

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA
Minutes of the August, 16, 2012 Meeting

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:03 pm by Jane G., Area Chairperson, with a recital of the Declaration of Unity.

Introductions and AA Birthdays

New DCMs, GSRs and Committee Chairs, Alternates, and Guests introduced themselves. Jesus, Chair of the 6th Annual "Foro Local" came to invite the committee to the War Memorial Bldg. in Balboa Park on Saturday, August 26, 2012. At 8:00 am they will serve a continental breakfast and the forum will open at 9:00 am. Gustavo T., a past delegate from Los Angeles, Julio P, trustee at large, and Tom, Area 8 Delegate will be speaking.

Roll Call

Monty, Area Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. 9 Officers were in attendance. Those not in attendance at time of roll call were: Alt. Registrar, Hamm, Dist 3, Guy, Dist. 9, Art, Dist. 10, Paul, Dist. 11, Al, Dist. 16, Crystal (No Alt), Dist. 17, Santiago, Dist. 19, Jennifer, Dist. 20, Margo, CPC, Jeremy, IT, Newsletter, Chris, NA Liaison, Jeff, Translation, (Interim Chair), Archivist, Joe, GSDYPAA, Heidi, Oficina Hispania, Marina, N.C. Intergroup, no representative.

Approval of June Area Committee Minutes: Roxane R., Secretary

Minutes are available in digital format. If you did not receive the July 2012 minutes please contact Area 8 Secretary and she will send you a copy via email. If your alternate would like a digital copy, let the secretary know, via email. MSP to approve July 2012 minutes. You may submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at roxroll@aol.com. Reports should contain your first name, district, committee or liaison, date and report. Keep it simple.

Treasurer's Report: Arturo L., Treasurer

- Written report.
- Ask groups to get their contributions in each month. Note to Groups: Attach email address to contributions so confirmation can be sent via email to save cost of postage.
- Questions related to the Unity Day funding were brought up and treasurer to get back to committee on that.

June	June 2012	YTD	2012 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	3,532.98	17,384.28	38,480.00	-21,095.72
Individual contributions:	189.00	1,077.99	00	00
District contributions:	10.00	1,142.47		
Total contributions:	3,731.98	19,604.74	38,480.00	-18,875.26
Total budgeted expenses:	322.45	19,239.23	38,480.00	-19,240.77

Contributions less budgeted expenses:	3,409.53	365.51		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	80.00		80.00
Total expenses:	322.45	19,319.23	38,480.00	-19,160.77
Contributions less total expenses:	3,409.53	285.51		
Previous month ending balance	7,209.98			
Cash on hand:	10,618.81			

Master Calendar

Event	Host	Date		Time	Location
Sponsorship Workshop	Dist. 4,5,6,14 & 19	July 22	2012	9:30 a	Marina Village Conference Center
Grapevine/LaViña Writer's Workshop	Grapevine/LaViña	Aug 4	2012	6-7:00p	Oceanside Alano Club
Women Sponsoring Women	Dist. 16	Aug 18	2012	10 :00a	Encinitas Community Center
Service Palooza	NSDYPAA & Area 8 Service	Aug 25	2012		Calaveras Hills Park-Carlsbad
6 th Annual Foro Local	Dist. 15	Aug 26	2012	TBA	Balboa Park-War Memorial Building
40 th Hispanic Convention		Aug 31- Sept 2	2012		Radisson Hotel-Los Angeles Airport
Labor Day Picnic	Dist 2 & 23	Sept 3	2012		Calaveras Park-Carlsbad
Regional Forum	GSO	Sept 14-16	2012		Fairbanks, Alaska
Big Day Business Assembly	Dist 4,11,15	Sept 22	2012	*8:30a	Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla
Southern California Convention		Sept 28-30	2012		San Diego-Town and Country Resort
Southern California Convention-General Service Session		Sept 29	2012	11:00a	San Diego-Town and Country Resort
Traditions Workshop, "Traditionally Speaking"	Dist 4	Nov 10	2012	9 a-12 p	Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach
Serenity Cruise-A Musical Event	Dist. 2 & 3	Nov 10	2012	3:00-6 p	Carlsbad Community Center
November Assembly	Dist 21, Dist 3	Nov 17	2012	*8:30a	Community Lutheran Church-Escondido
ROOTS (Remember Our Old Timer's Stories)	Archives Committee	Nov 18	2012	2-4 pm	Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla

