

AREA 8, DISTRICT 21 MEETING AGENDA

October 1, 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 September Meeting's Minutes

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

6:43 – Registrar's Report – Discussion / Updates to current District Roster

6:45 – DCM Report from Area Committee meeting

- The proposed 2016 Area Budget was approved at the Area Assembly. Some discussion from the Assembly floor:
 - The automatic send-off of funds when the operating fund exceeds $\frac{1}{4}$ of our annual budget at the end of a quarter. Why is it possible to send off these funds in the same year when other funding requests have been denied due to "not enough money"?
 - Suggestions that officers and committees must keep up with expense requests every quarter in order for the remaining year budget items and spending to be accurately forecast – opposed to by the end of the year. Can expenses be projected using a 5 year average similar to how income trends are used to set the "anticipated income"?
 - Would holding a $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ day draft budget sharing session – after it's finalized by the Finance Committee – be helpful to hearing significant concerns that can be passed on to the Districts at the budget presentations (and then to the Groups)?
- 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.
- Upcoming events (all shown on calendar on Area 8 website – <http://area8aa.org>):
 - Grapevine/La Vina Writers Workshop - Saturday, 10/03 from 10am-1pm at All Souls Episcopal Church (Pt. Loma area).
 - Concept Boot Camp – Four consecutive Saturdays 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 & 10/31 from 8am-12pm at United Methodist Church (Mission Valley).

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- "This is AA" Workshop – Saturday, 10/17 from 1pm-3pm at Encinitas Senior Center.
- Accessibilities Workshop: Reaching Out with "Meetings To Go", Saturday 10/24 10am-1pm at Deaf Community Services of San Diego (Mission Valley).

7:00 – Old Business

- Review of next draft of the District budget
- Reports from visits to unrepresented meetings. Any plans for upcoming targeted visits to unrepresented meetings?

7:10 – New Business:

- Area Assembly reflections from members – any take-home messages heard by Trustee-At-Large Bob W.?
- Discuss initial plans for hosting Orientation Area Assembly on January 23, 2016
- GSR Round Table

Visit Requests (Area Officers/Committees)

- Any desire to hear from any Area Officers or Committee Chairs for future meetings? The Area Registrar is scheduled to attend our next meeting in November. Forward to me any topics that you want addressed.
- Reading of Tradition 10 – Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
- Reading of Concept 10 – Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.
- 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.