

## Minutes of GSR meeting, District 15, February 3, 2011

**Call to order:** 19:03

**Opening Prayer:** by Nikki

**GSR Preamble:** Read by Nikki

**Introductions:** New Alt GSR Bev B representing Mon am Women's meeting Brea Congregational

**Minutes from last month:** The January minutes were approved by Jay and seconded by Beth

### Officers Reports:

**Treasurer:** Peyman handed out report.

**Secretary:** Barbara informed the meeting of further new updates with the Area 9 website. It has now uploaded the archives for the meetings minutes. Check out [www.msca09aa.org](http://www.msca09aa.org) or their new and easier to remember web address: [www.area09.org](http://www.area09.org) (both are the same).

**Registrar:** Absent

**Archivist:** Paul: No report

**DCM:** Placentia DCM, Jay discussed attending 'dark' meetings in Placentia that have no GSR representation.

**Alt DCM:** Mike G: No Report.

**DCMC:** Nikki informed us that our Area Delegate, Linda C will be going to NYC and that she is 'our voice' at the General Service Conference. Linda has been writing "From the Delegates desk" that provides sound bites of some items that might be of possible interest to our groups in Area 09. Nikki has provided this as a hand out for GSR's to take to their groups for sharing. Nikki also shared information from the last Area meeting:

- MSCA09 passed motion to recommend the Delegate to propose to the GSC that a piece of literature titled "Spiritual in Nature" include stories such as atheist vs. non-atheist sponsor/sponsee relationships.
- The Alternate Delegate will now be a liaison to interpreters.
- The Proposed changes to MSCA guidelines to be compatible with bylaws passed
- Budget was passed.
- There are 1861 Groups in MSCA09 with only 763 contributing to GSO.

### Committee Reports:

**GSR Schools:** New Alternate GSR Bev attended GSR school with Mike G prior to meeting. **Literature:** Mark, providing literature to take to our groups. **Public Information:** absent, **H&I** Julie attended H&I Fundraiser last month and found it very informative. Their next event in April 15-17<sup>th</sup> at the Valencia Hyatt is the Southern California H&I conference, cost \$15 further details and flyers for both events can be found at: <http://www.socalhandi.org> Jerry suggested that District 15 could go to visit prisons as a group to do a panel. Nikki asked for a show of hands and many members showed an interest. Craig explained that it usually takes up to 3 months for clearance to be performed before going and Julie explained about the need for TB clearance also. It was also suggested that it may be easier for the District to take a panel to a hospital. Julie will look into this and Nikki tabled this for further discussion in the months ahead. **Inter-group liaison:** absent, **Grapevine:** vacant, Peyman shared that this months edition of the Grapevine has arrived and Nikki explained that we are attempting to build up a library so that GSR's can take them to their groups for sharing. **Conference Liaison:** Lindsay present and expressed a desire to give up her position, Nikki thanked her for her service to the District. **CPC:** vacant. **CEC:** vacant. **Young Peoples Liaison:** Brian S informed us of an upcoming event – ACYPAA in San Francisco at the Airport Hilton: March 17, 18 & 19 2011

### Questions/Concerns/Challenges

Barbara wishes to approach the NOCAA 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Woman's Banquet to request that a portion of the proceeds go to District 10 and District 15 as they both serve North Orange County. Lindsay mentioned that their Byelaws might rule that only the NOCCO benefits from the banquet, however Barbara suggested that there was no harm in asking. Peyman suggested that maybe Area 09 would benefit more if money was available.

### New Business:

- Nikki will be attending PRAASA next month in Hawaii March 4-6<sup>th</sup> in Honolulu. They are looking for volunteers.
- Nikki going to next ASC in Indio – anyone interested can carpool with her.
- DCM sharing session being held locally in Fullerton, members encouraged to attend- Flyers available on Area website: [http://www.msca09aa.org/documents/Flyers2011/4AreaFly\\_Feb\\_2011.pdf](http://www.msca09aa.org/documents/Flyers2011/4AreaFly_Feb_2011.pdf)

- Pete at Archives suggested that our next field trip there should coincide with the Riverside Air Show on March 26<sup>th</sup>, as the Archives building is next door to where the air show takes place and a prime spot for viewing. D15 Archivist Paul will look into possible arranging this.
- Nikki passed out a handout on Anonymity and suggested we take it back to our groups for sharing. She offered us to share any thoughts or suggestions regarding the topics: Julie talked about the difficulties that arise with the suggestion of having a steering committee with at group level.
- Nikki and Mark are getting together to form a literature package that can be taken to 'dark meetings'. Nikki passed out information a DCM visitation kit, developed from the DCM Schools Committee to effectively communicate and share ideas across AA as a whole. The flyer can be found at:  
<http://www.msca09aa.org/documents/DCMschItems/DCMLinchpin4.pdf>

**Old Business:** Open Commitments at District level include: CEC, CPC, Grapevine, Convention Liaison and possible PI. Nikki suggested that anyone interested can visit the Area 09 website to view the descriptions.

**Tradition 2:** Mark shared regarding how God is the ultimate authority of the AA groups. Pam and Jay shared how at their meeting a group conscience cleared up discrepancies on how members define "God".

**Concept 2:** Julie in lieu of Jerry read and discussed Concept 2. Peyman explained how our Delegate was 'our voice' and that if some groups have no representation then only the groups represented will have their opinion heard. Nikki agreed that it was difficult to get the groups involved at District or Area level and reminded us that only 50% of groups in our District had GSR representation. Jay suggested that because the changes were so subtle members weren't so interested.

**Volunteers for next month:** Jay for Tradition 3 and Barbara for Concept 3

**February Birthdays:** Mike - 6 years – Congratulations!

**Next Meeting:** 7.00pm, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011. Meeting will be led by Mike G in Nikki's absence.

**Meeting adjourned:** 20:25 Motion to adjourn by Jay, seconded by Beth.

**Closing Responsibility:** Everyone

**Minutes submitted:** by Barbara M District 15 GSR