*Note: **Non-Bolded Events Are Not Sponsored or Hosted By Area 8 Service Entities and are listed for planning purposes only. Updated March 17, 2012. Information is subject to change. See the calendar on the area website for the most up to date information.*

Delegate's Report: Tom M.

- **Pacific Regional Forum**-The Pacific Regional Forum will be held in Fairbanks Alaska September 14-16, 2012. Registration is free and the hotel rate is only \$89.00. Registration forms are available on the aa.org website.
- **To inform you:** Minutes have not been received from GSO yet. Motion that PRASSA be held on a rotational basis throughout the Pacific Region instead of bidding for it. Past Delegate, Panel 60, Joel, gave a great presentation but now they are thinking of changing that. No vote on this until PRASSA next year if it makes it onto the agenda.
- **Good News:** Grapevine is ahead of budget this year so far. Net profit 138,000 ahead of budget. Will not have to take a draw this year. Print circulation is still declining and online subscriptions are increasing. Full report on the Nov Assembly. Has a copy of "Young and Sober" which is now available online or at your Central Office, for \$10.95.
- **Bad News:** Android app on hold because of technical difficulties with iPhone app. They are going to cancel any pursue this platform. It will be available through 3rd party vendors. Keeping up with technology is beyond our budget and scope at GSO.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving Area 8! Tom M. 619 405 7777 delegate@area8aa.org

Alternate Delegate's Report: Dean B.

- I am blessed and busy as your alternate delegate.
- Update: Founder's Day Unity Day post event finances: Arturo says in general the picnic was about \$120 in the black to be redistributed to contributors.
- S20 of the General Service Manuel-is about sharing with others about what we do here. 10 items exist for why we need a conference. In dealing with events this last month I had to hit my reset button to see my purpose. Lead in: We may not need a general service conference to insure our own recovery. 8th item: We need it to assure that changes that happen in AA... Brings it back to my basic duties. I can only work with what is in my control.
- Also the So Cal Convention and General Service Workshop which Dean is involved is coming soon. You must be registered (\$20) to attend the convention for any of you who will be attending the GS Workshop. There will be an audio-Visual presentation vs. panel this year. We took the video "Markings on the Journey" and use it to demonstrate what GS does. We will switch from video to a live presenter throughout the workshop. Our goal is to stimulate interest in General Service.
- Next month Dean will be working with Jane to prepare a non-budgeted request for ASL and Spanish Interpretation for this event.

Chairperson's Report: Jane G.

- Jeremy has resigned as the CPC committee chair.
- We are in desperate need of a translation chair.
- Vince has agreed to lead the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session.
- Policy needs an ad hoc committee to review and revise the DCM Manuel. If you want to participate in that committee please let Jane know.
- The recent Aug. 10th impromptu workshop was more of a sharing session. As the administrative officer there is much we do that is not written down. We want to look at what we do, how we do it, when we do it and who does it.
- Section 11B2 of the guidelines says that contributions are tax deductible. We are a 501 C4 and upon reading the guidelines the tax deductible status may be wrong. We have different interpretations about what we can do

and we cannot do. We have looked at other guidelines but this happens to coincide with IRS regulations. Since we are not tax professionals we must continue to earn our tax exempt status.

- Group visitation packets are available. There is a card in the packet that contains a General Service card to apply for a number that is used to establish a group with GSO. A group may also have an "Intergroup" number as well.

Translation Chair – I sent a message that I will no longer be coordinating the work of the Translation Committee. The Translation Committee Chair resigned and we hope to hear from our Spanish-speaking community on the continued need for these services.

