

# AREA 8, DISTRICT 21 MEETING AGENDA

## August 6, 2015

**6:30 – Open with the Serenity Prayer**

**GSR PREAMBLE:**

"We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain, communicating for our Groups, with the General Service Conference, and the world of AA. We realize that the ultimate authority in AA is a loving God as He may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our Groups so that they may reach an informed Group conscience. By communicating the Group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our Groups as a whole."

**6:35 – Welcome / Introductions / Birthdays**

**6:36 – Secretary's Report – Discussion / Approval of July Meeting's Minutes**

**6:40 – Treasurer's Report – Discussion / Approval of July Report**

**6:45 – DCM Report from Area Committee meeting**

- At the AA Int'l Convention, the GSO/Literature Committee is seeking stories from its members to update/create the various pamphlets. Submission guidelines will be posted on the Area 8 website (Delegate's Corner page – July report) and deadlines are 10/15/15. Submission items concerning:
  - Shares from women, including "women in the military, single mothers and women of diverse backgrounds" for the 'AA for the Woman'.
  - Stories from AA members who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or gender nonconforming, especially regarding being a "newcomer" and "sponsorship" for the 'AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic'.
  - Recovery experience from members with mental health issues, AND from those who sponsor such members to develop literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues.
- Unity Day update from the Alt. Delegate Jane. Need details on how the various groups/members will participate. Thanks to our District for our commitment for participation and \$200 financial contribution.
- Two motions concerning Area tax records were tabled to research more information before returning to the Finance Committee for revision & resubmission to the ACM:
  - Maintaining Tax Filing Records – obtain advice from financial advisor/accountant on exactly what records should be retained and for how long. There's already a line item in the annual budget for tax preparation for \$350, which can be used as payment for these services.
  - Annual Tax Filing – ask financial advisor if an independent accountant should be preparing the annual tax report or if the Area Treasurer is acceptable.
- Still need increased contributions to the Area – please ask your group for additional donations. The June financial report showed year-to-date contributions at \$17,600 and last year's contributions were \$21,000 after 6 months (so, \$42K annually, which was still below previous years and the current targeted annual expenses).
- Resumes for the Area Archivist are still being accepted. Check the Area 8 website for details - <http://www.area8aa.org/archive-committee/>.

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- Upcoming events:
  - Unity Day, Saturday 8/29 9am-12pm at Palisades Presbyterian Church (same location as SD Speaker's meeting).
  - Feeling Good Roundup - "Keys to the Kingdom", Friday-Sunday, 9/04-06 at San Diego Marriott - Mission Valley.
  - Visit from Trustee-At-Large – Bob W. – attending the Budget Assembly and the following meetings: Thursday 9/10 in Carlsbad; Friday 9/11 in Bonita; Saturday 9/12 Budget Assembly, then the La Jolla Speaker in the evening.
  - Area Budget Assembly, Saturday 9/12 8am-4pm at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church.

### 7:00 – Old Business

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- Any questions/comments regarding Area Budget presented at last meeting? Be sure to have your group's informed group conscience before the Budget Assembly on 9/12.
- Unity Day discussion – How will we participate? Should we have a District roundtable? Or should the GSRs share their experiences at the GSR tables? I plan to participate at the DCM table if not otherwise occupied. We should communicate our decision to Jane for her final event planning.
- Reports from visits to unrepresented meetings. Any plans for targeted visits to unrepresented meetings?

### 7:10 – New Business:

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- Need for stable, serene men to attend the Thursday night RB meeting for additional support regarding disruptive male attendee.
- Any additional items from the members?
- GSR Round Table

### Visit Requests (Area Officers/Committees)

- Any desire to hear from any Area Officers or Committee Chairs for future meetings?
- Reading of Tradition 8 – Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- Reading of Concept 8 – The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.
- Close with the Responsibility Pledge

### 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.**