

District 8 GSR Meeting Minutes, September 2017	09.04.2017 7:00-8:00 pm St. Mark's Church 580 Hilltop Drive, Chula Vista, CA 91910-6012
The GSR Preamble <p>We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority 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 in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this 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 group and for A.A. as a whole.</p>	
Open Meeting with Declaration of Unity: <p>This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first, to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A.'s unity, depends our lives, and the lives of those to come.</p>	
Meeting Minutes	
District Committee Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Call to Order</u> - Meeting was called to order at 7:03p.m. by Chris G., District 8 DCM. 2. <u>GSR Preamble</u> – Read by Kim B. 3. <u>Declaration of Unity</u> - Read by all in unison. 4. <u>Serenity Prayer</u> - Read by all in unison. 5. <u>Introductions</u> – Welcome to new GSRs Murphy A. (&husband) from “We’ve Come a Long Way”, John P. from “Coronado Men’s”, and to Raquel M. (&husband) our Guest Speaker for the evening ! 6. <u>Celebration of Birthdays</u> – Happy Birthday to George S. for 7 yrs on 8/18 !! 7. <u>Twelve Traditions (short form)</u> - Read by Richie S. 8. <u>Reading / Approval of Minutes</u> – Motion to approve by Kim B. and seconded by George S. 9. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> – None. 10. <u>Registrar's Report (Quarterly)</u> None. 11. <u>DCM Report</u> – Ginger S. gave a report from the August Area Committee meeting. A motion was approved for Young People in AA to form an Ad Hoc Committee for Area 8. She distributed GSO Conference Booklets for 2017 and shared that Unity Day was a big success. Chris G. added that the Area 8 Election Assembly will be held on Sat., Sep 23rd at 5150 Kearney Mesa Rd., at the Machinists’ Hall in San Diego at 0900 (0800 for new GSR Orientation). 12. <u>Educational</u> - Our guest speaker(s) were Ginger S., and Raquel M. Ginger read a letter that was prepared by her Rise and Shine group concerning “Suicide in AA” and the suggestion that a pamphlet be written about the subject of suicide and/or depression for use in the AA program. Raquel M. spoke on the topic of “Suicide Outreach in AA” and the need for a pamphlet on “Suicide Survivors” to be submitted for consideration through the AA process for new literature. After some discussion, a motion was made by John P. to forward the idea of a “Suicide Survivors” pamphlet up the AA “Chain of Command”. The motion was seconded, and passed with a majority. Thank you so much to Ginger S. and Raquel M. for being of service and taking the time to share your knowledge and opinions with us !! :-) 13. <u>Service</u> – Kim M. addressed the Hurricane Harvey situation and that AA groups there are in need of Big Books. He will provide us with the address and a website to support AA in the Houston, TX area. 14. <u>Group Conscience</u> – Ginger S. made a motion that we move our District 8 Elections to the October 2, 2017 GSR Meeting, vice the November meeting. The motion passed unanimously. 15. <u>Old Business</u> – Georgene will update us on the status of the Las Colinas Literature donation soon. 16. <u>New Business</u> –Georgene informed us that St. Mark’s Church will only be open (in person) for business on Thursdays, moving forward. Still available by phone during other days of the week. The upcoming District 8 Elections and the interest in available positions were discussed. Chris G. mentioned that the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Alcahons are approaching and we need to elect a new person(s) to head up the committee to organize the events and preparation thereof. He asked for us to assess our availability for this Holiday Season and our ability to serve in this capacity. GSR’s groups should be asked whether they want to obligate themselves to chair/host one or more of the many meetings to be held during the three Holiday Alcahons. The drawing for meeting assignments will probably be scheduled for late October. 17. <u>Meeting was Adjourned</u> at 8:08 p.m. 	
Closed Meeting with 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.	
NEXT MEETING – October 2, 2017, 7pm, 580 Hilltop Drive, Chula Vista, CA 91910	