CPC Chair Resignation – I received an email from the CPC Committee member that is Area Chair- appointed advising me of this resignation. I have a few people who may be willing to serve and I am in the process of contacting them.

4-Area DCM Sharing Session -- Area 8 is the host for this 2013 event. Vince V has graciously accepted to Chair the committee to coordinate this annual event.

DCM Manual Revision Ad hoc Committee – The Policy Committee has requested the Chair create this Ad hoc Committee. Please review the existing DCM Manual on www.area8aa.org. Contact me no later than September 10, 2012 if you would like to participate on this ad hoc committee.

August 10, 2012 DCM/Committee Chair Workshop –We held a discussion targeted on finances. We have another session set for October 20. It was suggested that we have these discussions in various locations around the Area. Contact me if your District would like to host one.

The rest of the report was devoted to mentioning a variety of issues connected to tonight's presentation to be given by the Finance Committee Chair and the Treasurer.

Area Committee Meeting

The Area Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 PM to 10 PM. The location is 2650 Melbourne, San Diego, CA. **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.***

Alt Chairperson's Report: Mike: No report

Liaison Committee Reports

Coordinating Council: Rick: SDAACO@aol.com Report by: Rick W.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

July 2012 Financial Statements' Summary:

- a. Our July 2012 Net Revenue is \$2,616.00.
- b. Our 2012 YTD Net Revenue is \$9,035.00.

48 groups represented. Read the "Coordinator".

Manager's Report

1. August Book of the Month: "Daily Reflections." On sale for \$7.25, reg. \$8.25.
2. Sept. Book of the Month: "Experience, Strength and Hope" on sale: \$6.00 reg. \$7.00.
3. NEW Grapevine books: "Young and Sober" and "Into Action" each for \$10.95.
4. Grapevine CDs are currently \$7.00 each.
"Pathways to Spirituality," "Emotional Sobriety 1 & 2," The Story of A.A. "The 12 Traditions," "The Best of Bill," "Attitude Adjustment" and many others...
5. www.aasandiego.org: on meetings page, added a link to a pdf file of printable schedule of AA Meetings.
6. Prudent Reserve Certificate of Deposit—transferred \$5,000 back upon renewal.
7. N.C. Intergroup Central Office Anniversary on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 8 pm, Brengle Terrace Park Senior Center in Vista.
8. Group Sec/Treas: Please include email address with group contributions to save money sending receipts.
9. Coordinator's Newsletter: Sign up for a FREE subscription electronically by email. Send your email address to Sdaaco@aol.com or call 619-265-8762

Coordinator Newsletter: Oct. theme—"Do You Think You're Different?" (Pamphlet #13) Submissions of 500-1000 words welcome. Send to: sdaa.newsletter@gmail.com. Committee needs help collating. Need groups to adopt a month to collate. Join the fun.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

1. Checking on locations for Anniversary of AA in San Diego Breakfast for Nov. 3 or 10.
2. Contracts and deposits have been sent for New Year's Eve Event. Tickets will be \$20 again.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: *Projects we are currently working on:*

- 1) Full size Public Information Flip Chart should be ready soon. To use when we give talks to schools, service clubs, senior centers. Recently used a smaller one for a talk at UPAC (Union of Pan Asian Community).
- 2) PSA's (AA Public Service Announcements for TV and Radio) – Tom T. will deliver to stations for airing.
- 3) Committee has two speaking requests and two booth requests this month.
- 4) Letters have been sent to several senior centers and will be making follow up calls to directors.
- 5) Placing of literature racks is ongoing. Updated our list this month. We are targeting eight Family Health Centers, along with our area's Emergency Rooms. We are hoping more groups will sponsor a rack.
- 6) In anticipation of the upcoming school year we are looking for young people who would like to speak to students and older people to speak at senior centers. These volunteers will be matched up with an experienced volunteer.
- 7) Public Information had a literature table at "Stand Down" event this past month.

