Mid-Southern California Delegate Area 09

Area Service Committee Minutes Sunday, August 13, 2006 11270 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove, Ca 92840 www.msca09aa.org

LUNCH!!! Hosted by District 7, Suggested donation \$5 - 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon

MSCA Chair, Craig. Opened the meeting at 12 noon with the Declaration of Unity, GSR Preamble Bill & Manuel. Tradition 8, Steve & Leandro, Concept 8, Kimberly & Miguel., Committee Statement of Purpose Membership Christ & Ricardo: Introductions: Past Pacific Regional Trustee, Past Delegates, New GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs Guests and Area Officers.

March 2006 ASC Minutes were approved. As amended With Bruce report June 2006 ASC Minutes were approved as amended

DELEGATE'S REPORT 8/2006 - Bruce. H.

I would first like to thank District 7 for hosting this ASC good job. I would also like to say thanks to the Area for sending me the Pacific Regional Forum in Seattle; it was a very informative weekend for my details on this weekend see my detailed report in the August Newsletter. Since we last met in June I have finished all my Delegate's Conference report backs, in addition I have attended District meeting in District 1 and 17, along with the H&I Intergroup in July. I also have spoke at the Foothill Roundup General Service meeting on August 5 in Flintridge. Now for news from your GSO there is a opening for a Non-trustee Director on the AA Grapevine Board, anyone interested in this position see me for the details. I have also received information from GSO regarding activity involving CPC, Public Information and from Corrections and special needs. This information was also sent to our Area committee Chairs for these assignments and I am sure Linda, Ernesto, Rich and Alex shared that information with you at the Committee meeting s this morning.. Now for a progress report on the Class A trustee vacancy to fulfill Allen Ault's commitment when he rotates next year. One candidate from our Area has applied for this vacancy. I was pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Dr. Ask. If I get any more information I will let the Area know. News from AA Grapevine the July issue of the grapevine featured stories of men and women from behind the bars as is a feature every July this issue is banded and staple free, so that this resource can be distributed to all correctional facilities including those that do not allow stapled material. Also out from the Grapevine is the newest toll that being the Audio Grapevine which can be downloaded so to listen to two months of AA grapevine magazine including the Editor's notes P.O Box 1980 and all the stories from AA members sharing their stories. This addition is useful for anyone with have difficulty reading or those on the go who for whatever reason can not get to a meeting. Wow what a great tool for those long drives stuck on the 405 or 91 freeway. Now news from AAWS. Greg M. and Julio E went to Mexico City upon invitation to meet with the Central Mexicana GSB to discuss questions related to public use of the name AA by outside groups and treatment centers. Amy the GSO Archivist reports that as of Feb 2006, 69 of 115 videos and films in our collection had been sent to Vidipax to be transferred to beta Master and DVD format. The current project to transfer a large portion of the Archives audio collection to CD format is complete. Public Information The annual anonymity letter to the Media was mailed to 9,000 managing editors, news reporters and photo directors, radio and TV and on-line editors and producers and talk show hosts.. The AAWS Board approved a recommendation from the committee to authorize electronic distribution of markings and About AA. Now from the Box 459 great articles varying from one about Father Ed Dowling to articles about our 3 new Class B trustee's especially the our New Pacific Trustee Madeleine P. There is a great article about why should your Group be listed, I am sure Jason can expound on this article and his experience as your Area Registrar. Last but not least, read the article about Crosstalk maybe it can give you some insight if this is a problem in your home group. Love thru Service Bruce H.

Officers Report:

Alt. Delegate: Joe B.

That Servathon is going to be held in Joshua Tree this year in November 11th, District 30 is planning a lot of good things. Everyone please; make plans to attend and announces it in your districts and Groups. lets all do our best to support it. It will be from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. I would hanks to the Area for sending me to PRAASA, it was a wonderfully time Amy sent me the power point presentation that she gave along with hardcopies of what Bill said, if anyone would like to read them, just let me know. Thank you for giving me the privilege to serve you.

Treasurer: Mike M.

Reported that he ended last month by going to the Pacific Regional Forum. I enjoyed meeting our new Pacific Regional trustee and Allen Ault our new chair of the GSB at Special Native American Forum in Banning. Since January I have entered, deposited and mail receipts for 1182 checks. That works out to about 200 a month. It takes me about 8 hours every 10 days to collect, open, enter deposit checks. As you can see from the report on the back your report our incomes is above projections and are expenses are below. Of the action items given to me by AO I have completed all but #7 that wasn't needed because of the recovery of coffee pots. He have looked into the safe deposit box at B of A. he have posted the 1st and 2nd quarters of the group contributions on our Area web site along with 2005 year end report. To complete the exemption application for the Archives we still need:

- 1) Endorsed /certified copy of articles of incorporation (State of California) Acquired.
- 2) Tax letter from IRS stating our 501(c)(3) status (IRS.)
- 3) Copy of financial statement of assets and liabilities for prior fiscal year. (DONE.)
- 4) Copy of operating statement. Need copy of revenue and expenses for prior fiscal year.

