

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
4545 Viewridge Ave Ste 100 San Diego CA 92123
Minutes of the December 20,, 2018 Meeting

Area Committee Meeting

The Area Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 PM to 10 PM. The location is pending as of right now. All AA members are welcome to attend. To get an item on the agenda, please contact chair@area8aa.org to begin the process. If required, your specific request or proposal will be directed to the assistance of one or more of our Area's standing committees. The Area Committee meeting and all other General Service meetings are open to all AA members.

Potluck held at 6pm for all ACM members-those staying on, rotating out and rotating in!

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:25 pm by Monty, Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. Followed by the Declaration of Unity. 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.

Declaration of Unity This we owe to AA's Future; To place our common welfare first; To keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come

Roll Call: Julie M.(Registrar)

Roll Call was done on sign in sheets at the Registrar's table at the back of the room-no verbal roll call was done.

Julie, Area Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, 9 Officers were in attendance, 19 DCMs and 12 Committee Chairs were present, a total of 40. (Liaisons 4) & (Ad Hoc Com. 1)As rotations begin, remember to send in records of the leadership changes to the Area Registrar. Please submit emails to registrar as well.

Rosters are updated regularly and any corrections need to be submitted to Registrar as they occur.

2018 Area Committee Minutes: Renee.. (Alt-Secretary)

- Minutes are available in digital format. Contact Area 8 Secretary and for a digital copy (via email.) Let new DCMs and Committee Chairs know to please submit email information with the Registrar
- as soon as possible. If your alternate would like a digital copy, add email address to the Registrar's roster.
- The Secretary requested ACM members abbreviate their reports.
- *It is time effective to submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at secretary.area8sd@gmail.com /altsecretaryarea8@gmail.com*
- November minutes approved as with correction, motion unanimously carries.

Treasurer's Report: Efraine. (Treasurer)

- Written report submitted.
- Remind groups who contribute to the Area to include an email address so we can process contribution acknowledgements electronically, and at a lower cost.
- Have your group get or find out what there GSO six digit code it. It will help the incoming Treasurer.
- Please make sure to submit any reimbursements before the end of the year.

November 2018	November	YTD	2018 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	3,650.67	43,211.72	52,930.00	-9,718.28-
Individual contributions:	186.50	2,574.91	0	2,574.91
District contributions:	0	2,764.98	0	2,784.98
Total contributions:	3,837.17	48,696.61	0	125
Total budgeted expenses:	3,202.56	39,822.41	52,930.00	-12,993.07
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	634.61	8,874.20		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	272.53	5,758.45		
Total expenses:	3,475.09	47,698.40	52,930.00	
Contributions less total expenses:	362.08	998.21		
Total Cash Balance: September 2018	11,680.59		25% of budget: \$13,232.50	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

Question: Will we have another send-off to GSO at the end of the year? It depends on how many funding requests are taken and this will be revisited in January 2019. If there is enough, there will be an automatic send off if over 25%.

Budget passed unanimously.

Delegate's Report: Roxanne.:

Welcome to our last steering committee meeting of the year. We are happy to have the new DCMs and Committee Chairs joining us tonight. This has been an insightful and busy 12 months from just about everyone's perspective and I look forward to the year ahead with anticipation and excitement. I want to

thank each of you for your unselfish participation in this Area. In the weeks ahead I might forget to appreciate you like you deserve, but know that I do.

When I got sober late in 1983 I was unaware that I had landed in the “fertile crescent” of AA. Treatment facilities were springing up everywhere and insurance companies were funding numerous employee health insurance policies for rehab. I was unemployed so my parents paid for my rehab. I had no intention of quitting drinking forever but like many of us I “caught” alcoholism in the rooms of AA. I was 23 years sober when Amy Winehouse’s song, “Rehab” came out. The lyrics to that song go something like this: “I don’t ever want to drink again, I just, oh, I just need a friend, I’m not gonna spend ten weeks, have everyone think I’m on the mend. And it’s not just my pride. It’s just till these tears have dried. They tried to make me go to rehab but I said, No, No, No.” Five years later she would be dead from alcohol intoxication. I was beginning to grasp the concept of gratitude, though actual gratitude would come later.

