

Central California Area Assembly

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2006

Goleta Valley Community Center
5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta Ca.

CCAA Chairman, Alberto E called the meeting to order at 9:00am and led in the Serenity Prayer. Jeff read the 12 Concepts in English, and Jesus read them in Spanish.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary Report – Jess A

Jess took roll call and gave report on forms and minutes available.

Roll call:

DCM's/Alternates - 18; DCMC's/Alternates - 3; Committee Chairs/Subcommittee Chairs - 9; CCAA Past Delegates - 1; CCAA Officers: 6, Sound Dude - 1; Guests - 5; Archivist – 0: **Total – 44**

Registrar Report – Peggy D

We have downloaded the Delegate Disc and our registration chair is helping me learn the program. Recently I visited District 17 with Debbie. We had a catered breakfast. On the 4th Sunday of this month I will visit District 5 in Oxnard.

Treasurer Report – Ken S

I have put copies of the Income & Expense Report and the Group Contribution Reports on the table. I am cutting down on the number of copies I bring and will start E-Mailing reports. Please make copies to distribute to your districts and groups. Our current bank balance is 895.91. Now that I have your attention remember we a 10000.00 minimum balance or reserve. Our actual balance is 10895.91. The contributions to date are 10326.27, which projects out to about 41300.00 for the year. I am working with the Finance Committee to but together an insert in the receipts I send out and we are open to ideas.

Chairman Report – Alberto E

It seems like everyone today has a short report. And mine is no different. I did not have any activities this past month. I only helped Jeff with the translation of a page for the Area's inventory. That's it. Thank you.

Alternate Delegate Report – Debbie J

Since the preconference has been over I have been able to catch up on my Districts visits and it has really been enjoyable. Yesterday I actually visited District 7 in the morning and District 5 in the evening. I really enjoy getting out and meeting with the GSRs and seeing how districts conduct their meetings. I also have attended the S. Calif H&I Intergroup which was held in Bakersfield last month. Bakersfield has just become active again with the H&I Intergroup and it was great having the meeting there. H&I is ready for their annual conference which will be held April 28, 29, 30th at the Doubletree in Orange. There are non-alcoholic speakers from the medical and correctional fields. There are Alanon speakers and panels and Spanish panels also planned. Everyone participates together at this event. I hope some of you can attend if not for the whole weekend at least try to come down on Saturday, and if you are involved in CPC/Treatment or PI, I really think it would benefit you and your committees if you plan to attend.

Delegate Report – Vicki B

You all are amazing, I am receiving a wealth of information and more importantly items that I felt in my opinion were a no brainer I am finding out a different response. Just a little update for you, the intergroup pamphlet a slight majority says no, the history book a slight majority says yes, religion & spirituality split 50/50, the finance card a definite yes and a substantial majority to keep doing the membership survey and have the Delegate involved, and all information is not in yet so this may change. I also was fortunate enough to be able to attend Area 05's pre conference last weekend and gathered more information there. Today after this meeting I am meeting with the young people at the alano club to go over not only their literature requests but all the literature committee agenda items. Next Tuesday I have been invited to attend my local intergroup meeting to share on all the agenda items and specifically on the intergroup pamphlet and pick up more input. I would like to remind you to start scheduling your districts report back as I already have my calendar filling up. I really appreciated your efforts last year in combining districts to hear the report as I felt it more rewarding and financially prudent. As souvenirs this year I had bookmarks made again, I just feel it's the thing to give since we are representing the literature committee. Last year I noticed that when I gave my report backs and was able to hand out the extra souvenirs they were really appreciated. I did my research and was able to get a really good price so this year I have enough to cover all the members of the conference and all my report backs and I spent less than last year. I brought extra copies of the registration flyers for the Pacific Regional Forum that is taking place June 23-25th in Seattle Washington. I would like to bring to your attention the article in the current Box 459 about Regional Forums, if you take the time to read this over I'm sure it would prove helpful when you are informing your district or anyone for that matter, about what happens at a regional forum. Also just for your information I will be one of the six delegates that will be giving a presentation on Saturday the 24th @ 10:15, my topic is "The Home Group's Connection to the General Service Conference". I hope to see many of you there, while encouraging newcomers in service to participate as well, for me this was the key in continuing to be of service. As a follow up to the question on what happened at the Statewide Nurses Conference held in California Northern Interior Area last year, I called the Marianne, the Current Delegate, and she informed me it was a huge success. Whereas she had started the project her Alternate Delegate to over and worked with the local CPC committee to have the booth manned at all time slots. California Northern Coastal also got involved and Ross, their Alternate Delegate, attended and worked the booth for a full day. There were over 1,000 attendees and the booth was so popular they ran out of literature and had to visit local Central Offices to purchase more and make copies of our newsletter About AA. The nurses were extremely interested in literature they could provide to young people as more and more this is who is coming to them for help. They experienced a lot of interaction and also felt this really got their Area united in carrying the message like they never have before. She expressed her gratitude in the contribution from our Area and wished us the opportunity to have this conference in our area in the future. Sometimes I am of the opinion that everyone already knows about AA, what we do what we don't do, and yet when I read the newsletter to professionals 'About AA' I find it isn't so. I really liked learning that the General Service Office Sponsored a National Program for Representatives of Employee Assistant Programs and as you read they really learned and were very appreciative. I also found it very interesting to learn that one year out of the 2,000 inquires for CPC 1,334 came via the web site, and to realize this website has only been in existence for 9 years. Last I would really like to thank District 14 for asking me to visit and discuss the conference process as always it helps me learn your needs. Thank you for giving me this time to be of service to you.