I have obtained copies of articles of incorporation in order to complete our application and the exemption will have to be renewed every year. I visited Districts 1, 2, 3 and 23 along with South Bay and Harbor Area central offices. I am hoping to hear from the Finance Committee about preparation for 2007 budget. My greatest hope is to leave a legacy of making the Treasurer's job transparent. There should be no mystery about what he does. I plan to do the best job that God will enable me to do given my lack of ability.

Mike M. Panel 56 Area Treasurer, thanks for letting me be of service. .

Registrar: Jason S.

Reported that today we have no less than 150 people registers, the Area data was submitted in April and came back on June 16th. If a group mails their registration forms directly to GSO, There is a policy that deletes 1 month and send them back to the Area until the Register. Then the Area revise them and mails back to GSO. There are several ways to register by District, Area and direct by mail to GSO, but there is no faster way than to give them to the Area, because the Area is always included in the processes. Today we have 26 districts changes. Thanks for let me be a service.

Secretary: No report.

Area Chair: Craig.

Thanks to all in the Area for sending me to Seattle to attend Pacific Regional Forum, It was very similar to PRAASA. You get to meet with similar people that like being of service. It is always good to have fellowship with the other Area Chairs, and we had the opportunity to exchange a lot ideas, I attended the Chanting Workshop where we discussed about what AA does and what AA doesn't do as a hole. Also I attended the Archives presentation; we have new archives Chair Amy. I submitted my budget for this year. Thanks for let me be a service.

Area inventory discussion:

We had 8 topics to discuss and there was participation from the floor. Members of the Area shared the experience strength and hope on the topics for about 15 minutes.

Proposals

1. Archives Budget Increase - Pete B.

Proposal: It is proposed that the MSCA Archives Committee 2006 budget be increased by \$1000 so that the Area's Archivist may visit the GSO Archives to research the early history of the Area. *Forwarded to the September Assembly*

2. Servathon - Bruce H.

Proposal: MSCA GUIDELINES CHANGE:

ARTICLE V. OTHER SERVICE FUNCTIONS OF THE AREA

B. SERVATHON

- 2. It is held in the fall of the year. CHANGE to read.
- 2. It is held in the fall of the even-numbered years.

Forwarded to the September Assembly

3. 2007 Area Meeting Schedule - Craig S.

Forwarded to the September Assembly

4. Budget Override - Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC) - Michael M.

Forwarded to the September Assembly

<u>La Viña 10th anniversary Celebration</u> (15 minutes participation shared the experiences how La Viña started out from the beginning thanks to everybody to support La Viña.) Raul. **Standing Committee Reports**

<u>Archives - Pete</u> B. reported that Archives Heritage Day will be held October 15th, 2006. From 1:00 pm to 4:00pm hosting by District 14, in Hemet. Flyers in Spanish and English are on the table. We will also have it posted on the Area website. 1 speaker has 43 year of sobriety. The Archives is open every Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00 pm, we also open by special appointment. They are trying to develop an Archives display using computer system programs that will be available for the District and Groups use. Our next meeting will be September 9th. Thanks for letting me be of service.

<u>Cooperation with the Elder Communiety Committee - Michael M.</u> Reported that she had 7 in attendance. Pete DCMC from Dist 1 reported that an ad-hoc committee is really alive and well in their District. Mini is chair for this committee and they will be voting to make this a permanent committee. We are also discussing the possibility at hosting the "Seniors in Sobriety Conference" in Southern California in 2008, We will be making a decision in November. Thanks for letting me be of service. <u>Cooperation with the Professional Communiety - Michael M.</u> reported that AA AP convention is going to be October 26th to 28th 2006. Also he is going to be at the next area meeting.

Convention Liaison - no report

Convention Liaison Spanish - Open

<u>Correctional Facilities - Alex N.</u> reported that last month he went to Redondo Beach, Laguna Beach California H&I Intergroup meeting, he got a few request for the release contact and he forward to their local Intergroup, for some inmate get out the prisons. Also he has some phone call request information about Correction, prisons and hospitals how to send letter and have communication with them. 5 new people sing up for Correction correspond to the inmate in South California.

<u>DCM School - Jim B.</u> reported that they look for ways to solve problems that districts have. And how to use our principles in our districts and groups.

