

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
4545 Viewridge Ave Ste 100 San Diego CA 92123
Minutes of the March 21, 2019 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.

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:05 pm by Monty, Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. Followed by the Declaration of Unity. Introductions were offered for any new DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, and their Alternates. 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 (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. Area Registrar conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, 9 Officers were in attendance, 20 DCMs and 11 Committee Chairs were present, a total of 40. 3 Liaisons 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.

Approval of February 2019 Area Committee Minutes: Tanya T., (Secretary)

- Minutes are emailed out in both English and Spanish to all DCMs, Chairs, and Officers and their alternates. DCMs and Chairs please send the minutes out to your committees and GSRs. If you are not receiving the minutes and would like a copy emailed to you, please email the area secretary at secretary.area8sd@gmail.com Please keep your information updated with the Area Registrar.
- *It is time effective to submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at secretary.area8sd@gmail.com /altsecretaryarea8@gmail.com*
- Approval of minutes is pushed back until next ACM due to not having translated copies yet.

Reflection

Concept 3 : "As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is

here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision" The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, 1997-8 edition, p. 13-16

Discussion: Sometimes our Area abuses the Right of Decision; and when a trusted servant does use the Right of Decision they should go back to their group to see if they made the right decision according to the group conscience and if they should continue in their position as representative.

Treasurer's Report: Efrain (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.

Treasurer announcement: Efrain regretted to inform ACM that while on vacation his truck was broke into and several items were taken out of his rental car. Unfortunately, in a suitcase taken there were 21 checks totaling \$1,168.50 in 7th Tradition donations. He takes full responsibility and is currently trying to contact the groups who sent these taken contributions. All groups have been notified except for one.

February 2019	February 2019	YTD	2019 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	4,363.03	8,475.40	0	8,475.40
Individual contributions:	195.80	275.64	0	275.64
District contributions:	10.00	10.00		10.00
Total contributions:	4,588.83	8,781.04		8,781.04
Total budgeted expenses:	6,924.03	12,924.81	59,074.00	-46,149.19
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-2,335.20	-4,143.77		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	0.00		
Total expenses:	6,924.03	12,924.81	59,074.00	
Contributions less total expenses:	-2,335.20	-4,143.77		

Total Cash Balance: February 2019	8,387.52		25% of budget 14,768.50	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

Delegate's Report: Roxanne.: It is doubtful that anyone who came into AA in their 20s would have ever thought about getting old in AA. Though I never considered aging, I can remember wishing I had 10 years of sobriety instead of two and later, 20 years of sobriety instead of ten. These were actual thoughts. I did not put it together that for me to acquire time in sobriety, I had to age. And so, I have. Many know that I presented on the topic, "When the Newcomer is a Senior Citizen" three weekends ago at PRAASA. This topic has gotten under my skin and made me think about demographics in Alcoholics Anonymous. I currently have 35 clean and sober years. Having attended the last 2 International Conventions, some would argue that 35 is not much to crow about. There are a growing number of members with 50 or more years. There is a woman in my home group who sobered up at 21 and now has 61 years. She is as spry as a teenager, and smokes like a chimney. At the recent Traditions Breakfast, there were four people with over 50 years and so many people with over 30 years, you couldn't count them. Like you, I attend A.A. Birthday celebrations of 40 plus years fairly consistently. The problem is, I'm not attending enough 10- and 15-year milestone parties. Where are these non-drinking alcoholics? Why aren't they celebrating their milestones? Have they "dropped out" of A.A.? This is a real observation. True, when I hit 10 years, I had 3 babies and was working on my 3rd college degree. My teaching career was just starting, and I was busy trying to be the "Best Teacher Ever." Was I barely attending meetings? Yes. Was I calling my sponsor? Rarely. Did I have commitments? No. These were all tell-tale signs of impending relapse. Or so I am told. When life got in the way of my meetings, I would find myself reminiscing about my old drinking life. This led to measuring my dismal recovery against everyone else's life. My relationships were strained, my career was consuming me and an appearance at a formerly regular meeting was met with sarcasm and scorn. I was either chagrined or dismissive, depending on the night, but I always went away distressed. I knew if I were to come back to A.A. without doing an inventory, the wreck that was my life would completely undo me. I started back in A.A. the same way I started in 1983, a day at a time. I woke up willing to go to a meeting, willing to protect my sobriety. I asked the secretaries of the meetings I was attending for a commitment and naturally I became a GSR. I served as a GSR for 3 successive panels. It seems GSRs are always needed. I was inadequately prepared, but no one minded. I had over 10 years of sobriety but had never experienced general service. I held on to a belief that many people in A.A., both active and inactive, had the notion that general service was something no one really wanted to hear about. I have not found that to be true. Grapevine has made a request of the Delegates to encourage "Accessibility Stories" for a new book they are designing. Please take a flyer if you or someone you know has a story worth telling. I am confident we have several people who could step up to this request.