North County Intergroup: Janine: Not present. (Currently need new liaison.)

East County Intergroup: Gary: not present. Visit our website: www.eastcountyyaa.org

Oficina Central Española: Marina, chair, not present.

Oficina Intergupal Condado Norte: Malacio, chair, reported. Our central office is helping out with 40th Hispania Convention on Aug. 31-Sept 2. Central office formed a committee for our 19th seminar set for Feb. 2014. We are also working on the 23rd Congress, 23-25 Nov. 2012 in Vista Ca, at Brengle Terrace. At our office we have our business meetings every Wed. from 7-8p.

Oficina Intergupal Sur, Chula Vista: Alicia: Tuesday meetings, 7:30-9p. We have 5 representatives at this time. Every last Saturday of the month the Spanish Intergroups get together and the 25th of Aug, 8 pm at Chula Vista Office we will be hosting this gathering.

GSDYPAA: Emily: GSDYPAA (See NSDYPAA).

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NSDYPA: Emily: Co-service liaison. We have a joint committee bid to bring ICYPAA to San Diego. We are going to St. Louis Sept. 13-16, 2012 to present our bid and are requesting a letter of support from the area and Jane, Area 8 Chair, will be getting me a copy this weekend. Our electronic copy is due to Advisory September 1st. The theme we selected is **"Escaped Disaster."**

The Grapevine Workshop was not as well attended as we had hoped but I hope numerous articles still reach the Grapevine as a result.

Service Palooza details for Saturday August 25th at Calavera Hills Park in Carlsbad. I brought flyers tonight.

Budget for Service Palooza \$550.00 total. Budget is covered by NSDYPA. Agenda: Intro at 1:30, booths, meet and greet, Speakers, break, committee presentations. 5 minutes each from the various committees. Then round tables and report back and finally a BBQ. We need tons of support. We are trying to see how young people come together to help AA as a whole. We need everyone there. Thank you to Dist 22 and Dean for their help.

Monte Carlo Night Fri Sept 7, Encinitas, speaker, poker tournament and dance till 2 am.

Young People's events introduce young people to general service and introduce general service to young people. This is a barbeque and potluck. We need people to be of service. The round table activity will need scribes. Contact Emily at 619-517-1805 or Mannbark@gmail.com if you would like to be of service.

Remote Nations: Jeff S, (Chair): (jestruve@san.rr.com)

FINANCE Committee Presentation on the 2013 Budget: Paul T.

- How are "unbudgeted expenses" handled? The Area Assembly approved budget is generally held to. If someone requests an unbudgeted expense it is brought before the committee for discussion and approval by the assembly. The assembly's job is to honor the original budget but if there is nowhere to take funds from to fund an unbudgeted expense then we go for our "operational reserve" if it is over \$450. What is "vetted." Fully discussed and due diligence is done. There is nothing in writing that says this is what we do. It has always been done this way. Any movement of funds to cover unbudgeted expenses is always presented and approved before it is done. Our job as the committee is to be realistic.
- Area 8 tries to carry the message as our assets support. Monies come to the area (corporate poverty) from entities that we service. We do not accept money from YPAA groups, round ups or PRASSA. We do not serve these groups. We explain to the districts that we could do more if the districts were more diligent.
- Prudent Reserve does not do anything for or against the area. We won't be able to look at the 2 finance motions for the next couple of months.
- Our operating account is a prudent reserve in motion. It does not have a bottom limit. We have an upper limit. If our operating account exceeds our approved operation budget by 25% or more we send any surplus to GSO. We have only done that once in the last 4 years.
- The handout (posted on the website under "Finance") shows us 5 years of revenue trends so we can accurately predict our income and expenses. The finance committee will try to submit a budget in the \$34,000 range. The budget requests received by the committee officers and chairs help us establish this budget. The second column on the budget indicates the reasonable requests but we are bound to present a budget that is in the realm of our projected income. Most people agree that we are not allowing the committee members including officers the opportunity to serve because we do not fully support them. Many of them pay out of pocket to be of service for the area. Fixed costs limits the amount of money we can spread across the rest of the committee.
- The fellowship can approve a budget that is excess of projected revenues in order to fully fund the committee officers and other members if they are willing to step up their 7th tradition contributions. Note: Our status as a "501C4" tells us we are a "social welfare" organization.

