

Central California Area Assembly

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES **April 18, 2004** **Goleta Valley Community Center** **5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta Ca.**

CCAA Chairman, Debbie B called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and led in the Serenity Prayer. Richard read the 12 Concepts in English, and Santos read them in Spanish.

Jess A., Area Secretary, took roll call and gave report on flyers, forms available.

Roll call:

DCM's/Alternates - 14; DCMC's/Alternates - 1; Committee chairs/Subcommittee chairs - 8; CCAA Past Delegates - 1; CCAA Officers - 4; Sound Dude - 1; Guests - 2; Archivist - 1: **Total - 35**

Registrar Report - Lisa J

Lisa reminds everyone to sign in. Ask DCM's or alternates to check their folders and make sure everyone sign's in.

Treasurer Report -Theresa D

Current bank balance is \$18,989.78. There are two envelopes at home with checks yet to be entered. There are big expenses at the beginning of the year for PRAASA, and for sending our Delegate to New York. A quarterly report has been provided both in Spanish and English.

Delegate Report - Jeannine R

Debbie gave the Delegate report:

Good morning, my name is Jeanine R. and I'm an alcoholic. I am blessed to serve as Panel 53 Delegate to the General Service Conference which I get the privilege of leading the opening meeting today at 1:00, EST. A moment of silence was observed asking our Higher Power to enable the conference to make the right decisions for AA as a whole.

The Pacific Regional Forum will be held this year in Portland, Oregon from July 16 -18. A Regional Forum is when the staff members of our General Service Office, along with several Trustees come to our regions to inform the fellowship on what is happening in AA. Many presentations are given. There are workshops to attend, plus there are several open microphone sessions where we have an opportunity to ask any and all questions we may have. We should be receiving registration information for this Forum any day now.

During this Conference, the Pacific Region Delegates will be discussion the possibility of asking for a Special Forum that will focus on the Indian Nations. We will be talking about were the best, most centralized place will be to hold it, when and were it can be planned. I would like to ask our DCM's, or anyone else present to please find out about any reservations in their districts and with they have AA meetings at their reservations, plus the time and places they are held.

If possible, it would be good if you could make personal contact with them, even those who don't have meetings. Perhaps we can help them get some started. Whatever is decided about the Special Forum, it won't occur until at least 2006, but we will need information well before then.

There's very little news right now because GSO has been preparing for the Conference. Please contact me to schedule the Conference reports if you haven't already done so.

Chairman Report - Debbie B

David W, the Atl Webmaster, will only be able to be here for a short time today so I will ask that when ever he comes in, that we immediately discuss the website item on the agenda. Our Delegate is in New York at the General Service Conference and our Alternate Delegate is also out of town on a business trip. Eddie Duffy has agreed to chair the committee and we will talk about that event later today. The rest of my report will actually happen throughout the agenda as we address each item.

Alternate Delegate Report - Vicki B

No Report:

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1: David W., DCM:

No Report

District 2: Tomas G. DCM:

No Report

District 3: Aldofo M, DCM:

The district continues to function and calling the groups to participate, and trying to get their support. At each assembly, 18 – 23 attend and inform the groups in the area about the importance in serving in AA, with the objective of being more conscience of being in serves. I have also given information on PRASSA and in the Area. I have also distributed a letter to all the groups about the information on attending the Conference in Toronto in 2005. The groups continue to send their donations to New York and Area 93. The PI committee elaborated on some of the information that we didn't have, and have assisted us to deliver the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

District 4 (Spanish District): Alberto E. DCM:

Given by Justino G. Alt DCM:

The district has changed address, at the 13741 foothill blvd, #161, in Sylmar. The daily schedule will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:00pm. The district will be joining "quedate con nosotros" in a 12 tradition workshop on July 10, in Palmdale, located at 38839 N. 20th street east. We will have 6 tables and invite two groups per table. Also, Jess A. the area secretary will be visiting the district to discuss the 9th concept. We are also waiting for the old timer's event, because there are Spanish members interested in participating with over 30 years of sobriety. Also, we look forward in hosting the next assembly in May.

District 5: Francisco R. DCM:

No Report.

District 6 (Spanish District): Santos B. DCM:

We have 9 groups from Lompoc to Paso Robles. We continue to visit the groups and have 6 committees. We are also participating with the 10 congress that will take place in Lompoc, on October 22-24. We are also participating in the next Foro. We also would like to host a assembly, maybe in November or January. All we need is the insurance, because we have a location for 300 persons and plenty of parking. I have noticed more enthusiasm in our Assemblies, partly because of the officers.

District 7: Sharon G. DCM:

We have been taking the registration forms and calling groups, and trying to find out if the meeting still exists and why they are not sending a GSR to the district meetings. The district will be hosting, "Unity Day". We are inviting Antelope Valley H & I and Intergroup representative to join us in a workshop explaining different areas of service and how to get involved. We discussed the committee agenda and the district would like to see the Old Timers meeting on the agenda. The preliminary opinion is that there should be one old timer's event first. District 7 will be submitting a bid for the January Assembly.