Alt. Delegate Report Jerry S: Been active reaching out to district to make sure everyone is on the same page for the General Service items. I have sent out all the agenda items through email and I have copies available. I recently was contacted by Coordinating Council and they would like to combine Founder's Day and Unity Day once again. I was very happy from this request. I have met with them, a Flyer has been put together. We don't need money as much as we need participation. If you are interested in the Planning Committee, we meet the 4th Sunday of each month, at 6:30pm at AA Central Office. The event will be June 15th. There are going to be games and even a scavenger hunt. I am asking all committees to be in

attendance so they can give a brief presentation and also come up with a riddle that will be used in our scavenger hunt. If you have any questions, see me after the meeting.

Old Business:

1. **PRAASA Highlights:** (member comments) There was a large Area 8 turnout. I want to thank you.// nightly roundtable discussions were very inspiring.// very special// the speakers and trustee talks were great// I was super amazed by the turn out// I would like it if the trustees would give their talks earlier in the weekend or throughout the weekend.// I would like to throw out the idea that we invite the main speaker George to come to Area 8 to speak in an event.// the business meeting maybe could have been held at a different time.
2. **Pre-conference workshop logistics (Roxane R.)**

Date:	Event	Hosting Districts	Possible Location
April 6th	Pre- Conference Workshop #1	D 1, 2, 23	Harding Community Center Recreation Center Building 3096 Harding Street, Carlsbad 92008
April 7th	Pre- Conference Workshop #1	D 5, 14, 19	TBD; South County
April 13th	Pre- Conference Workshop #1	D 10, 22 (11?)	Community of Christ Church 115 Cajon View Drive El Cajon, CA 92065

Liaison Committee Reports: 2 mins; Sutton;

Coordinating Council: Wayne: Book of the month: soft cover of the Big Book

North County Intergroup: Tim: NP

East County Intergroup: Jack: NP

Oficina Central Hispana: Jorge: NP

Oficina Intergruppal Condado Norte: Moses: Good evening friends of San Diego receive a greeting from the Hispanic central office of the north of the county. Reporting that this office has 19 groups all working, by the grace of the Higher Power. This office has its work meetings every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. It also has a working history and a prudent reserve for your expenses. All the committees of this office are working. This office will hold its 27th anniversary on June 23 at 10:00 a.m local and address to be confirmed. Committee of Congress is working with meetings scheduled to raise funds for this event that will take place in the month of November of this year. Reminding them to follow our website aainteroficinasurcalifornia.org This office receives an average of 70 calls per month all channeled to groups and service centers. Friends, thank you for the opportunity to provide this service and wishing you many 24 hours of sobriety Atte. Moises A coordinator of the Hispanic office in the north of the county.

GSDYPAA: Quiana: NP

NSDYPAA: Jeremy; Brought up their upcoming bid for ACYPAA 2020; as well as an upcoming ACYPAA bid event that is planned for April. Will be put on the master calendar.

Native American Liaison: Duncan: NP

DISTRICT REPORTS (Districts submitted reports digitally or on report form) 2 min. - even #
districts report this month.

District 1: Toni (Brian)

District 2 : Bill- The District supported 9 GSR's (including 2 actively attending Alternates) to attend PRAASA with pre-paid registration. Approx. half of the GSR's also received partial funding from their home groups. Another \$400 was budgeted by the District (to be split equitably) amongst those who required add'l funding. The District was again represented (attended) No. County Intergroup's monthly meeting. The Grapevine to-go-box (compliments of the Area Grapevine Committee) was for a 3rd time very well received and appreciated by our District's groups. Thank you to the Grapevine Committee for making it possible to bring a library of Grapevine books to our meetings who otherwise would not have the wherewithal to do so on their own. A District letter of support (recommendation) was forwarded with an abundance of pride to the ACYPAA Advisory Council regarding a bid to bring the 2020 ACYPAA Roundup to San Diego on behalf of our No. SD County Young People's group (NSDYPA). This is a huge undertaking and achievement for NSDYPA just to qualify and present a bid. Should NSDYPA be rewarded the winning bid, approx. 5,000 (young and not so young) fellows will be brought to Area 08 for the event. Fair warning to all that Area 08 will have the opportunity to lend a helping hand. Considerations for a District sponsored workshop to offer members insight into District activities, general service participation and the GSR's role within is being considered.