Policy Chair: Paul K: The Ad Hoc Committee asked the committee to look at the motions (to change guidelines) which are posted on the area website. Tonight we will take a show of hands for approval. We are interested in anything that is of a concern to the area. Discussion: Section 8, line C. was discussed. Under "Duties of the area treasurer" there is no mention of the area treasurer having to be member of the finance committee but it says they do have a vote—in the area committee—but in reading this, the relationship between the area treasurer and the finance committee. Paul K. clarified that the area treasure is indeed a member of the finance committee. Ad Hoc Committee suggestions were reviewed and there was clarification in this section. Changes were approved.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1: Blaine: District One was treated to a review of the 2013 budget by Paul T. The district will tentatively agree to fund the Serenity Cruise event for \$300 in November, provided we have the funds. District One looks forward to hosting the Area Delegate next month.

District 2: Wilma: We have one new GSR who made our flyer for the Labor Day Picnic coming up on Monday, Sept. 3. Contact Wilma if you know someone who wants to be of service or participate in the Serenity Cruise.

District 3: Guy: Jeff, Remote Nations Liaison Committee Chair gave a history on the Remote Nations and the Pamphlet Paths to Freedom. After discussion a motion was made for Dist.3 to forward the request for a second edition of the pamphlet be pursued. A vote was taken and the motion passed 8 to 1. Next Step is for Jeff and Guy to put the motion in proper form and forward to the Policy Committee.

Discussions were held on District 3's support for the upcoming "Serenity 'Fun' Cruise" and the November Area Assembly. All things are progressing toward completion.

District 4: Jeff: (Alt.) Tom, the Area Delegate, visited and talked about the options of the 2012 General Service Conference. We brainstormed some ideas to increase group contributions. The Area 8 Alt. Treasurer, Butch, presented the proposed 2013 Budget. Process of finalizing plans for Area Assembly, and the "Traditionally Speaking" event is on for Sat. Nov. 10 at Christ Lutheran Church with Dist. 11 or 15.

District 5: Vince: Turn out of committee chairs and officers to Grapevine Workshop was disappointing. 1 new GSR from a previously unrepresented meeting. We had an excellent report on the 2013 proposed budget by Paul and Trisha. As a DCM I have realized just how inadequate in preparation and fulfillment I have been. It is easy to be busy on the surface and not have enough substance to support it. I commit to truly come to understand my position and be a better trusted servant.

District 6: Renee: Our Alt. DCM, Art ran the meeting in my absence. Discussed success of the Sponsorship Workshop. We are proposing an Alkathon for New Year's Eve. A former GSR returned to our district.

District 7: George: (Alt) 7 GSRs at last meeting. Presentation from Chris on the Finance Committee's 2013 budget. Continued outreach to groups without GSRs. We updated GSRs about the upcoming Big Day Assembly.

District 8: Tanya: Last meeting we had 11 GSRs. Alt. Chair and Finance Committee's Budget was presented and explained. Our district will not be represented at the upcoming Pacific Regional Forum. We are still working on our GSR flyer.

District 9: Art S.:

District 10: Paul: abs.

District 11: Al: No report.

District 12: George: abs

District 13: Tim: 8 GSRs present at last meeting. We had a nice visit from the Finance Committee outlining the 2013 budget proposal. We are continuing our outreach to dark meetings.

District 14: Parker: (Alt) 10 GSRs present. Sponsorship Workshop a success with approximately 215 attendees. Registrar has been doing an outreach to meetings by sending out letters to last known contact and we are increasing our reps each month. Sending a letter to the last known contact has gotten people to attend the district meeting.

