

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee - Minutes of the April 21, 2016

Meeting

2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm by Emily B., Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. The Tradition Four was read in Spanish by Ricardo and in English by Jerry M.. Introductions were offered and several new DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs and their alternates introduced themselves. Guests and visitors also stood up. All were welcomed to Area Committee.

Roll Call: Alicia H. (Registrar)

Alicia, Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. 7 Officers were in attendance, 18 DCMs, and 10 Committee Chairs were present. As rotations begin, remember to send in records of the leadership changes to the Area Registrar. Please submit email addresses to registrar also. *Rosters are updated regularly and any corrections need to be submitted to Registrar as they occur.*

Report on March 2016 Area Committee Minutes: Heather S. (Secretary)

- March 2016 minutes were distributed per the roster on April 17, 2016. March minutes were approved. *All District, Standing Committee, and other reports may be submitted directly to via email at balkybetty@gmail.com or via <http://www.area8aa.org>*

Treasurer's Report: Hugo, (Treasurer)

- Written report submitted.

March 2016	March	YTD	2016 Budget	Variance w/ Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,283.05	9,212.69	42,500.00	-33,287.31
Individual contributions:	92.52	403.88	0.00	403.88
District contributions:	20.00	687.00	0.00	687.00
Total contributions:	2,283.05	9,212.69	42,500.00	-33,287.31
Total budgeted expenses:	5,098.53	11,904.09	42,500.00	-9,305.00
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-2,815.48	-2,691.40		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	100.00	0.00	
Total expenses:	5,098.53	12,004.09	42,500.00	
Contributions less total expenses:	-2,815.48	-2,791.40		
Total Cash Balance:	7,66.24			

Master Calendar, Colin M., Alternate Chair

- Officers met and agreed to continue to steer as many people as possible to the website for the most current information. There will be some positive changes to the DCM Workbook to better align it with the website.

- The Master Calendar was emailed out by the Colin, Alternate Chair. It is posted on the area website. Information is subject to change. See calendar on the area website (www.area8aa.org) for the most up to date information.

Delegate's Report: Jane G.: See report attached in English and Spanish.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Roxanne R. Will provide a report in English and Spanish next month.

Chairperson's Report: Emily B. See report attached in English and Spanish.

Liaison Committee Reports: (Submitted reports digitally or on report form)

Coordinating Council: Precious: May's Book of the Month is "AA COMES OF AGE" on sale for \$6.50 regularly \$8.50. After Hours Phones asking for groups to take the 9pm to 9am shift on the 3rd and 16th of each month. These two dates of each month are open right now. We are looking for groups that are able to make a yearlong commitment to answer phones on these "open" dates. Founders' Day Picnic will be Saturday, June 11th, 9:30am -1:30pm at Mira Mesa Community Park. See flyer on our aasandiego.org website.

North County Intergroup: Ralph: April 10th North County Intergroup hosted the annual Traditions Breakfast. It was very successful despite having strict registration requirements to gain access to the base. The North County Intergroup Business Committee will hold elections in June. The North County Intergroup's recently updated guidelines extend the term of committee members to one year for except Members at Large.

East County Intergroup: Position Available

Oficina Central Hispana: Bibiano: Our panel is as follows: Chair Viviano/Alt. Chair Jamie; Secretary Marina; Treasurer Rudy. We do sessions every Thur from 6:30-8pm with servants & committee mtgs on Tues. Our committees are: 10th Congreso: Chair Letty; Sec. Raul; Treasurer Manuel. Twelve Step: Chair Jose; Sec. Silvia. Events Committee: Chair Marcelino; Sec. Jose. Newsletter: Chair Adan. Corporation: Chair Alvaro. Upcoming events: Central Office and A.A. Anniversary Sunday June 19, 2016 @ Lion's Hall in SD.