February Minutes were approved.

District 1: George R. DCM (Report by Lisa P):

First of all I would like to thank Debbie and Alberto for visiting our District the week before the Pre-Conference. They gave us great insight on the items we would discuss at the Pre-Conference and the importance of the group conscience. District 1 has picked up 4 new GSRs since our last committee meeting and the District is growing with great enthusiasm in our committee projects. Our Accessibility Committee has found a new location for the Law Enforcement Meeting, and is also involved in the Native American Gathering in Morongo on May 20-21. District 1 has donated funds toward the event. We are at the end of our Katrina Relief project and collected the last of the cans. We have one more shipment to make and their request was for literature and Newcomer Packets. I am so proud of District 1 for following through with this project. We received a letter from one of the 4 locations and I would like to read it to you in closing: Dear Area 93, District 1, thank you so much for your generous donation. So many members lost everything—having a replacement Big Book and 12x12 will surely ease their worries. The outpouring of love and support has given us the strength to continue carrying the message. Hope that our paths cross on the road to happy destiny. Until then, we remain yours in love and service—New Orleans Central Office.

District 2 (Spanish District): (No Report)

District 3 (Spanish District): Fernando B, DCM:

Our district continues to meet every Tuesday of the week. We also meet with the Central Office on the last Friday of the month. We keep working on the VI FORO. We will be bringing some items from our former district 34 to the archives. We continue to visit our groups.

District 4 (Spanish District): Melvin M. DCM:

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The District meets every Wednesday from 8:00-10:00 pm, 1st. and 3rd. Wednesdays are study meetings, 2nd. Wednesday is reports meeting, 4th. Wednesday is business meeting. Last month we had a shearing meeting on the 5th. Wednesday, we had three GSRs sharing and we invited the DCMC from the DUH with a topic, we had an attendance of 23 at this meeting. We visited eight groups to motivate service at district level, our District does not have a La Viña chair yet, we are motivating GSRs to get involved at the 6th Foro, we don't have a sub-committee and next year our District will be hosting the 7th. Foro. Three of our groups sent their alternate GSRs, Geno was elected as the new CPC chair and William was elected as alternate Archives chair. We are meeting with District 03 and Central Office the last Friday of every month to share information. At our March 22nd. Bussines meeting the GSRs agreed to pass a third basket for GSO once a month, this will be sent to GSO as a voluntary contribution from the District. Four of our groups sent the opinion polls back to the District to be handed to our Delegate, four more will be sending them before the dead line. Our address is 14967 Paddock Ave. #7 Sylmar, CA 91342 Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 5 (Spanish District): Jesus F. DCM: (No Report) District 6 (Spanish District): Selvano L DCM: (No Report)

District 7: Mona DCM:

Debbie visited our district and we had a catered breakfast. Debbie's talk inspired some to be more interested in general service. We had members of AA not in general service who wanted to learn more.