District 15: Nicolas: Last meeting was Aug 10. 26 present. We continue to have our meetings every Friday. Our chair for the 6th Local Foro made his announcement already. We hope you will be there on Aug. 26. Flyers are available. Committee working on general service workshops and events for next year. We are preparing to co-host the Assembly in Sept. It will be at San Diego War Memorial Building. The treasurer will be visiting our next meeting. The committee continues to visit groups. In November we will have elections.

District 16: Crystal: Labor Day Picnic Monday, Sept. 3 at Oakcrest Park. Meeting begins at 10 and BBQ to follow. Meat and drinks provided by the district. Bring a dish to share and a newcomer.

District 17: No one present.

District 18: Pedro: We had a meeting Aug. 13 and there were 12 GSRs and 5 committee chairs present. Our district will contribute \$25 monthly to the area. A committee was formed for the 19th General Service Conference (Junta de Servicios Generales).

District 19: Aaron: No Report

District 20: John: Electronic report (Sent e-mail reminder)

District 21: John: 9 GSRs and 2 guests present at last meeting. Finance committee did a great job explaining the budget and Emily from NCYPAA also made a great presentation and recruited some young people to help out with the committee. Planning for the November Assembly continues. GSR manual for district in final Edit for publishing

District 22: Tom: Very grateful for Tricia, *Finance Committee*, and Emily, *NSDYPAA*, for visiting our meeting. We understand the "spreadsheet budget proposal" better now. We loved the presentation and service commitment. It is comforting to know that AA is in enthusiastic young peoples' hands for the future.

District 23: Mark: Tom the Delegate went over General Service Conference and Advisory Actions. Labor Day Picnic chair visited from Dist. 2. Flyers are available. We finally got a treasurer's report. 1 new GSR.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities: Alan: No report.

Agenda: Karen: 5 attendees. Discussed issues related to the finance motion and its impact on the ACM agenda for August

Archives: Kerry: Open House this Saturday. We will be at "Service Palooza". Ask us to visit your group or event. Turn in your group histories. Forms are on the Area 8 website. Roots will be Nov. 18, 2-4p Torrey Pines Christian Church.

CPC: Jeremy: Not present.

Finance: Paul: 2012 Approved budget. **Review your numbers for final budget.** Please call or email Paul to schedule a meeting visit for your district. 858-583-343, altruisticassociate@gmail.com. Rough draft available on the website. Getting ready to go out to groups to present the proposed budget during July, Aug, Sept. Encourage groups to consider keeping a percentage of contributions at the local level. We have to generate a budget based on revenues. If our revenues remain low we cannot compensate officers at the level we need them to operate.

Grapevine/LaViña: Suzanne: Grapevine/LaViña Writer's Workshop on Aug. 4 was attended by 20 people. There was a meeting and dance afterwards. We will be at Women Sponsoring Women workshop Aug. 18th. On Aug. 25th the committee will be at the "Service Palooza" in Carlsbad. We need 8 moderators for the round tables at this event. Please volunteer. We will also be at the District 12 Emotional Sobriety Workshop Oct. 20th. We are almost done with district visitations. We gained 2 new Grapevine Reps. Committee is in need of 2 members.

Information Technologies: Steve: Email spam issues have resulted in some needed changes. If you have a problem, let the chair know. We have an extra laptop from Translation Committee. We discuss schedule for replacing laptops and the question of depreciation. We are working on a new website.

Literature: Phyllis: Met July 14. Continuing a new effort to summarize the pamphlets and determine format. We provided literature at the Sponsorship Workshop. We have presented movies at 2 locations.

NCAIC: Rich: Orientation meeting, 3rd Friday, in July. Oceanside Alano Club; Panels are working well and there are always openings for alternates and new members. We are hosting Southern California H I Intergroup.

Newsletter: Chris: Not Present (e-mailed Report) Beth, editor, proposed a new presentation on each page of the newsletter, which will be printed in black & white and viewed online in b/w also. Reports are in or headed in for the upcoming Assembly. Newsletter will be ready for the Big Day Assembly on September 22, 2012.