District 8: Richard S. DCM: **District 9: David G. DCM:**

No Report

No Report

District 10: Dave P. DCM:

District 10 has been very busy recruiting GSR and liaisons for the district. Presently our PI committee began working on PSA's and our Special Needs committee is in the process of donating 12X12 and a Daily Reflection in Braille to an AA member. Together with District 15, two GSR from each district have put together a workshop at the Bakersfield Round-up and we're looking forward to having Joe V give a presentation of service work. Also District 10 is working with districts 15, 21 and 2 in making a bid for November and January's assemblies and are now prepared to give those bids. At our last district meeting, we were honored to have Lisa give a presentation and like to thank her and all the other officers who have visited our district.

District 11: Michelle L. DCM

No Report.

District 12: Richard DCM

I'm the new DCM in the district. I am presently working on finding GSR's in the district. There is a new meeting started called, "Young People". There is a new GSR from that meeting.

District 13: Dan M. DCM:

No Report.

District 15: Amanda P. DCM:

No Report

District 16: Susan P. DCM:

No Report

District 17: Richard W, DCM:

District 17 received a stack of suggestion from one of the GSR's regarding changes to be made to the pamphlet "Too Young". There will be turned in at the Area Assembly and given to the literature committee. The districts PI chair has gotten the PSA, out to all the TV, Radio and Cable outlets in the district and is working on Theaters also. The district also had a visit by the Area Chair, Debbie B.

District 20: Phil K. DCM:

No Report.

District 21: Eric S. DCM:

No Report

District 22: Kathy P. DCM:

Our district is moving along really well. In fact there were about a dozen in attendance on Easter Sunday. Our PI committee is hosting monthly speaker training workshops. We have quite an interest in our community for speaking about what AA is and isn't. Our district is actively putting together our unity/service day. Plans are coming together well. We will have several tables set up with General Service material; speakers are scheduled including our Delegate. This event will take place on June 5th in San Luis Obispo. I hope to get flyers on the web site. We are also enjoying enthusiasm from our Central Office and H & I.

District 23: Doug G. DCM:

No Report.

District 24: Steve R. DCM:

We have changed the meeting day of the district meeting, so that it will not be effected by Holidays, and also so that the active members will not miss their home group meeting. An active GSR has volunteered to get involved with PI work, so the literature racks around town will get better attention in the future. Our district voted to purchase Grapevines, more literature and committee workbooks to help spread the message.

District 28: Bill P. DCM:

No Report.

District 50:

No Report.

District 52: Dave DCM:

As you know we won the bid to host the August Area Assembly in Solvang, and hope to see everyone there. We began exploring the possibility of opening a Central Office in Santa Maria. The district purchased on case of, "Daily Reflections" for the H & I committee.

District 53:

No Report.

District 59:

No Report

United Hispanic Districts: Celestino Y. DCMC:

There is a new phone number for the DUH, 818 686-0672, and the office number is 877 525-5477. The DUH continues to function to inform all the groups about the activities in the area and in AA. We are also trying to maintain unity and the singleness of purpose. We shall continue to motivate and inform the alcoholic what it is to be of service in AA and to serve in AA.

ACM broke for a break 9:55AM

ACM resumed at 10:10AM

OLD BUSINESS

ITEMS:

1. Old Timer's Event – Area 93:

Eddie D: Informed the ACM that he planned to have a committee formed before the next Area Assembly, and plans to have the event in September. Eddie plans to talk to the G&P committee.
Debbie asked the ACM for anyone who what to be involved, to let Eddie know.

2. Separate GV/La Vina Committee into 2 Committees for Next Panel:

(As per recommendation of previous panel)

Debbie gave a background on this item, and explained the previous GV/La Vina chair, Robin on his recommendation. His suggestion was to work as two sub-committees.

Debbie asked how does Area 93 best serve the alcoholic who still suffers. Is GV/La Vina serving two different populations, two different magazines, two different set of issues, are they best handled under one umbrella or should they be separate committees.

Discussion followed with many members giving their thoughts and suggestions.

Debbie explained that the GL&P would not be affected by changing Alt Chair to Sub-Committee chair, because the GL are loosely worded for all the committees, and later decided that Sub-Committee Chairs have a vote and were entitled to reimbursement.

Motion#1:

GV/La Vina Committee has a Chairman and Sub-Committee Chair for the next Panel.

Second was made.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the minority opinion had a chance to speak.

Debbie asked if anyone on the prevailing side wish to change their vote.

Motion passed.

3. Budget Meeting:

The budget meeting will be held June 13, in Oxnard, at 12Noon, at Maryanne L house. All committee chairs, finance committee members, officers, should be there and anyone else who is interested in having input into the 2005 budget.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEMS:

1. Website and Links and Website Position:

David W: David gave a report on attending the PRASSA 2004 Website Roundtable. David shared on many ideals that he leaned from attending. Some of the suggestions:

- It's suggested that the web master be a position like the archivist, and a resume should be submitted.
- PI committee or chair should be the one to review the content.
- Attention alerts. (Now leaving or entering the Area Website)
- We can post the area handbook.
- Check local intergroup meeting list.
- Some area's have no links to outside links.
- Post anything to do with service.
- Check for affiliations.
- Some areas need permission for any links to be approved by assembly, or PI committee.
- Create a page for each district. Maps, Meetings, phone numbers, etc.
- Post quarterly contribution reports.
- Check GSO FAQ about web sites.