Working with newcomers over the years, some who stayed sober and others who did not, has done much to cement the experience, strength and hope I have found here into my sober life. It is one of the reasons I have always been drawn to service. December’s 15th Annual Beginner’s Workshop was a great reminder that the twelve simple steps of Alcoholics Anonymous are what keep us on the path. Working with newcomers often evolves into more widespread work when you find yourself wanting to have a deeper impact in the world at large. I know that good teachers can have a huge impact in the classroom but that is just one classroom. Imagine a good teacher who teaches teachers how to be good teachers. That impact is significantly wider. This is how I feel about General Service. Our work here has a ripple effect that enables us to have greater effect on the world at large. For example, when I think about the pamphlet, “The God Word” which was fraught with my favorite kind of controversy at the Pre-Conference Assembly, but was going to make it through the Conference with little or no resistance, and we all shook our heads over the mysterious way the Conference works. I enjoy being part of the AA movement. I realize things are different today. We compete with dozens, perhaps hundreds of other 12 step programs and alternative treatment facilities, yet it is still here in San Diego that I can go to an A.A. meeting 3 times a day, every day of the week. I’m a lucky girl and I know that Area 08 is part of making my recovery accessible and available. Thank you all for helping to provide this for a drunk like me.

Alt. Delegate Report Jerry S: GSR School / Orientation

DCM’s: Please remind your new & old GSR’s of the impact of attending and learning new and effective tools as they journey on their path in service to their group

I have shared the Learning Modules that we created and communicated throughout this past year.

DCM’s: Would you like me to visit your District and speak to any of these modules?

Please remind those that made 2, 3 or 4 modules that we are still coordinating the GSR Star program. For those that attend all 5 modules earn a gold lapel star pin. 5 pins were awarded this past year. Let’s double that for next year!

GSR School star earners will need to collect those at the first Assembly! Forgotten at home on the desk!

Area Inventory

We are focusing our efforts to ensure that our efforts in inventory do not pass idly by without courageous action to change the things we can. We have decided to better coordinate discussion on our inventory as a regular item of our ACM Agenda.... Nudge nudge Dixie.

As a part of that efforts, we will strive to have one of your Area Officers review the inventory in some capacity just as our DCM’s review our Concepts. More shall be revealed.

District Pen Pals

To participating DCM's:

Please confirm a District liaison / point of contact (Name/Email/Phone#)

Please advise that coordinated efforts will ensure that they are included in district related correspondences

Please take time periodically to allow the liaison to offer a report of correspondence.

Finally, please plan to visit the other district monthly meeting (as a district) 1-2 times over the next year... Thank You!

This past year has certainly been the most full and fulfilling year of my sobriety and service in AA. I have been challenged in every relationship to advance, in action, faithful change. I have been challenged to actively manage both moral and personal inventory practices and to bring the discovered fears and handicapping behaviors before my creator, my sense of Divine Love and this Great Reality. Some is taken, others left behind to nag at my need to accept my imperfections in a spirit of love. Learning to love myself as I am, ever changing has been the greatest blessing that has been thrust to the forefront of my waking awareness.

Thank you! Thank you especially to those that have stopped to connect with me with advice, suggestions and criticism. Your careful considerations have been helpful and designing inspiration and new ways to the old ways.

I believe in the conscience of our collective efforts, the conscience of our collective desires and hopes and the strength of our efforts together. It is this conscience that is the guiding voice of all my efforts. Thank you for giving me time and space to make mistakes and to grow from each of them. I look forward with hope and peace in my heart. Thank you again and I will leave you with this...