<u>Finance - Joseph M.</u> reported budget request are out please get these back as soon is possible, we are behind time and we are trying to do our best this support to be submitted in September in the next Area

meeting in October is the final cut up. Take a look closer the budget and ready to explain why you need more this year.

<u>Grapevine - Linda C.</u> 1) she will make visitation displays, 2) Bill W. calendar, photos.-Encourage contribution to GV. 3) Literature for sale: A) GV price higher than CD prices. B) Any looking for me to pay? 4) All of you are GVR's so carry the message- take pamphlets! 5) Audio download-ipod mp3's. <u>La Viña - Francisco D.</u> today we have very goods gathering, all chair's for the 5 Spanish speaking districts were here today. we have a new La Viña coordinator to make sure the member have a La Viña and why some subscription did not get to subscriber. Geo from District 20, and charring information, question, supporting. We hope to reach another 10,000 subscription.

<u>GSR School - Scotch R.</u> - I had a lot of people in attendance and some discussion about our primary purpose and responsibilities of General Service. Thank you District 11 for your hospitality last Sunday, for GSR's Presentation.

<u>GSR School SPANISH</u> - Jose A. Started the meeting at 10:05 am with the Preamble and 2nd Tradition, then presentation or introduction to the GSR's. Bruce shared about Concepts. Thanks to everyone that was present today. (21) At the next Area GSR Schools meeting the topic will be Concept 9. Also thanks to the person who did our translation today.

<u>Literature - Patrick.</u> – Reported that he had 4 in attendance. They discussed about a pamphlet "Is AA is for you.) They are going to have a pamphlet next month to ask your home group what they think about it, that pamphlet will have some question.

Literature Spanish - no report

<u>Newsletter - Russ D.</u> We are looking for some information from the Servathon. We would also like to have an article in the Newsletter for next month before the Servathon. The web page is looking great with some of the changes that we have made, if you did not check the forum on our web site, please check it out and participate by answering some of the questions.

Newsletter Spanish - no report

Public Information - Linda H. She had 8 in attendance, old business – Chuck P. (District 17) said he'd search for Public Information workshop site for the end of September or October. Good news is District 17 has agreed to host the site and it looks like it will be on October 28th, 2006 (Saturday), time is determined by PI Committee. Speakers: TV- Palm Desert English & Spanish / Cox cable for PSA's. Local Newspaper, both English & Spanish, schools, who have invited us, drug courts (Marianne) Health Fairs. INVITEES: Central Offices that cooperate with us, those who are interested in learning more about Public Information. Anonymity Breaks, Teachers who have question and hopefully everyone will bring at least one guest. Brochure on PI. (SIMILAR TO CPC) except we would have something about Anonymity and we would gear it towards print media, TV, Cable, school, libraries, etc, (Teresa Dist 5 will work on it).

<u>Public Information Spanish - Damian.</u> He reported that he is working with Linda in PI workshop. <u>Special Needs - Jane</u>. He had 7 in attendance. Rich did a presentation last week in District 5 about moving barrier for special those who needs, a part the we do in Special Needs is educate the fellowship how to serve AA with Special Needs. If you need presentation in your district just let know us and we'll be there.

<u>Treatment Facilities - Phil L.</u> He reported that he had 7 in attendance, working on District visitation others Districts please call me and let me know what you doing. They are making presentation in Treatment Facilities about what AA is and what AA is not, what an open meeting is and about the Traditions. We are ready for an invitation to your District.

OC Intergroup - Alex. Reported that relationship with the Intergroup is very good

District Roll Call

<u>District 1 - Pete.</u> Reported the he had 8 in attendance. 38 in District meeting, 3 attendance the Pacific Regional Forum, they discus CEC committee that we are going to vote next month bring from ad-hoc committee to permanent committee. CPC is working hard. in DECEMBER we are hosting ASC meeting. I see you soon.

<u>District 2 - Kimberli</u> A. reported that she had 6 in attendances, 2 attended the Foro last month and were very impressed and inspired by the passion of the presenters. And thank you to at interpreters for this event. District 2 has confirmed Tim R. as our Grapevine chair. It District also have a new Treasurer: Kevin O. District 2 has 3 new GSR's since July. She has confirmed Oct 2ND at our regular monthly meeting with Jason S. for presentation of the Concepts; they will have a flyer at the assembly next month detailing this.

District 3 - no report

<u>District 4 - Gregory.</u> Reported that he had 6 in attendance, we have 145 groups register With GSO. Are divide in 9 sub-Districts and they have all different groups, our older group is going to celebrate 55 years on October 17th. And I see you next month.

<u>District 5 - Alex</u> reported that last month they have District inventory, talking what's wrong and what's ok, also they have a presentation from Special Needs they were 30 in attendance. Our PI is working in public libraries in our district area. They are going to check their Guidelines and vote to update.