District 8: Danny G DCM:

District 8 hosted the annual Ventura County Round up on March 31 – April 2. During that event I hosted a two hour workshop on traditions as part of the archives committee. I displayed the archives at the event. Our next district meeting is April 19 where we will be discussing the finalization of the details on next month's area assembly to be held in District 8, on May 21. I have moved and my e-mail has changed. Please see the new roster for my new e-mail.

District 9: (No Report)

District 10: Jim S. DCM:

Dave P is unable to continue as DCM. He served for 1 ¾ term. I will represent district 10 until the end of the term. We thank Dave for his service. I intend to visit all the groups in district 10 and 59. We are considering a merger with district 59, who has approximately 5 groups. I visited district 7's business meeting. The Bakersfield convention will be April 21-23. Our alternate DCM is Shelly.

District 11: Brian F. DCM: (No Report)

District 12: Roy F. DCM:

I've been gone the last few months so I don't have a report but I'm glad to be back and seeing my friends.

District 13: (No Report)

District 14: Jose H. DCM:

We meet twice a month. We continue to work with our committees on CPC and Sub-committee for the Foro. Vicki visited our district and we value the information she gave us. We visit two groups a week. We are trying to help a new group started in our district.

District 15: (No Report)

District 16: Susan P DCM:

District 16 continued pursuing group input for the conference, along with participation in the Area Pre-conference workshop. Our district's decision was that Aimee did an exceptional presentation. The information provided was appreciated and facilitated a healthy and informative discussion. We are researching a mailing to churches in the district.

District 17: Jeff J DCM:

Our District is trying to identify groups that are not participating or contributing and offer them information on our existence. Peggy, our lovely area registrar, visited us this month and aided this process by delivering an updated district roster of groups. In contacting "Dark" groups we have developed guidelines to protect personal anonymity. We are excited about our district workshop on April 22. This workshop is entitled "GSR 101" and is designed to familiarize any potential AA service worker to the structure and effectiveness of service as it pertains to the commitment of a GSR. It is also designed in the hope that new and experienced GSRs could gain insight into their role in service, voting and effective reports. It is at 5000 Colfax Ave., North Hollywood, CA from 1-3pm. We recently said goodbye to a couple of our district officers. Our Alternate DCM, Chris, is moving to Hawaii.... I know you all feel awful for him. And our registrar has made some career decisions and can no longer be with us. We have with us today our new district 17 alternate DCM... if you haven't met her yet her name is Maureen. We are still in process of securing a checking account and one of our members has donated one year worth of a PO Box to the district; with renewal cost next year at 10 per month. I am excited about growing our district and reaching out to our surrounding community. It is my goal to set these things in motion before I rotate out.

District 20: (No Report)

District 22: John DCM:

Today is "Service Sunday" in district 22. Our central office, general service and convention committees all meet. Kathy P our Alternate DCM is hosting our committee. Things are going quite well with active participation at the district and area level. We are looking forward to the post conference assembly next month and we are planning for our annual delegate visit and report the 1st Saturday of June.

District 23: Gil E. DCM: (No Report)

District 24: Mark M. DCM: (No Report) District 28: (No Report)

District 50: (No Report)

District 52: Dave M. DCM:

District 53: (No Report)

District 59: (No Report)

United Hispanic Districts: Sergio V DCMC:

We meet monthly on a rotation basis, with each of the district. We last met in district 14 with 15 members present, including the chair persons of La Vina and FORO. At this meeting we discussed the guidelines for the FORO and DUH. We continue to encourage the districts to contribute to GSO and to the area. Melvin discussed the Area inventory with us. On May 14 we are going to have the delegates report, in Santa Paula. This same day we are going to celebrate the anniversary of La Vina.