Oficina Intergrupual Condado Norte: Pedro: Not Present

Oficina Intergrupual Sur, Chula Vista: We session every Tues from 7:45-9pm, with an Agenda & work plan. 8 groups represented with 6 in attendance. Our PI Committee has had 12 public information with a total of 160 persons, we do handout auto diagnostics, Directories, Women in AA pamphlet and Young People pamphlets. Literature paid off debt & increased by \$100. 12 Step Committee received 37 calls, we also have an Archives Committee. At the officewe do cover rent etc. and have a prudent reserve of \$600. The most relevant from our office is the Chula Vista office has their 15th Anniversary on May 7. We are working in making preparations. We sent a letter to the District 15 as follows:...With this letter we want to inform the decision that District 15 took on Friday March 25, 2016. In reference to a motion that came involving the report of Lourdes Raquel from her office. In District 15 we discussed the motion and by a majority vote we did make a decision in not sharing the Inter-groups in our District. By a suggestion from the body, that report should be directed to other local services more effectively. We do want to Thank you for your participation with us. Any information related to GS will receive and share in District 15.

NSYPAA: Riley: NSDYPAA wants to use the Pala Administrative Building as the location of our Cultural Diversity Workshop, so until we hear back from the Tribal Council regarding the decision for that proposal we have chosen to postpone that event. I

will mention the idea of throwing a safety in A.A. workshop at our next committee meeting, so stay tuned for that. So far the only event that we have confirmed is our annual NSDYPA Dodgeball event at MLK park in Oceanside on June 18th.

Registration will be from 10 am - 12 pm and the Tournament will be from 12 pm - 6 pm.

GSDYPAA: Not Present

Native American Liaison: Position Available

Birthdays: four people celebrated a birthday since the last meeting. Congratulations!

There is a collection can for the cake each month. The 7th tradition does not pay for our birthday cake. Break: 8:40 pm, resumed meeting at 8:50pm Concept 4 was read in long form in English by Gerry and Spanish by Emily.

DISTRICT REPORTS: (Submitted reports digitally or on report form)

District 1: Jerry: We had 13 GSRs and 3 District officers at our last meeting, held on April 12th. The majority of the agenda was dedicated to two items: 1) The three amendments to the Area Customs and Guidelines that will be voted on in June. GSRs need to discuss these have obtain group votes. 2) Difficult with 7th tradition contributions in light of rising rents and resultant decrease in contributions to the District, Area, GSO and local Intergroup. Various ideas were discussed. Jerry will draft some educational tools and pull others from Area and GSO to help these difficult discussions.

District 2: Sutton:

District 3:

District 4: Jason:

District 5: Tanya: We had one new GSR join our District. Gave PRAASA report.

Discussed the upcoming assembly and pre-conference topics. Also read and discussed Concept 4. 1st planning meeting for Sponsorship Workshop will be April 25, 2016 @ 6:00 pm, 5050 Milton St, San Diego, 92110. Current districts co-hosting: 5-6-7-14-15 & NSDYPA.

District 6: Renee: Met April 11th @ 6:30pm, attendance 5 total, discussed what happened @ the Assembly, discussed participation with Sponsorship Workshop, mentioned may get new GSR's through email

District 7: Dennis: We met on April 1, the day before the assembly. 4 GSRs were present. We heard an excellent report on PRAASA from the one GSR who was able to attend. We also discussed helping district 5 with the Sponsorship workshop and what to expect at the Pre Conference Assembly.

District 8: Chris: District 8 had an exceptional turnout for our guest presenter, Sandy from Grapevine/La vina. 16 gsr's attended. We listened to an energized presentation, after which, we voted to purchase 10 subscriptions to both The Grapevine and The LA Vina to be distributed wherever our Delegate Jane decides the need exists, preferably prisons/institutions. A brief discussion took place to ask for help and menu ideas for our hosting of the upcoming assembly. Outreach to un-represented groups continues with good results yielding District 8 two new gsr's; one from the "Sober Roses" women's mtg, and one from "Friends in Low Places".