District 3: Steve-NP

District 4: Chuck: D4 has excess of funds and is looking to spend it! D4 will host the Post-Conference Assy to help dispense of some of the funds.//GSR outreach is including donating Big Books for newcomers at meetings.

District 5: Karl;

District 6: Natalie: Discussed PRAASA at the last meeting and the district is small// but the new GSRs are excited about service and maybe attending PRAASA next year.

District 7: Tina; NR

District 8: Ginger: (Angelina) Discussed having an Emotional Sobriety Workshop sometime this year. Also discussed the Pre-Conference Workshop that we are helping to host.

District 9: Delores; NR

District 10: Karen: visited D9 in El Centro//will be hosting one of the pre-conference workshops//Monty visited the district meeting this month//everyone enjoyed having him visit//didn't receive minutes from PRAASA roundtables.

District 11: Cheryl; We are still focusing on reaching uninformed meetings in our district and have been brainstorming on ways to do this. Some GSR's have "adopted" an uninformed meeting to create interest in General Service. We have budgeted to support one assembly and three workshops. Two of the three workshops have been determined; 12 Steps and 12 Traditions Workshop and the Treasurer's Workshop. We will support the Sept assembly.

District 12: Joe; Did a PRAASA review at our district meeting from those who attended. Starting to work on our Emotional Sobriety Workshop and then started to discuss agenda items. New ASL meeting in La Mesa called Battery Chargers were in attendance and will start passing the Gold Can to pay for an interpreter. We also referred them to the Accessabilities Committee.

District 13: Ronnie; Read back of minutes, approved unanimously. Spoke about being sick for quite sometime in February and being unavailable. Finance gave a report. New Business discussed creating a budget for our district so we can use the money the district monies prudently. Exploring the creation of a

bilingual meeting English/Spanish. Proposed a district GSR/Service workshop to dispel the myths & misunderstandings of what it means to be a GSR. Will have 2 speakers & a panel to discuss service GSR work. Look at year schedule for workshops related to GSR/service work and see if other districts are doing it. If not, ask for a partner district with low GSR numbers. Considering middle of May for next Meeting Fundamentals Workshop. Nov 16th for Women's empowerment workshop. Due to a misunderstanding by a GSR, they overspent money for a workshop without approval, so we made it a district "rule" to get majority approval from the district to spend more money than allotted by the district.

District 14: Sandy; Our District has been working on the venue for the April 7th Pre-conference Workshop and it will be held at South Bay Pioneers starting at 1:30 and going until 4:30.

We have rescheduled our Mental Health Issues in AA Workshop date for the second time to August 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. because Unity Day and Founder's Day landed on the same date and time frame as our workshop. It cost us the loss of our keynote speaker, but we have Rod B. and Paul C. and our members who are "Those Too." at the ready to make it an amazing workshop. We kindly request that no other Area 8 or District event be scheduled on August 17th or our committee will be at risk of spontaneous combustion due to calendar PTSD.

This week's District meeting will be preceded by the CEC meeting at 5:30 pm in the Rancon Room. It lies at the center of the U shaped building. The church where we meet is undergoing a comprehensive remodel and our meeting room is a moving target. Our District meeting will focus on our GSR's work to get ready to get their group conscience on the agenda items and Jerry S. is our special guest. We meet at 6:30 pm at All Souls Episcopal Church: 1475 Catalina Blvd. S.D. 92107

District 15: Valentin; \$123 in contributions//4 new GSRs went to PRAASA//all committees are functioning

District 16: David; Last District Mtg: March 4, 2019. 17 people in attendance. GSRs that attended PRASSA gave reports to the District on their experience. 7th tradition contributions are tracking in D16 this year similar to last year. Since the Pre-Conference Assembly is tracking to possibly require a larger than planned level of expenditures for the event, the Group decided to withhold a scheduled GSO send-off until the overall cost of the Pre-Conference Assembly for D16 is known. The District has begun an updated effort to bring the meeting roster listed with GSO to match the current list of active Groups in the District and to offer registered groups a chance to register with GSO. The District may be interested in obtaining a To-Go Grapevine literature box, but the costs was uncertain and time limitations did not permit adequate discussion to approve a purchase.