A Holiday Poem

So it's been a long year and almost were done

But a last few actions are still to be spun

The first is just this, look around to your friends

Remember to say thank you and please come again

If your rotating out, please look to the next

And help them along on their new annual quest

To grow and to heal from the hurts of our past

From that insane monkey who just won't get off our back

But it's a joy to be had, its honest and true

Its hopeful and faithful and its always for you

For me and for us and for those all alike

Who love the bottle far more than a new Holiday bike

But the bottles been down, its been down for a while

And so were joyous and free as we serve with a smile

And so, I pray for us all. I pray we fight the good fight

And if it happens to be dark, may your sobriety bring light

Report: Monty Chairperson's .: No Report

Announcements:

1. **PRAASA**-link is open and everyone needs to register before registration. Feb 28 opening meeting/Mar. 1-3, 2019
2. **4 Area Sharing Session**-Buena Park, Feb 2, 2019 Incoming DCMs should attend, Areas 5, 9 ,93 & 8, Flyers are available
3. **DCM & Committee Chair Workshop**-Feb 9, 2019, 9am-1pm, City of Hope Church, flyer not yet available
4. **Area Orientation Assembly**-January 12, 2019, Committee Chairs be prepared to discuss what your committee does,
5. Dennis-thanked everyone for their support on the loss of his mother last month.
6. Greg, Policy chair//objecting the listing of last names of people for contact information//isn't in keeping with 11 Tradition. Issue not to be entertained tonight.
7. Katherine: YPAA motion will be coming up at the next Assembly-simplified version provided.
8. Another Announcement-Ginger-Policy needs to see flyers before being sent out because of missed typos.
9. Cecil on anonymity-on our website there is a policy regarding anonymity-full names and photographs should not be utilized just as outside media.

Sharing Session (Area Inventory ACM-Area Assembly)

1. **What have we learned from the inventory?**
2. **Are we filling the objectives of the inventory**
 - a. Great//not doing anything//Why isn't the group who was going through it not enacting any of the changes proposed//This is now up to us//suggestion to make 1 change at each ACM// Some items have happened//New system of Roll Call-positive change//GSR school has been implemented//It takes a while to make changes because of rotation of Area Committee Members//
 - b. Is the 11 Tradition being broken with non-anonymous emails//Flyers publish first and last names for next Assembly//each person on the flyer gave permission to use their own emails//It's a personal choice//Many officers created their position anonymous emails//
 - c. Finance Committee has implemented several items that were listed in the inventory.
 - d. CPC-flyer for senior homes, sober living was attempted, but no one has stepped up to work on that, as requested in the Inventory.
 - e. Policy Committee's job is to vote in flyers and stick to the traditions and the steps and concepts//Personal breakage of anonymity is up to the individual//if Policy determines whether last names should be on flyers, that also end up on the website/internet.
3. **How do we proceed from this point on?**
 - a. We need to watch internet use and our individual anonymity.

- b. Incorporate one item at a time at the ACM-it needs to be on the agenda//perhaps sub-committees
- c. Look into what your particular areas (Committee) are addressed in the Inventory and focus on that portion.
- d. Bring about a 15 minute piece to each ACM of the Inventory//Motions can be made to help make our area better. Fundamental changes and action items are all our responsibilities.
- e. Motions that are created by individuals need to be brought to Agenda and Policy first, before brought before the body of an Assembly or Area Committee.

-Question-how many of us have read the inventory and know what has been implemented into the area?

Unbudgeted Expense #1-Joshua, Finance Committee \$340, to make up for the last months with a 0 balance//Motion on the floor//Mileage for Sept-Dec and software//Seconded//Discussion//Software cost \$60//Mileage for Joshua who lives in Fallbrook//Motion carries.

Unbudgeted Expense #2-Registrar & alt. Mileage \$228.72, for liaison and Area Assemblies and Brawley travel//Motion on the floor-seconded//Do we have the funding?//yes stated by treasurer//Motion carries.

Master Calendar: Sutton.: The master Calendar was emailed out by the Chair. It's 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. *Please email all updates to Monty to get Master Calendar up to date.*

Birthdays: 4 persons 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.