District 9: Art:

District 10: Elke: The last Business Meeting of District 10 was held on April 12, 2016. The next meeting will be on May 10th, 2016 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in El Cajon, CA 92021 @ 5:30pm. I would like to report following: • We read and discussed Tradition 4 and Concept IV. • GSRs gave their reports. • Registrar presented a list of unrepresented groups that still need to be visited • Elke gave a DCM Report • Delegate

Jane visited and gave us a Report • We reviewed our Master Calendar and adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

District 11: Janedra: Meeting on 3/28. 16 plus DCM in attendance. Tabled new and old business to discuss the DCM'S PRAASA Report. Still in workshop planning mode.

District 12: Jo Ann: 11 GSR's working on Big Day with district 11. October Emotional Sobriety workshop in progress. Working on handouts for visiting dark meetings. (GSR may be most important job in AA)

District 13: Julie: Reviewed Area Assembly hosting Talked about workshop we'll put on in June. Each person shared a bit about what's happening in their groups. One person shared her story.

District 14: Gerry: At our district meeting held March 23, 2016 there were 10 in attendance- DCM,

4 GSR's, 1 Alt. GSR, Grapevine Chair, CEC Chair, Treasurer and 1 Visitor. I reported on my trip to PRAASA. Discussed "Safety and Inclusion" in our meetings and our responsibility to maintain awareness and be sensitive to situations as they arise that we remain attractive to our incoming new and current members. Handed out copies of the "Brainstorming Items" and "Area Motions" and requested they be discussed with the groups for feedback to the area. Discussed the need for a Area 8 Prudent Reserve and why. Heard updates from Grapevine Chair Sandy and CEC Chair Pam. Confirmed District 14 support for the upcoming "Sponsorship Workshop". Will talk a little about CEC-"Cooperation with the Elder Community" to solicit involvement from groups in the area. And, I want to thank the Area for the "Workbook". Good Job!

District 15: Ricardo: Last mtg 4/15/16. District 15 still has 5 committees working. We are also participating with District 17 & 18 to work together in our 8th Local Forum in August 28th 2016. We will also be Co Host for the Sponsorship Workshop. We sent a letter to the District 15 as follows:...With this letter we want to inform the decision that District 15 took on Friday March 25, 2016. In reference to a motion that came involving the report of Lourdes Raquel from her office. In District 15 we discussed the motion and by a majority vote we did make a decision in not sharing the Inter-groups in our District. By a suggestion from the body, that report should be directed to other local services more effectively. We do want to Thank you for your participation with us. Any information related to GS will receive and share in District 15.

District 16: Dona-Marie: Our District was busy supporting Jane for her travels to the Conference in NYC The dialogues have begun...we're looking forward to the Bill W. movie in June at the Paloma Theatre in Encinitas. We are planning a plan to outreach to meetings that are not represented & sharing this adventure together with hopes that our Unity Activities will also bring some interest into our District. Our monthly meeting had a few new GSR's and this is exciting.

District 17: not represented

District 18: Herber: Last mtg 4/18/16 @ 7-9pm, 13 GSR's attended. We had a total of 22 in Assistance. Our CPC Committee is complete along with PI Committee. We are working with the 8th Local Forum Committee, they are having speaker meetings for both District 15 & 18. The forum will be held August 28th 2016. We had 18 groups, now 19 which is a Women's Group with sessions twice a week. Report mtgs are the 1st & 3rd week and study mtgs are the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month.

District 19: Jerry S.: Our meeting was well attended. We discussed efforts to reach out to "dark" / inactive meetings, reviewing a backup survey to assist us in better serving all groups within the District. We reviewed the format and topics for our upcoming General Service / GSR Workshop. Additionally, our workshop committee met on 4/7/16 and have confirmed our date: October 15th. More will be revealed in the coming weeks/months.