Discussion was followed about having the webmaster position rotate or have it permanent like the archivist.

Debbie asked the ACM, go back to the districts, to discuss the webmaster position being a appointed position, and should they should a resume be submitted. This could be put on the July ACM for further discussion.

2. Alternating the ACM meeting place:

This item was tabled.

3. Budget Meeting – Allowance for PRASSA 06.

Debbie explained that their will probably be certain cost incurred by hosting PRASSA.

Joe V: Joe shared his experience in regards with past PRASSA. Joe discussed about reimbursement issue in regards to mileage and covering the cost for guest. Joe also explained about the Area being self-supporting, and shared his experience in hosting past forums, and being reimburse with mileage or hotel cost. Joe spoke about the spirit of the 7th tradition and as a whole, we should be self-supporting.

Debbie announced that currently the PRASSA 06 committee was being formed, and it had been voted that reimbursement be the same rate of area 93. The area has received \$4300 for PRASSA. Debbie explained that she thought the area would use the seed money on reimbursement and not have much to pass on to the next area hosting PRASSA. Other areas have not reimbursed for mileage. Debbie asked the treasure and finance committee, as they're setting up the budget for 2005, to present at the budget setting meeting that we have a line item for PRASSA 06 expenses.

Debbie asked for senses to have a line item in the 2005 budget for PRASSA 06 expenses.

Debbie asked Teresa to add a line item for PRASSA 06.

4. Continue with Central Office Liaison:

Debbie gave a background about forming a central office standing committee. The area does not have a Central Office standing committee, but the area provided Central offices liaison's to meet at the area committee meeting. This was done as experimental bases, and we would like looking at if this should be continued.

Discussion followed about continuing to provide a place for Central Offices.

Debbie asked the ACM to contact the Central office managers and invite them to the next Area Assembly.

5. Badges for Bi-lingual willing to translate at committee meetings:

Debbie announced at the last steering committee meeting, the ideal of providing badges for people who can translate be worn, because translation is needed at the committee meetings.

Discussion followed:

Celestino thought this was a very good ideal.

Debbie asked the registrar if this could be done for the May assembly, and asked the Spanish districts if they can identify themselves as bi-lingual.

6. PI Request: (District 4 Requests \$200 for their PI Project):

Motion #2:

Area provides District 4, \$200 for their PI Project.

Motion Passed.

7. Raise mileage reimbursement:

Ken: Announced that at the last finance committee meeting, a discussion took place about changing the mileage reimbursement amount. Ken continued to explain the policy for mileage reimbursement from the financial guidelines.

Theresa: The total cost for assemblies (2) this year is \$929.60. Area committee meetings this year is \$925.30, which averages out to approximately \$465.00 per assembly and ACM so far this year. If mileage reimbursement were this approximate number for the assemblies this year, then if we added 5 cents to mileage reimbursement, the cost would increase by \$93 = (\$558.00). If we added 10 cents to mileage reimbursement, it would increase by \$153.45 = (\$618.45). Last year, we spent a total of \$4,779.85 for assembly mileage, and \$2,690 for ACM's. If we had a 5 cent increase in mileage reimbursement, it would increase the cost by an additional \$955.00 = (\$5,734.85), and the ACM cost would increase by an additional \$538.04 = (3,228.24). If we were to increase to 10 cents, it would increase assembly cost by an additional \$1,577.35 = (\$6,357.20), and it would increase ACM cost by an additional \$887.77 = (\$3,577.97).

Ken request to add an item to the assembly, for a policy change in the guidelines, to increase the base mileage 5 cents per mile, from 20 to 25, and 30 to 35.

Discussion followed:

Debbie: Announced that this would be added as an assembly item, but asked for clarification on the amount of the raise.

Ken: Announced that the correct process would that the finance committee would make a proposal be brought up at the next finance committee and decide the amount of the raise.

The finance committee chair and GL & P chair will get together at the next assembly to put together the wording for the amount to be brought in front of the assembly.

Bids for November and January assembly will be taken at the next assembly.

OPEN FLOOR SHARING

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE

Richard: Announced that the San Fernando Valley Central Office has a website. The web address is sfvaa.com, which contains the meeting directories.

Theresa: Deadline for budget items, for submitting budgets. (Committee chairs), will be the next assembly.

Susan: Spoke to Bob F, at the SFV central office, and is looking for people who served jail time, who are available on Thursday afternoon, to attend an information session at Cry Help in N. Hollywood.

Debbie asked for a Motion to adjourn and a motion was made, along with a second.

Responsibility Declaration was said.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jess A
Area 93
Recording Secretary