

AREA 8, DISTRICT 21 MEETING AGENDA

September 3, 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 August Meeting's Minutes

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

6:45 – DCM Report from Area Committee meeting

- The GSO/Literature Committee issued a "Call for Sharing" from the 65th General Service Conference. They are seeking stories from its members to update/create the various pamphlets. I have the submission guidelines for anyone interested 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.
- New PSA "Doors" is available now at AA.org. Approved at the GSC, the content is current and has been edited to offer a clearer listening experience.
- Audio of Sister Ignatia's talk delivered at the 1960 AA International Convention in Long Beach, CA is also available at AA.org. She tells the story of Dr. Bob admitting one of the first alcoholics to St. Thomas hospital.
- Budget Area Assembly (Sat. 9/12) welcomes Trustee-At-Large, Bob W., who is one of the 21 Trustees of the General Service Board (14 alcoholic & 7 non-alcoholic). Bob has many personal experiences performing this world-wide service for AA that he can share with us – person-to-person – to stimulate interest in General Service. By hearing his stories of experience, strength and hope, members in our area may gain first-hand understanding of how our groups' 7th tradition contributions help share the message of strength and hope outside the walls of the meeting, the city, the state and the country. If any members cannot hear him at the Assembly, then Bob will also visit some area meetings but with limited extra space for attendance (so try to attend the Assembly, where there is adequate capacity for all):
 - Thursday, 9/10 at Carlsbad AA Workshop
 - Friday, 9/11 at Grupo Bonita meeting in National City
 - Saturday, 9/12 at So. Cal. Speakers meeting

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- Upcoming events:
 - Feeling Good Roundup - "Keys to the Kingdom", Friday-Sunday, 9/04-06 at San Diego Marriott - Mission Valley.
 - Two Labor Day (9/07) picnics – one at Calaveras Park in Carlsbad and the other at Oak Crest Park in Encinitas.
 - Donuts with the Delegate on Saturday 9/26 at St. Andrews Church in San Carlos/La Mesa. Will include visits from additional Delegates from other areas.
 - Area Budget Assembly, Saturday 9/12 8am-4pm at 1st United Methodist Church.

7:00 – **Old Business**

- 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 reflections from members
- Reports from visits to unrepresented meetings. Any plans for upcoming targeted visits to unrepresented meetings?

7:10 – **New Business:**

- Creation of District budget
- 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? I received positive response from the area secretary to attend our next meeting in October.
- Reading of Tradition 9 – AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- Reading of Concept 9 – Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.
- 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.