Finally, Jane G., our delegate, spoke and shared her experience, strength and hope on a variety of topics, was kind to address certain GSR's directly relative to their reports and specific needs. She strengthened our resolve toward efforts of outreach and in regard to issues of money/finance/7th Tradition. The Q&A which followed was passionate and engaging. We will be hosting Roxane, our Alt. Delegate, in the coming weeks at our May Monthly District Meeting.

District 20: Eddie: We have added 4 new GSR's more are interested. We had a Bar B Q for the GSR's all invited to learn about web page or Area 8. I visited 4 more groups. We plan a mtg for all secretaries to help them with their service. We are planning a mtg on how AA started in Fallbrook.

District 21: Brian: Renee, Area Alternate Registrar, attended our meeting to discuss role and responsibilities of the position. We really appreciated her presentation and sharing some of her experience with us. We had a great sharing session on Concepts III & IV with brilliant insight from all members. The GSR roundtable was held with many interesting comments about the meetings and members discussed some different plans to present the Area motions to our groups. Our next meeting will be on May 5, 2016.

District 22: Lynda: Mtg is 1st Tues. of month @ 6pm at Romona Recovery Club. 1. I talked about topics at PRAASA with discussion following. 2. We do not need Literature Chair anymore due to Recovery Club has books and tokens. 3. I got the stuff from our Registrar and I will do it for now. New business will be the 3 topics due to be voted on at the June Assembly.

District 23: Jim: Not Present

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Submitted reports digitally or on report form)

Accessibilities: Jesse:

Agenda: Paul: Moving forward with a General Service Conference Agenda Item of "How Much Can a Group Contribute – "Is there a Limit". Supporting and working with NSDYPA on a Conference Agenda Item to either update or end the circulation of pamphlet P-37 "Too Young". A member of the Agenda Committee is creating a draft Template / Outlined Format for writing a Conference Agenda Item. Reviewed and discussed the Agenda for the April 2016 Area Committee Meeting

Archives: Anne:

Information Technology: Brian: 10 members in attendance. Video Conf for ACM now open to all AMC members. Computer Hardware motion sent to Chair (Mrs. M). Google phone numbers recommended for Newsletter and Flyers.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Ted: The CPC Committee met at 1830-1930 on March 28 at the Central Office. We discussed our upcoming commitment to staff a booth at the Healthcare Chaplaincy Network Conference April 11-13. Even though the booth needed to be staffed on 3 weekday mornings and afternoons 6 volunteers were able to be available for the attendees to communicate with. The committee further discussed and clarified our thoughts and opinions about the 2016 General Service Conference CPC agenda items. We received a debrief from alternate chair Geni about her experience at PRAASA. We reminded committee members about two upcoming events we will be providing volunteers for. Meeting adjourned at 19:30.

Policy: Tony: We went over and finalized our changes to the Area Assembly set-up guidelines.

Finance: Paul: 1) We are working on the 2017 Budget and are having difficulty meeting an anticipated budget of \$44,000 which is \$1500 more than this year. 2) The Budget Workshops are going to be as follows: Districts 1,2,16 and 23 are scheduled for Sat,

August 6 in the morning, need a district to host. Districts 3,13,12,22 and 21 scheduled for Sat, August 6 in the afternoon, need a district to host. Districts 4, 5,6,7,24,19 and 14 scheduled for Sat, August 13 in the morning, District 7 will host. Districts 8, 10, 11 and 12 are scheduled for Sat, August 13 in the afternoon, need a district to host. Districts 9 and 17 are scheduled for Sat, August 20 in the morning need District 9 to host. Districts 15 and 18 location and time to be determined by Hugo. District 20 is scheduled for Tuesday evening at their District meeting August 23. For the Districts that do not have a hosting district for there group please get back to me tonight if you wish to be a host or as soon as possible. We need to get a location for approximately 1 ½ hours and appropriate seating for the size of their grouping. If necessary the Finance Committee will assist with the cost of renting a room but it's hoped that the District's can cover that cost.