Policy: Paul: We discussed the need for an Ad Hoc Committee to go over the out dated DCM Manual. Then requested that the Chair put together the committee. We felt that this is the best way to update the manual. No other business was discussed.

SDIAC: Debbie: Electronic

Contact on Release will coordinate AA members with folks newly released from these facilities. Getting people to a meeting within the first 24 hours has proved to greatly reduce the recidivism rate. In other words, folks are less likely to go back to the same crowd, doing the same thing. We know how important that is. This sub-committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30p. Location: SD Central Office, 7075 Mission Gorge Rd, SD 92120. Facilities are always asking for more meetings, and we are always looking for more volunteers. This type of service work is the ultimate Twelfth Step in action. Come join us!

Translation: Mike, Alt. Area Chair reported for Ruben: Ruben resigned. He lost 2 translators and translating approx. 35 pages each month, an hour per page. Minutes arriving with only a 10 day lead before due date. Continuing need for translators. Need documents sent to translation by specified date.

Archivist: Joe: No report

CEC *Ad Hoc* (Cooperation with the Elderly Community): Gary: We have gathered resources submitted by various members and asked P.I. Comm. and CPC For feedbacks and information. We will continue to discuss this among

committee members. Will be connecting with other areas that have CEC Committees. CEC, Cooperation with Elderly Community (working with Seniors In Sobriety) Dixie: Please attend

AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Remainder of meeting devoted to *Finance Committee*: Paul made a couple of points. Contributions are tracked but we don't have what the approved budget consisted of. In looking at a five year spread sheet we see that we grew the operational budget considerably. Not because we have a crystal ball but we have to look at trends. It is more about reaching out to the groups and letting the fellowship know about needs of the area to continue to carry the message. Clarifying an earlier statement about who we do and do not accept contributions from, it is clear in the S & G. We must insure the area assembly accepts money only from entities we directly serve.

- Service events "6-1" is clearly explained in the S & G. If we contribute \$250 to "Unity Day" and we get money back in excess of the original \$250 then we forward that amount to GSO. Most of the people who requested money to go to PRAASA were denied. We don't have it in our budget. Looking at the spread sheet we look at the "non-budgeted expenses" and you can see two times where we used funds to pay for unbudgeted expenses.
- Reviewing the same report we can see the actual decline in contributions. (We had a debate on this.) Our current projections are high in order to encourage the fellowship to contribute in faith. Gas prices are also causing an increase in our projected expenses. It is not about the money it is about what we do here.

Discussion: We can accept contributions from the Alano Clubs in the area. Think about the future. There is no budget for PRASSA for the Alt. Delegate or the Area Chairperson. We should be sending more people from our area to this important event each year. We must make this a need vs. a want. When we funded ASL in the middle of two budgets we made our needs known to the groups and they responded. When the groups hear of a need, they can take the action. The reason PRASSA is important for the officers is we get to have round tables with other officers from other area. Our budgeting is completely different than other areas. We get the perspective of the other alternate delegates and chairpersons, etc. We can build on our commitments as we progress in the area. It's part of our experience in service. We are tied to projected revenue and we can't present a budget that will drive us into insolvency. We look at legitimate requests. When we trim these budget requests we are saying we cannot fund the true service initiatives or our area. Many people cannot afford out of pocket expenses and it may keep them from standing for a position. At this juncture we are only funding our basic needs at this point. Projected costs for PRASSA next year (Boise, Idaho) are \$750 per person. Operating account, Section 6, may allow line items for a specific purpose, i.e., sending committee officers to PRASSA. When do expenditures have to be made? January at the latest. Can we ask the finance committee to help craft that proposal? They are too busy. Someone else good prepare a proposal however. Since this budget is already underway we should consider this for the next budget. That's all we have time for.

Jane: We need some volunteers for clean up.

Meeting adjourned, 9:58 p.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxane R., Panel 62 Area 8 Secretary and Gonzalo, Area 8 Alt. Secretary