Volunteers for next month's concepts and traditions:

Concept 1 Committee Chair: Richie (translation)

Tradition 1: DCM : Ginger (D8)

DISTRICT REPORTS (Districts submitted reports digitally or on report form) 5 mins. -Odd # districts report this month. Other districts and committees that feel need to give oral reports.

District 1: Toni (Brian) No Report

District 2 : Bill-A budget of \$3,000 was approved for 2019, nearly twice the amount of 2018 thanks in part to the efforts of bringing the GSR report to underrepresented groups. Efforts to attract groups without representation is ongoing with little to no gain, but event participation increased, and knowledge of service entities was well carried. Efforts to attract participation to PRAASA began in Nov. The District committee and its groups are conferring how we may mutually support our GSR's (and members) to attend PRAASA. Members interests appears to be slight.

Interest for an area wide celebration of sobriety in the form of a "talent show" (now themed A.A.'s Got Talent) continues to grow. A call to members with production experience to participate / sit on the planning committee is sought.

One District member who regularly attended Intergroup joined an Area Standing Committee that meets on the same day and time and therefore the consideration for GSR's to alternate amongst themselves (1 x a year) so to have continued representation at the level of Intergroup is hoped for. District participation at intergroup brought many rewards, especially an increased level of unity between entities.

District 3: Steve-Hello fellow GSRs in District 3 and District 20. Soon after our December monthly meeting we became aware of a special opportunity to co-host a Workshop with Escondido Presenter, Helen V. This came up rather quickly but we managed to secure the big room at the Alano Club for Saturday, February 2nd. If we follow the same format as our Fourth Step Workshop last November, things should work out well. We'll need GSR Volunteers for bottled water and soft drinks. Volunteers for Pizza pick-up. Volunteer Greeters outside. Volunteers inside for sign-in people and Volunteers for clean-up afterwards. Please reply to me separately with your choices. Hoping you all agree this will be another memorable afternoon! I'll send an email to those who came to the November workshop and invite them to attend. Happy Holidays and thank you for your service. Steve P DCM D3

District 4: Miles (Chuck) No Report

District 5: Karl; District 5 has agreed to provide all the drinks (juice, water, soda, and coffee) for the Jan 12th

Orientation Assembly. Dave presented our year end financial report also showing our monthly totals and balance on hand. We then discussed the upcoming Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) being held March 1-3 in Irvine CA. Consistent with the encouragement of Area 8 Officers, who have requested as many Area GSR's attend as possible; we brainstormed how we could make that happen. After much discussion about different options and individual's ability to participate (financially) we settled on the following through motion and vote: We voted to partially fund any District 5 GSR who wishes to participate in PRAASA this year, up to a total for the district of \$1,500. This fund will be

divided based on individual ability to finance their participation. We will do our best to distribute the funding to help as many of us attend as possible. The entire experience of PRAASA has been of great benefit to those who have gone before us and has granted me personally, an incredible understanding and appreciation for the twelve-step work AA provides.

District 6: Ernest-(Natalie) We held elections for DCM and Treasurer during this month's D6 GSR meeting. Our new DCM is Natalie F., and our new Treasurer is Anne. Congratulations to both of them. We also discussed the NYE alcathon co-sponsored with Districts 7, 11, 14, and 19. Great teamwork to all. This year's Alcathon will be held again at the Church at 625 Pennsylvania Avenue in San Diego. 5pm NYE//12pm NYD, volunteers needed

District 7: Gerry (Tina) No Report

District 8: Ginger: South Bay Pioneers hosting Alkathons for Christmas & New Years

District 9: Delores No Report

District 10: Karen No Report

District 11: Cheryl No Report

District 12: Joe No Report

District 13: Ronnie Christmas Day Alkathon & New Year's Day Alkathon at Mira Mesa Alano Club

District 14: Sandy No Report

District 15: Richard-We have had a busy month, still working with approx. 15 GSRs per meeting. This is my last ACM meeting, I have really loved being around you alcoholics and will miss you. Our incoming District Panel Officers are; Incoming DCM- Valentin R. , Alt. DCM- Marcela R., Treasurer- Diego, and we are currently encouraging the Secretary Position. We participated in the 29th H&I Hispanic Conference at Indio, Ca. Hosted by Area 09, it was great.