<u>District 6 - Mary Ann.</u> Reported that she had 10 attendances, they attendance the Pacific Regional Forum, and they tray to have executive meeting next month to talk witch direction we are going and talk to about Concept.

<u>District 7 - Sharyl.</u> Reported that last meeting they did have, they talked what to do here today, Thanks for let me be a server.

<u>District 8 - Ruth</u> reported that she had 3 in attendance, that last meeting that they have was MSCA 09 Archives and give a presentation how to ask the groups for archives purposes and how to archive it in our Area. Our next meeting is on Wednesday and hope the Special Need is coming to have presentation in our District. Also we are in the process to create a budget for it District, and Mike is going to come in October to help to do it.

District 9 - no report

<u>District 10 - Scott R.</u> Reported that he had 2 in attendance we have on 19th of this month a Tradition workshop and will be from 10:00 am to 2:00pm. That flair will be in the web site in English & Spanish. Address 109e Wilshire. They are going to have 3 speakers to answer question about Traditions. Please show up on Saturday.

<u>District 11 - William</u> reported that there were 4 attendances. We are making regular monthly presentation to Treatment Facility in our District. We are hosting that Area Assemble meeting in January 14th 2007. Our held 1st Sunday of each month and 2nd 3rd working to have a move about AA.

District 12 – no report

District 14 – no report

<u>District 15 - Lynn</u>. reported that she had 3 attendance, we need to getting out some information to that groes doesn't have represented some of that DCMC are doing that, will continue and we got some direction of how often may be doing that, a lot of position are open now.

District 17 – no report

District 18 - Tina reported that Linda C. came to visit in August and gave her Grapevine presentation. The District pizza and a movie open house will be Tuesday, October 10. The movie will be "Bill Discusses the 12 Traditions." It District will host a Sponsorship Workshop on Saturday, October 14. The CPC Committee is doing a mailing to Irvine and Costa Mesa physicians with a letter from a non-alcoholic physician, "Sponsor your Doctor" article from May 2006 Grapevine, and the AA pamphlet for Health Care Professionals.

<u>District 19 - Pamela</u> W. reported she have 7 in attendance. They are going to have Traditions plain in November. We do have lot participation from our GSR, every 2 weeks we do have a new GSR or alt, GSR's. Thanks for that.

<u>District 20 - Amador.</u> reported that he had 7 attendances, we have our meeting every Monday at 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, (1st &3rd reports 2nd study, 4th businesses) they visit 2 groups weekly informing about our service and import event in our Area, they also have new officer in it District Treasure Alfonso, Secretary Luciano, and La Viña chair person Giovanni; we do have 2 new GSR's.(Group Ampliacion de Vida and Group Libertad)

<u>District 21 - Antonio.</u> Reported that he had 10 district is meeting 3 Wednesday a month, 1st Wednesday is report, 2nd Wednesday business meeting and 4th Wednesday is step meeting. Usually we have 18 to 23 GSR attendances. Also we visit 2 groups a week; each committee in our district has their chair person. We are going to la Catalina with Bruce informing how can do better the server.

<u>District 22 - Pedro</u> reported that he had 6 in attendance; – we have weekly meetings and visit 2 groups per week. We accepted the invitations during Unity week. We are also motivating and working with our District sub-committees. Now we are in Ramona Road 67698, Cathedral City.

<u>District 23 - Francisco</u> .reported that we have district meeting every Friday (1st report of the groups, 2nd cheering our experience, 3rd businesses meeting and 4th study meeting.) also we visiting 2 groups a week. Support the 3rd Legacy. We were in the last Foro in Spanish. We do have a new group in Adelanto California (La Mano Que Yo Esperaba) address is 16731 Bellflower St, Adelanto California, also Bengi is new CPC chair in it District.

<u>District 24 - Santiago</u> reported that they are working hard in it District. They went to Pacific Regional Forum; thank God for the groups to support me, and encourage the contributions to GSO. Thanks la Viña committee from it District to sell out 200 subscriptions.

<u>District 30 – Joseph M.</u> reported that there where 4 attendance, District 30 is hosting the Servathon in November this year and we are basement in Tradition 5 will be tool for our job, that request going out for the Area Committee to supply the following display, Literature, motivates and probably secretary we are going to have 3 speaker we are going to have flair in English & Spanish.

Central Office Intergroup.

Ad hoc Native American Outreach Committee,

Ad hoc Translation/Interpretation Committee,

Announcements

August Recap of actions.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

92 Years of Sobriety Celebrate

THE ASC ADJOURNED at 3:25 PM

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, And for that, I am responsible."

Panel 56 MSCA Secretary - Oscar G.