District 17: Santiago;

District 18: Abraham; report not received

District 19: Rose: Our guest speaker, Jerry S., Alternate Delegate. Topic: The Road of Responsibility Toward the Conference; Coordinating Group Conscience on Agenda Item News from other Districts: Pre-Conference Workshop – 1:00 – 4:30 pm, Sat, April 6th. We'll be co-hosting with Districts 14 and 5. The venue: South Bay Pioneers, 270 C St., Chula Vista, CA 91910 PRAASA – 10 of us went. Kenny, Brad, Katy, Sasha, Amy, Adrian and Julie, James, Dawn, and me (Rose). GSR Reports Report from D19 Ad hoc committee on educating rehabs on what to expect at AA meetings. Intention is to cooperate with JoAnn, and the CPC committee. Closing Remarks: D19 had a long interesting discussion on our PRAASA budget, which we overspent. Helpful input from former delegate Jane G's email on our AA mission as the priority for spending. PRAASA is definitely part of that. Helpful input from Alt Delegate Jerry S. who felt we were holding onto too much money and the amount we spent was not a problem.

District 20: David; NP

District 21: Rick;(Wigs) February's Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved. Balance on hand for Jan was \$4,780.37. Our DCM was unable to attend PRAASA due to illness, so it was decided to fund Terri, our Alt DCM. At our next GSR meeting we will take a group conscience as funding the other attendees. Reviewed the Master Calendar, the Delegate's Notes and her impressions of PRAASA; which was a very positive experience for her. Sahara has volunteered to lead our ad hoc committee for this year's District-21 sponsored picnic that is planned to be at Lake Poway. Investigating dates now. Jill and Terri are assisting. A budget of \$1000.00 has been approved. Discussed the Pre-conference workshops in April and the closest for D-21 will be the one in Carlsbad. Our speaker for next month will be the Chair of the Young People's Committee. We concluded with the reading of Tradition #3 and Concept #3.

District 22: Lynda discussed her experience at PRAASA/discussed changes in S & G

District 23: Darryl; Districts 1 & 2 will join 23 for pre-conference workshop; we will meet early before ACM to work out details. Will be making arrangements with Dist. 1 to attend each other's DCM meeting. DCM attended PRAASA at the beginning of this month, great experience. We only sent myself so for next year our goal will be to send others as well. Co-hosting Pre-Conference workshop April 7th Harding St. Rec Center.

Standing Committee Reports: (Committees: Archives, Grapevine, Literature, NCH&I, Translation & YPAACC)

Accessibilities: Robert; Donation for the Gold Cans-there is a new address-PO Box//flyers available and on the website//this already started//Gold cans are available at AA Central

Agenda: Dixie; NP

Archives: Mackenzie; Mike offered to partner with Kevin to start up the process of collecting Oral Histories Round-Up: Archives committee to implement Brief Questionnaires to collect oral histories at Round-Up and then prioritize the individuals with the longest sobriety to conduct a full oral history interview. ACTION(S): Mike to speak with Becky, Round-Up Chair re: Archives Room to conduct oral histories. Mackenzie to create a coverage schedule for the Archives Room on Friday (10 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Saturday (8 a.m. – 10 p.m.) District Outreach: Mackenzie distributed hard copy of the District Outreach Assignments discussed at last Committee Meeting. Discussed Talking Points handout for Committee members to utilize at the District meetings including: o Sharing what the Archives Committee does...collect, conserve and display; o Why is it important to archive history?; o Share your story with an old timer in AA; o Ask District members to share their own experience with old timers; o Talk about the specific movements, projects and successes in San Diego: ASL, Hispanic women, Roots event. Bring 15 copies of the following handouts (Mackenzie to make copies or Committee member can make copies and submit a receipt for reimbursement): o Sample Interview Questions; o Group History Questions; o Archives Flyers for District to use at the Group/Meeting level. ACTION(S): Mackenzie to create Talking Points document and distribute to Committee members. Mike to provide Archives business cards for the Committee to pass out. Idea for Archives Hosted Workshop. Multiple booths where oral histories can be captured. Space on-site for participants to make poster boards representing their history. Accessibility Committee would like to co-host the workshop(s)... maybe call it "Remote Communities and Archived History" Riddle for Unity/Founders Day Event: Archive Committee to come up with a riddle that will lead guests to Archives. Some ideas include: o General word/term: history; o Descriptions related to general term→ o Ancestors; o In the past; o Lessons; o Wisdom; o November 8, 1940 – first San Diego Meeting / Adams Avenue. ACTION(S): Mackenzie and Julie to create a riddle to submit to the Committee. Archives/ Accessibility Committee Collaboration. Discuss outreach to meetings with ASL AA members to potentially collect oral histories. Mackenzie discussed Drunks Only dropping their funding for ASL interpreters at their Wednesday meeting because they would like the Accessibility

Committee to pay for this. Mackenzie suggested the Accessibility Committee create some boards with their history to display in the Archives Room at future conferences.

ACTION(S): Mike will utilize the database of ASL meetings in San Diego to attend and ask members to participate in oral histories. Mackenzie to attend the next Drunks Only Business Meeting to remind them of the importance of funding this. Accessibility Committee History. Discussed brief history regarding first ASL supported meetings, the Gold Can and the Video Book Meeting. Mackenzie suggested we create a separate subcommittee to further discuss detailed histories and collect oral histories. Subcommittee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th @ 6:00 p.m. Potentially create a timeline of ASL history in San Diego. **ACTION(S):** Mike to contact Art; Jeffrey to contact Wendy; Richard to provide a written history of the Gold Can. Mackenzie to attend the next Drunks Only Business Meeting to remind them of the importance of funding this.

CPC: Jo Ann:

IT: Chuck; Wednesday March 13th. After a report from our Area Webmaster and the IT Chair we discussed the following: (1) This year's spending. We are projecting that we will use almost our entire budget. (2) Next year's budget: we are going to request mileage for the Webmaster and a capital purchase of a laptop for the Webmaster. (3) The 2019 National AA Technology Workshop. While others are also hoping to attend we are committing the funding to send our Webmaster. (4) Discussed current status and possible improvements to the Area web site.

Finance: Joshua; March and April budget request forms are due//Standing Committees and Officers//happy to answer any questions//budgets go to this committee and Treasurer.

Grapevine: Joel: very active committee//Anniversary tool kit for groups-how to promote the Grapevine at the groups and Grapevine Reps.//Flyers soon to be released

Literature: John S.: (Sasha) This month we did not have the committee meeting due to unexpected medical issues. We have Flyers going out for our are preparing for our Literature workshop on June 15 in District 8 , Flyers are available for this ACM meeting and the translated ones will be available soon month. Sasha J took the liter display to the Women Sponsoring Women Workshop on March 16. We are working on the literature Items to present at the pre-conference workshops and our budget is ready for 2020.

NCAIC (H&I): Danni; We meet on the third Saturday of each month at the Oceanside Alano Club. We have orientation at 9am, with our business meeting following at 945am. If anyone you know is looking for a service commitment, large or small, we have opportunities ranging from once a month and speaking on a panel to participating on the committee. You can start anytime by reaching out to me, or contacting us through our website nchandi.org. Thank you for your continued support!

Policy: Cecil;

Newsletter: Anne NP

SD H&I: Blaine; For more info see www.sdhandi.org → this will take you our new website which was unveiled last month – more modern, but still containing our financial reports, dates and times of our orientation sessions, and the places we go to carry the message. Big stuff coming up includes: 1) SoCal H&I Conference April 5-7 in Ventura. It will feature Ralph Diaz, Secretary of CDCR as the keynote speaker as well great panels and fellowship. More information and registration available at www.socalhandi.org 2) The H&I Panel at the San Diego Spring Roundup – 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 20th, at the Town & Country Hotel. 3) Our “Spring into Service” event Sunday, May 19th at the Machinists’ Hall 5150 Kearny Mesa Rd 92111. The event will run from 9:30 – 1:30 with continental breakfast, excellent speakers, a delicious lunch, and a painless H&I orientation allowing attendees with 6 months sobriety to join our panels.

Translation: Richard R-

YPAACC: Katherine- We met the Second Friday of the month, 3/8/19, instead of the first Friday in order to not conflict with PRASAA. We went over details for our April 13th workshop. Details for the workshop are on the master calendar. We also discussed NSDYPA's request for a letter of support.

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: 2 persons celebrated a birthday since the last meeting. There is a collection can for the cake each month. The 7th tradition does not pay for our birthday cake.

Break started 8:53 pm ended 9:06 pm

Tradition 3 presentation: skipped this month to make up on some time.

Volunteers for next month's concepts and traditions:

Concept 4: (Committee Chair) Joshua (Finance)

Tradition 4: (DCM) Rose (D19)

Report: Monty Chairperson's .: After our last ACM, different members in the Area participated in two workshops. Officers and Committee Chairs meet with the Finance Chair and members about the budget process. I am sure this was very helpful for some of you. This was a platform to speak directly and ask questions about writing a budget request. There hasn't been too much feedback about workshop. What did you think about it? Would you attend in the future? Would you recommend to the incoming person being elected to your position?

The East County Intergroup held a workshop in the afternoon on the same day. The workshop was tailored to 12 step calls. The workshop had a very nice attendance. If you didn't get a chance to attend, I would hope that the workshop will be conducted again and you attend.

The following weekend, I took a trip to Irvine. Area 8 was very well represented. A special thank you to everyone that came out and participated, volunteered or just attended the event. The panels were great. We have a few members from the Area on panels. They all did a great job. The Area meet for dinner on Friday night. We walked together to an Italian restaurant that was across the street. They had special menus made up for us and was ready to take our orders when we arrived. The servers and staff were great. They were able to get us in and out in the small amount of time we had.

I attended one roundtable Friday night. I attended the Area Treasurers roundtables. There were a few Area Treasurers but several other guests in the room. The great for me was that I learned that we aren't that bad. We do things a little different than other areas but overall, we are blessed. I was able to help another Treasurer with an insurance question. I was able to get some information from our Alt Treasurer and insurance carrier. I found the person and we talked about best practices that can or could not be done. The action was of one AA member talking to another about General Service could be seen throughout the weekend. New friends were made and reconnection of old friends. Carrying the message from one person to the next.

One of the underlying items that stood out to me was communication. This is our theme for tonight. We will have roundtables later tonight in the program. I am bringing this up and out because I feel like it is one of

the items that as an area, sometimes we forget. We need to ask ourselves, how is our communication? Is what we communicating being heard effectively? Are we communicating the right information to our groups? Are we listening to what they have to say?

Communication takes me to Concept 4. We have a right to belong to AA. Each person has a voice and a place. It's important to make sure that your group's voice is communicated through the proper channels. You are that channel. Communication was a large part of our inventory. There are several areas and questions about communication that we can reflect on. I ask that you please re-read the communication portions and see how and if they apply to what we are doing.

I don't recall mentioning Box 459. Are you getting it? Are you ready it? Are you letting members of your groups know when they are seeking resumes for personnel? Are advising your members when there is an opening on any of the boards? Other conferences? New books? This is just another tool that can we used for communication. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

New Business:

1. **Assembly Agenda: Roxane R.** Conference Agenda Items//People are volunteering for taking on some of the conference items to present at the pre-conference workshops//panel discussions//Item E-Trustees regarding them making majority of the decisions (majority are white and male per Roxane)//5th Edition of the Big Book//New Workbook//Policies and Admissions-not forwarding items to a conference committee, which can become a service material piece-a process of how to deal with these is needed//lower level Big Book reading edition//majority vs. 2/3rds//Report & Charter-change and cleaning up the Service Manual-a process to do this is needed//GSO re-organization (due to manuscript issue- many are not happy how that was handled)
The Assembly will probably not allow time for additional business or additional reports-it will be focussed on the Agenda items and discussion of both pros and cons on them.
2. **Roundtable Discussions: Topic→ Communication:** room was broke into 2 groups to discuss as they wish.
3. **Unbudgeted expense;** Katherine-Young People's Committee budget won't be discussed at the upcoming Assembly, so they are requesting \$400 as an unbudgeted expense. Motion was seconded//Vote taken-motion carries.

Volunteers for cleanup-Everyone is requested to stay to help clean up.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

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

Next Assembly: Pre-Conference Assembly- Sponsored by Districts 8 & 16

April 27, 2019

**Venue: Ronald Reagan Community Center
195 E Douglas Avenue El Cajon CA 92020**