District 16: David; Del Mar Hilton New Year's Eve Bash//\$40 per person-purchase soon because of need to order food from hotel.//Step house having Christmas meetings

District 17: Santiago No Report

District 18: Abraham No Report

District 19: Rose No Report

District 20: David No Report

District 21: Rick No Report

District 22: Lynda No Report

District 23: Chuck; Met on November 29th, 11 in attendance. Due to scheduling conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays we met for a combined November/December meeting rather than our normal 4th Thursday meeting. Since our normal meeting place was not available, we held a potluck meeting at our treasurer's house. Standard monthly reports from secretary, treasurer, etc. Held elections for almost all positions. All positions filled except for an alternate registrar. The new DCM is Darryl H. and his alternate is Shoon S..

Standing Committee Reports:

Accessibilities: Renea No Report

Agenda: Dennis We met and discussed the agendas for the ACM and the Orientation Assembly. We also received end of term remarks from chair

Archives: Makenzie No Report

CPC: Jo Ann:Thanked YPAA for December Workshop, well attended by the deaf.

Finance: Joshua No Report

Literature: John S.-Work in progress, This month we are closing out the year and making plans for next year. One of the big items will be the literature workshop and we re looking for the venue and leaning towards the south bay in District 8 territory so watch for the flyer. The other piece of news is our membership drive starting in January as we outreach to all of the meetings in our area for potential literature committee members. This month we participated in ROOTS and we had a lot of visitors at our table and display. We have recently updated the literature display rack with all of the newest pamphlets so at the January assembly stop by and take a look at the display. This month's pamphlet is tabled due to a number of illnesses in our committee but we will be back in the saddle in January. Look forward to the meal at ACM on the 20th and wishing all of you a merry Christmas and Happy holidays.

NCAIC (H&I): Chris-new chair (Bill) WHAT IT WAS LIKE, WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT IT'S LIKE NOW: What it was like? We began 2018 with (what we considered to be) an excess of funds in our bank account.

This was largely the result of not being assertive enough with getting literature out to our facilities What happened? (1) We notified our groups to reassign their contributions, (2) we contacted all our facilities to reassess their needs and inventory, and (3) we developed new Financial Guidelines to maintain an equilibrium in the future. What it's like now? (1) We have prudent reserve level monies in our bank account, (2) we are gratefully accepting contributions for literature again, and (3) we have a quarterly evaluation in place to keep our spending in line with income.

We appreciate our groups sticking by us as we learn, grow and get better at doing what we do!reaching out to the alcoholic who still suffers with meetings and literature.

Newsletter: Bill/Anne No Report

SD H&I: Blaine;For information see <sdhandi.org> Check it out for the two orientation sessions we hold each month. H&I and Contact on Release are ALWAYS in need of volunteers. Last month we elected officers. Chair – Blaine H., Alt Chair – Gerry S., Corrections Chair – Brian K., Treatment Chair – Cat C., Treasurer – Andrew K., Alt Treasurer – Murray S. They will serve for one year. Plan to attend the SoCal H&I Conference in Ventura – April 5 – 7, 2019. For information go to <socalhandi.org>.

Translation: Richie-offered use of translation equipment-eager to work and requests flyers or whatever anyone needs to be translated-takes about 4 days turn around.

Volunteers for cleanup-Everyone is requested to stay to help clean up. Kitchen set up before meeting//needs to bring supplies from storage//Makenzie
Sponsorship Workshop coming up July 28th

Closing: Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Panel 66 Area 8, Renee R., Alt. Secretary.

**Announcing Next Area Assembly Hosted by Districts 1, 5, and 21
Orientation Assembly January 12, 2019
First United Methodist Church
Linder Hall
2111 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108**