Grapevine/La Viña: Sandy: On April 10th our committee met at SD Central office. We had 10 members in attendance. We reviewed the sharing session and our participation in SD Spring Roundup. We looked at our calendar for the year and planned for participating in Unity Day, La Vina's 20th Anniversary Celebration on July 23rd in Phoenix AZ, and on July 30th here in San Diego, Unity Day, the Emotional Sobriety Workshop, Roots, our own writers and record your story workshop, Roots, and visitations to the district meetings. I want to tell you how much I appreciate the support The Grapevine received when visiting district 8. When presented with the "Give a subscription to an alcoholic in need" program, this generous and warmhearted group decided to donate 10 subscriptions to be given to our delegate to be put where the greatest need is. I believe that this program has the capability to turn the tide for the decline in subscription rates, and infuse new life into this vital piece of our history, voice, and recovery. Who among us wouldn't give a subscription to those who so desperately want and need it?

The LaVina celebration in Phoenix is being planned and the planning committee visited us here in San Diego at the Spanish central office on April 10th. Our Spanish districts offered their support and help with supplies for coffee and creating interest in their groups. What a vital and active group of RLV's and LaVina supporters we have working hard on behalf of LaVina ensuring its growth. They are inspiring and a great example to the Grapevine. La Vina has a new book coming in May its called Un Dia A la Vez its 10.99 in print and 9.99 on ibook, nook or kindle. Grow your Grapevine is underway! The 3 choices of springtime activities is: a) listen to language of the heart on audio book, locate one of Bill W's articles on a tradition in the archive, register a GVR with the GV.

NCAIC (North County Hospitals and Institutions): Suzanne: 1. I had the pleasure of attending the SOCAL H & I Conference. Main theme is communication especially with the facilities where we bring meetings to those alcoholics that are confined. 2. On April 16th, we had our new member orientation. Many showed to get on panels, some are being placed by our new treatment chair Jen A. 3. Check out our website: nchandi.org.

SD (Hospitals and Institutions): Chris: Please welcome our committee Representative Andrew K , who will be attending the ACM each month for Chair, Chris S. The San Diego H&I Committee meets the third Sunday of the month at the Machinists' Hall at 5150 Kearny Mesa Road, SD, 92111. Policy Council at 11:30; orientation at noon, business meeting to follow orientation. All AA members are welcome at both Policy Council and at the general meeting. We also have an orientation the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the San Diego Central Office on Mission Gorge Road. We are always in need of H&I volunteers; we are also in need of people who are willing to serve as committee members. Contact on Release is a subcommittee of the SD H&I. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:45 pm at the San Diego Central Office. We are also in need of volunteers and committee members. Pamphlets and flyers are on the counter.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please take them one. Or both. We are particularly in need of COR volunteers in the South and East Counties. Please check out our website for complete information about our meeting schedule for 2016 and our current minutes and financial reports, including a listing of group contributions. You should be able to access it directly, or through a link from either the Area website or the Central Office website. The Social H and I conference was well attended by San Diego and was an amazingly high quality conference. Next year we would like to increase attendance and will be talking it up long before the date.

Literature: Karen:

Newsletter: Monty: The Newsletter committee last meet on March 22nd. There were 3 members present. We discussed the upcoming (April 2nd) newsletter. We discussed some changes. The committee also discussed purchasing software for the committee. This will allow us to have the necessary products needed to complete the task at hand. We are still looking for articles from every DCM, Subcommittee, Liaison that hasn't submitted an article in 2016. Please keep your topic to general service and your experience and how its helped your recovery.

We are started working on the next Newsletter for June. It will be a PRASSA issue.

Translation: Alex:

Unbudgeted Expense Request - ASL Interpretation for Pre-Conference Information Session:

No discussion. Was approved unanimously

Future Unbudgeted Expense Request - For ACM Copies:

Discussion:

Unbudgeted Expense Request - ASL Interpretation \$4,500.00 for remainder of the year:

Discussion:

Closing: Responsibility Pledge. Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather S, Panel 66 Area 8 Secretary and Linda R., Alt. Secretary.