Gold Coast Districts; 8, 9, 12, 13; (No Report)

Native American AA Gathering Report (Lisa P)

Lisa advised that her and Pam are about to send out 400 letters and flyers. The committee has collected \$62 from the area, \$27 from district 16, \$71 from district 1 and \$75 from district 1 for postage, \$207 from the domitz woman's meeting for a total of \$442 to go towards postage and food. It is anticipated that there will be \$2000 expenditure for food. In any groups are interested in making a donation, money can be sent to Pam K.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEMS:

1. Ad-Hoc Committee New Location for ACM Update: (Report by Val H)

We have contact names and phone numbers for the two possible places in the Santa Paula area. I will call to set up a time to view the facilities. We are looking at "Odd Fellows Hall of Santa Paula".

NEW BUSINESS

ITEMS:

1. Area Inventory - Update: (Report by Jeff: District 17)

At this year's PRAASA, the ad hoc committee met to discuss the business of an inventory for our Area to be held at the August '06 assembly. We put out many ideas and discussed format, schedule and questions to be included on a handout. We also discussed a possible revisiting of the 2002 results for follow up four years later. We selected a chairman, Jeff J (dist 17) and made some preliminary format decisions to be presented at the April ACM. On the committee along with myself are John M (dist 22), Danny G (dist 08) and Susan P (dist 16). I also met with Marvin (dist 04) to see if he was either available to be on the committee or at least a liaison to the Spanish speaking districts to aid in the selection of questions to be included and the amount of translation to have available. We are interested in asking moderators and recorders from outside the area to assist. We will utilize our existing translators and ask volunteers if more are needed. We met again in Lompoc and nailed down the format, table topics and began discussion on the actual questions to be presented for your consideration today. Through electronic correspondence we were able to come up with this draft inventory. Copies are available on the back table both in English & Spanish. These are for Area Committee Members only, please do not copy or distribute these. At the May Assembly in Oxnard we will have the Final Copy for distribution to all Assembly members. Please return to your districts and talk about what you would like to happen with the results of this inventory (*repeat*). This may be an added item on the final copy distributed next month. All assembly members will have from the May assembly to the August assembly to consider what they will bring to this process. Any questions or concerns please email me at dcm17@aaarea93.org

The Format for this inventory is as follows: As a part of a regular August 2006 Assembly meeting, the afternoon session will be entirely dedicated to the inventory process. This inventory has an allotted time of up to three hours. Six Tables, each with a table "header", will be available for round table discussion. These headers are the subject of discussion at that table. Each table will have several questions as they relate to these topics. Duration of discussion at each table will be 40 minutes. Each individual will be able to visit 3 of the 6 tables (this is an average of 22 persons per table). 5 minutes will be allotted for each rotation for a total round table time of 2:10 minutes. We should allow for a 10 minute break between discussions and report backs. Each table will have a moderator and recorder (preferably from outside the area). At the conclusion of our round tables each recorder will be asked to give a report back from each of the 6 tables. These report backs should not exceed 5 minutes each and should be timed. These questions along with a background/cover letter are to be ready for distribution at the May assembly so that all members of the assembly will have plenty of time to review and decide which topics will be of interest to them.

2. FORO Update: (Report by Polo)

This event is hosted by district 3. We don't have a lengthy report because the committee just started about a month ago. On Sunday, March 26 I visited the DUH and discussed the FORO. We did a report for the SF Valley Central Office on March 31, with district 3 and 4 present. Sunday, April 2 we will be meeting with District 5 and discussing contributions. We still don't have a date for the event but are sure it will be held in N. Hollywood, the second Sunday of October. Our next meeting will be May 7, district 6 in Santa Maria.

3. Old Timers Event (Amanda)

No Report

OPEN FLOOR SHARING

Debbie: Ask if there was a date for the budget meeting.

Denny: Reminded the ACM that June 10 was the AA anniversary and there could be some events.

Alberto: Advise that he will discuss with Sharon, the Finance Chair and announce a date.

ANNOUNCEMENTES FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE

Nona: Asked if anyone was interested in joining a "Bridging the Gap" meeting to contact her.

Alberto made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary