday in April? The 15th would allow for more discussion time on General Service Conference matters.

Would the tabled proposal require changes to the Area Guidelines? Is there a financial impact? All would rely on the proposal passing.

What is the problem with meeting on Easter? Is the Archives Open House in April and will it be a TBD? Yes, like last year.

- **APPROVED** to proceed to next ASC (with amendment)

Open - Registration Committee Chair. Confirmation of volunteer at September Assembly.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives Heritage Day October Dist 14. Open house in April 85 attended, 1st edition, 1st printing copy Big Book. Attended Opening meeting at the H*I Conference. Spanish Convention. Memorial Day. Developing displays for Central Offices. Still involved in Group Histories and taping old timers. Visited Area 93 initial Archives Open house. July 8 Riverside meeting.

Thanks to "Lifeline" (OC Intergroup newsletter) article

Coop w/ the Elderly - 6/1 met in Orange. 4 part today.

Out of area activities - in Hawaii, Florida and Colorado SI S SOS Convention. The committee was asked to host in 2008.

Need a committee secretary. Crofton Manor meeting in Long Beach. 71 year old in facility.

Coop w/ the Professional - Sponsor your Doctor, talk to your doctor about AA. Ask if they would like information, be a resource. Reluctant to talk to Dr about alcoholism so the Dr was able to refer to AA member. Betty Ford will not allow CPC in. May see us as a 'competitor'. We're not going to compete with their methodology. Betty Ford is not AA sometimes it is perceived.

Convention Liaison Attended the State wide Spanish Convention do not have a Spanish Co-Chair, plenty of money to buy literature.

Corrections discussed conference video distribution to correction facilities for training purposes. How to get the video to the people who need to watch it? May have a lot of input working with Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community. S Cal H&I Intergroup meeting in Santa Barbara, 4th Sunday of the month to Laguna. Received communication from throughout the area, contact upon release people wanting riders. Opened up the mailbox and found no mail. There is no one in the 2nd biggest area in the US and no one is either writing or return address is your home address. Forms available on the website get info on changes to NY.

DCM School Theme for this panel How can we help you do your job. Discussed anything anyone wanted to know. See area website DCM school area website.

Finance No quorum no business transacted. Get in touch with committee chair to get some things going. Have things to clean up.

Grapevine visited several District meetings, available to visit other districts. Bring display and give 5 - 30 minute report. Display went to the Spanish Speaking Conference on Saturday. We will Chair at the Regional Forum "How do Grapevine Representatives Carry the message to Groups and other events?" 2 new CDs avail. Story of AA what it was like. Read a portion of the Grapevine every month. 5th annual convention in the Arabian Gulf States. Mid-eastern Judge, member of Clerical essence of 12th Steps are in accordance with Koran Law.

Subscription to Grapevine Archives will go up: \$15 sub \$20 non sub \$2 or \$4 monthly 50 pack \$30 plus \$6 Shipping and Handling.

La Viña working in a good rhythm. 10,000 subscriptions. Held our meeting with the chair LvR of District 24 to exchange ideas and look for better solutions. We were at the Spanish Convention. The editor was in attendance where we shared problems and ideas. All 5 districts got together.

GSR School We had a great meeting today. There were a lot of people. We are going to Dist 11 July 9th; Victorville wants us to visit too.

GSR School Escuela - thank all the attendees over the months, speakers - Delegate, Alternate Delegate. A new Alt RSG from Districto 24 was in attendance with lots of good questions. The Archives Chair shared on Concept 6. Will be sharing at Dist 20 and 22.

Literature - Spanish co-chair Literature, will call the absent chair. Committee will update 2007 area workbook in English and Spanish. Received the boxes of literature from the Native American Forum. Refer the pamphlets to specific committees.

Newsletter - 6 attended. We discussed problems with translation of the newsletter and putting on the website. Would like to get confirmation of the Co-chair for newsletter on the next Area Assembly. Please give us Pacific Regional Forum and PRAASA personal experiences needed, PRAASA articles are not in YET! We would like to produce a special issue for next year. **Electronic Media Sub-committee** 1st forum question a week from today. Get involved. More questions added in the near future. There will also be a Native American Article.

Public Information - Reported on progress with Cox Communications. We are trying to get Public Service Announcements aired. Working on a brochure. Most exciting news, PI Committee will sponsor a Public Information workshop with print media, cable, teachers regarding anonymity. We discussed a letter from the Centennial Weekly.

Public Information - Espanola no report

Registration - Committee chair vacant. Confirmation will be sought in September for volunteer replacement.

Special Needs - Rich W, 3 in attendance District 17 worked with H&I to work with Developmental Disability panels to a facility where the patients were disrupting meetings they were attending. Encourage Groups to have a Special Needs person to work Wheel Chair, Developmental Disability to help the alcoholic by answering questions. Work with Central Offices, traveling groups take a meeting to home bound alcoholics. Update the wheel chair accessibility form. Avail to do presentation. District 5. Need a Spanish co-chair

Treatment Facilities - Chair absent. 2 in attendance, District 8 and 11. Covered information regarding Bridging the Gap and Temporary contact database. The Chair has been attending H&I Intergroup meeting. Different people different interest. District 11 Bridging the Gap are going to provide transportation to meetings. Interest in talking with, talked with facility and then invited to talk with patients. Asked for questions and received a lot of different questions from the patients: What AA is and What AA is not. Heard interest of sticking with AA need help co-chair and secretary, and liaisons with other committees. Need support from other districts.

Coordinate Committee Reports - no one present.

Intergroups - no one present

District Reports:

1 - No Report

2 – 2 in attendance. We hosted District 4 report back on 6/5 attended by 15 and area PI Chair and Area Treasurer attended. Our Treasurer moved to Phoenix. Need a treasurer. Concepts Presentation is on hold.

3 – No Report

4 – Alt DCMC chaired meeting Area GvR presentation, 3 people attended the joint delegate rep back District 2, to help District 4 host the Area Assembly

5 - 40 in attendance, each GSR was given the opportunity to sell the meeting worked out really good. We area currently working on the, guideline revisions due to changes made over the past couple of years. We are doing District inventory roundtable discussions next month. Co-Host FORO with District 20 at Garden Grove Masonic Lodge. Help the people on the committee feel good, show up. Good way to get information about service work in AA. Free Food.

6 – Last Tuesday we hosted the Delegate report back with Districts 5, 7, 18 and really nice evening, pizza and salad before hand. Better than we thought turn out. No July District meeting poor planning on our part. 2 here today.

7 – Last Monday spent evening pumping up Tuesday for the Area Delegate sharing report. Aug 13th we are hosting Area Service Committee.

8 – Area GvR visited last month very well received. The display is awesome. 6 today, Secretary resigned got immediate volunteer, 11 14 17 serving pizza and salad. Sorry Delegate.

9 – 9 present. Thanks to the Delegate came out last meeting 1st Sunday of every month at 6:30 p.m. July 2 Area GvR Chair presentation. Delegate Area 05 August 6 presentation on Finances.

10 – This is my new “Beat the GSR Stick”. Thanks to the Delegate for coming out this past Wednesday. Very informative. 1st Wed of every month. 109 E. Wilshire orientation 7:30 p.m.

11 – DCMC attended the Intergroup meeting this last Wednesday to keep the lines of communication open. It was very encouraging to see the response. We are expanding our District meeting schedule. Every Sunday steering committee on the 1st Sunday with the other meetings following a workshop format, GSR school Traditions Concepts.

12 – No Report

14 – No Report

15 – 3 today, Anaheim Hills YL Brea Placentia. We continue to get good feedback at meetings from new GSRs questions checklist traditions and concepts. GSR School position is open. The most difficult thing GSRs seem to struggle with is the Acronyms. Area Literature and Grapevine Chairs will make presentations to the district in the next few months.

17 – No Report

18 – 4 today, hosted last month Assembly, October we will host a Sponsorship workshop, combined delegate report. 60 in attendance at the combined Delegate Report at District 6. Area GvR chair presentation in August. DCMC will represent the District at the Pacific Regional Forum.

19 – 5 today, The Delegate reported last month. No pizza and salad. DCMC will attend the Pacific Regional Forum. We are asking people if they have any questions so she can take them to the forum. 1 – 2 new GSRs appearing each month.

20 - Amador, DCM, 4 today, the rest are watching the World Cup. We meet every Monday at 7:40 p.m., we visit 2 groups weekly. Our attendance is usually 5 - 10 members, PI and LvR committees are working very hard. We have a new Registrar member of Grupo Cent. We keep motivating people to attend the Pacific Regional Forum. We are Co-Host FORO in Garden Grove. 21 - 3 Wednesdays a month, Information reports on the 1st, 2nd business, 4th step study, 8 p.m.- 9:30 p.m., 18 - 20 GSRs attend. We 2 groups visited a week Tuesdays and Thursdays to continue to motivate people to service. All our District committees have a chair and an alternate. We are looking forward to going to the Pacific Regional Forum in Seattle WA. On behalf of Dist 21, we want to thank the Delegate for being at our district 5/24 to inform us on the 56th conference. 10 today.

22 - We have a report similar to the other DCMs - we hold weekly meetings and visit 2 groups per week. We accepted the invitations during Unity week. I feel sort of envious of other districts that have all committee positions filled. We are also motivating and working with our District sub-committees. Only the LvR committee is working well.

23 - We continue to work at our Business meetings every Friday. We are visiting groups every Monday and Wednesday s. Thank you to the AA English speaking community assisting at the convention in Ontario. Our District was invited to speak on the function of the District at the convention.

24 - DCMC wants to practice using my English and the principles of AA. Share experience on Tradition 3. No one wants to help people with differences. A man was dressed as a woman and no one wanted to help him. We are ready to go to the Pacific Regional Forum. No one wants to send the money to go to the area or visit the groups because of the cost of gas. Encouraging groups to send contributions to GSO. Most important is to carry the message of the still suffering alcoholic.

30 - 4 in attendance. We are hosting the Servathon and need participation from the Area. The theme is "Helping the alcoholic to recover." We are requesting the area committees bring their displays and pitches to show people in the area how the alcoholic can recover from alcohol. We will meet at the Joshua Tree Community Center, November 11, 2006. Please call me with or for information.

Announcements - Send all announcements to secretary@msca09aa.org

Treasurer and Finance Committee are available to answer questions, visit and speak at your district meetings.

Native American Indian AA forum in May had 250 people registered; double what they expected thanks to the area.

District 10 is hosting a Traditions Workshop on 8/19 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 109 E. Wilshire, Fullerton. Fliers will be available. Speakers, Area Registrar, EMSC Committee Chair, GSR School Chair.

GvR Chair - please take some of the material, not the books, from the Grapevine display. It is available for your district or groups.

Thank you to Districts 21, 22, 23 help Area 03 AZ committee meetings host meetings at the **Tri-State Roundup** went well, Native American Indians. Ask that Spanish Speaking districts will have meetings in 2007 at Laughlin 760-363-7406, c 799-4602.

Invite anyone in Southern California to attend a meeting from 7 p.m. -8 p.m. at Crofton Manor Long Beach, 714 686 7360

OC Intergroup picnic 1st Sunday August Forest Shelter at Mile Square Park. Free food. Lots and lots and lots of free food, softball games. Good turn out at Central Office Open House.

District 09 Unity Day Idyllwild July tickets \$5.

Recap of Actions:

Minutes for Feb - APPROVED with changes, no publication of last names in the printed copy.

Archives Budget Increase - APPROVED to proceed to next ASC

Servathon - Guidelines Changes - APPROVED to proceed to next ASC

2007 Area Meeting Schedule - APPROVED to proceed to next ASC (with amendment)

June Birthdays - 54 years

Responsibility Statement and Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Oscar G., Secretary-Elect, Panel 56